

VITAL QUESTIONS OF GOVERNMENT TO BE TAFT'S THEMES

On His 13,000 Mile Swing Will Talk Little of Politics Statement Made

TO TELL HOW THINGS ARE RUN IN CAPITAL

Trusts and How to Deal With Them Will Come in For Much Consideration

BEVERLY, Mass., Sept. 9.—President Taft is going west to educate the country. His 13,000-mile swing around the circle that begins next Friday and winds up forty-six days later, is to be flavored as little as possible with politics and is to be as broadly instructive on vital questions of government as he can make it.

BEATTIE BITTERLY DENOUNCES JURY'S VERDICT AS UNFAIR

His Steel-Bound Composure Not Broken Even With Death Staring Him in the Face—Visit of Father Causes Henry to Shed Tears.

CHESTERFIELD COURT HOUSE, Va., Sept. 9.—Thought of impending doom—death in the electric chair on November 24—did not break the steel-bound composure of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., today as he spent his first day in a cell here as a convict for the murder of his wife.

wealth's principal witness, yet sympathetic for the man for whom he bought the fatal gun, all ignorant of the evil purpose it was to fill, four days later.



CHINESE SITUATION BECOMES SERIOUS NO MESSAGES YET FROM FOREIGNERS

Those Assembled at Ching-Fu May be in Dire Danger—Thirty Americans are Among the Number, all But One Being Missionaries—Petitions Presented to Throne Asking That Railway Program be Rescinded.

PEKING, Sept. 9.—Three days no messages have been received from the hundred foreigners gathered at Ching-Fu, the capital of Szechuen province, for safety from the mobs which have been running riot in the surrounding districts for some time past.

lines which have been projected by the government, aided by foreign capital. It is pointed out that a surrender on the part of the government would mean the gravest calamities.

miles north of the Yang-Tze river. There 500,000 men, women and children, were herded into huts made of mud and reeds.

JOHN ASTOR AT LAST GETS SOMEBODY TO UNITE HIM IN WEDLOCK TO MISS FORCE

Gets Rev. Joseph Lambert, of Congregational Church, R. I., to do the Job

LEAVE ON A YACHT

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 9.—After having kept the country in doubt for several weeks, Colonel John Jacob Astor and Miss Madeline Talmadge of New York, were married today at Beechwood, the bridegroom's home near here.

DESPERATE NEGRO DIES AT HANDS OF A MOB IN ARKANSAS COMMUNITY

Slashed Throat of a Young White Woman and Killed One of His Own Race

HANGED ON STREET

AUGUSTA, Ark., Sept. 9.—After he had slashed the throat of Mrs. Albert Vaughan, daughter of a white farmer, shot and killed one of his own race and assaulted an aged negro, Arthur Dean, a negro, was taken in hand by a mob of white men and negroes today and hanged from a mill shed on the principal street of Augusta.

BRITONS AGAIN GO DOWN TO DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF AMERICAN SPORTSMEN

Larned and McLaughlin Capture Laurels in International Tennis Meet

HEADED FOR FINALS

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—America scored heavily today in the first series of preliminary matches to determine whether players of this country or Great Britain shall constitute the challenging team for the Davis international lawn tennis cup now held by Australia.

HOWARD A. FOUSHEE TO SUCCEED JUDGE BIGGS

Durham Man Will Serve as Judge of Ninth Judicial District Till Election

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 9.—Howard A. Foushee, of Durham, wins the commission as judge for the ninth judicial district to fill out the unexpired term of Judge J. Crawford Biggs, resigned, to serve until the next general election.

MYSTERY ATTACHES TO SUICIDE WHILE AT SEA

Letter is Found in Dead Man's Pocket Saying He Had Gone Crazy

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 9.—J. H. Williams, aged 55 years, said to be from Jacksonville, Fla., killed himself early today aboard the Clyde liner Iroquois, while at sea.

BELIEVED CHILD FOUND IN LAKE MONO MURDERED

Body of Seven-Year-Old Child Found by Laborer in Discolored State

MADISON, Wis., Sept. 9.—That little Annie Lemberger, the seven-year-old child, whose body was found in Lake Mono today, was murdered in the opinion of Dr. H. E. Purcell and Dr. Joseph Dean who made an examination of the body today.

ATTEMPT TO DYNAMITE PLANT

TOLEDO, O., Sept. 9.—An attempt to wreck the plant of the J. M. Bear company, coffee and tea importers, was made tonight when three bombs were exploded in an alley in the rear of the plant.

FREIGHT DISCRIMINATION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Discrimination in freight rates against Boston, Georgia, and in favor of Thomasville, Ga., is alleged and an equitable adjustment asked in a complaint filed today with the interstate commerce commission by the ayor and council of Boston against the Atlantic Coast Line and various other railroads.



WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Forecast: North Carolina; probably fair in interior; local showers on coast Sunday and Monday; light variable winds.

PENITENTIARY FOR THREE YEARS FOR BRIBERY OFFENSE

Rodney Diegle, Former Sergeant of Arms of Ohio State Senate, Sentenced

SLUMPED FORWARD IN CHAIR AND WEPT

Diegle Alleged to Have Been Go-Between in Alleged Bribery of Legislators

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 9.—For aiding and abetting in the alleged bribery of State Senator L. R. Andrews, three years penitentiary sentence today was imposed on former sergeant at arms of the Ohio state senate.

Sentence, however, was suspended until September 18, 1912, to allow the case to be carried to the circuit court. The offense for which Diegle was convicted was charged against him following the disclosure of alleged grafting among the state legislators last winter.

With Diegle nine other members of the legislature and one attaché of the senate were indicted. They were Senators Crawford, Andrews, Huffman, Cetons and Dean. Representatives Lowery, Nye, Avery and Evans and Stanley Harrison, assistant sergeant at arms of the senate.

After hearing the judge's sentence Diegle slumped forward in his chair and wept.

REPEAL OF PROHIBITORY AMENDMENT OF MAINE'S CONSTITUTION AT ONCE

Both Sides Claiming Victory in Election to Take Place Tomorrow

ESTIMATES MADE

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 9.—The probable vote of the rural districts is the uncertain factor in all forecasts tonight of the outcome of the special elections to be held Monday upon the repeal of the liquor prohibitory amendment of the Maine constitution.

"I expect now as I have from the first, that we shall win a victory for constitutional prohibition in Maine. I don't believe the business men of Maine will vote to inaugurate a system that will bring the saloons in competition with their business life, and I don't believe that taxpayers generally will adopt a plan that will raise their taxes and endanger their families."

- ++ CITIZEN'S CONTEST CLOSES ++
++ The Citizen's great \$5,440 popularity contest closed last night ++
++ promptly at 10 o'clock. The end ++
++ was marked by brisk voting and ++
++ much interest was displayed by ++
++ candidates and their friends. The ++
++ contest throughout has been con- ++
++ ducted in the utmost good nature ++
++ and in the fairest possible man- ++
++ ner. The committee to award the ++
++ prizes will meet at 8 o'clock to- ++
++ morrow evening at The Citizen ++
++ office to canvass the vote, and ++
++ the winners will be announced by ++
++ Tuesday morning's Citizen. The ++
++ following Asheville gentlemen ++
++ have kindly consented to act as ++
++ the canvassing committee: ++
++ CAPT. J. F. SAWYER, ++
++ President Batters Park Bank, ++
++ R. M. FITZPATRICK, ++
++ Cashier American National Bank, ++
++ P. R. ALLEN, ++
++ Manager Insurance Department ++
++ Wachovia Loan & Trust Co., ++
++ H. A. DUBHEAN, ++
++ Proprietor Durham Music Co. ++