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PRESIDENT TAFT IN THE SIERRAS

NO MORE SPEECHMAKING TILL SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Tomorrow Will Visit Mariposa Grove Big Trees—Cannot Escape Elaborate Banquets—In Los Angeles Monday Morning.

By Associated Press. El Portal, Calif., Oct. 7.—In the wilderness of the western slope of the Sierras, away from crowds and the necessity for speech making, President Taft traveled by stage coach today toward the wonderful Mariposa grove of big trees. It is an eight hour ride to Wawona, where the party will spend the night at a lonely tavern on the outskirts of the Yosemite valley, before starting Friday morning to penetrate the Mariposa grove.

The president and party left this terminal station of the Yosemite Valley railroad at 7 a. m. The little settlement of Chinquapin was selected as the place for luncheon to be served. The scheduled time of arrival at Wawona is between four and five. The president has three days of sight seeing and restful traveling before him in and around Yosemite and there is not a speech of any sort in sight until Fresno, Calif., is reached next Sunday afternoon.

Despite many suggestions from the White House at Washington, which have been telegraphed ahead, the hospitable cities of the West continue to vie with each other in preparing elaborate bills of fare for the presidential banquet. Taft has almost given up the idea of getting simple food at any public function, but takes the situation philosophically.

President Taft, after spending to night at Wawona and visiting the big trees tomorrow forenoon, will proceed into the valley. He will probably spend Friday night at Glacier Point or at Sentinel Hotel. On Saturday he will return to El Portal to spend the night and early Sunday morning will resume his journey toward Los Angeles, arriving Monday morning.

ENGLISH GOLF CHAMPION TETLEY A SUICIDE

Of Late Was Broker in San Francisco—Shot Himself—Thought He Was Losing His Reason.

By Associated Press. San Francisco, Oct. 7.—Tetley, former golf champion of England, and for several years a wealthy broker of this city, shot himself to death in his office in a downtown office building here last night. Tetley had expressed the belief that he was losing his reason.

FARMERS, TAKE WARNING.

Must Destroy Cotton Stalks by November 1.

By Associated Press. Natchez, Miss., Oct. 7.—A novel method of forwarding the movement against the boll weevil was advanced here yesterday, when a farmers' meeting was addressed by experts of the federal government. Resolutions were adopted petitioning merchants to make no advances to planters who fail to destroy their cotton stalks by November 1. It is declared that this will be a means of warding off the return of the pest in a great measure next season.

TEMPORARY INJUNCTION.

New Freight Rates of Yazoo Road Said to Be Unconstitutional.

By Associated Press. Jackson, Miss., Oct. 7.—On application of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad Judge Niles of the Federal court granted a temporary injunction restraining the railroad commission from enforcing the new freight rates on uncompressed cotton, to be made effective tomorrow. The chief allegation is that the rate is in violation of the Federal constitution and seeks to regulate interstate commerce.

DR. COOK IN KANSAS CITY.

Was Met in St. Louis by Reception Committee—Lectures Tonight.

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Oct. 7.—Dr. Cook, the arctic explorer, who lectures here tonight, arrived from St. Louis this forenoon. He is accompanied by the Kansas City reception committee, which went to St. Louis to meet him.

SPANIARDS BUILD RAILROAD.

Connect Nador and Zeluan—Fortifying the Towns.

By Associated Press. Mellilla, Oct. 7.—The Spanish troops today are engaged in fortifying Nador and Zeluan. Block houses have been erected, guns of large caliber installed and a railroad built between the two towns.

EDWARDS SUES DR. SIMMONS

CLAIMS HE ACCEPTED PROPOSAL TO SELL ARTESIAN BELT.

Road in Question Extends From Madonna on the International & Great Northern to Jourdan and Beyond.

For specific performance of contract and for \$100,000 damages are asked for in a suit filed Tuesday in the Forty-fifth District Court by J. F. Edwards of St. Louis against Dr. C. F. Simmons, president of the Artesian Belt Railroad. Attorneys for Edwards are A. L. Matlock and Aubrey & King.

Claim is made by Edwards that Dr. Simmons made a written proposition to him on August 23, 1909, to sell him the Artesian Belt Railroad, and that when the proposition was accepted Dr. Simmons refused to convey the railroad. He now asks the court to compel Dr. Simmons to carry out his contract.

Mr. Edwards last Saturday signed a contract with the Chamber of Commerce for the building of a railroad from San Antonio to the Rio Grande at a point contiguous to Brownsville.

