

MUCH WORK AHEAD, OF NEXT CONGRESS

He Touches on a Number of Things He Expects Will Be Done to Meet Party Pledges. IS INCLINED TO FAVOR COMMERCE COURT PLAN. Ali Frustrates Look a Good Deal Alike to Him--Some Recommendations That He Will Make.

Des Moines, Sept. 20.—President Taft's special arrived here this morning after an uneventful run from Minneapolis. Despite the early hour, thousands had gathered at the union station to bid the nation's chief welcome.

A deafening cheer greeted the president as he stepped from his private car into a circle of admirers and friends from all over Iowa. With the president's review of 5,200 federal troops here this morning, the greatest military tournament in the country began.

Much Work for Congress. In his speech, President Taft said that with the tariff bill out the way he wanted to invite attention to what there is in congress for the republican party to do at the coming regular session, and added that when he looked forward to the next session and realized what there is to be considered, he trembled, lest the session will not be long enough to do all that has been promised.

All Trusts Look Alike. The president declared he knew no way of distinguishing between good and bad trusts, for he considered all combinations to suppress competition in the same category.

Meets Japanese Envoys. Minneapolis, Sept. 20.—President Taft yesterday met the 50 members of the Japanese commercial commission to the United States, bade them a hearty welcome to the country, assured them of the lasting friendship of the American people, paid a tribute to their qualities of industry and patriotism and in conclusion, drank a toast to the emperor of Japan as "the warm and sincere friend of America."

Scouts Idea of Trouble. President Taft scouted the idea that there had ever been the slightest danger of trouble between Japan and America. He paid high compliment to the military valor of Japan when the country was "fighting in defense of her rights and maintenance of her prestige on the field of battle."

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NORTH CAROLINA RAILWAY PROJECTS

Interesting Showing on the New Railway Map Prepared by Henry C. Brown.

CORPORATION COMMISSION IN ANOTHER FREIGHT SUIT. Merchants May Ask for Another Hearing in the General Matter of Freight Rates.

GAZETTE-NEWS BUREAU Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Bolshoin Bldg., Asheville, N. C. Sept. 20. The new railway map of North Carolina, so carefully prepared by Henry C. Brown of the corporation commission and authorized by that body is certainly a popular publication and contains a great deal of valuable information.

The president said in part: "We are a curious people. We have to run our newspapers. We have to have at times a circulation of intelligence among people."

Very sincerely yours, WILLIAM H. TAFT. Preparations at Omaha. Omaha, Neb., Sept. 20.—The most elaborate arrangements have been made for the reception of President Taft here this afternoon at 4:30 p. m. until he shall leave a short before midnight for Denver.

FOR AN HOUR EARTH QUAKED

According to Washington Officials the Center of Activity Was in Brazil. Washington, Sept. 20.—An earthquake of moderate intensity began yesterday afternoon and continued an hour according to the record. Weather bureau officials estimate the center of activity as being located about 100 miles from Washington.

MAUVETANIA LOWERS HER EASTBOUND RECORD

Cuts Three-Quarters of an Hour Off Her Time from New York to Queenstown. Queenstown, Sept. 20.—The Mauretania touched at Queenstown at 23 minutes past 6 o'clock this morning, although delayed by fog, she succeeded in reducing her eastbound record three quarters of an hour.

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JOHNSON BETTER DOCTOR REPORTS

Impression Among Hospital Attaches is That the Governor Will Live.

IS STILL IN GRAVE DANGER ACCORDING TO DR. C. H. MAYO. The Latter Also Says, However, That the Patient's Condition is Improved Somewhat.

Rochester, Minn., Sept. 20.—White Governor Johnson is somewhat better, according to Dr. C. H. Mayo, the doctors still consider the governor in grave danger.

According to his physicians the governor had a good day until shortly after 4 o'clock when he became more restless, his pulse at 6 o'clock reaching 162 and his temperature 100.4. His respiration was fast.

