

EXECUTIVE ENDS HIS RIVER TRIP

President Will Be Guest of Municipality of Crescent City for Two Days.

LUNCHEON WITH ARCHBISHOP

Dinner at Piekwick Club and Play at French Opera.

ATTENDS TWO FOOT BALL GAMES

Busy Day Ends with Supper at Famous Restaurant.

PARTY BEGINS TO SCATTER

Postmaster General Hitchcock Goes to Boston to Vote and Secretary Nagel Will Visit Points in Texas.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 30.—President Taft arrived in New Orleans today to renew many old acquaintances and to enjoy two days of the hospitality which he declared a few days ago both "longed for and feared." From the moment of his arrival at 12:30 p. m. on the light house tender Olander, which led a long trailing fleet of river packets into port, the president was kept on the go until past midnight tonight.

President Taft ended his river trip with an address before the waterways convention this afternoon. In which he reiterated what he has said before, that he favored the issuance of bonds to carry forward a deep waterway project which shall be approved by a competent board of engineers as practicable, and he showed necessary to take care of the growing commerce of the sections.

This address concluded, the president became the guest of the city. He lunched with Archbishop Biem at the latter's palace, attended two foot ball games, had a dinner given in his honor at the Piekwick club tonight and went directly from there to a gala performance of "Les Huguenots," at the French opera house. A little supper at a famous French restaurant after the opera brought the chief executive's busy day to a close.

Tomorrow the president is to have another strenuous time. He will attend the Unitarian church in the morning, will have a long automobile tour, broken by luncheon at Jackson barracks and will attend a sacred concert on the Tulane campus in the afternoon. The president will then board his train tomorrow night and leaves early Monday morning to begin the last ten days of his trip.

Cabinet Members Leave. The president's party lost one distinguished member today and will lose another. Postmaster General Hitchcock left tonight for Boston, to vote in the elections held there next Tuesday. Secretary Nagel of the Department of Commerce and Labor, will go from here to Fort Arthur, Galveston and Houston. While at Houston he will visit his birthplace, six miles outside of that city.

Secretary of War Dickinson will remain in New Orleans to make an address before the waterways convention Monday morning and will rejoin the president at Jackson, Miss., late Monday afternoon.

President Taft thoroughly enjoyed his four and a half nights and five days on the Mississippi river, and although he has learned much of the difficulty that must be encountered in attempt to control that powerful waterway, he seemed today to be just as enthusiastic as ever in the belief that the river might be made to recognize a channel deep enough to handle all of the commerce that can be assigned to it.

The torpedo boat flotilla which had been sent to St. Louis to escort the president down the river, but which had been frightened away by a heavy fog, had been scurrying down stream ahead of the presidential fleet, finally was picked up by the Olander, forty-five miles above the city this morning. The four grim little vessels slipped along in the wake of the president's flagship for an hour or more, but the smoke and noise of the engines clouded the entire fleet behind and finally they were ordered to steam ahead at a full speed to New Orleans to await the president there.

At Two Foot Ball Games. Having developed into a full-fledged baseball "fan" during the summer, the president started his career as a foot ball enthusiast this afternoon. The committee in charge of his visit decided that it would be too much of a tax on the president to ask him to go to two foot ball games in one afternoon, but if he was to go to see Sewanee play the Louisiana State university, it behooved the president and Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical college were insisted that he should call in at their game as well. The president declared last night that he certainly would see the Sewanee game, for Captain Butt, his aide, and one other member of his party were old Sewanee men, and they put in a convincing word for their alma mater. When this became known the president was beset upon his arrival here by requests to attend the Tulane game as well. It was said that it had been extensively advertised that he would be at the game and that it would be a bitter disappointment to thousands of people if he did not. So Mr. Taft decided to go to both games.

First he stopped in at Pelican Park and saw the Sewanee team make the final touchdown in a game which they won with apparent ease. Thence the president had a six-mile automobile dash to Tulane campus, where he saw the last fifteen minutes of play in an evenly matched game, won by Tulane, 2 to 0. At the Tulane game the president's automobile was stopped along the side lines and had been standing there but a few moments, when a lively scrimmage and a spectacular tackle occurred right in front of his machine. At both games the president's ears were filled with college cheers.

Power of Courts-Martial Checked

Premier Moret Orders Authorities at Barcelona to Send Cases to Madrid for Review.

BARCELONA, Oct. 30.—Premier Moret today telegraphed the authorities here to suspend the execution of all court martial sentences until the cases could be examined by the government.

