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PRESIDENT HALF THROUGH

Today Finishes the First Half of His Long Tour of the Country

STANDS THE TRIP WELL

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Walla-Walla, Wash., Oct. 7.—Coming into Washington President Taft finished the first half of his tour. Since leaving Beverly, September 15, the President has travelled 6,456 miles, traversed sixteen states and made over a hundred speeches. Two thousand railroad men have been concerned in handling his train. So far the President has stood the trip remarkably well. It seems he has withstood the inconvenience of three weeks in sleeping cars better than the younger men of the party.

The program here included the usual inspection of the town by automobile and an address. From Walla-Walla the President goes to Lewiston and Moscow, Idaho, and Spokane, Wash. He leaves Spokane tonight for Tacoma and Seattle. From Tacoma tomorrow the President will be taken by automobile up the slopes of Mount Ranier. In Seattle Monday the President will be former Secretary Ballinger's guest.

President's Train Stalled. Baker, Oregon, Oct. 7.—President Taft's train was delayed thirty minutes last night by a stalled mail train. The air hose on the mail train was cut by unknown persons. The cutting of the hose was a recurrence of a similar event Thursday night. The railroad officials have placed a special watch to prevent a repetition.

Strike-breaker Beaten. Chicago, Oct. 7.—Edward Bloom, aged forty, a non-union machinist in the Illinois Central shops, was beaten insensibly by unidentified assailants, believed to be strike sympathizers. Fifty hooligans and their helpers returned to work at the Burnside shops. Railroad officials say three hundred striking rhotmen have returned to work.

Auto Race Postponed. Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 7.—The two hundred mile automobile race, scheduled at Fairmont Park, in which some of the country's noted drivers were to participate has been postponed until Monday, because of rain.

Two Schooners Abandoned. St. Pierre, Oct. 7.—Unable to weather the terrific gale, raging off this port, the schooners Xeniphen and Adventure were abandoned. The vessels were heavily fish laden. The crews were brought here.

TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE ARE LEFT HOMELESS

Lacrosse, Wisconsin, Oct. 7.—Two thousand inhabitants of Black River Falls are without food or shelter after spending the night on the hills, watching the waters from the flood of Black River overrun the town. The town continues off from the world. The mayor sent out an appeal for assistance, saying the people need food and tents in which to live until homes are rebuilt.

Town Blotted Out. Black River, Wisconsin, Oct. 7.—This town of two thousand inhabitants, was almost blotted from the map, by the flood water of Black River. Only a few of sixty one business blocks escaped the raging water's fury. There is no loss of life.

INCREASE IS VERY SLIGHT

City's Revenue For Coming Year Little More Than It Has Been In Previous Years

ASSESSMENTS TOO LOW

Large Number of Reductions on Individual Property and Then Horizontal Reduction for Entire County Cut Raleigh Out of Several Thousand Dollars of Revenue—Tentative Budget Called for \$150,000, But Will Have to Be Scaled Down About \$18,000.

The small increase in the value of property in the city of Raleigh, under the recent assessment, has caused the city fathers a good deal of worry. A growing city must have revenue commensurate with its development, but this has not been the case with Raleigh. The assessors and county board of equalization, after making reductions on individual property, then made a horizontal cut for the entire county, at one fell swoop, losing revenue to the city to the amount of about \$12,500. The finance committee of the board of aldermen had prepared a tentative budget for the next year of \$150,000, and the committee would not have missed the estimate much if so many reductions had not been made by the assessors. As the matter now stands the increase in revenue will be less than \$12,500, whereas \$25,000 was anticipated.

The budget was not submitted last night at the meeting of the board of aldermen, but will be some time this month. The sum of \$17,000 will have to be eliminated from the budget. Instead of spending \$150,000—all of which is needed, while the different interests are crying for more—the aldermen will have to be content with about \$132,575.11.

It was hoped to spend a good deal of money for a paid fire department; the women of Raleigh had petitioned for \$100 a month for a children's reading room; the streets are badly in need of repairs; new sewers should be placed in rapidly growing sections of the town—but the aldermen, is woefully lacking.

With \$150,000 to spend some of the most needed things could have been taken care of, but with \$132,575.11 the expenses of the various departments will have to be cut down. Here are some of the fixed expenses of the city:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Streets \$27,000, Police 20,000, Lights 14,000, Fire Department 12,000, Sanitary and Health 20,000, Total \$93,000

The foregoing is an estimate of the larger amounts, but there are many other items that must come out of the budget. This means, of course, that few permanent improvements can be made with the present revenue without an increase in the tax rate, which is not likely. The rate will stand at \$1.25 a hundred. Besides the estimated revenue of \$132,000, the city levies a special tax amounting to \$26,776 known as the sinking fund, which cannot be touched. Financially speaking the city cannot hope to do much improving with the amount of revenue it receives.

The increase in valuation in the city of Raleigh was less than a million dollars.

Bank Cashier Charged With Embezzlement.

New Orleans, Oct. 7.—Henry A. Wulf cashier of the Germania Commercial Savings Bank and Trust Company, was arrested today charged with embezzling twenty thousand dollars from the institution. His bonds will cover the shortage.

