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President Addresses Rivers and Harbors Congress.

FOR IMPROVING WATERWAYS.

He Would Confine Work to That Recommended by Army Engineers on Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio Rivers.

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Taft opened the first session of the national rivers and harbors congress here with an address in which he outlined definitely for the first time the extent which he thinks is desirable and to which he believes congress will go in carrying out the comprehensive plans of the congress for the general improvement of the waterways of the country.

While the president reiterated his belief that bonds should be issued for waterway improvements, he said that they should not be primarily issued for these improvements, but only to carry on work which has been undertaken by direct appropriations and which could not be finished on account of reduced revenue.

The president said that he believed the work of general waterway improvements should be confined for the present to the recommendations of the army engineers on the Mississippi, the Missouri and the Ohio river between St. Paul, St. Louis, Pittsburg, Cairo, New Orleans and other cities, which, he declared, would benefit a larger section of the country than any other projects suggested.

President Taft said that it was no secret that the chairman of the rivers and harbors committee of the house, who had most to do with the initiation of projects in congress, was fully charged with the necessity of doing something to begin a policy with respect to the Missouri, Mississippi and Ohio rivers between St. Paul and St. Louis, St. Louis to Cairo, Pittsburg to Cairo and from Cairo to New Orleans.

"These improvements," said the president, "are in the heart of the country, improvements that reach to more states than any that can be mentioned in the entire country. They affect not only the states along whose borders the improvements will be made, but all the states that border on the Mississippi and beyond."

President Taft, referring to the advocates of a fourteen foot channel in the Mississippi, said that the engineers' recommendation for a nine foot channel should be followed up and when this was obtained a fourteen foot channel might be secured. "What I am urging, what I am laboring for," he said, "is something practical in the way of a moderate project than was in your minds at the initiation."

In conclusion the president said: "I am in thorough sympathy with the general object which you seek here, the development of the waterways of the country by a general policy in such a way as to reduce and control railroad rates and in such a way as to stimulate on the bosoms of the waters of the country the transportation of such merchandise as is peculiarly fitted for carriage by that means."

SEVEN TEAMS TIED IN LEAD.

Sensational Bursts of Speed in the Six Day Bicycle Race.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Miles, Laps. Lists names like MacFarland-Clark, Ruttt-Stol, Root-Fogler, Lawson-Demara, Walthour-Collins, Halstead-Lawrence, Pys-Hohl, Anderson-Vanoni, Mitten-West, Cameron-Krebs, Hill-Stin, Galvin-Keenan, Georget-Georget, Germain-Carapessi.

The previous record was 1,455 miles 9 laps, made by MacFarland and Moran in 1908.

Death For Fourteen Mutineers.

Manila, Dec. 9.—Fourteen members of the Second company of constabulary who mutinied at Davao, island of Mindanao, have been convicted of killing Planter Libby and have been sentenced to death.

Henry Sues Crocker For Libel.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—Francis J. Henry, former district attorney, has filed suit in New York against William H. Crocker of San Francisco for \$250,000 for alleged libel.

GOULD DIRECTORS RESIGN.

Telephone Men Move into Western Union Board.

New York, Dec. 9.—Ten Gould directors resigned from the Western Union Telegraph company board and were succeeded by a corresponding number of representatives of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, which recently bought control of the Western Union.

The directors who resigned include Frank J. Gould, Howard Gould and Kingdon Gould. They were succeeded by Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company; Henry S. Howe and John I. Waterbury of the American Telephone and Telegraph board, Edward J. Hall, Union N. Bethell and Henry B. Thayer, officers in the Bell company; Henry P. Davidson of J. P. Morgan & Co., Robert Winsor of the Boston banking house of Lee, Higginson & Co., Robert S. Lovett, representing the Harriman interests, and Judge William H. Moore of the Rock Island.

TO REOPEN BRYAN DIVORCE.

Daughter's Former Husband Will Ask Court to Reconsider Case.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 9.—William Homer Leavitt, divorced by Ruth Bryan Leavitt on the allegation of cruelty and nonsupport, has filed a petition asking the Lancaster county district court to reopen the case.

Mrs. Leavitt is on the point of leaving, with her parents, for a tour of



RUTH LEAVITT BRYAN.

the West Indies, preliminary to a longer absence in Europe, while Mr. and Mrs. Bryan are traveling in South America.

Her former husband's determination to revive the divorce suit will force the abandonment of her trip.