Edwards represents in his petition that on August 23, 1909, Dr. Simmons made to him a written proposition to sell to him the Artesian Belt Railroad, which connects with the Southern Pacific Railroad at the station of Madonna, in Bexar county, and is chartered to extend to the town of Simmons, in Live Oak county, a distance of about seventy miles, and which road has been completed and is now in operation from Madonna to Jourdan, in Atascosa county, a distance of about thirty-two miles.

Terms of Payment.

In the proposition to sell Edwards alleges that Dr. Simmons agreed to take in payment from Edwards the book value for the entire cost of the road and take payment therefor in first mortgage twenty-year 5 per cent bonds of the road, provided the road is bonded for only the book value, but if the road is bonded for more than the book value then Edwards to give Dr. Simmons the additional amount per mile over the book value in payment of the road.

Upon receipt of the proposition, Edwards claims to have set about to investigate the proposition and to make his arrangements to purchase the road, and that on October 1, 1909, he accepted the proposition made by Dr. Simmons and notified him of his acceptance and his desire to close the deal upon the terms and conditions set forth in the written proposition.

Edwards alleges that he has always been ready, and is now ready to perform his part of the contract in accordance with the terms and stipulations set forth in the proposition made by Dr. Simmons.

It is further alleged by Edwards that the Artesian Belt Railroad is a corporation and is capitalized for \$70,000, divided into 700 shares of \$100 each, and that all of the stock except ten shares belongs to C. F. Simmons, who is president of the company, and is able to make a good and sufficient title to the railroad if he thinks proper so to do, but refuses and declines to make the title, or to carry out his agreement in any respect for the sale of the road, although plaintiff has demanded this of him. This refusal by Dr. Simmons, Edwards alleges, has been to his damage of \$100,000.

Included all Property.

Further allegations are made that the offer to sell the Artesian Belt Railroad included the railroad, franchise, rights-of-way, roadbed, rails, stations, terminals, rolling stock, equipments of every kind, and it was further a part of the proposition that in the event of a sale a contract should be drawn that Simmons would finish the road from Jourdan to New Artesia, in Atascosa county, which he expected to do by the middle of October, 1909, during which time Edwards was to arrange the rights-of-way contracts for the extension of the road south through McMullen and other counties.

Edwards asks that in the event Simmons cannot be compelled to convey the railroad, that Simmons be compelled to convey to him 690 shares of stock owned by Simmons.—San Antonio Express.

KING'S MOUNTAIN DAY.

Monuments Dedicated Honor of Revolutionary Soldiers.

By Associated Press. Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 7.—"King's Mountain Day," the anniversary of the battle of Kings Mountain, in which 900 brave mountain men won a victory over British forces numbering 1200, Oct. 7, 1780, during the struggle of the united colonies for independence from Great Britain, was fittingly commemorated today in both North Carolina and Tennessee. On the battle field a monument which has been erected by the U. S. Government at a cost of \$30,000 was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies.

At Ft. Watauga, near Johnson City, Tenn., the point from which the men under Campbell, Shelby and Sevier started for King's mountain, the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a monument.

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ARMSTRONG IN ROLE OF ATLAS

CARRIES COL. MILLER AND MR. CHURCH ON SHOULDERS.

Encounters 15-Foot Crevasse in Road—Water Three Feet Deep—County Authorities Deftly in Making Needed Repairs.

Col. Jeff N. Miller and W. J. Church who have been in Brownsville since Monday left for Corpus this morning.

Yesterday afternoon, Charley Armstrong took them out in his 50-horse power machine for a spin up the military road that for a few moments threatened to be turned into a swim. When about thirteen miles out they were halted by a young crevasse fifteen feet wide and several feet deep dug across the road by the recent overflow through which a considerable stream of water fully three feet in depth, is still flowing. The county authorities were to have repaired this break some days ago but have not done any work upon it yet.

Engineer Armstrong pulled off shoes and other things and waded into the incipient river to ascertain the condition of the bottom. Finding that it was in pretty good shape, he determined to make a dash across, but to this plan his guests firmly objected, at least they refused to stay aboard while he risked a watery grave. After endeavoring to turn him from the path of self-destruction, they climbed out of the car, in spite of his protest, and bade him a sad farewell as he turned his power on full and slid down the bank into the torrent. The powerful machine ploughed through the water without trouble, casting spray far in every direction and thoroughly wetting the engine and running gear. With the car safe across the stream, it was up to the conductor to bring his passengers over, which he did, without trouble,

in his arms. Anyone who doubts this part of the story is referred to Atlas Armstrong.

