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## PERSHING TO TOUR MILITARY CAMPS

DESIRES TO GAIN PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF PROGRESS MADE.

## TO MAKE FOUR WEEKS TOUR

Would Have Efficient Peace Time Basis For Citizen Army in Case of Need.

Washington.—General Pershing will make a tour of summer military camps over the country, beginning with an inspiration of the New York National Guard camp at Peekskill, and visits to Camp Meade, Md., and the Pennsylvania guard camp at Mt. Gretna, July 17 or 18.

On July 22 he will leave Washington on a four weeks' tour his tentative itinerary carrying him to Camp Knox, Kentucky, July 23 and 24; Camp McClellan, Ala., July 25-26; Fort Sam Houston, Texas, July 28-29; and Los Angeles July 31, where he will remain to greet President Harding on the latter's return from Alaska.

Afterwards General Pershing will visit various training camps in the West, winding up his tour at Camp Custer, Mich., August 22.

An announcement issued at the war department said:

General Pershing desires to gain an intimate personal knowledge of the progress made in the training camps for the development of an efficient peace time nucleus of the citizen army provided for in the national defense act of 1920. Where the duration of his visit will permit him to accept engagements in nearby cities, he is accepting invitations to meet the local officers of the National Guard and reserve corps and others interested in the problems of national defense.

## American Cotton Association Sued.

New York.—Suit for \$76,248.90 against the American Cotton Association for services, damages and expenses claimed by the Milner Bureau of Atlanta, Ga., was instituted by Francis Morey as assignee of the Milner Bureau's claim. The suit is the outgrowth Morey claims, of a contract under which the bureau was to raise \$2,500,000 but failed to do so with which the cotton association was to fight the boll weevil.

As the result of a statement to be press issued by the head of the cotton association denouncing the Milner Bureau and its leading officers after it had been incorporated in Tennessee, the campaign was handicapped and only \$13,748.90 was raised by April 1, 1923, the last day of the drive, the plaintiff charged.

## Woman Given \$250,000 Bequest.

Los Angeles.—Miss Clara May Miller, saleswoman for an oil syndicate, has announced receipt of a letter from a Boston law firm telling her she had been left \$250,000 in the will of Theodore Tibbits, leather manufacturer of Lynn, Mass., whom she saved from drowning when he was a small boy.

About 2 1/2 years ago, Mrs. Miller said, she was a member of a party crossing the bay of Fundy on a steamship. Tibbits, then a precious youngster, climbed on the railing and fell overboard. Mrs. Miller, then Miss Clara Beckwith, although fully dressed immediately jumped in the sea and rescued the boy after a hard struggle.

Tibbits' father gave her \$1,000 to buy clothes to replace those ruined in saving his son, she said, and the Canadian authorities gave her a medal for heroism.

She expects to go to Boston soon, as the will is to be probated there within sixty days.

## Offer Made For Ship For Junk.

Washington.—An offer to purchase unserviceable government steel ships was made to the Shipping Board by Jacques Pierot, Jr., resident of the International Maritime Mortgage Bank, of Rotterdam. He was told by the officials with whom he conferred that to date no ships had been put definitely in that classification, and that, moreover, the board had not yet considered the question of sale to foreigners for junking purposes.

Mr. Pierot did not submit a definite per ton offer, but filed notice that the interests he represented would like to be considered potential purchasers of eliminated vessels, which he said, would be broken up to recover the steel.

## GRAIN EXPORTS SHOW INCREASE.

Washington.—Grain exports from the United States last week amounted to 4,627,000 bushels compared with 3,668,000 the week before.

Figures made public by the commerce department showed the following comparisons of grain exports last week with those of the previous week:

Barley, 182,000 bushels, against 189,000 bushels; corn, 207,000, against 175,000; oats, 41,000, against 76,000; rye, 1,481,000, against 610,000; wheat, 2,716,000, against 2,618,000; flour 138,000 barrels, against 140,000 barrels.

Export of Canadian grain from American ports amounted to 536,000 bushels against 700,000 bushels the week before.

## TO BE IN ALASKA 20 DAYS

## PRESIDENT AND WIFE WAVE FAREWELL TO THOUSANDS FROM SHIP.

Accompanied By Three Members of Cabinet Whose Departments Are Interested in Alaska.

Tacoma, Wash.—In the midst of the blaring of bands, and the farewell cheers of thousands of Tacoma citizens, President Harding sailed for Alaska, the first chief executive of the nation to visit that territory since it came under the American flag 56 years ago.

A few minutes after 2 p. m. the scheduled hour of departure, the United States naval transport Henderson, which for the next 20 days will be in reality the White House, got under way, circled the harbor, and steamed past the Tacoma stadium, where a few minutes before the President and Mrs. Harding had received the God speed of Governor Hart, of Washington, and where the President had declared for an American merchant marine second to none.

As the big transport swung by the stadium, those assembled there to hear the President speak, stood and cheered. Mr. and Mrs. Harding acknowledged the cheers and waved the farewell from the bridge until distance made them only indistinct figures to those on shore.

