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## DEEP INLAND WATERWAYS

### President Taft Delivers Speech Before League--Would Have Definite System.

Corpus Christi, Texas, Special.—Announcing himself as an enthusiastic advocate of deep waterways, when such projects can be shown to be practicable and necessary, and declaring that the piecemeal "provision by jerks" policy of Congress in the past with reference to such improvements should be replaced with a definite general plan for opening up great avenues of commerce, President Taft aroused the delegates to the convention of the Interstate Waterways League, in session here, to an enthusiastic demonstration of approval.

Continuing, the President said that in addition to extending commerce, deep inland waterways would serve as the best means of controlling railroad rates. In the meantime, however, he urged the amendment to the interstate commerce laws to make their provisions more effective. Mr. Taft added, however, that he did not favor radical legislation; that his purpose merely was to keep railroad companies within the bounds of law and down to reasonable rates. He said the railroads should be encouraged.

In this connection he took occasion to refer to the fact that in some localities there is a disposition to do injustice to the railroads and to drive the corporations to a system of economy, which prevents the development

of the country through which they pass.

The President said it was often the case that the citizens of a county would go to any extent to get a railroad to come into the county but once there, not a friend of the railroad could anywhere be found, except perhaps the local counsel.

The remark called out hearty laughter. The President turned serious again, however, and urged a "square deal" for the railroads, that they might not be deprived of reasonable profits through popular prejudice.

The President declared that the halting sporadic system of river and harbor improvements in the past was not due to the army engineers, but was the work of the committees in Congress, who had responded to clamor from home and to party considerations. The time has come, he declared, for a change in this system. A nine-foot intercoastal canal was one of the projects to which the President referred as part of a definite system of waterways improvement.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE STUDY OF PELLAGRA

Columbia, S. C., Special.—The investigation into pellagra is exciting very widespread attention throughout the United States. The increasing volume of correspondence being received by Dr. J. W. Bobcock, superintendent of the State Hospital for Insane, and by Dr. C. Fred Williams, secretary of the State board of health under whose auspices will be held in Columbia the first week in November a national pellagra convention, indicates that even a greater number of distinguished physicians will be present at the meeting than had been expected a week ago.

Some idea of how the disease is spreading in Western States may be gained by the statement made in a letter from Dr. Geo. A. Zeller, superintendent of the Peoria State hospital, that there are in that hospital at the

present time 200 recognized cases of pellagra. This is ten times the number of cases that were there at the time that Dr. Lavinder was called there to make investigation.

A letter from Dr. John S. Turner, late superintendent of the North Texas Hospital for Insane, says that he has observed and treated more than a dozen cases of the disease in Texas since August 13, 1907, at which time the first case appeared in that State. He says, further, that the disease was at first diagnosed as trophic paralysis. Following that he saw cases right along and that it is an unusual thing now to run upon a case in Texas.

Dr. Zeller of the Peoria State hospital will be in attendance at the national conference here in November, and will present a paper on "Pellagra, Its Recognition in Illinois and the Means Taken to Control It."

## THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE U. D. C. CLOSES

Houston, Tex., Special.—With the selection of Little Rock, Ark., as the convention city in 1910 and the election of the general officers for the year, the sixteenth annual convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy adjourned sine die Friday night, closing the sessions in Houston an hour before midnight. The following general officers were elected: President general, Mrs. Virginia McSherry, of West Virginia; first vice president general, Mrs. L. C. Hall of Arkansas; second vice president general, Mrs. M. E. Bryan, of Texas; third vice president general, Mrs. Thomas T. Stevens of Georgia; recording secretary general, Mrs. A. L. Dowdell of Alabama; corresponding secretary general, Miss C. Hildress of Louisiana; treasurer general, Mrs. C.

B. Tate of Virginia; registrar general, Mrs. James B. Gantt of Missouri; historian general, Mrs. J. Endoos Robinson of Virginia; custodian of cross of honor, Mrs. L. H. Raines of Georgia; custodian of flag, Mrs. F. A. Walk of Virginia; honorary presidents, Mrs. J. W. Tench of Florida, and Mrs. N. B. Randolph of Virginia. The Shiloh Monument Association committee's report was read by Mrs. White of Tennessee, which showed that over \$20,000 had been donated last year.

