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QUEEN OF THE SEAS IS THE NEW LUSITANIA

She Made the Most Delightful as Well as the Fastest Voyage

MRS. PALMER SAYS SO BY WIRELESS TO THE TIMES

One of the Best Traveled Women of America Says the Fast New Ocean Liner Afforded Her and Fellow Passengers the Most Pleasant, as Well as the Most Rapid, Trip Across the Atlantic She Ever Experienced—Not a Case of Sea-Sickness on Board—Lusitania is a Modern Hotel Afloat and a Marvel For Speed and Comfort—Will Get the Time Down to Four Days.

(By MRS. POTTER PALMER.)
(Wireless Message to The Times, Transmitted from New York.)
This special Marconigram to the Hearst News Service—by wireless from the Lusitania, while 689 miles off Sandy Hook, Sept. 12.

Through the Hearst News Service we send greetings to all my friends in the United States of America. All on board are well. There has been no seasickness.

I am delighted to be home again—home, I say, although we are 689 miles east of Sandy Hook, but cutting through the water at such a remarkable rate that it will not be long now before we see the shores of our country again.

There is a splendid company aboard and every one is enthused over the run we are making.

It is the most delightful trip I have ever experienced on the Atlantic and we all hope that it will be a record-breaker for speed. I am charmed with the vessel—it is a marvel for speed and for comfort. The luxurious modern hotels are not more homelike. This ocean greyhound, as it were, with big open fireplaces and all its admirable fittings, revolutionizes ocean travel.

We are all so confident in the wonders of the Lusitania that we believe this trip will shorten the distance between the continents to four days.

The captain himself cannot be more enthusiastic than the passengers.

Daily Rate of Speed.
New York, Sept. 12—3 p. m.—The probable time of Lusitania's arrival is now set at 7 a. m., tomorrow.

Daily runs so far reported: First day, 561 miles; second day, 575 miles; third day, 570 miles; best previous record for a day's run, 601 miles.

Best previous record from Queens-town to Sandy Hook, made by the Lucania, 5 days, 7 hours and 25 minutes.

Probably time of Lusitania, 4 days and 23 hours.

Average time Lusitania is making, 23.8 miles an hour.

Arrival Expected Early in Morning.
(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Sept. 12.—The Lusitania, the new giant Cunarder, is expected to reach Sandy Hook before 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The last wireless message from the vessel indicated that she was well this side of the Sable Island today and was ploughing through the waves at the reduced speed of 20 1/2 knots an hour. It was believed that this speed would be materially increased, perhaps to 26 knots, during the day and that the new turbine ship might be reported off Sandy Hook as early as 4 o'clock tomorrow morning.

If the Lusitania reaches the hook by 4 a. m. tomorrow she will have reduced the ocean-crossing record to four days and seventeen hours, smashing the record of five days, seven hours and twenty-three minutes which has been held by the Lucania since 1894.

RUNAWAY HORSE KILLS NOTED WOMAN

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Lexington, Ky., Sept. 12.—Miss Judith Morton, a society leader here, noted horse woman and well known, was killed by a fall from a runaway horse here today.

She made her will the day before her death and told her mother on leaving for a ride from which she never returned, that if she did not return her will was made.

Her father, Judge Jere Morton, made a thirty mile race in a special inter-urban car to see his daughter, but she died just before his arrival.

ANTONIO FORGONE.



Antonio Forgone, a black hand criminal, and his victim, Mrs. Lorenzo Nicolini, whom, in his attempt to murder after she refused to pay \$100 which he demanded, he badly slashed with a knife. Forgone, who is said to be one of the most desperate blackmail operators in New York, was captured after a wild auto chase.

DIVORCED FROM HIS MILLIONS

E. W. Vanderbilt Formally Declared Insane

VERDICT GIVEN TODAY

Aged Millionaire Husband of Brooklyn Spiritualist May Pepper, is Adjudged Incompetent—Suit was Brought by His Daughter, Who Alleged Bad Influence of Her Step-mother.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Sept. 12.—Edward Ward Vanderbilt, aged millionaire husband of May Pepper, the Brooklyn spiritualist, was pronounced mentally incompetent by the sheriff's jury in Brooklyn today.

The jury retired at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. At 10:30, having reached no agreement the men were locked up for the night. At 9 this morning the jury announced that they had reached an agreement and the counsel and court attaches were brought into court.