At 6 o'clock p. m. the following bulletin was issued by Dr. McNevin: "Pulse 142, temperature 100.4; respiration a little faster. He has been restless the last hour and a quarter. Accumulations of gas are beginning to appear in the patient. He has held his own today but there is no gain. His vitality is about the same as it was at this time yesterday. The sleep that he has had today has kept him up."

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Dunnington, Hunted by Police for Two Months, is Landed in the Atlanta Jail. Atlanta, Sept. 20.—Hunted by the police authorities of Augusta and Atlanta for two months, R. E. Dunnington, the alleged dangerous lunatic who terrorized a suburb of Augusta the latter part of June, when he barricaded himself in a house and for several days defied a whole squad of heavily armed officers, wounding one deputy and finally escaping, is behind prison bars in Atlanta, charged with assault and battery with intent to murder.

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CAPT. PEARY'S VESSEL IS APPROACHING SYDNEY

Roosevelt, With Exploring Party on Board, is Expected to Reach Port About 5 O'clock. Sydney, N. S. Sept. 20.—The Arctic steamer Roosevelt, with Commander Peary and party on board, passed St. Paul's Island, 45 miles north of here, at 9 o'clock this morning.

STEAMER WARATAH PROBABLY BURNED

There Were 300 Aboard the Vessel, and She Has Not Been Heard from Since July 26. BRITISH STEAMER HARLOW SIGHTED BURNING VESSEL. Ship Exploded and Sank, and Supposition is that She Was the Waratah.

Manila, Sept. 20.—The British steamer Harlow, Captain Bruce, from Newport News June 14, for Fort Natal and Manila, reported that on July 27, while 180 miles from Durban, she passed a steamer at sea.

NEW LIGHT THROWN ON CONTROVERSY

Story That Cook Met Members of Peary Party at Etah, but Told Them Nothing.

Sydney, S. D., Sept. 20.—New light is thrown on the controversy over the discovery of the north pole, on the arrival of the steamer Tyrian, from the Harbor, where the correspondents learned from two members of Commander Peary's expedition that Dr. Frederick A. Cook had met them at Etah and had mentioned nothing of discovering the pole.

When Harry Whitney, George Norcross and Larned turned back to Etah on the Roosevelt, at Etah, to guard the stores.

Cook's Visit to Etah. Murphy, telling of his experience at Etah, said to the newspaper men: "Commander Peary told me to go ashore at Etah to guard the stores which I was taken from the Roosevelt and the Erik. Pritchard was with me. Some time last spring a white man came into camp and Mr. Whitney told me that it was Dr. Cook. He did not stay long in camp and soon went away. Cook looked tired and worn out and said he was hungry. I had an argument with him, as he claimed that some of the stores that we were guarding belonged to him. He only had two Eskimos with him and as all his dogs were dead, the doctor had to pull his own sledges."

None of the Peary party at Battle Harbor would discuss what information had been learned from Harry Whitney, as Commander Peary had given orders that the Cook controversy must not be mentioned. It was commonly reported at Battle Harbor, however, that Peary had some differences with Whitney, who decided that instead of returning to Sydney on the Roosevelt, he would do some shooting in Greenland.

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MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION OF NITRO-GLYCERINE

As Result of Such Explosion Two Hotels in a Pennsylvania Town Were Partly Destroyed. Pittsburgh, Sept. 20.—A mysterious explosion of nitro-glycerine today at West-Brownville, Penn., near here, injured two persons and partly destroyed the Aubrey and Hotel Atwood. The structures adjoined, and the proprietors made an attempt to ruin their places. Several hundred guests were thrown into the greatest excitement when the explosion occurred, and two received injuries in the rush for the outside.

KNOW THAT COOK CLAIMED SUCCESS

Cabin Boy on the Roosevelt and Whitney Heard the Story in April of 1908. DR. COOK CAUTIONED HIM.