CARRIE NATION ARRESTED.

Smashes Things in the Union Station Bar in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Carrie Nation, the Kansas enemy of the demon rum, invaded the Union station bar in this city and took one swipe at the bar glasses, fixtures and bottles.

When the bartender got over his fright and counted up the loss he estimated that Carrie had destroyed about \$35 worth of goods, wet and dry. The police arrested Carrie and locked her up.

PARDONED BY PRESIDENT.

Former Cashier of the Fredonia National Bank Goes Free.

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Taft has pardoned Frederick R. Green, former cashier of the Fredonia (N. Y.) National bank, which was closed in 1905. Green pleaded guilty of making false reports to the comptroller of the currency and was sentenced to serve six years in the state prison at Albany.

His time would have expired on Aug. 13, 1911, but Vice President James S. Sherman and Representative Vreeland showed Mr. Taft sufficient evidence to warrant an immediate release.

DR. COOK IN SANITARIUM.

Explorer Takes Rest Cure in Maine For Worry and Overwork.

Portland, Me., Dec. 9.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the polar explorer, has left Muldoon's place at White Plains, N. Y., and is taking the rest cure at the Pine Tree sanitarium at Wells, York county, this state.

Dr. W. S. Pitt, head of the sanitarium, says he is suffering from worry and overwork. "He is very anxious as to the action to be taken by scientists in Copenhagen over his report," said Dr. Pitt, "but he has no mental disease."

Countess Farrar Divorced.

New York, Dec. 9.—The Countess Ada Eugenia von Boos-Farrar, a singer, has been divorced from her husband, Leonard C. Farrar, a jewelry broker, by a decree signed by Supreme Court Justice Blachoff.

BROKAW CHARGES

Millionaire's Wife Tells Story of His "Cruelty."

SAYS SHE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Husband, Insanely Jealous, Accused Her of Flirting, So She Tried to End Her Life by Poison in Turkish Bath.

Mincola, N. Y., Dec. 9.—That Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw attempted to end her life by taking poison in a private Turkish bath after a row at the North Carolina shooting lodge of William Gould Brokaw, her multimillionaire husband, was one of the sensational features of the trial of their separation suit before Justice Putnam of the supreme court here.

The occurrence was recited by Mrs. Brokaw's counsel, Arthur J. Baldwin, who declared that the millionaire's inhuman treatment of his wife in February, 1908, worried her to distraction.

Mr. Baldwin charged that in May, 1908, at the Astoria hotel in Paris, Brokaw threatened to blow out his wife's brains with a revolver which he flourished.

Mrs. Brokaw was called to the stand and was asked to relate an incident that occurred at the Hotel Seville on Nov. 2, 1907. She said: "My husband brought me a box of flowers and expressed a hope that they would please me. He was very ugly two hours later for some unknown reason, and he called me a liar, idiot and other terrible names."

Mrs. Brokaw declared he had accused her of flirting with his uncle, Fred Gould of car coupler fame; with Dr. Potter of Asheville, N. C., and with guests at the Brokaw estate at Great Neck, N. Y.

"Mr. Brokaw continually accused me of flirting with strange men in dining rooms of hotels and with guests at our own home," she said. "He would call me a fool, idiot and worse, only to beg my forgiveness on the next day."

"He often threatened to blow out my brains in these jealous fits."

On Christmas, 1907, Mrs. Brokaw testified, they were entertaining about twelve guests. It had been Mr. Brokaw's custom to have ginger ale served in champagne bottles. On this occasion some one for the sake of a joke had changed the bottles to all champagne. When she lifted the glass to her lips, she said, every one laughed.

Perceiving what had happened, Brokaw rushed from the room in anger and sent his valet for her. He said she had herself perpetrated the trick, according to the testimony, and called her a liar and an idiot when she denied his statements. The rest of the evening was spent in her room.

Shortly afterward, Mrs. Brokaw said, her husband came to her and announced that he had a gun in the other room that could blow out what little brains she had and asked her to go in and look at it.

Mrs. Brokaw, who is asking for \$60,000 year alimony, came to the courtroom accompanied only by a maid. She wore a brown fur turban trimmed with black velvet, a plain frock of olive broadcloth and a necklace and muff of silver fox. Mr. Brokaw sat near her in the courtroom.