The trio then hastened on to San Benito, arriving there without further incident. All three returned on the branch train yesterday evening, Mr. Armstrong leaving his auto at San Benito.

Col. Miller, who did not get around as much as he had intended to on this visit will probably return to Brownsville next week to look into some matters which he could not take up on this trip.

RUSH FOR SEATS.

1000 People in Line to Buy Tickets For Championship Baseball.

By Associated Press. Detroit, Mich., Oct. 7.—More than 1000 people were in line impatiently waiting to buy tickets when five thousand pavilion seats for the world's championship series of baseball games to be played here next Monday and Tuesday were placed on sale today. Many men had been standing in line since soon after midnight. 5,000 seats for each afternoon were disposed of as fast as ticket sellers could push tickets through the windows. To avoid ticket scalpers, only two tickets were sold to an individual. The supply was exhausted long before the demand had been satisfied.

SURGEONS HONOR JAPAN.

Inspector Matsuri of Japanese Navy Tries His View.

By Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 7.—As a token of courtesy to the Japanese government the Association of Military Surgeons yesterday laid aside its program to hear Inspector Benji Matsuri of the Japanese navy on his views upon the proposed methods that should be adopted in meeting the efficiency of the service of the modern navy. Today's session was a symposium on naval special relations to medicine and sanitary measures.

NEW ORLEANS IS READY FOR TAFT

PROGRAM PLANNED WHICH WILL KEEP HIM BUSY.

President Will Not Make All the Speeches—Vice President Sherman, Secretary Dickinson and Speaker Cannon Share Honor.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, La., Oct. 7.—The program of the Lake to Gulf Deep Waterways Convention, October 9, to November 2, upon which occasion President Taft, Vice President Sherman, several cabinet officers, members of congress and representatives of foreign governments will be in attendance, has finally been formulated.

President Taft will address the convention in the afternoon of Oct. 30. Immediately thereafter he will attend a football game between Sewanee and Louisiana State universities. On Saturday night it is planned for the president to attend the performance at the French opera house. Sunday morning Taft will spend sightseeing through the French quarter and in the afternoon of the same day he will attend a sacred concert on the campus of Tulane university. At that time he is expected to deliver an address.

On Monday, November 1, Vice President Sherman and Secretary of War Dickinson are scheduled to deliver addresses before the convention. On Monday night another performance at the French opera house has been arranged in honor of the visiting delegates.

Speaker Joseph Cannon of the house of representatives, will address the convention on the morning of November 2. In the afternoon of the same day the delegates will be taken for a trip in the harbor of Orleans.

CHILI CON CARNE.

Threatened—Recent Freeze Destroys Crop in Mexico.

Mexico City, Oct. 7.—Advises the states of Puebla, Zacatecas, Calientes and Guanajuato, the big chile pepper growing states of the Republic indicate that the recent cold wave has destroyed the chile crop, causing a loss of many thousands of dollars. As this was the

chief source of income for the farming population of those states, its destruction will fall very heavily upon hundreds of people who look to it to provide them a living.

MISS ELKINS AGAIN.

Must Go Through Weary Round of Newspaper Reports.

By Associated Press. New York, Oct. 7.—Miss Katherine Elkins arrived today on the White Star liner Adriatic after a stay of several weeks in Europe during which it has been asserted and denied that she met the Duke of Abruzzi to whom at one time she was reported engaged.

Davis Elkins was asked, "Is your sister engaged to be married to the duke?"

"So far as I know, she is not," he replied.

"Would you know if an engagement existed?"

"Not necessarily," he replied. Senator Elkins was on the pier to meet his family. Senator Elkins remarked that his daughter had been driven almost to distraction by the reports that have been published about her. She has the appearance of having been through much mental strain.

HOOK WORM DISEASE.

Atlanta Would Wage Systematic War Against It.

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 7.—A resolution calling for concerted action by the Southern states in the fight on the hook worm disease was adopted by the Chamber of Commerce of Atlanta yesterday evening. It calls upon the board of health of the various states to institute a systematic campaign of education similar to that waged against tuberculosis.

Centennial in Air 48 Hours.

By Associated Press. Mobile, Ala., Oct. 7.—The St. Louis balloon, Centennial, with H. O. Honeywell and J. W. Toland on board alighted at Silas, Ala., just north of Mobile, after having been in the air 48 hours. Honeywell and Toland are now at the Cawthorne hotel this city.