Wheeler Brings Applause from German Ruler

Roosevelt Professors Deliver Opening Lectures, Describing Americans as Conservative at Heart.

BERLIN, Oct. 30.—The emperor, empress and Princess Louise occupied front seats in the historic auditorium of the University of Berlin today when Roosevelt, Prof. Wheeler of California and ex-Chancellor Moore of Harvard, delivered the opening lectures of their courses. The speakers each spoke in German for half an hour. Seated near the imperial party were the American ambassador and Mrs. Hill and many distinguished Germans.

President Wheeler's message from the new world was as to the power of public opinion in the United States and he began with the words: "The source of all power in the United States is public opinion." The Californian declared that notwithstanding their radical theories, their fierce predilection for novelties, Americans were essentially conservative. He was convinced from acquaintance with William J. Bryan, he said, that Mr. Bryan would have been conservative if he had not proven conservative, but if he had not proven conservative, he would have been bound hand and foot and gagged.

At the mention of Mr. Bryan there was a stir in the audience among those who happened to know that the emperor's councilors of the Foreign office had advised his majesty against giving an audience to Mr. Bryan when the distinguished American visited Berlin in 1907. President Wheeler described former President Roosevelt also as conservative in his innermost impulses. The latter's capacity for understanding public opinion accounted, the speaker said, for the great place which he held in the hearts of the American people.

Life Preservers of Liner Found

Some Belts of Crown Princess Cecile Said to Be Floating in Sea Off Coast of Normandy.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Officials of the North German Lloyd Steamship company discredit the rumor emanating from Paris that life belts of the steamship Crown Princess Cecile, belonging to that line, have been found on the coast of Normandy. Gustave H. Schwab, the American representative of the company says they have no anxiety, whatever, as to the safety of the passengers of the ship.

The Crown Princess Cecile left Cherbourg for New York at 7 p. m. on Wednesday, and Mr. Schwab points out that her course would make it impossible for any life belt to drift to the Normandy coast since her departure. He also states that the finding of life belts and other ship appliances is not unusual, as they are occasionally lost overboard by accident.

Six Forest Fires Burn in Hills

Heavy Damage Being Done Through Destruction of Timber in South Dakota.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Oct. 30.—No less than six forest fires are now burning in the Black Hills. The most serious one, near Hot Springs, is still unchecked, but making less progress today, since the number of fire fighters has been increased. The Deadwood office of the forest service has been notified of a fire burning north of Custer, another east of Hill City and one between Myrtle and Merritt and still another near Merritt. This latter threatens so much Homestead timber that the Homestead force at Pactola has been recalled to save its own timber preserves. The damage done by the fires will be extremely heavy, running into the hundreds of thousands.

CATHOLIC PRELATES TO ENTER INTO POLITICS

French Separation Law, They Say, is Responsible for Their New Attitude.

TOULOUSE, France, Oct. 30.—The congress of Catholics in session here under the presidency of Archbishop Marty today adopted resolutions outlining a political program. This latter alleges the right of the church to hold property, including monasteries and convents, and demands the restitution ultimately of the church property forfeited under the separation law.

Archbishop Cabrières of Montpellier declared: "We must become political as well as religious chiefs as are the bishops of other countries."

Arrested for Not Feeding Team, Then Stealing Feed

Escaping prosecution a week ago for not feeding his team, Sandy Rose, negro drayman, is now facing prosecution for burglary, on the allegation that he was stealing feed for his horses.

Rose was captured early Saturday morning in the act of filling his feed box from a bin in the Weir planning mill barn, 408 Cummins street, and escaped from his captor, D. H. Weir, in a chase across the campus into the underbrush. Weir fired on his firefooted prisoner four times with a revolver without effect.

The police arrested Rose and he was detained by Weir in the city jail. The continuous theft of feed from the barn was noticed by the Weir company and Friday night Mr. Weir armed himself and laid in wait for the thief.

NINE PERSONS BURN TO DEATH

Fire Destroys Principal Business Block in St. Johnsbury, Vt., Early Saturday.

ALL ESCAPE IS CUT OFF

Charred Bodies of Seven Persons Are Recovered from Ruins.

TWO FALL FROM UPPER

Two Other Persons Are Probably Fatally Burned.

LOSS IS FIFTY THOUSAND

Structure is Combination Business Office and Tenement Building and Was Owned by Citizens Bank.

