

TAFT LAYS A CORNERSTONE

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SUPPORTS ALL CHURCHES

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President Taft on Sunday preached another sermon. The scene changed from the Mormon tabernacle at Salt Lake City, Utah, a week ago, to the cornerstone laying of the First Universalist church in East Portland, Ore.

The president handled the silver trowel and worked hard to see that the stone was properly adjusted. His apparent earnestness in setting the stone called out great applause from the open air audience.

The president referred to his various church experiences, and in concluding said:

"No church in this country, however humble it may be, that preaches the doctrine of true religion and true morality will lack my earnest support to make it more influential whenever opportunity offers."

The president's train later left for Sacramento, Cal.

Mr. Taft had a truly religious day, which began when he attended the morning services at the First Unitarian church in Portland and listened to a sermon by Rev. W. G. Elliot, Jr. Following this service the president was the guest of honor at a luncheon tendered by Senator Bourne and which included the various state and city officials.

The line of march followed by the presidential party to East Portland was crowded and there was handclapping and cheering all along the way. After the president had been introduced at the cornerstone laying by Rev. James Corby, pastor of the church, he said:

"I don't know that any one questions the propriety of my being here and officiating on such an occasion as this or that an explanation of any sort is called for. But I want to say that I believe it to be the duty of the president of these United States to welcome and to suggest every instrument by which the morals and religion of the community may be elevated and maintained. Not long ago I officiated at the cornerstone laying of an Orthodox Congregational church in Washington. Then I appeared in the pulpit of a Jewish tabernacle at Pittsburg. But a few days ago I helped to lay the cornerstone of a Catholic institution at Helena, Mont.

"And now it is my great pleasure to assist here in laying the cornerstone of this Universalist church, which, like my own, the Unitarian church, is known as a liberal one.

"I am glad always to be present at such occasions as these, for I believe the cornerstone of modern civilization must continue to be religion and morality."

Wright Flies Up the Hudson.

An aeroplane flashed past the white dome of Grant's tomb, at New York, and then, turning gracefully in mid-air over the waters of the Hudson, shot like a falcon back to Governor's Island, ten miles away. Wilbur Wright, of Dayton, O., thus placed his name in the rank with Hudson and Fulton in one of the most spectacular feats in the history of aeronautics.

Over the mass of warships, from whose decks the hoarse cheers of the sailors were borne up to him in his elevated seat, he flew for twenty miles—ten miles up and ten miles back—remaining in the air for thirty-three minutes and thirty-three seconds and alighting at the aerodrome without a mishap.

During the flight business was practically at a standstill in all that part of Manhattan from which a view of his remarkable performance was available. Harbor craft shrieked their applause, cheer after cheer swept up from the banks of the Hudson and the lower bay—for the Dayton aviator had "made good," crowning the aviation program of the Hudson-Fulton celebration with a record.

Peary Hero of Naval Parade.

New York, both city and state, gave to Commander Robert E. Peary such a welcome home as few returning heroes can ever hope to receive. From the bridge of his Arctic ship Roosevelt, Commander Peary, with his wife by his side, was the most prominent feature of the sixty-mile Hudson-Fulton naval parade from New York to Newburgh. All the way, land and water vied with each other in hurling their cheers of congratulation through the air to the white little ship where on the tall military looking man smiled back his answer to their greetings. Meanwhile Captain Bartlett was kept at work so incessantly with the whistle cord answering the salutes of passing craft that Chief Engineer Wardwell called up from the engine room that he would not have steam enough to move the vessel if they didn't stop the whistle.

Girl 17 Weighs 625 Pounds.

Weighing 625 pounds, although only seventeen years old, Gertie May Davis from Wayne county, W. Va. is in Un-

iontown, Pa., with her father, Joseph Davis, seventy-six years old, and who weighs 140 pounds, and is the father of twenty-five children, of whom twenty-four are alive.

Davis has been married four times. Gertie's mother is still living, and weighs 130 pounds. Gertie weighed 7 pounds at birth, 51 pounds when ten months old, and 160 pounds at the age of three years. She has gained eighty pounds in the last year.

She had a sister who weighed 720 pounds when she died at the age of sixteen years. Gertie's health has always been the best. She attends a school in the winter and travels with her father in the summer.

When asked if physicians ever gave any reason for his daughter's growing so fast, Mr. Davis said: "Yes; they say it is good health."

Falls 18 Stories—Hits Spiked Fence.

Falling from the eighteenth floor of a skyscraper office building near Broad and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, Robert Bradbury met a horrible death in sight of hundreds of spectators. Mystery surrounds the cause of his fall. When he attracted the attention of spectators by his screams he was rapidly falling through the air in the rear of the buildings on a small thoroughfare known as Watts street. When he finally landed on a spiked fence his body was literally cut into pieces. It is not known from which of two buildings, both of them more than twenty stories high, he fell.