Sydney, N. S., Sept. 20.—The tug Douglas T. Thomas arrived here this morning from Battle Harbor, and reported the Roosevelt traveling south. She should be off Sydney at 5 or 6 o'clock this evening, and the buildings of the town, together with shipping in the harbor, are today gay with a fluttering display of flags in anticipation of Commander Peary's return.

According to a statement made last Saturday at Battle Harbor by William Pritchard, cabin boy and assistant cook of the Roosevelt, two persons know as long ago as last April that Dr. Frederick A. Cook claimed he had reached the pole April 21, of 1908. These persons are Harry Whitney, a wealthy sportsman of New Haven, Conn., and Pritchard himself.

They saw Cook at Annotok, Greenland, after his return from the north pole. Pritchard explained Saturday that he kept the news to himself because he did not wish to be dragged into trouble. He was asked how he knew before he came south on the Roosevelt that there was going to be a controversy and declared that Dr. Cook had cautioned him not to speak to anyone until he reached civilization.

Pritchard's reticence with this important news in his possession was a complete surprise to everybody on board the Roosevelt. Pritchard said Cook had only two Eskimos with him at the pole. He said the story was told to Whitney in his presence.

GULF STORM REACHES COAST OF THIS STATE

Blow Felt at Beaufort, and Schooners Are Sussling Under Look-out's Lea. Beaufort, N. C., Sept. 20.—The hurricane that has swept over Cuba and the gulf began to show itself along the coast at this port today. Many three, four and five-masted schooners, fearing a tempest, are coming up under the lee of Cape Lookout in search of safe harbor.

The temperature has fallen considerably since yesterday. Nothing more serious than a stiff northeast wind is expected to be felt here.

Carib Disabled: Weather Grows Worse. The Clyde line steamer Carib, which anchored off Cape Hatteras last night, with her machinery disabled, rode out the night in safety, and is in no immediate danger. She will be towed to Southport, N. C., by the Sabine. At noon the two started south, weather growing worse all the time.

BRISTOL, VA., IS WET, JUDGE KELLY DECIDES

And Preparations Now Underway for Opening Several Saloons. Bristol, Va., Sept. 20.—Judge Kelley this morning decided that the recent local option election was valid and that the town is wet.

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Brooklynites Intend to Show Their Faith That He was at "Top of the World." New York, Sept. 20.—The first of America's two claimants of premier north pole honors will be at the gateway of his home port this evening. Dr. Frederick A. Cook is now approaching New York, and friends of the Brooklyn explorer are putting the finishing touches to a big demonstration with which they intend to show tomorrow their faith in his assertion that he was the first man at the "top of the earth." Dr. Cook will be met down the bay by a large crowd.

New York, Sept. 20.—The Danish steamer Oscar II., with Dr. Frederick A. Cook on board, was reported by wireless 65 miles east of Fire Island at 9:55 this morning.

Reception Plans Unchanged. New York, Sept. 20.—The captain of the Oscar II. was notified by the office of the Scandinavian-American line here to anchor off Sandy Hook all night. A revenue cutter will leave to meet the steamer at Quarantine at 5:30 a. m. tomorrow. This will enable the plans for Cook's reception to be carried out unchanged.

Message from Cook. On Board the Oscar II., off Nantuxet, 8:30 p. m., Sept. 19.—(United States wireless and Marconi wireless telegraph)—To the Associated Press: "My desire to get on American soil increases with every mile left behind by the steamer Oscar II. The vessel is making her best record, though delayed occasionally, making forty-five in the past twenty-four hours."

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In his speech Senator Bailey declared for a low tariff on both raw materials and manufactured articles and defended the declaration in the Texas democratic platform of 1896 which arraigned the Wilson tariff bill for admitting raw materials free of duty while manufactured articles were protected by heavy duties.

"My answer to those who demand free raw material in order that our manufacturers may compete in the markets of the world is that I am willing to take the tax off the raw material whenever they are willing to take the tax off the finished product. I believe that American consumers are as much entitled to the benefit of competition in our markets as American manufacturers are entitled to compete in foreign markets."

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