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt., Oct. 30.—When the ruins of the Citizens' Savings bank had been wet down to a temperature which made a thorough search possible, it was definitely learned that nine lives were lost in the fire which practically destroyed the principal business building of this town early today. Two other persons were probably fatally burned. The property loss is estimated at \$50,000. Of the killed, two persons fell from the upper stories, while seven were burned to death.

The block, a four story brick building, was a combination of stores, offices, tenements and assembly halls. It was owned by the Citizens' Savings bank. Charles T. Hanlatt, a printer, and L. E. Darling, a laborer, were killed by falling from the fourth story while attempting to descend by ropes which had been brought into use, after the leaders of the fire department had been found too short to reach the upper windows.

The persons unaccounted for are Charles Cushman, his wife and child; Frank Tanner and Mrs. Tanner, Miss Rose Marx, Miss May Sleeper and a girl whose name could not be ascertained.

Fleet Runs Ahead of Its Schedule

Pacific Warships Reach Manila Bay Two Days in Advance of Time Set—Uneventful Voyage.

MANILA, Oct. 30.—The United States Pacific fleet, Rear Admiral Sebel, commanding, entered Manila bay at 3 o'clock this afternoon, two days ahead of its schedule. The voyage from Honolulu was uneventful.

FERRIS AND KEYS ARE TAKEN TO BASIN

Men Who Turned State's Evidence in Spring Creek Case Placed Under Heavy Guard.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., Oct. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Fearing possible interference in removing Charles Ferris and William Keys from the county jail here to Basin, where they will testify against five cattlemen, charged with the murder of Almond, Emge and Lester, in the Spring Creek raid last spring, a militia guard of ten noncommissioned officers and men and the Wheatley Hills sweepstakes were won, the first by Joe Matson driving a twenty-five horse power Chalmers-Detroit, and the second by R. W. Harron, driving a thirty-two horse power Marmon.

The Massapequa was won in 2 hours, 2 minutes, 25 seconds. Martin Doorley, driving No. 46, Maxwell, was second, and Arthur Sax, driving Maxwell 44, third.

The Wheatley Hills sweepstakes was won by R. W. Harron, driving the Marmon, who covered the fifteen laps of the course, or 150.6 miles, in 3 hours, 10 minutes, 25 seconds. The only other car to finish was the Columbia, No. 28, driven by Wilcox.

LEADING KNIGHT OF PYTHIAS DIES AT NASHVILLE HOME

Dr. R. L. C. White, for Twenty-Two Years Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals, Passes Away.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 30.—Dr. R. L. C. White, one of the most widely known men in the south and for twenty-two years supreme keeper of records and seals of the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, died at his home in this city today aged 55.

Edits Newspaper for Diversion.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Oct. 30.—(Special.)—The people of White Lake are proud of Miss Ros Palmer, who has just returned to that place from the region west of the Missouri river, where for more than a year she lived on a homestead and during her spare time edited two weekly newspapers, which she established in that part of the state. She recently made final proof on her homestead and after selling her two newspapers decided to return to White Lake and take a needed rest from her strenuous experiences on the border of civilization.



FEEDING IN IOWA AND MILKING IN WASHINGTON From the Des Moines Register and Leader.

GRANT WINS BIG AUTO RACE

Alco Car Has Easy Victory in Landing Vanderbilt Cup.

MATSON WINS LESSER TROPHY

Leader in First Round, He Takes the Massapequa Stakes—Harron Secures Wheatley Prize—Strang's Hard Luck.

MOTOR PARKWAY, La. Oct. 30.—Under circumstances which turned the event into the hollowest mockery of an automobile race ever witnessed on Long Island, Harry F. Grant, driving a sixty horse power Alco car today, won the first Vanderbilt cup race, completing twenty-two circuits of a 12.6 mile course in four hours, twenty-five minutes and forty-two seconds. Edward H. Parker at the wheel of a forty-five horse power Fiat was second, five minutes and sixteen seconds behind the winner.

William Knipper, driving a forty horse power Chalmers-Detroit, was in third position when the race was declared off by the officials. Only two other cars, the Mercedes, driven by Wishart, and the Atlas, driven by Knox, were on the course to the finish.

Although run under unsurpassed weather conditions the race was marred in its early stages by simultaneous presence on the course of three separate sets of cars running three distinct races over the same smaller cars had left the circuit, by accidents so numerous that but five of the fifteen Vanderbilt cup entries were left as contestants.

Not until the beginning of the twentieth lap, when the Fiat dislodged the Chalmers-Detroit for first position and the Mercedes passed in the back stretch by the Alco, did anything like genuine enthusiasm manifest itself.