Arthur J. Baldwin, Mrs. Brokaw's counsel said:

"We will prove that Mr. Brokaw was madly jealous of his wife and made life miserable for her by daily and almost hourly accusing his bride of flirting with men in various walks of life. They only took four full meals together during their thirty day honeymoon. He many times ordered her to remain in her room all day long, and at other times he forced her to dine alone. "Brokaw broke into her room at all hours of the night for absurd reasons. He was habitually intoxicated and ran about various hotel corridors in his pajamas."

"Once when she happened accidentally to bang the door on his forehead he cried like a spoiled child. He smeared red ink on his forehead and shrieked until bellboys, porters and maids came to the scene. "Look what she has done!" he cried, pointing to the red ink spots."

The present Mrs. Brokaw, who is William Gould Brokaw's second wife, was Mary Morris Blair, daughter of James A. Blair. They were married on Sept. 16, 1907, at the Blair country place at Chittenango, N. Y. His first wife was Corelle C. Coudert, a niece of the late Frederic R. Coudert. The first Mrs. Brokaw obtained a separation in 1908.

Katherine Pollon in 1903 sued Brokaw for \$250,000 damages for alleged breach of promise. The case was settled by Brokaw paying something like \$17,000.

INDEMNITY CO. ACCUSED.

New York State Official Declares Capital Impaired \$650,000.

New York, Dec. 9.—Another bomb has been thrown among the insurance companies by State Superintendent of Insurance William H. Hotchkiss. He makes public the result of a joint examination by his department and that of Massachusetts, alleging that the capital stock of the American Credit Indemnity company of New York has been so seriously impaired as to necessitate a reduction from \$1,000,000 to \$350,000.

Mr. Hotchkiss and his Massachusetts associate find that as a result of deception by the officers of the company in annual reports the surplus of \$1,178,080, reported to the policy holders, should be reduced \$559,200, the real surplus being only \$618,880.

Mr. Hotchkiss finds that the company declared excessive dividends for the purpose of placing a fictitious value on its stock. He also charges that the company permitted overdrafts to officers of the company, more particularly to President Sidney M. Phelan, whose overdraft amounted to \$30,000, and has conducted its business extravagantly.

The American Credit Indemnity company is a \$1,000,000 corporation, which issues policies guaranteeing merchants against losses because of the failure of debtors having a specified rating in the commercial agencies.

FUNERAL OF MRS. SNEAD.

Her Aunt the Only Relative Present at the Cemetery.

New York, Dec. 9.—The body of Mrs. Okey W. M. Snead, about whose death by drowning in the bathtub of a bare house in East Orange on Nov. 23 there still exist questions unsolved by the police, was buried above a casket containing the body of her infant daughter in Mount Hope cemetery in Westchester county.

Mrs. Mary Snead, aunt of the dead woman and one of the four elderly women who have figured in the unravelling of the circumstances of her mysterious death, was the only relative at the graveside.

Mrs. Mary Snead did not attend the brief funeral services that were held earlier in the day. She had been told that her presence in New Jersey might lead to her being held as a witness by the authorities, and it was not until after the body of her niece had been brought to the New York side that Mrs. Snead, accompanied by Franklin W. Fort, attorney for the accused, Miss Virginia Wardlaw, left her room at 465 West Twenty-second street and went by train to the cemetery. Even then she was accompanied to the edge of the grave by two detectives from the Manhattan central office.

MRS. HAIG TO WED AGAIN.

Daughter of William Astor to Be Bride of Secretary of Embassy.

London, Dec. 9.—William Phillips, secretary of the American embassy, will shortly marry Mrs. Charlotte Augusta Astor Haig, daughter of the late William Astor of New York.

Charlotte Augusta Astor, born in 1858, was the third daughter of William Astor. She was wedded to J. Coleman Drayton in 1879. In 1892 there was talk of a duel between Drayton and Hallet Alsop Borrowes in Europe, but none took place. On March 23, 1896, Chancellor McGill of New Jersey granted Mrs. Drayton a divorce on the ground of desertion.

She married George Ogilvy Haig, a wealthy Scotch distiller, in 1897. He died in 1905 of ptomaine poisoning.

William Astor by a codicil to his will deprived Mrs. Haig of any share in his estate, but Mrs. Astor divided her entire separate estate, said to be very considerable, between two of her daughters, Mrs. Haig and Mrs. Marshall Orme Wilson.

JAPAN MAY ANNEX KOREA.

St. Petersburg Seriously Disturbed Over Danger of a New War.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 9.—Grave information has been received here from Tokyo as to the actual intentions of Japan in regard to Korea. Diplomatic information which cannot be doubted is to the effect that Japan has resumed her former projects of pure and simple annexation of Korea to the Japanese empire.