The report by the treasurer of the fund was read by Mrs. Roy McKinney of Kentucky and showed a balance of \$5,420.20 for the erection of the monument. On motion on the floor of the convention, \$1,000 was appropriated from the general treasury to the Shiloh fund.

## BARBAROUS MOORS KILL THEIR OWN WOUNDED MEN

Medilla, By Cable.—Prisoners captured by General Marina's forces reported that the Moors are killing their own wounded to prevent their falling into the hands of the Spaniards.

The losses to the army of tribesmen have already passed the 4,000 mark in killed alone, but in spite of the constant repulses the Moors firmly maintain their stronghold in the

hills about Melilla. Their ranks have been depleted as much in sorties as in pitched battles and the slaughter of their wounded is believed to have added materially to the death list caused by the Spaniards.

After an attack the retreating natives scurry back to the hills, but the rear guard never fails to fulfill its duty of putting the fallen tribesmen out of their misery.

## INTERSTATE INLAND WATERWAYS LEAGUE MEETS

Corpus Christi, Tex., Special.—With delegates from all over the South, where the question of inland waterways is paramount, the Interstate Inland Waterways League convened in national convention in Corpus Christi Thursday.

The sessions were opened by C. S. Holland of Victoria, Tex., president who delivered his annual address. He announced that since the last meeting of the league, a survey of the entire proposed inland waterways from the mouth of the Mississippi to Brownsville, Tex., had been

ordered and that an appropriation had been made for the work on the Louisiana coast.

State Senator John G. Willay was elected chairman of the convention and State Senator T. J. Labbe of Louisiana was made permanent secretary.

The feature of the day was the address by Congressman George F. Burgess, a member of the rivers and harbors committee, who said that the project of securing an inland waterway was favorably regarded by the committee.

## SERIOUS IN NICARAUGA

Revolutionists Win Over the National Troops a Decisive Victory.

Bluefields, Nicaragua. (By wireless telegraph via Colon)—The tug Blanca which has arrived here from Greytown, brings news of the first important battle of the revolution. General Chamorro's forces fought an engagement on Friday with 1,000 of President Zelaya's troops at a point below Boca San Carlos, on the San Juan river. The revolutionists won a decisive victory, one hundred of the government troops being killed and three hundred wounded. General Chamorro's losses were slight. The insurgents captured two Krupp siege guns and four hundred rifles.

This defeat for President Zelaya will doubtless have a determined effect upon recruiting for the government service at Managua and is likely also to bring additional reinforcements to the standards of the insurgents. General Chamorro is now advancing slowly.

The steamer Yulu, belonging to the Emery Company, also has reached here with the details of the capture by the revolutionists of Cape Gracias-a-Dois. The port was easily taken, not more than five or six men being killed and a small number wounded. This gives the revolutionists control of the entire Atlantic coast.

### Bank Officials Arrested.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—Moreau P. Estes, vice president of the City Savings bank, which failed to open its doors Saturday morning, was arrested Saturday afternoon. The arrest was made on a warrant charging that Estes had accepted a deposit after he knew the bank was insolvent. W. T. Otteley of Burksville, Ky., is prosecutor. He sets forth in his affidavit that on September 11 he deposited \$1,350 in the City Savings bank, charging that at that time Estes knew the bank was insolvent and that in accepting the deposit he violated a section of the Tennessee law making such action a felony.

Estes was arraigned before a magistrate who held him to the grand jury in \$5,000 bond, which was promptly furnished.

### Col. James Fannin Dead.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—Col. James H. Fannin, who was a close friend of Capt. Henry Wirz at his trial, died suddenly of heart failure on a street car here Saturday morning. Colonel Fannin commanded the first regiment, Georgia reserves, C. S. A., during the civil war.

Colonel Fannin in 1863 was commandant of the post at Andersonville, Ga., and while holding that command saved Father Whelan of Macon from death in the stocks and received the thanks of the Pope through Bishop Verot for his timely aid to a Catholic priest. He fought in the battle of West Point, Ga., was taken prisoner and ordered put in irons but escaped through the intervention of General LaGrange of the Union army.