Alco Far in Lead. For a brief period it seemed that a close finish would be witnessed, but in the twenty-first and twenty-second laps Grant widened the gap and separated himself from the field and finished practically alone.

Up to within one lap of the finish, the officials were at odds as to the number of laps which the leading car had finished and it was only after a vigorous protest from the entrants of the Alco that a correct reading of the time card was announced. The time made by the winner was equivalent to 69 1/2 miles an hour, for the entire distance of 278.08 miles.

The small car races run simultaneously with the days chief event, respectively the Massapequa sweepstakes and the Wheatley Hills sweepstakes were won, the first by Joe Matson driving a twenty-five horse power Chalmers-Detroit, and the second by R. W. Harron, driving a thirty-two horse power Marmon.

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STARTERS IN THE RACE.

The starters in the three events were as follows: Massapequa sweepstakes, class 4, distance ten laps, 120.4 miles.

Car. Driver. Chalmers-Detroit, George Alford. Fiat, Arthur Ze. Maxwell, Thomas Costello. Maxwell, Martin Doorley. Wheatley Hills sweepstakes, class 3, distance fifteen laps, 180.6 miles.

Car. Driver. Marmon, A. W. Harron. Marmon, R. W. Harron. Fiat, Philip Wale. Vanderbilt race, class 102, distance twenty-two laps, 278.08 miles.

Car. Driver. Fiat, Lewis Strang. Simplex, E. A. Mitchell. Fiat, E. A. Mitchell. Apperson, Hugh N. Harding. Chalmers, William Knipper. Chalmers, E. H. Parker. National, L. R. Lovinger. Marmon, Harry William. Fiat, E. H. Parker. Buick, Louis Chevrolet. Buick, Spencer C. Whitart. Buick, Joe Seymour.

PATRICK M'MAHON STILL HELD BY THE OFFICERS

Confessed Murderer of Van Hoven Family Makes Admissions That Implicate Others.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 30.—Further sensational information implicating perhaps persons close to James McMahon, the confessed triple murderer, sentenced yesterday to life imprisonment in the Kansas state penitentiary, was secured from McMahon last night by Sheriff Al Becker, just before the doors of the prison closed behind him.

"The information I got from Jim last night is the most sensational yet," said Sheriff Becker today. "It implicates at least two additional persons in the crime. While the sheriff's office is today investigating the new story, Patrick McMahon is being held."

Patrick was kept in the Kansas City (Mo.) police station last night. Early today under the strain of last week, he broke down and became violent, declaring every one was a detective attempting to confuse him. On the way back to Wyandotte county, Kansas, Patrick made several attempts to escape from the sheriff's motor car and fought desperately. Several physicians who examined the prisoner today said he was suffering from temporary insanity.

North Pole Scene Burns With Fatal Result for Girls

Two Students at Loretto Academy Die from Injuries Received While Acting as Eskimos.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 30.—Miss Virginia Owen of Independence, Mo., and Miss Mamie Tierman died today from the effects of burns received during an entertainment here last night at Loretto academy, a fashionable boarding school for girls. Miss Mary Maley, who was severely burned in an attempt to save her schoolmates, was in a critical condition today.

All the girls wore light cotton Eskimo costumes. The stage of the Auditorium had been decorated with settings to represent the discovery of the North pole, and there was much cotton and tinsel. A miniature globe stood in the center of the stage and around this were grouped the actors, some seventy in number, each dressed to represent an Eskimo. Shortly after the tableau started Miss Owen stepped over a lighted candle and in a second the flames had been communicated to the other girls and decorations. The girls became hysterical, but the mother superior and others of the Sisters of Loretto urged those in the small audience to give their wraps to beat out the flames. The fire was extinguished before the fire department arrived.

Odds Now Given on Tom Johnson. Cleveland Campaign Ends Today, Issues Being Rather Hazy Over Traction Matters.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 30.—Comparative apathy has characterized the municipal campaign which will draw to a close today. Mayor Tom L. Johnson is the democratic candidate to succeed himself for a fifth consecutive term. He is opposed by County Recorder Herman C. Baehr, the republican candidate. There also is a socialist candidate.

There is more or less of a haze about the issues. Mayor Johnson insisted that the street railway question was settled. Mr. Baehr maintained that it was not. Every point in the street railway situation, which has been an issue for nine years in the hands of an arbitrator, Federal Judge R. W. Taylor, who is officially binding the city and the car company to things they have already agreed to. There will be a three-cent fare to begin with.