Engineer Knocked Senseless in Cab.

A stone picked up by the locomotive at Rahway, N. J., knocked Engineer William Cooper senseless in his cab, and the Philadelphia express he was guiding ran at full speed for several miles before the fireman noticed that there was no one at the throttle, and, climbing into the other side of the cab, he found Cooper bleeding and senseless on the floor. The engine was struck by the flying stone as he leaned from the window. The fireman ran the train to Rahway, where an other engineer was obtained to run the train to Philadelphia.

Threw Himself Under Train.

Paul Effinger, forty years of age, a well known local character, committed suicide by throwing himself on the railroad tracks in front of a moving draft of freight cars at Altoona, Pa. It is said Effinger had been drinking and was despondent. While seated near the railroad, he remarked to a companion that he intended to put his head under the wheels when the cars were started. A moment later the cars moved, and he made his threat good before he could be prevented.

Woman Torn to Pieces by Lions.

A young woman committed suicide in Paris, France, in a frightful manner. Having had a quarrel with her lover, who is a lion tamer in a theater in which three lions are introduced, the woman went behind the scenes and thrust her arm into the cage. The animals were wild with rage, and with a few blows of their claws tore her head and breast to pieces. The woman's fearful screams and the roars of the animals caused a panic among the audience.

Bryans Wedded Twenty-five Years.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bryan observed their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at Fairview, near Lincoln, Neb., the house being decorated with flags and flowers and filled with messages and presents from all parts of the world. Their three children and two grand children were at home, and the former aided in receiving the long line of neighbors who called.

Bull Gouges Out Child's Eye.

Beatrice Reed, a seven-year-old girl of Mahanoy City, Pa., while playing in a field on her father's farm in Locust valley, was attacked by a vicious bull and her eye gouged out by the horn of the infuriated animal. Farm hands prevented further violence to the child by chasing the bull off.

Bank Robbers Get \$10,000.

Two men entered the Citizens National bank at Glenwood Springs, Colo., and after holding up the two clerks, robbed the safe and escaped on horseback with \$10,000. The men entered as though they were customers. While one man covered the clerks the other looted the safe and the cash drawer.

Will Give School \$1,700,000.

Charles M. Pratt, who is the general secretary of the Standard Oil company and president of the Pratt Institute, of Brooklyn, announced that he and his sister, Mrs. E. B. Dane, would soon give to the school an endowment fund of \$1,700,000.

Boy Smothered Picking Coal.

A cavity in an abandoned stripping at Beaver Brook, near Hazleton, Pa., from which Robert and John Price and William Wear, three boys, who were picking coal, collapsed and smothered Robert Price. The others were revived.

Mexico Loses \$20,000,000 Crop.

Unprecedented cold weather in the valleys in the vicinity of Mexico City, Mex., has destroyed the corn crop. It is estimated that the loss will reach \$20,000,000.

Thousands Face Starvation.

Suffering of victims of the recent floods at Monterey, Mex., is acute, and unless something is done thousands must starve.

Prominent Democrat Dead.

Colonel W. R. Morrison, for many years a leader in the Democratic party and a veteran of the Mexican War, died at his home at Waterloo, Ill.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS.

Thursday, September 30.

As the outcome of a quarrel Ben Tingle was shot and killed by his brother-in-law, Lonnie Rushing, on the road near Wingate, N. C.

While demented from brooding over the death of his wife, John Champion, a pearl hunter, fired his shanty boat in the Ohio river at Paducah, Ky., after slaying his eldest son.

Joe Yax, thirteen years old, and his brother Scott, aged eleven, grandsons of Jie Bedore, a St. Clair Flats resort keeper, near Detroit, Mich., chased a floating bundle of clothing with their rowboat, and towed to shore the body of their dead mother, who died of heart disease before falling into the river.

Friday, October 1.

As the result of a hazing by four schoolmates, Albert Whitticker, of River Park, east of South Bend, Ind., is in a serious condition.

Lucius H. Bigelow, head of the music publishing firm of Bigelow & Main, New York city, died at his summer home at Ridgefield, Conn., in his seventy-second year.

Three passengers were injured and a dozen others badly shaken up when the Niagara Falls train on the New York Central collided with an east bound through freight at Wilson, N. Y.

Dr. Alfred M. Webster, general secretary of the New Era association, a life insurance organization, was found lying dead on the floor in the offices of the association at Grand Rapids, Mich., with a bullet hole in his head.

Saturday, October 2.

George Washington Moore, founder of Moore and Burgess Minstrels, and known in sporting circles as "Pony" Moore, died in London.

Jewelry valued at \$1000 and \$1000 in coin was stolen by a robber who shot and killed Gon Ying, wife of Ah Lala, a rich Chinese merchant of San Luis Obispo, Cal.