### Kills Himself After Shooting Wife.

Washington, Special.—Enraged because his chorus girl wife preferred a life on the stage to his companionship William H. Short of New York City shot and perhaps fatally wounded her in the west portico of the union station here Sunday and then sent a bullet crashing through his temple. He died an hour later at Casualty hospital.

The tragedy followed a series of quarrels between the couple. Mrs. Short had just alighted from a cab, when she was also occupied by her husband and Miss Caldwell, a girl friend, and was hurrying to catch a train to Pittsburg, when Short, without warning, whipped a revolver from his pocket and fired three bullets into his wife's back.

### Justice Peckham Dead.

Albany, N. Y., Special.—Fufus W. Peckham, associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, died at 8:15 o'clock Sunday night at Coolmore, his summer home at Altamont, Albany county. Death was due to a complication of diseases, heart trouble, Bright's disease and hardening of the arteries contributing.

### Will Prosecute Standard Oil Co.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—Attorney General Lyon is gathering affidavits in support of the prosecution he will bring against the Standard Oil Company in behalf of the People's Oil Company of North Augusta, which has branch businesses in Columbia, Charleston, Greenville, Spartanburg, Anderson, Denmark and Edgefield, in South Carolina and Atlanta in Georgia, under the statute forbidding discrimination by charging different prices in different communities for the same commodity.

## MR. TAFT RESUMES TOUR

Speaks With Difficulty at Dallas, Texas, and Talks to Children at Terrell Sunday.

Dallas, Texas, Special.—President Taft arrived here at 5:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon after a fast run by special train from Houston, where he spent three hours in the morning. He was taken immediately to the State fair grounds, where he made an open-air speech to a throng which filled the big race track grandstand and spread far out in every direction. Mr. Taft was so hoarse that he could be heard only a short distance, despite heroic efforts on his part. He spoke again briefly Saturday night at a banquet tendered him at the Oriental hotel, and retired on his train preparatory to leaving early Sunday morning for St. Louis.

The President's voice began to grow husky after his speech at Corpus Christi Friday and broke down almost completely during his address at Houston Saturday morning when he tried to make himself heard to a crowd which filled four intersecting streets for two blocks in each direction.

On account of hoarseness the President did not attempt to make a long speech, either at the fair grounds or the banquet and confined himself in each instance to an expression of his appreciation of the warmth of his welcome in Texas. He completed, on arriving here, his eighth day in the State.

"I was asked," said the President at the fair grounds, "if I had any doubt by this time about Texas being a part of the Union. I replied that the only doubt I had was whether the Union was not a part of Texas."

At Terrell, Tex., Sunday morning the President spoke to a throng of eager-faced little Sunday school children and delivered a near approach to his usual Sunday sermon. "I think it must have been a month ago when I was passing through Chicago that I received a telegram asking me to stop at Terrell," he said. "I continued to receive telegrams from that time until I reached the Pacific coast. I replied that I was going to stop at Terrell if it cost a leg. I am very glad to see the children here this Sunday morning. I am glad to see them with their flags."

"You know what the flags are, my children?"

"Yes, sir," replied a score of voices. "The flag of the United States."

"Do you know the flag of Texas?"

asked the President.

"What is it?"

"The Lone Star."

"Are you loyal to both flags?"

"Yes, sir."

"I bet you are. Now, my children, do you know who I am?"

"Yes, sir."

"Who am I?"

"President Taft."

"I rather think that you believe the President has more power than he really has."

"He is a sort of figurehead for the nation for four years," continued the President seriously.

"He is a kind of man that they blame everything for, if it goes wrong and if it goes right he does not get any credit for it. But, my children, if you permit me to call you such, although some of you are far beyond the time when you perhaps ought to have that name, that flag represents the sovereignty of your country, and the reason why you are here this morning to see me is because for four years I am the Chief Executive officer of the United States and as such for that time represent the sovereignty of the nation, and am entitled, as long as I conduct myself properly, to your respect as the head of the nation. In four years I will step down and out, and I won't be entitled to your respect any more than any other citizen."

The President left St. Louis at 5 o'clock Monday sailing down the Mississippi river in beautiful naval procession. He will make a number of stops reaching New Orleans Saturday.