Major Bailey Dead.

Seattle, Oct. 7.—Major Thomas C. J. Bailey, U. S. A., retired, died at his home here today aged seventy-five. He served with Grant's army before Richmond and was captured by the confederates in the battle of the Wilderness. He spent six months in southern prisons.

The Lord may help those who help themselves—provided they do not overdo it by trying to help themselves more than their share.



Group of prominent lawyers who will be in the limelight for the prosecution and defense of the McNamara brothers, the alleged Los Angeles Times dynamiters, who will come up for trial on or about October 13th.

AGREEMENT REACHED Hydro-Electric Company and Commissioners Agree

After Much Parlaying Oxford Commissioners and North State Hydro-Electric Company Terms—Preparations Being Made for County Fair—H. & L. Association Organize.

Oxford, N. C., Oct. 7.—The town commissioners and the North State Hydro-Electric Company have finally reached an agreement in regard to the contract for lights and franchises to enter the town. About a month ago an unconditional franchise for sixty years was granted the company. Immediately there arose considerable opposition to such a one-sided contract and through the leadership of Judge Graham a movement was started to reconsider and require certain restrictions embodied in the franchise. The local company has sold to the larger company.

Great preparations are being made for the county fair to be held here the 24th and 25th of this month. This is the first year the association has had a regular fair ground and building for the exhibits. Last year the court house and other buildings in the town were used and the streets were scattered about in the different lots. A convenient site has been purchased and buildings are being erected that will apply provide for a large exhibit. About three hundred people have subscribed to stocks in the association and sufficient funds are in hand to pay for all improvements without placing any debt on the property.

The Oxford Building and Loan Association, organized six months ago, has just opened a new series. During the first half year of its existence 377 shares of stock were subscribed. Loans amounting to \$5,000 were made and through these loans eight houses were built.

MANY PEOPLE VIEW SAILORS

About 700 sailors, members of the training ship Franklin, arrived in the city shortly before 1 o'clock this afternoon and marched up Augusta and Fayetteville streets to central square, where a wreath was placed on the monument of Emory Washburn. The sailors marched in single file and were furnished in appearance as the jaunty paraded the streets. Their band preceded them, while the V. & M. band and a band of eunuchs followed. The wreath was placed by the V. & M. band and the V. & M. band. The wreath was placed by the V. & M. band and the V. & M. band.

Snow in Adirondacks. Saranac Lake, N. Y., Oct. 7.—Four inches of snow covers Northern range of the Adirondacks. It is the heaviest precipitation, this time of the year in ten years.

FIVE HUNDRED OF THE JOLLY TARS ARE GONE

Norfolk, Oct. 7.—Five hundred apprentices sailed for Raleigh, N. C., this morning to witness the afternoon football game between the receiving ship Franklin's eleven and North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College.

PROCLAMATION MADE Italian Governor Directing Town in State of Siege

Admiral Borea, Italian Governor of Tripoli, has issued a proclamation directing the town in a state of siege. Captain Casati, commanding the Italian forces landing, addressed the sailors instructing them in their duties of maintaining order and protecting the consulates from all possible attacks. Smaller Italian warships are engaged in searching for and destroying the mines laid by the Turks in Tripolitan harbor.

MRS. W. S. RUSH DEAD. Wife of Prominent Business Man Died Today.

Payetteville, N. C., Oct. 7.—Mrs. W. S. Rush, wife of William S. Rush, joint proprietor of the Dixie Steaks Company at this city died at Highsmith's Hospital here this morning, following a short illness. Mrs. Rush's sister, Mrs. M. D. Pennington, of Chattahoochee, Tenn., and Mrs. Charles Morrison, of Baltimore, Md., arrived here an hour after her death. In addition to her husband she leaves an eight-year-old son, Maner Rush.

COLORED HERO GETS REWARD

Governor Kitchin Grants Pardon to W. F. Fleming For Conduct in Mountains

COLLAPSE OF BULL PEN

Fleming, a Colored, Worked Manfully to Save Lives and Won Everlasting Gratitude of Guards—Pardon Asked for By Many—Robert Fulton, Gutterer C. Bodenhamer and Jesse Moore Given Pardons—Governor Assigns Reasons.

As the result of his heroic action during the collapse of the bull pen at the penitentiary near the Tennessee River, where several prisoners were killed and others injured, W. F. Fleming, a colored convict of the penitentiary at Raleigh, N. C., was pardoned by Governor Kitchin. Fleming had a good record in the penitentiary and was noted for his manly and noble character. He was sentenced to three years.

Governor Kitchin granted pardons through his cabinet today, as follows: Robert Fulton, convicted in Halifax County in N. C., 1910, of larceny in the second degree, and sentenced to 10 years; Gutterer C. Bodenhamer, convicted in Forsyth County in May, 1909, of larceny and sentenced to two years; and Jesse Moore, convicted in the Anson recorder's court of Forsyth County in June last of larceny and sentenced to twelve months on the roads. The governor's reasons for his actions are set forth as follows:

W. F. Fleming—This negro was convicted of trying to burn his house for insurance. He has served more than half his sentence. At the recent disaster at Waterville prisoner gave warning and aided greatly in rescuing guards and other convicts—probably saving three lives. On account of his good record and his conduct at said disaster the judge recommends pardon, as does the superintendent of the convict force having him in charge.