The foreman of the jury handed a sealed verdict to the commissioner. When read it disclosed the fact that the jury had sustained the contention of Miss Minerva Vanderbilt that her father was incompetent to manage his affairs, owing to the influence of Mrs. Pepper-Vanderbilt.

An interesting development in the case today is the statement of Caroline B. Darrow, the "mysterious woman in blue," who testified that Mrs. Pepper's sister, Harriet, was the actual partner of the spiritualist firm.

DR. P. R. LAW ILL IN CHARLOTTE HOSPITAL.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 12.—Rev. Dr. P. R. Law, editor of the Presbyterian Standard, has been suffering a good deal lately with asthma and has been threatened recently with a nervous breakdown; so much so that he has entered the Presbyterian Hospital for treatment. His condition is not serious, and he expects to be out in a few days.

BONDS FOR A NEW TRUNK LINE

Four Western Counties to Appeal to Supreme Court in Case of Agt. Wood

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The Plan Starts Construction at Bat Cave, Henderson County, Through Hendersonville, Asheville, Waynesville, on to Knoxville—At Knoxville the "Ellen X." Will Form Connection For a Through Trunk Line.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Asheville, Sept. 12.—The commissioners of Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania and Polk counties have issued calls for special elections to be held October 17, to allow the people of these counties to vote on issues, bonds to aid in the construction of a competing trunk line of railroad. The commissioners of Haywood county will issue a call in a few days. The magnitude and possibilities of this great railroad project would fill columns.

The plan, however, contemplates the construction of a trunk line from Bat Cave, in Henderson county, through Hendersonville, Asheville, and Waynesville, and thence to Knoxville. The money is in hand to do the work provided the counties show the proper interest and vote the aid bonds, the bonds, however, to be exchanged for an equivalent amount of stock in the railroad. The line is to be built from Bat Cave to Turnpike, near the H. O. county line by the Appalachian Interurban Railroad Company, the stock in which is owned by citizens in this and Henderson counties. At Bat Cave the new road will connect with a road to be constructed to Rutherfordton, which establishes the desired competing connection with the south and east. At Turnpike the road will be built extended to Knoxville.

At Knoxville there will be established connection with the L. & N. The cost of construction, it is estimated will aggregate seven million dollars and the money has been secured. If the counties vote the bonds the contract for the construction of the road, which has been signed, will forthwith become operative and work will commence this year. Buncombe county is asked to vote \$200,000, Haywood about the same amount and the other counties about \$50,000 each. The construction of the line from Bat Cave to Turnpike is to be co-incident with the construction of the line from Turnpike to Knoxville. The Asheville Retail Merchants Association, the local board of trade and prominent citizens of other counties have been at work on the project for nine months and have finally gotten the matter in such shape that it now looks as though this section will have another railroad.

AGAIN--IT MUST BE ROOSEVELT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, D. C., Sept. 12.—Representative John W. Langley, of the tenth Kentucky district, came into Washington fresh from his state and talks with representative members of the republican party of the Blue Grass region.

"There is no mistaking the sentiment of the people of Kentucky," said Mr. Langley. "They want Mr. Roosevelt to be the president for another term and hope he will permit the use of his name. If Mr. Roosevelt holds out in his determination not to permit his name to go before the convention, then the Kentucky delegates will be divided among Taft, Foraker and Fairbanks."

And Still Another.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 12.—P. J. McCumber, United States senator from North Dakota, who is here to attend the national encampment of the G. A. R., says that in all probability there will be such an insistent demand that the next national convention for President Roosevelt that he will be compelled to accept the nomination for a third term.

SOUTHERN TEST CASE GOES UP

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Asheville, N. C., Sept. 12.—The habeas corpus case on appeal to the supreme court of the United States in which James H. Wood, district assessor agent of the Southern Railway Company here, is defendant, will be sent up not later than September 18. The clerk of the United States court here is at work preparing the record.

This is the case in which Wood was indicted and sentenced to the chain-gang for violating the rate law by selling tickets for more than 2 1/2 cents. Judge Pritchard released the prisoner on habeas corpus and the state's counsel appealed. The case is returnable at Washington on October 8. Judge Pritchard has signed the certificate of appeal and issued the citation. The state's attorneys submit an assignment of nine errors. The chief one is first "that the court erred in assuming jurisdiction of the matter at issue."