The President, as he boarded the vessel, was in an unusually happy frame of mind; pleased by the reception given him in Tacoma, glad to obtain a few days of rest after the 15 days transcontinental trip, and overjoyed by the prospect of realizing the ambition he has held almost ever since he entered the White House—an ambition to visit the great northern territory and obtain first hand information with respect to its problems.

Two days of steady sailing lay ahead of the party when it left here, up through the inside passage of British Columbia and Alaska. It will not be a monotonous voyage by any means for the boat will pass up through narrow winding channels with mountains rising directly from the water's edge.

The arrival at Juneau, the territorial capital has been fixed for July 10 and three days later the party will reach Seward. Four days will then be devoted to the trip up the Alaskan railroad to Anchorage, Chickaloon, Nenana, and Fairbanks, within 200 miles of the Arctic circle. At the Tanana river bridge at Nenana the President will drive the golden spike symbolizing completion of the railroad construction by the government to provide an outlet for the rich interior district. The return trip southward will be made by motor over the Richardson trail.

The President was accompanied by three members of his cabinet whose departments are most directly interested in Alaska. They are Secretary Hoover of the commerce department; Secretary Work of the interior department and Secretary Wallace of the agricultural department. Also in the party are Speaker Gillette of the house, and Dr. Greeley of the forest service.

## England Raises Rate of Discount.

London.—The Bank of England raised its rate to four per cent from three per cent level which had prevailed for a year.

The increase caused little surprise inasmuch as events recently had been moving rapidly towards such a action. At the same time there is considerable opinion against raising the official minimum at a time when trade is so bad and when Great Britain's purchases of food and raw material in the United States and South America, must be financed.

## HIGGANBOTHAM FOUND GUILTY

WAS CHARGED WITH BEATING MARTIN TABERT TO DEATH IN FLORIDA.

## TRAIL LASTED FOR 13 DAYS

Death of North Dakotan Resulted in Florida Abolishing the Prison Lease System.

Lake City, Fla.—Thomas Walter Higganbotham was found guilty of murder of Martin Tabert, of North Dakota, in the second degree by a jury here. The verdict carries a sentence of 20 years. The jury was out but one hour and 20 minutes.

The former convict whipping-boss was accused of having caused the death of Tabert as the result of a beating administered while the North Dakotan was serving a term in the Putnam Lumber company convict camp. The trial consumed 13 days.

The death of Tabert finally resulted in an investigation of the whole convict leasing system and its abolishment by the Florida legislature. That body also prohibited corporal punishment. Before the Florida legislature convened the senate of North Dakota adopted a memorial asking the Florida lawmakers to investigate the death of Tabert.

There was no demonstration in the court room when the verdict was reported. Attorneys for the defendant immediately made a motion for a new trial. The verdict carries a minimum sentence of 20 years and a maximum of life imprisonment. Higganbotham was in court when the jury announced its decision.

During the trial the state charged Higganbotham with having whipped Tabert so severely that it brought about traumatic pneumonia, which resulted in death four days later.

The defense admitted the whipping, but contended it was "within the law" basing this on testimonies that only from eight to 10 lashes were struck. The Florida convict camp regulations permitted administering 10 lashes. The defense contended Tabert died from lobar pneumonia.

## Assault on Volstead Act.

Washington.—Another gun marshaled for the expected broadside this winter against the constitutionality of the Volstead Act.

This was how Government prohibition officials here were inclined to regard the decision of Federal Judge Bourquin at Helena, Mont., that Congress had no power in the Volstead Act to restrict the amounts of liquor to be prescribed by physicians.

While not necessarily connected, the different developments now frequently arising which challenge the Volstead Act, in the belief here, constitute a plain indication of the assault that will be made on the prohibition law at the convening of Congress.

Prohibition Bureau officials told United Press, however, that Montana prohibition officials will be given no chance to take advantage of the Bourquin decision. They said that if any attempt is made to prescribe more liquor than the law now allows, a stay of execution of the injunction granted by Judge Bourquin will be asked.

No attempt will be made to appeal the decision, as a similar one handed down by Federal Judge Knox, of New York, already has been noted for appeal to the Supreme court.

## Holds Wife For Slaying Husband.

Anniston, Ala.—Mrs. Evelyn Sue Rickner collapsed as she was ordered held on a charge of murdering her husband, Lieutenant James C. Rickner, at the close of her preliminary hearing.

Mrs. Rickner was still unconscious when the court fixed bond at \$3,000 after testimony of officers at Camp McClelland had shown that Lieutenant Rickner moaned: "That's what man, she shot me through the heart," as his wife handed a smoking pistol to another officer.

## Wife Still Hopes Airmen Are Alive.

Lakehurst, N. J.—Mrs. T. B. Null, wife of Lieutenant Null, who with Lieutenant J. L. Roth is reported to have perished in Lake Erie when their giant navy balloon fell into the water, near Port Stanley, Ont., kept in constant touch with the Lakehurst naval air station anxiously awaiting word of the fate of her husband.

## FOUR KILLED IN TRAIN-BUS CRASH.

Albany Oregon.—Four persons were instantly killed when a Southern Pacific train struck an Oregon-California motor bus between Tangant and Shedd near here, according to reports received here by the railroad company. The dead were taken to Eugene. Other passengers of the bus were believed to have been injured.