Paroled on condition that he remain law-abiding and of good behavior. Robert Fulton—Prisoner and two others were sentenced to terms of 15, 15 and 17 years for burglary in second degree. One died in prison, the other escaped and I am informed has since died. Prisoner has served ten years and six months with a good record. He is a skilled workman, but his eyesight has badly failed. The trial judge recommends pardon, and says that ten years is a severe punishment and sufficient to satisfy the execution of the law. The solicitor states that the punishment already endured has in all respects been sufficient for the crime committed and recommends pardon. Many of the prison guards recommend pardon.

Upon these facts and both the judge and the solicitor thinking full attention to the broken law has been made. I pardon prisoner on condition that he remain law-abiding and of good behavior. Gutterer C. Bodenhamer—In this case I am informed that most of the money was stolen from which the money was stolen and many other citizens recommend clemency. He has served about two and a half years. After sentence was passed the judge intimated that after he had served with good record for two years that he would recommend clemency for this boy. The trial judge now recommends his pardon and the solicitor concurs in the judge's recommendation.

Pardon on condition that he remain law-abiding and of good behavior. Jesse Moore—Defendant, a negro boy, wore the shoes of another boy—shoes were worth about \$2.50 or \$3. The court that adjudged him guilty of larceny recommends clemency, thinking under the circumstances a much shorter term would be sufficient. Committed to four months, on condition that he remain of good behavior and law-abiding.

Lewis Not Guilty. Calvin Lewis, tried in Columbus county for burning his store, was found not guilty, according to a telegram received here by Insurance Commissioner J. R. Young.

MANY GUESTS WILL BE HERE

Week to Be Made Memorable By Reason of Attractions and Visitors

COMMITTEE WORKS HARD

Nothing Being Left Untone to Make Opening of City's Handsome Auditorium a Gala Affair—Prominent Men Write That They Will Be Present—Some of the Plans Announced Today by the Entertainment Committee.

At headquarters of the entertainment committee of the chamber of commerce, there is most active preparation for the ceremonies attending the dedication of the Raleigh Auditorium and the series of entertainments which will be given during fair week, to appropriately christen the magnificent new structure which is the pride of the state. There is a rush of business. Every day's mail brings in hundreds of letters, the majority of which are acceptance of the committee's invitations to officials throughout the state to be present at the dedication. From the number of acceptances it is apparent there will be a greater number of visitors in Raleigh fair week this year than ever visited the capital city before. From all sections of the state come these letters of acceptance.

A member of the committee remarked that while a number of letters had been received declining the invitations, yet in every case except one an excuse of unusual importance had been given, thus showing the sincere disappointment of the writers that they could not be present. As an illustration, the Rt. Rev. Leo Hald wrote that his regret was very sincere, and that he would be present, but for a promise to Cardinal Gibbons that he would be in Baltimore on that date. He felicitated the city upon the acquisition of this magnificent structure.

What Friends Say. Locke Craig, Esq., of Asheville, in expressing his regret declares that the magnificent improvement adds much to the prestige of the capital city and that the whole state will rejoice with Raleigh.

Col. H. C. Hudgins, assistant to the president of the Norfolk Southern railroad can not come, because President Lamb of that system personally takes the advantage of the opportunity to be present. Only one member of congress has declined the invitation, and he has business engagements north at the time. Officers of ten state organizations holding annual conventions have accepted invitations.

From a Judge. Several of the state superior court judges have written expressing their regrets, and the sentiment of all is extended in a letter from Judge F. A. Daniels, who says that "court in another county will prevent my being in Raleigh, and that the citizens

BIG INCREASE IN CONTRACTS FOR SHIPS

Washington, Oct. 7.—The price of the mature warships of the American navy, it is said, may be seriously affected by measures taken by the postoffice department to stimulate development of the American Merchant Marine by giving preference to contracts for carrying the mails through the Panama Canal to vessels of American construction. At least one of the principal Atlantic shipbuilding concerns, it is said, has assumed contracts for construction of so much tonnage for New York-Panama-San Francisco steamship lines, that it is indisposed to bid upon naval contracts.

Racing Begins at Pimlico. Baltimore, Md., Oct. 7.—The fall meeting of the Maryland Jockey Club opened at the Pimlico track this afternoon and will run for fourteen days. The events on the card of the opening day included the inaugural steeplechase, the Baltimore cup, for non-professional riders, and the Hotel Kernan purse, with \$600 added.

THERE WILL BE ANOTHER BIG FOOTBALL GAME IN RALEIGH THURSDAY OF FAIR WEEK, OCTOBER 19. A. & M. COLLEGE vs. BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY All North Carolina Will be in Raleigh for the Great State Fair, October 16-21. Nothing is too Good For Such a Crowd, so Judson Harmon is Coming All the way from Ohio to Talk to Them. The Curtiss Aeroplane is Coming to Fly for Them. California Frank is Bringing His Fifteen Carloads and 300 People and Horses, His Real Wild West.