This political act would be in direct opposition to the treaty of Portsmouth. In case Japan should adopt such a course Russia would be forced to regard herself as grievously offended. It is considered here that the conflict may become a new casus belli.

CHORUS GIRL A BRIDE.

Violet Holton, Stage Milkmaid, Married to Hussar Officer in London.

London, Dec. 9.—Violet Holton, one of the milkmaid chorus in the "Merry Peasant" at the Strand theater, was married here to Allan Hillier Gardner, a lieutenant in the Eighth Hussars and a son of Colonel Gardner, member of parliament for Ross. His mother, Mrs. Gardner, is the eldest daughter of Lord Dunsley.

SHELDON INDICTED

Insurance President Accused of Grand Larceny.

HE IS TOO ILL TO BE MOVED

Loss of the Phenix Company Due to Bad Loans and Wildcat Speculations Said to Exceed \$1,000,000.

New York, Dec. 9.—George P. Sheldon, who was deposed from the presidency of the Phenix Insurance company and is now ill in his country home in Greenwich, Conn., has been indicted by the grand jury on charges of grand larceny to the extent of \$45,000.

How much more than \$45,000 of the Phenix company's money he may have used for his own benefit has not developed, but Insurance Commissioner Hotchkiss says the total loss to the company through bad loans and wildcat speculations will exceed \$1,000,000.

District Attorney Jerome's office has acted in conjunction with the grand



GEORGE PRESTON SHELDON.

jury only upon such evidence as has been turned down to his office by the superintendent of insurance. Mr. Jerome's office will now wait before proceeding to further grand jury inquiry upon the offering of further evidence of irregularity.

The New York district attorney has no official knowledge that Mr. Sheldon is ill or of the extent or seriousness of his illness. The usual routine of extradition is therefore to be gone through. Of course if he is dying he will not be removed to this state. In the meantime Mr. Sheldon's house is being adequately guarded.

The testimony on which the indictment was found was to the effect that Sheldon used the company's funds on four occasions for his own speculative purposes. One transaction involved \$15,000, and there were three other transactions of \$10,000 each.

Mr. Sheldon conducted a speculative account, purporting to be on behalf of the company, with the brokerage firm of Carter, Wilder & Co., with which he deposited securities of the company. He drew drafts against this deposit as president of the company and deposited them to his own private credit with the Chatham National bank.

The witnesses who testified before the grand jury were Edwin H. Carter of the brokerage firm, R. I. Dorems, note teller of the Chatham National bank; Frederick Cutter, a clerk of the brokerage firm, and Charles S. Koster, secretary of the Phenix company.

A dispatch from Greenwich, Conn., says that Mr. Sheldon is constantly taking medicine to keep his heart in action. So far he has had no word conveyed to him of the actions taken in New York against him. No one but his immediate family and physicians see him. He may linger a week or two, but the members of his family say that his death may come at any minute.

JONNESCO HIMSELF OPERATES.

Tumor on Epileptic's Brain Removed Under Stovaine.

New York, Dec. 9.—Four operations in which stovaine was used were performed at the Postgraduate hospital by Dr. Jonnesco, who is conducting the experiments for the surgeons of this country.

The most interesting case was an operation on a twenty-year-old boy who was suffering from a tumor on the brain. The patient had a weak heart, and the doctors said that it would be fatal to administer ether or chloroform. The Roumanian surgeon assured them that stovaine was safe. The patient is doing exceedingly well and has suffered no ill effects.

Weather Probabilities. Fair; continued cold; light westerly winds.

FOR POSTAL SAVINGS BANK.

President Taft It In His Message Against Aldrich's Advice.

Washington, Dec. 9.—It has become known that State President Taft was advised before he wrote that chapter of his message urging the creation of a postal savings bank that Senator Aldrich, Representative Weeks and other members of the national monetary commission were opposed to the passage of a savings bank bill in advance of a report on the subject by the commission.

The leaders in congress admit that it will be difficult to prevent the passage of a measure at this session creating a postal savings bank unless the president can be persuaded not to urge the subject. A member of the monetary commission said:

"I regret very much that Mr. Taft indicated in his message that he desired the creation of a postal savings bank without delay. It is true the party is committed to such an institution, but to my mind it would be unwise to act at this time."