Other Asheville News.

The Western Union office here has received two additional operators to take the place of strikers. The office is still handling the business but with some delay. Thus far none of the strikers has deserted.

The Warren Bros. Bitulithic Paving Company will this week complete its last contract with the city to pave several streets, and with the completion of this contract no more streets will be paved for perhaps a couple of years. It is interesting to note that during the past four years Asheville has laid on her streets approximately 140,000 square yards of bitulithic paving at a cost of something less than \$300,000. This paving addition to the great amount of brick and stone paving that had already been laid in addition to the many lineal miles of brick and concrete sidewalks. During the past four years the Warren Bros. have paved fully 25 of the principal residential and business streets of the city. Asheville boasts that it has more paved streets than any city of its size in the country.

HOKE SMITH FOR THE U. S. SENATE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 12.—The latest topic of discussion in political circles is the probability of Governor Hoke Smith opposing Hon. A. S. Clay for the United States senate next year.

A lively discussion arose over the question between many of the prominent ones, who heard the governor's political address at Sparta, Ga., on Tuesday and the belief is growing that he will aspire to fill Senator Clay's seat.

Judge F. L. Little, of Sparta, an enthusiastic supporter of Governor Hoke Smith, in speaking of the governor's chance for the toga said: "This is undoubtedly the step for Governor Smith to take. I believe he can be elected easily. He swept over Georgia and it is but natural that he should be swept in the highest office within the gift of the people of Georgia on its crest."

THORNTON IS SENATOR FOR FAIRFAX COUNTY.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Alexandria, Va., Sept. 12.—According to the revised returns R. Ewell Thornton, of Fairfax county, defeated Lewis H. Meachen, of this city, by a small plurality in the democratic primary in the fourteenth senatorial district for the nomination of a candidate for the state senate.

NEW DISEASE CALLED INFANTILE PARALYSIS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Sept. 12.—The epidemic of infantile paralysis in this city is assuming alarming proportions, according to the reports of hospital physicians, who have the disease under observation in the hope of discovering the germ which is supposed to be responsible for the infection. There are now under treatment in various hospitals between 300 and 400 children who have the disease well developed and most of whom will be hopeless cripples for the rest of their lives.



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BIG MONEY FOR THE BIG DITCH

What Construction of Panama Canal is Costing

80 MILLIONS SO FAR

And the Work is Yet in Its Infancy. But the Fifty Millions Purchase Money Paid the French Government Must Be Deducted—Some Interesting New Figures Just Available.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, D. C., Sept. 12.—The Panama Canal cost the American government \$84,449,000 up to December 31, 1906, according to a statement of the audited expenditures made as of that date and just published. The bulk of this expenditure was the \$50,000,000 to the French company and the Panama government for canal property, right of way, and franchise, and \$3,499,622 went for material and supplies.

For general administration there was expended \$1,244,226; government and sanitation, \$4,381,989, and construction and engineering, \$9,729,554. Other expenses include \$12,138,852 under the head of plant, which includes rolling stock, machinery, second main track on isthmus, building and zone and waterworks.

Eighteen Months Before Masonry Work Begins.

Actual masonry work it is believed can be commenced at the Gatun locks, of the isthmian canal within eighteen months, according to a statement made in the canal record, copies of which have been received. Railroad trestles are being erected across the line that will mark the inside and outside boundaries of the big dam at Gatun and from one of these dirt trains are dumping dirt upon the site of the dam.

Acquisition of European Laborers.

A plan by which European laborers on the isthmus of Panama may bring their families to that place is under consideration by the canal commission. It contemplates the erection of cheap houses on small tracts of lands, establishing settlements in close proximity to the work along the canal. The colonization of these people, it is believed, will give a steady and permanent supply of the best labor available for the canal work and will result in clearing and improving a good portion of the land belonging to the commission on the canal zone.

Exclusive of the contract laborers brought to the isthmus of Panama at the expense of the canal commission during the fiscal year ended June 30, last, the number of immigrants arriving at Colon, to which port comes practically all the laborers for the canal, was in excess of 7,134. At the Pacific terminal the number of passengers who left there during the fiscal year was 1,315 less than the number who entered. From the total force of canal employes on the roll in July, 1906, the death rate was 64 per 1,000, against 35 per 1,000 in July, 1907.

