

PRESIDENT TAFT PLANS TRIP

Itinerary of Chief Executive's Swing Around the Country.

IS A 13,000 MILE JOURNEY

Many Southern and Western Points Are Included in Schedule Announced By the President.

Washington, D. C.—Off for his summer home at Beverly, Mass., President Taft left Washington, he will return to Washington until the middle of November next. Remaining at Beverly with his family until September 15, he will start west that day on a tour that will embrace all or eight of ten of the states of the union and half of the territories in the west.

Various members of the cabinet will visit Beverly during the summer. The president also expects to have several of the cabinet officers with him at different times during his long journey through the west and south. The president will be accompanied by Mr. Dickinson, for instance, probably will be with the president during practically all of the southern end of the tour.

Before his departure, the president made public a tentative outline of his trip through the west and south. It will be a wide swing around practically the entire United States, embracing a journey approximating 13,000 miles—as long as the cruise of the battleship fleet from Hampton Roads, through the Straits of Magellan to San Francisco bay. The trip will be one of the most notable ever made by a president. It will be as diverse as could well be imagined, and to "seeing-all-America" tour could be devised to embrace as many points of interest in so brief a space of time as President Taft will give to his jaunt to the Pacific coast and back through the great states of the south.

During his tour the president will traverse the great gorge of the Rocky Mountains, will visit the Alaska-Yukon exposition at Seattle, will spend three days in the famed Yosemite valley, will stop off at the Grand Canyon of the Colorado and follow the trail down into the depths of that giant abyss, will greet the president of Mexico on the International bridge over the Rio Grande at El Paso on October 16, will take a four days' sail down the Mississippi river, from St. Louis to New Orleans, with various stops en route, and spend four days on the ranch of his brother, Charles F. Taft, near Corpus Christi, Texas.

Starting from the rugged shores of the north coast of Massachusetts, the president goes direct west from Beverly. He will motor into Boston the morning of September 15, on his second birthday—and there board the car which practically will be a moving white house for two months. The president has accepted practically all the invitations that could be crowded into the sixty days aside for the trip, and his acceptance book is closed. There naturally will be many five and ten minute stops not included in the regular itinerary, and many brief little car-and speeches, but the tour is now arranged to all intents and purposes complete.

President Taft will spend two days, September 30 and October 1, "doing" the Alaska-Yukon exposition. Visiting Houston the forenoon of Saturday, October 23, the president proceeds to Dallas the afternoon of 24, spending Saturday evening and all of Sunday. From Dallas, the president proceeds direct to St. Louis to begin his four days' trip down that historic waterway. He reaches St. Louis at 7:27 a. m. the morning of Monday, October 25, and will leave at 4 p. m. on the steamer assigned to him by the Deep Waterway Association, which is to hold its convention in New Orleans upon the president's arrival there. Following the great trip of Monday, a spectacular flotilla river craft, one of the trailing boats will be assigned to the thirty governors of states who have accepted invitations to make the trip down the river and to attend the convention. Another boat will be assigned to a congressional delegation of more than one hundred members. The first stop on the river will be at Cairo, Ill., at 8:30 a. m., Tuesday, October 25. The second stop will be at Hickman, Ky., at 2:30 p. m., the president making brief stops at other places. Arriving at Memphis, Tenn., at 8 a. m., Wednesday, October 27, the president will make an address at 3 p. m., and that afternoon at 5 o'clock will speak at Helena, Ark. On Thursday, the 28th, at 2:30 p. m., the president will make a speech at Vicksburg, New Orleans will be reached about 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. The river journey also will include short stops

LATE NEWS NOTES.

General. The financial budget of France, besides a progressive tax on incomes, provides for a progressive tax on dogs, ranging from \$5 a head on the watchdog to upward of \$5 a head on dogs "de luxe" when more than fifty are owned by the same person.

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ALABAMA TIGHTENS THE LID.

Carmichael Bill Providing for State-wide Prohibition Passed House.

Montgomery, Ala.—The Carmichael bill providing for state-wide prohibition was passed by the house by a vote of 75 to 19. The first real struggle of the present extra session came in the debate on the Carmichael bill—a basis measure for a chain of prohibition bills to be enacted this session.

Places of reputed violation may be reached by injunction secured by officers or citizens of the chancery court, by which doors can be closed and the burden of proof put upon the accused to establish innocence. Places of suspicion may be declared a nuisance in the same way and closed up, and in every case the possession of a United States license to sell is prima facie evidence of guilt.

TAFT URGES GOOD ROADS.

President Wants a Great Highway from Washington to Richmond. Washington, D. C.—President Taft has again indicated his interest in good roads, the latest expression being elicited in connection with a movement for better highways in Virginia, this taking shape in an immediate plan to send a special commission to Richmond, Va., a letter on the subject, the president says: "I regard this as a part of the general good roads movement in the country, and I have pleasure in saying that there is no movement that I know of that will have a more direct effect to alleviate the difficulties and burdens of the farmer's life, will stimulate the traffic and add to the general happiness of the people more than the establishment of good roads throughout the country. I do not think that because this may have been stimulated by people using automobiles it is to be frowned upon, for while persons using automobiles are by no means the most important in the community, the fact that their sharp interest has focused the attention of the public on the movement entitles them to credit.

Panama Bond Issue Delayed.

Washington, D. C.—None of the new Panama bonds authorized by congress at the session just closed will be issued before congress meets again, and has had an opportunity to announce the existing circulation tax. Announcement of this effect was made in a statement issued by Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh.

Japanese Strike Off.