The flotilla and its roster follows: Steamer Oleander, carrying the President and his personal party. Steamer Erastus Wells, carrying Frank H. Hitchcock, Postmaster General; Charles Nagel, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, and Mayor F. H. Kreisman, of St. Louis, Secretary J. M. Dickson joined the party at Memphis. Steamer Mississippi, carrying the members of the Mississippi River Commission and United States army and State engineers. Steamer St. Paul, carrying Governors of States, newspaper men and special guests of the association. Steamer Lily, carrying foreign diplomats. Steamer Quincy, carrying Speaker Joseph Cannon, John Barrett, director international bureau of American republics, and members of Congress. Steamer Saltito, carrying officials of

the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterway Association. Steamer Alton, carrying members of the St. Louis Business Men's League. Steamer Cape Girardeau, carrying Missouri, East St. Louis, Belleville and Alton deep waterway delegations and ladies. Steamer G. W. Hill, carrying members of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association and the Chicago Deep Waterway Convention. Steamer Grey Eagle, carrying Kansas City deep waterway delegation. Other steamers in the flotilla joining it at various points are: Steamer Illinois, property of the State of Illinois, and carrying State officials. Steamer Grand, carrying Little Rock deep waterway delegates. Steamer Rapids, carrying Little Rock and Arkansas delegates. Steamer Florence II, carrying editorial staff Chicago Tribune. Steamer Belle of Muskogee, carrying Muskogee Commercial Club and Oklahoma delegates. Steamer A. M. Scott, carrying West Virginia delegates. Steamer Sarah E. Denborn, carrying Louisiana deep waterway delegates.

### Georgia Officers Fight Deadly Duel.

Louisville, Ga., Special.—Sheriff J. J. Smith lies dangerously wounded as the result of a pistol duel on the street late last Saturday night with City Marshal J. H. Flint. It is stated the sheriff and L. M. Flint, a brother of the marshal, were engaged in a controversy when the latter took a hand. The sheriff is said to have opened fire upon the Flint brothers. The marshal returned the fire, one shot tearing through the sheriff's right thigh, and then beat the officer.

### Receivers to be Paid.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—Judge Waddill late Saturday entered an order directing immediate payment by the Norfolk & Southern Railway receivers of \$66,408.60 for labor and material furnished the Norfolk & Southern which a period of six months prior to the receivership. The largest of these individual accounts are \$18,800. The Court's action followed the report of Special Master Stephenson.

### Havan Officials Will Not Fight.

Havana, By Cable.—The threatened duel between the Secretary of State, Justo Garcia Velez, and the Secretary of Sanitation, Dr. Mathias Duque, will probably not take place, the court of honor to which the affair was referred having decided that there was no necessity for an encounter. The trouble arose from an altercation between the two ministers over what Secretary Duque believed to be the impertinent interference of Secretary Velez in his department.

### NEWBY GLEANINGS.

Prince Ito, of Tokio, arrived at Dairia.

The Sultan of Morocco has sold the Rif mines to a German company.

Four strong earth shocks were felt at Messina, but little damage was done.

The stock of the Wells Fargo Express Company reached a new high level of 450.

Commander Frederick C. Bieg, U. S. N., died at Washington, D. C., aged fifty-three.

Politics in England are still in a chaotic state. A general election is expected in January.

President Taft in Juarez, Mexico, was the Mexican Executive's guest at a \$500,000 banquet.

Police at Hong-Kong have revealed a plot to kill Liang-Tun-Yen, President of the Wai-Wu-Pu.

H. A. Stevens was found dead in his room in the Hotel du Nord some hours after ordering a lunch of milk and raw eggs.

Ten thousand men—soldiers, uniformed police and Russian and Italian detectives—protected the Czar on his visit to the King of Italy.

Physicians and charity organizations urged the Board of Estimate, in New York City, to grant an increased appropriation to fight tuberculosis.

Anth B. Nilsen, a pulp manufacturer, of Norway, said there was no chance of cheaper paper until a substitute for wood pulp should be discovered.

J. Eds. How, "millionaire hobo," just back from Europe, says that the problem of the unemployed would be settled by the international congress in Chicago in January.