WHAT BRYAN TOLD THE CONDUCTOR.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Kachno, Wis., Sept. 12.—A bit of information as to the probable candidacy of William Jennings Bryan for president of the United States on the democratic ticket has come to light here.

Frank Murphy, a conductor, running from Chicago to Central, Iowa, had Mr. Bryan as a passenger. He was telling Mr. Bryan how badly his mother, Bridget Murphy, eighty years old, felt because he was defeated for president. Mr. Bryan inquired what the sentiment was in regard to his again being a candidate. When told it was favorable, he said perhaps he would again make the run.

THE PECULIARITIES OF A PECULIAR WILL.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 12.—One of the most peculiar documents recorded by the register's office was the will of Sophia Beck, of 1434 Ridge avenue. The will, disposing of an estate valued at \$1,700, enters into a partial history of the marital experience of Mrs. Beck, and among other references to Thomas Beck, the husband, styles him a "curiosity."

In an appended letter intended as a codicil it is stated that he obtained a \$5 advance from his life partner to pay the marriage fee. He is bequeathed \$5.

ROGERS, GREY EAGLE OF OIL TRUST, IS VERY ILL

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Boston, Mass., Sept. 12.—Henry H. Rogers, the Standard Oil magnate, is a very sick man. So sick, indeed, is the "Grey Eagle" of the oil trust that at least three more months must pass before he can be approached on business or appear as a witness in court.

This startling testimony was given today before Judge Hammond in the superior court by Dr. Pratt, of New Bedford, in the case of Cadwallader M. Raymond, who is suing the Standard Oil Company for \$15,000,000 for infringement on patents that render refined petroleum non-explosive.

While Mr. Rogers is slowly improving his condition is such that much time must elapse before he can transact any business or appear as a witness.

"Mr. Rogers, who is 70 years old, seems to be suffering from general debility. For several months past, as at present, his health was such that no one could be allowed to see him on business matters. He goes to bed at 6 o'clock each night. Only once during this period did he leave his home at Fair Haven, Conn., to go to New York, where he stayed but one hour."

The case in which the multi-millionaire is one of the defendants was decided in favor of the trust by a master to whom it was referred. The present action is the result of the master's decision.

GEN. DRUDE MAKES THINGS HOT FOR THE TRIBESMEN

Paris, Sept. 12.—General Drude, commanding the French fortress in Morocco, today captured and burned the town of Tahaddart, seventy-five miles northwest of Cassablanca, inflicting terrible loss on the Moors.

A large force of the Moors, led by many assembled chiefs from the interior, had camped at Tahaddart, and it was believed that they contemplated an attack on either Tangier or Dar-el-Beda.

General Drude sent a heavy force of troops to Tahaddart, which lies a few miles back from the coast, and in the morning, and attacked the Moors. The fighting was fierce for several hours, resulting in the complete rout of the tribes, the slaughter of a large number of their troops and the burning of the camp.

The French lost one man killed and six injured, according to the official advices received here from General Drude.

In the engagement French warships stood off the coast, covering by a heavy fire the landing of large forces of marines which joined in the battle. It is believed here that this victory will completely discourage the Moors from any further attempt to take possession of the northwest corner of the Moroccan country.

PAINFUL TASK FOR JUDGES

(Special Cable to The Times.)
London, Sept. 12.—Napoleon Bird, the champion long distance piano player, has accepted a match to play David Monks, an aspirant to the title for \$500 a side. The challenger has a tremendous task on his hands, for in winning the title Mr. Bird played for 48 consecutive hours. During this period he rendered 1,599 compositions, and accompanied vocal and instrumental solos at four concerts.

He played nearly everything from memory. He is fed lightly while playing a match, sips an occasional drink of brandy, and when stooped is sprayed with Eau de Cologne.

MURDERED BY HIS BROTHER

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Columbus, O., Sept. 12.—Sherman Long, a carpenter 42 years old, was murdered at 8 o'clock last night at his home, 703 South Fifth street, by his brother-in-law, Frank Miller, aged 59, a basket maker. After killing him Miller fired at Long's son, Jacob, then ran out of the house and climbing into his buggy drove rapidly away. He was captured three hours later at his home. A charge of murder was placed against him.

The tragedy was the outgrowth of trouble between Miller and his wife, a sister of Mrs. Long. It is claimed that Miller beat his wife and that she at times went to her sister's home for protection.