In the betting on the election Baehr was favorite at the outset. Later it became an even bet. Now there are slight odds on Johnson.

Wright's Pupils Get Jolt in Fall

Engine Stops While Aeroplane is in Mid-Air, but Descent is Made Safely.

COLLEGE PARK, Md., Oct. 30.—Without warning the Wright aeroplane stopped today while Lieutenant Humphreys and Major aviation field. The airplane was at an altitude of about twenty-five feet when the engine stopped. The aeroplane came down in good position without injuring itself or the passengers.

A cog of the gear wheel attached to the magneto broke, causing the trouble.

Surprise is Too Great; Man Dies

Horace Colson, Wealthy Iowa Farmer, Expires from Excitement Due to Party.

WATERLOO, Ia., Oct. 30.—A surprise party proved fatal to Horace Colson, a wealthy farmer, last night. When a score of friends appeared unexpectedly at the Colson home his excitement became so great that he collapsed, dying twenty minutes later.

Omaha Business Men Living in Benson to Work Roads

Omaha business men clad in overalls and brogan wading pickaxes and shovels on Benson streets in a possibility of the near future.

In fact several prominent Omahans almost fell out of their cushioned office chairs Friday afternoon when they received peremptory notice from Ben Morton, overseer of streets for the suburb, ordering them to report to him at 7 o'clock Saturday morning prepared to do two days' work on Orphanage avenue.

The notice was couched in legal terms and phrases and made no bones of the fact that it was an urgent case that called out the Omaha reserves to do menial duty for the state.

"You are hereby notified to appear," it said without any effort to soften the harsh terms of the command.

Notices were received among others by A. L. Reed, F. A. Brogan, Z. T. Lindsey and E. H. Sprague and A. J. Love.

Consternation prevailed in the several offices of these men when the notices were first handed around. One dollar a day was the penalty for delinquency and as each of them owns real estate in Benson money-keeping with the civic authorities there is serious business for them.

Finally someone discovered at the bottom of the notice a statement that it would cost \$2 to commute the work on a cash basis. The business men heaved a sigh of relief as they reached for their check books.

Ware Returned to Penitentiary

Attorney is Preparing to Sue Out a Writ of Habeas Corpus to Secure Release.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Warden Saunders of the Fort Madison penitentiary refused admittance to Leroy Ware, the defaulting Corydon banker, sent back to the penitentiary on orders of Judge Towner, still advised over the long distance telephone by Judge Robinson of the State Board of Control to take him in temporarily.

Attorney Livingston, acting for Ware, was in Des Moines over night. He also prepared a writ of habeas corpus and started for Iowa City to get Judge McClain of the supreme court to sign it, he being the closest judge.

W. H. Silingerland, superintendent of the Iowa Children's home, who sued the Daily News here for \$20,000 damages for slander, was today given a verdict for \$100, by the jury.

The Polk county grand jury, in making its final report today, ignored the charges against Ben Murrow, held on a coroner's warrant for the murder of his brother, Charles Murrow, on their dairy farm, east of the fair grounds.

Indications today were stronger in favor of a powerful settlement of the difficulties in the Iowa Coal Miner's union than since the convention was called. President J. P. White has a big majority and this is contributing to quiet the opposition. The witnesses called to testify may not be used.

Tibaldos Now Fugitive on Sea

Mutinous Crew of Torpedo Destroyer with Rebel on Board Now Roaming at Large.

ATHENS, Greece, Oct. 30.—Tibaldos' miniature rebellion has been suppressed, according to an official government announcement. Nevertheless the torpedo boat destroyer Velos, with its rebel crew, is roaming in unknown seas. Several officers, sailors and workmen in the dock yards at Salamis have surrendered today.

Three of the revolutionaries were killed and a number wounded when a shell from the government's land battery struck the mutinous torpedo boat Spendona during the engagement yesterday.

The rebellious force at the arsenal on the island of Salamis surrendered today. All of the vessels of which Tibaldos took possession have returned home with the exception of Velos, upon which it is supposed Tibaldos has taken refuge.

MAY COTTON JUMPS FIVE DOLLARS IN WEEK

Continuation of Bullish Action Keeps Market in Uproar—Heavy Realizing in New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—A continuation of bullish action in the cotton market set May deliveries up to the fifteen cent level this morning, that position selling at 15.60 at the opening, while December sold at 14.60, or 15 to 17 points net higher on the big gains in Liverpool and bullish visible supply figures.