There is a considerable number of senators and representatives who are insistent that now is the time to pass a postal savings bank bill. Among these are such conservatives as Senator Carter of Montana. The radicals are for it almost to a man.

BOARD EXPELS WOMAN.

Miss Elsie Palmer Started a Pacer Out of Its Class.

New York, Dec. 9.—The board of review of the National Trotting association at its session here expelled Miss Elsie Palmer of Pimlico, Md. At the state fair at Pimlico she started the pacer George Beaton, 2:15 1/4, out of his class and under the name of Aristocrat. Miss Palmer and the horse were both expelled.

L. G. Stroub of Belleville, Pa., and Abner J. Reid of Reedsville, Pa., were expelled for starting the horse Charitrix, 2:14 1/4, a pacer, out of his class and under the name of Arizona last fall at the tracks in eastern Pennsylvania. The horse was also expelled.

SHE SUES FOR \$100,000.

Reed Albee Accused of Calling Miss Lee the Dearest Girl in the World.

New York, Dec. 9.—Suit for \$100,000 damages for breach of promise has been brought by Stella Lee, a teacher of dancing, against Reed Albee, a vaudeville broker and son of E. F. Albee, general manager of the Keith & Proctor theaters. Miss Lee alleges that she met Albee at Atlantic City last July and that by Aug. 15 Albee had promised to marry her. She says that on Nov. 26 he told her he intended to marry another girl.

One of the exhibits in the case is a photograph of Albee on which is written: "To the dearest girl in the world. May I ever be able to make her life as happy as she has made mine. With love. Reed."

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Stock Quotations.

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name, Price. Lists various stocks like Amal. Copper, Atchison, B. & O., Brooklyn R. T., Ches. & Ohio, C. C. & St. L., D. & H., Erie, Gen. Electric, Ill. Central, Int.-Met., Louis. & Nash., Manhattan, Missouri Pac., N. Y. Central.

Market Reports.

BUTTER—Steady to firm on top grades; receipts, 5,537; per sack, 22c; state and specials, 24c; extras, 23c; thirds to firsts, 21 1/2c; held, seconds to specials, 23 1/2c; state dairy, common to finest, 23 1/2c; process, firsts to specials, 23 1/2c; western, factory, seconds to firsts, 23 1/2c; imitation creamery, 22c.

CHEESE—Higher and firm; receipts, 2,045 boxes; state, new, full cream, special, 17 1/2c; September, fancy, 17c; October, best, 16 1/2c; late made, best, 15 1/2c; common to good, 15 1/2c; skims, full to specials, 14 1/2c.

EGGS—Firm; receipts, 8,007 cases; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, hennery, white, 45c; gathered, white, 34c; hennery, brown and mixed, fancy, 37 1/2c; gathered, brown, fair to prime, 33 1/2c; western, extra firsts, 32 1/2c; firsts, 32 1/2c; seconds, 25 1/2c; refrigerator special marks, fancy, 23 1/2c; firsts, 22 1/2c; seconds, 20 1/2c.

POTATOES—Easy; Bermuda, No. 1, per bbl., 44c; southern, second crop, No. 1, 42 1/2c; Maine, per sack, 21c; state and western, 18 1/2c; Long Island, 22 1/2c; 502 sweets, Jersey, No. 1, per basket, 75c 1/2; per bbl., 15 1/2c; southern, 15 1/2c.

PIGS—Country dressed roasting pigs, per lb., 12 1/2c; pork, 10 1/2c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Steadier; turkey, nearby, 23 1/2c; selected western, dry picked, 22 1/2c; old time, 20c; fair to prime western, 20 1/2c; old time, per pair, 40c; 1 lb. to pair, per lb., 19 1/2c; western, dry picked, milk fed, 22 1/2c; corn fed, 21 1/2c; scalded, 18 1/2c; roasting chickens, nearby, fancy, 18 1/2c; western, milk fed, fancy, 20 1/2c; corn fed, fancy, 17c; mixed weight chickens, nearby, fancy, 17 1/2c; western, milk fed, 17c; dry picked, corn fed, average best, 15 1/2c; scalded, average best, 15c; Ohio and Michigan, scalded, average best, 14 1/2c; poor, 13 1/2c.

HAY AND STRAW—Steady; timothy, per hundred, 5c; shipping, 60c; clover, mixed, 40 1/2c; clover, 38 1/2c; long rye straw, 20 1/2c; oat and wheat, 16c; half bales, 24c; less.