Honolulu, Hawaii.—The strike of more than 6,000 Japanese plantation laborers, which has been in progress for two months and has caused much loss to the planters in the islands, was declared off by the Japanese of the islands.

Nation to Observe State Holidays.

Washington, D. C.—A bill providing that the federal government shall participate in the state legal holidays by closing all its offices within a state on any day set aside by that state, was introduced by Representative Kahn of Georgia.

NEW TARIFF MEASURE

President Signs Payne Bill and Law Is Now in Force.

CONGRESS HAS ADJOURNED

President Taft Says the Bill as Passed Redeems Republican Party Platform Promises.

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INVENTION WILL CHANGE WARFARE.

American Has Worked Out a Plan to Paralyze All War Engines.

SCHOOL FOR TUBERCULAR CHILDREN.

Novel Institution Opened in Chicago Has Thirty Pupils.

Chicago, Ill.—Chicago has the distinction of being the first city in the United States to open a school for tubercular children, maintained and supported by the board of education. This novel school, which will resemble a tented city, was opened on the grounds of the Harvard school, Seventh street and Vincennes avenue. The board of education will supply tents, grounds, equipment and teaching services, while the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute will furnish the food, transportation and medical services.

KNIGHTS COLUMBUS ELECT OFFICERS.

Flaherty Chosen President By the International Convention at Mobile.

Mobile, Ala.—At the second day's session of the supreme council, Knights of Columbus, in twenty-seventh annual session here, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: James A. Flaherty of Philadelphia, supreme knight; H. M. Carmody, Grand Rapids, Mich.; deputy supreme knight; Daniel J. Callaghan, Washington, national treasurer; J. M. Gineley, New York city, national secretary; J. C. Pelletier, Boston, national advocate; Dr. E. W. Buckley, Minneapolis, national physician; T. J. McLaughlin, Newark, N. J., national warden.

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NORTH STATE NEWS NOTES

Items of State Interest Gathered from Here and There and Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

Annual Veterans' Meeting.

Cornelius, Special.—The annual meeting of Confederate Veterans was attended Thursday by a drenching rain in the morning, but the rains ceased and all entered upon the joys that always attend these meetings.

Madison Held For Jury.

Mooreville, Special.—The preliminary trial of Glenn Madison for the killing of Terrell Sherrill Saturday morning was held before C. V. Voils, Tuesday afternoon before a crowded room. Henry Wilson, a negro man, swore that he heard Madison tell Sherrill about a week ago that he would kill him about a girl they were going with but thought nothing of it at the time as they were both young boys.

Insurance Men Meet.

Wilmington, Special.—The meeting of the North Carolina Association of Fire Underwriters convened Wednesday at the Seashore Hotel with between fifty and seventy-five members in attendance.

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Williamston Market.

Williamston, Special.—The tobacco market opened Tuesday for another year for the sale of the weed. The excessive rains of the past week caused the sales not to amount to as much as was anticipated, but there were about twenty thousand pounds sold. The prices were not as good at the opening of the season last year.

Ralph Huggins Released.

Asheville, Special.—The habeas corpus hearing for the release of Ralph Huggins, the 12-year-old boy of Henderson county, alleged to be restrained of his liberty, will not be had. The magistrate who had refused the lad bail on appeal, reconsidered and the boy is now out of jail. Huggins was given a 30 days' sentence for a fight with another boy. The Huggins boy declares that he whipped his opponent because the other boy "jumped on his crippled brother."

Twin City Delegation Goes After Auto Highway.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The first delegation to Roanoke to urge the claims of Winston-Salem for place on the national automobile highway left Friday, some by train and others in motor cars. Messrs. C. B. Watson, William N. Reynolds, P. H. Hanes and other prominent business men were in the party, and they will secure what they go after, it is expected.

Complaint Filed.

The citizens of Watauga county have filed with the Corporation Commission a complaint against the Valle Crucis, Shawneelaw and L. E. Park Turnpike Company for reduction and adjustment of tolls from Elk Park to Valle Crucis.

Crazy Man Sells Cocaine.

Goldboro, Special.—A negro, Otto Mitchell, was tried in the mayor's court on the serious charge of selling cocaine. Developments proved that even were the accusation true, the prisoner could not be held responsible for he was found to be an inmate of the nearby colored asylum, recently escaped, for whom a search has been made throughout the past week.

Burglar Makes Escape.

Spencer, Special.—The store of the McDaniel-Klutz Drug Company at Spencer was entered by an unknown burglar at midnight Wednesday night, who escaped without a clue to his identity. R. I. Grantham, manager of the business, left the store at a late hour the previous evening and returned at midnight for some medicine for a customer and upon entering the prescription department found the intruder hiding behind the counter. He fled out a back door, which he had opened, and escaped in the darkness.

Increase for Spencer Shops.

Spencer, Special.—It is stated here that a considerable increase in appropriation for work in the Spencer shops has been made by the Southern Railway. The amount of the increase cannot be given, but it is said to be a substantial gain over previous months and that a number of skilled mechanics, boiler makers and other classes of workmen will be required to produce the quota of work for this point.

REMARKABLE FUNERAL RITES.

Woman's Ashes Scattered to the Four Winds of the Earth. Chicago, Ill.—Remarkable funeral rites took place when the ashes of Mrs. Rosa Peyton were scattered to the four winds in mid-lake. Her husband, Dr. L. S. Peyton, was lost in Lake Michigan, with seventy-five other victims in the wreck of the Albatross, an excursion steamer.

BIRMINGHAM IS "DRY."

Lid is Put on Tight in Alabama City. Birmingham, Ala.—Birmingham is probably the driest city in the United States. Nothing like it has been seen since the first prohibition law went into effect twenty months ago.