Business was sensationally active at the start, but became rather less excited later, with fluctuations very nervous as the result of heavy realizing and rumors of less satisfactory conditions in some of the southern spot markets.

At the opening this morning May cotton was \$5.5 a bale above the opening price of last Saturday.

WILSON HELD ON FRAUD CHARGE AT KANSAS CITY

Kansas School Teacher Unable to Give Bond and Goes to Jail Pending His Trial.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 30.—United States Commissioner John M. Nuckols today bound Thaddeus S. Wilson, the Garnet, Kansas, school teacher, over to the grand jury on a charge of using the mails to defraud. Wilson pleaded not guilty to sending a threatening letter demanding \$5,000 from R. A. Long, a millionaire lumber dealer. Wilson could not furnish a \$5,000 bond and was remanded to jail.

River Partly Under Control

"There was a day when the Mississippi was considered an unmanageable stream, which shifted its channel and devoured its banks at will. Today we are able to show the president of the United States two remarkable changes. One of these is a river which, in its most difficult times, has been completely salting parts, has been bound down by the engineers to a fixed channel, with permanent banks; that has been forced to occur its own bed and permit the passing of deeper ships.

"The other is a great garden land of soil north from the river, capable of producing in crops every year enough money to pay many times over the entire cost of producing a fourteen-foot channel from Chicago to New Orleans, and this soil protected from waste only by those same

TAFT ADDRESSES THE DELEGATES

President Makes Extended Speech to Lakes-to-Gulf Waterways Association.

HAS FUN WITH CONGRESSMEN

Long Voyage Made to New Orleans Without Loss of Man.

BONDS FOR OHIO RIVER WORK

Executive Favors Issue to Amount of Sixty-Three Million Dollars.

PRESIDENT KAVANAUGH TALKS

Head of the Association, in His Annual Address to Convention, Says Time to Act Has Come.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 30.—President Taft celebrated the successful termination of his trip down the Mississippi river today by addressing the delegates to the convention of the Lakes to the Gulf Deep Waterways association, which has as its object the improvement of the Mississippi river and its tributaries.

On the arrival of the president delegates and visitors sprang to their feet. Many mounted their chairs in order to get a better view of the bowing, smiling big man who was working his way through the double line of secret service men and police officers. He stood on the platform a moment greeting President Kavanaugh of the waterways association and then bowed his appreciation of the applause.

President Kavanaugh presented him with a handsome gold badge and then introduced Governor Sanders of Louisiana, who in turn introduced the president. The applause broke out again and was reinforced with some vigorous Yale yells. When it died away President Taft commenced his address.

Safe Voyage of Fleet. The president began by having a little fun regarding the trip down the river. He said the "dangers great had all been run" and that the fleet had come through without the loss of a single man. Mr. Taft taunted the congressmen and governors for having resorted to the humiliating device of land transportation at one stage of the journey.

The president declared that no progress had been made in river navigation in this country in the last forty or fifty years. The waterways of this country, Mr. Taft declared, must be used eventually to carry the bulk of heavy merchandise.

Bonds for Ohio River. The president's declaration that he favored the issuance of bonds for carrying out the Ohio river improvement as one of the approved projects of inland waterways called out a burst of applause. The Ohio river improvement will cost \$85,000,000. Mr. Taft said that he also favored bonds for all other improvements, including the Mississippi, just as soon as a feasible project can be decided upon and can be shown to be necessary and justifiable. The Ohio river gives the bulk of the business of the Mississippi, the president declared, and every improvement of a tributary tended to increase the value of the great water highway to the gulf.

The president told of the improvements to the Mississippi on the way down, and especially in protecting the banks from further sloughing off at the outside of the banks. The engineers say they need \$2,000,000 more a year to carry out this beneficial work as it ought to be carried out, and that it was a shame congress did not give it to them.

Time for Action. In conclusion President Taft declared that the time for action was past and that it was now time to get down to brass tacks. He said: "It is now up to you gentlemen to decide what you want, what it will cost, how long it will take and what the result will be. Once that is done, you can command, not ask."

He paid a compliment to two men of New Orleans and predicted that if the delegates to the convention remained here two or three days they would forget that there was such a thing as a river.

Time to Act Has Arrived. "The plan for a deep waterway is an accomplished fact. What we need now is action," declared W. K. Kavanaugh, president of the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterway association, in his address at the opening of its convention today. "The history of the Mississippi river has been a story of inaction and of niggardly appropriations, which have been fought through the rivers and harbor committee, through congress without rhyme or reason," said the speaker. "The whole valley is sick with the congestion of its transportation