Captain Cody had a miraculous escape from death at the aviation meet at Doncaster, England, when, in making a turn at great speed, his biplane struck the earth and was wrecked.

### Growing Love.

Mr. and Mrs. Married Bliss were both growing very plump, and every effort to reduce weight had proved fruitless, and their discontent with their failure was pathetic.

"It is too bad," said a mutual friend to a sympathetic physician. "The Blisses are so fond of each other and used to be so graceful and slender when they were first married."

"Ah, well!" replied the physician. "Think how much more they are to each other now."—Life.

## SNAPPY AD

Items Gathered and  
You Hold Your Breath

### SOME EVERY DAY HAPPENINGS

Lively and Crisp as They Are Garnered From the Fields of Action at Home and Abroad.

Seven employes were killed and three other persons were severely injured Monday by a boiler explosion at a saw mill near El Dorado, Ark.

In a stable fire at Wichita, Kan., Monday, three men and 28 horses were cremated. Two other men are probably fatally burned.

Owing to persistent rumors that Hon. Stuyvesant Fish will become minister to China he states positively that he will not accept the position, admitting too that he has had the refusal of it.

F. A. Guernsey, aged 59, was watching President Taft return from meeting President Dias and began to cheer lustily but fell dead.

President Taft retired Monday for a our days rest on his brother's Texas ranch.

The State of Nicaragua is in a great state of unrest and rebellion and martial law has been proclaimed.

Tuesday, the 19th, was the 128th anniversary of the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, Va. The event was suitably celebrated.

At the aviation exhibition last week at Juvisy, France, Aeronaut Richter fell with his machine Monitor from a height of 50 feet. He suffered a broken thigh and the loss of an eye.

The woman's board of foreign missions of the Methodist church in session at Savannah, Ga., last week, made a formal protest against newspaper supplements known as funny papers.

The chairman of the Arctic Club of America presented a gold medal to Dr. Cook Friday evening in New York over his protest that it be delayed till he could adequately meet the charges of misrepresentation lodged against him. The presentation was an emphatic declaration of faith in Dr. Cook.

It has been looked up that Prof. F. S. C. Lowe, on April 2, 1861 made a balloon trip from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Pea Ridge, S. C., over 500 miles, in nine hours, thus exceeding the flight of Lambert and von Phul from St. Louis to Dorchester, S. C., last week. The former made 55 miles an hour, while the latter, which was called a record breaker, made 44.

The famous Belle Meade farm, near Nashville, Tenn., has again been sold. J. Q. Leake, of Nashville was the purchaser at \$110,000.

Wilbur Wright in sportive way, raced with an express train at College Park Wednesday and more than held his own.

The United States Supreme Court enjoins Judge Kohlsaat, at Chicago, from paying out any more huge fees in the Oberlin M. Carter case.

Farmers of Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky met at Danville last week and declared war against the Tobacco Trust.

Mrs. Gerard Hubbard, 84 years old, was thrown out of her automobile in Washington Wednesday and killed.

A letter signed "Bracken County Night Riders," was affixed to the door of Fred Adams and wife near Lexington, Ky., recently threatening dire consequences if they neglected to sign their tobacco to the Mason county board of control. Mr. Adams says he will not sign.

A cloud burst struck San Marcos, Texas, Tuesday when 10 inches of rain fell within 24 hours, entailing a damage of \$80,000.

Dr. J. H. Carlisle, president emeritus of Wofford College, died at his home in Spartanburg, S. C., last Thursday morning at the age of 83 years.

United States Senator Martin N. Johnson, of North Dakota, died last Thursday at his hotel at Fargo.

Mrs. Johanna Engelman, at Los Angeles, Cal., was seated in the jury box Wednesday, the first woman under the new departure.

The British steamship Rowanmore seemed to have been confronted with a gang of genuine pirates to the east of Florida, on Oct. 6. This gang on a schooner that plies about the Bahama Islands displayed the distress signal to get alongside when an effort was made to board the British vessel and the armed crew withstood the pirates and prevented their boarding the vessel.

Mrs. W. O. Munroe and Miss St. Land were killed and another was seriously injured Tuesday by a Central of Georgia switch engine ran into and demolished a station in the railroad yards at Ga.