Presumably struck by a rock while leaning out of the cab window, Engineer T. Conley, of an Iron Mountain freight train, was killed while passing through a tunnel near Cricket, Ark.

The state of Oregon will collect from the estate of the late E. H. Harriman, as soon as the appraisement of his railroad property is made, approximately \$500,000 as an inheritance tax.

Monday, October 4.

Run over by a fire engine responding to an alarm in Altoona, Pa., A. Del Biondo, aged nine years, died.

Mansfield and Danville junk dealers confessed stealing a hot-air furnace from C. C. Barger in Bloomsburg, Pa. Charged with dynamiting the home of a steel trust official at Youngstown, O., John Bailey has been arrested at Muncie, Ind.

Alarm is caused among white neighbors by the restlessness of 2000 Cheyenne Indians on the Sheridan reservation, Wyoming.

Because she refused to marry him, Charles L. Miller, an engineer, broke into the room of Miss Phoebe Armstrong at Chicago, murdered her and then killed himself.

Tuesday, October 5.

Mrs. Eta Jarvis Shepard, wife of Seth Shepard, chief justice of the District of Columbia court of appeals, died in Washington.

Ray Lamberts, who was convicted as an accomplice of Mrs. Belle Guinness, is dying from consumption in the jail at Laporte, Ind.

Deficient from fever, following wounds received in a fight in a saloon, Policeman W. H. Irwin threw himself from a third-story window of a hospital at Detroit, Mich., and was killed.

John White, twenty years old, sentenced to four years for robbing a store at Bayville, La., now admits that he stole in order to be with his mother, Mrs. Bettie White, who two years ago murdered her husband and was sentenced to twenty years.

Wednesday, October 6.

The body of Charles B. Wahl, aged thirty-one years, missing for some days, was found in the Schuylkill river at Reading, Pa.

The Governor John Albert Johnson Memorial commission has been organized at St. Paul, Minn., to raise a fund of \$25,000 for a memorial to the late Governor Johnson.

Thomas J. O'Brien, United States ambassador to Japan, sailed from San Francisco for his post in Tokio, after a visit to his old home in Michigan and other points in the east.

Hugh McIntosh, the fight promoter, left London for Paris to try and arrange a meeting between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson for the world's heavyweight championship.

PRODUCE QUOTATIONS.

The Latest Closing Prices For Produce and Live Stock.

PHILADELPHIA — FLOUR firm; winter low grades, \$4.15@4.40; winter clear, \$4.50@4.75; city mills, fancy, \$5.25@5.50.

RYE FLOUR steady; per barrel, \$4.15@4.35.

WHEAT firm; No. 2 red, western, \$1.11@1.12.

CORN quiet; No. 2 yellow, local, 71@71½c.

OATS steady; No. 2 white, 45@45½c; lower grades, 44c.

POULTRY: Live steady; hens, 14½@15½c; old roosters, 12c. Dressed steady; choice fowls, 17c; old roosters, 12c.

BUTTER firm; extra creamery, 34c.

EGGS firm; selected, 29@31c; near by, 27c; western, 27c.

POTATOES steady, at 68@70c, per bushel.

Live Stock Markets.

PITTSBURG (Union Stock Yards)—CATTLE steady; choice, \$6.55@7.

SHEEP lower; lambs strong; prime wethers, \$4.60@4.75; culls and common, \$1.50@2; lambs, \$4@7.25; veal calves, \$9@9.25.

HOGS active and higher; prime heavies, \$8.40@8.50; mediums, \$8.25@8.30; heavy Yorkers, \$8.10@8.25; light Yorkers, \$7.40@7.55; pigs, \$6.75@7.25; roughs, \$6.50@7.50.

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Special Scenery and Mechanical Effects

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Best of Singing and Dancing Specialties

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PHONES:

STORE 98. RESIDENCE 92.

D. L. Taylor's residence 69.

Sympathetic Magic.

"A friend of mine came across a native sitting in the veranda of a house from which groans proceeded," Mr. E. Thurston stated at the Royal Society of Arts in a lecture on the natives of southern India. "He learned that the man's wife was sitting on a swing straddled with sharp nails in order to cure him by sympathetic magic of some trifling ailment."—London Standard.

Proclamation Sale

BEGINNING OCT. 16

11 DAYS

I have just returned from the Northern Markets—Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York—from which I have purchased one of the BEST AND MOST SELECT STOCKS ever brought to this town. We are now able, more than ever to give people prices that they have never heard of before. No matter how far you have to walk or drive to attend this sale it will pay you to do so. :: :: :: ::

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You are carrying a life insurance policy which don't cost you a penny by purchasing one of these lots. Remember this is only for whites. See Serpell before you leave town, he will advance you money for building purposes on the forenamed property at 5 per cent.

Why not own your home? What you are paying out for rent will pay for your home and at your leisure moments you can be improving it. If you are sick or out of work you do not have to pay for three months.