## LASKER IS PROUD OF SHIP

FOR THE FIRST TIME NEW BOAT GOES OUT LOADED TO CAPACITY.

On Her Sails Secretary of Labor, a Former Immigrant, in Ex-Kaiser's Suit.

New York.—The reconitioned Leviathan, queen of the American merchant marine, sailed on Uncle Sam's birthday on her first trans-Atlantic pleasure voyage under the stars and stripes.

Thousands massed on the water front to bid her voyage to the super ship. With their cheers mingled the sirens of harbor craft and the whir from propellers of airplanes circling her pier.

Although her bar was dry, the Leviathan was literally a "wet" ship. For as her great whistles boomed their warning to river traffic and the clouds cracked and a torrent rained on her decks.

The crowds ashore ran to shelter, and passengers sought protection. But the waving of hats and handkerchiefs continued, while cheer after cheer bridged the widening water.

The din increased as the great shipping boat vessel swung her nose toward the sea. Fore and aft she was dressed with international code flags. Upon her decks bands played. Around her sides circled gaily-dressed river craft. Shoving her into the channel were tiny tugs with the power of titans. Off her starboard bow steamed a toy vessel—a reproduction of Robert Fulton's Clermont, America's first steamboat.

As the liner with her varied escort pushed seaward, through steamboat and ferry traffic, holiday crowds took up the cheering. The rainfall soon abated, the sky changed for a moment from gray to blue, and passengers again swarmed the open decks to witness what the water front proclaimed the greatest ovation since the Leviathan steamed back from war-torn Europe with her thousands of American fighting men.

Aeroplanes which had come from Hampton Roads to bid her farewell followed the liner down stream, out into the bay and toward the open sea.

Not the least excited man aboard the Leviathan before she sailed was Albert D. Lasker, retiring chairman of the shipping board, who for months had been concentrating his attention on the great ship.

## Dempsey Holds Title.

Shelby, Mont.—Jack Dempsey remains the holder of the world's heavy-weight boxing championship, although in full 15 rounds he was unable to knock out his challenger, Tom Gibbons. Dempsey won on referee's decision in the championship fight at Shelby, Mont., which was a fiasco, so far as paid attendance was concerned. Probably not 10,000 paid admission to the arena, which was built to seat 40,000 people.

## Five Killed in Wreck.

Albuquerque, N. M.—At least five trainmen were killed and several passengers were injured some of them possibly seriously when an Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe train bound from Chicago to Los Angeles, was derailed near Domingo, 30 miles north of here, shortly after midnight. The train was a double header, and both engineers and both firemen were killed reports said.

Wrecking crews, doctors and nurses were sent to the scene of the accident early this morning from here.

The train comprised six pullmans, five baggage cars and three choicelovers. Eleven passengers and three locomotives were reported in the wreck. The cause of the wreck has not been determined.

## Approve World Court.

Lima, Conn.—The National League of Women Voters will stand by the declaration of the Des Moines convention in favor of the entrance of the United States into a permanent court of international justice. It was stated after a meeting of the executive committee at the home of Miss Katherine Lindington.

## ONE BALLOON IS LOST TO WORLD

LIEUTENANT ROTH AND HULL HAVE NOT BEEN HEARD FROM.

## OLMSTEAD IS LISTED WINNER

Landed 500 Miles From Indianapolis; Honeywell Had Harrowing Experience.

Indianapolis.—All track of Lieut. L. J. Roth, navy aviator and only starter in the national elimination balloon race who has not been heard from, has been lost, according to announcement made by the Indianapolis chamber of commerce, sponsor for the race. Lieut. T. B. Hull accompanied Lieutenant Roth as aide. The men came here from the naval training station at Lakehurst, N. J., for the contest.

The missing balloonist, as is usual, were well supplied with instructions to drop them overboard as the craft drifted over cities and towns. Not a word, however, has been received here from the ship, known as the U. S. Navy No. A-2698.

An unofficial check, compiled at the chamber of commerce, gave Lieut. Robert S. Olmstead, army balloonist, the lead in distance travelled over the eleven other pilots who have reported bringing their craft to the ground. Lieutenant Olmstead descended at Marilla, N. Y. The distance between Indianapolis and Marilla on an air line is approximately 500 miles.

According to the check, H. E. Honeywell, St. Louis, piloting the "St. Louis," traveled the next farthest distance—about 450 miles. He brought his balloon to the ground at Brocton, N. Y. Honeywell was the last pilot to report. Three other bags, piloted by Lieut. J. B. Lawrence, Washington naval officer; C. E. McCullough, Baltimore, and Lieut. L. T. Miller, army man, located at Scott field, Belleville, Ill., came to ground about 400 miles from Indianapolis, it was said.

Honeywell and his aide, P. J. McCullough, had a harrowing experience while they were in the air, according to a telegram received from them by the Associated Press. At the mercy of storms, the craft was driven into Canada, then back into the United States and again toward Lake Erie.

Short of ballast, Honeywell determined to land and brought the ship down on a cliff, 150 feet high and close to the edge of the water. The landing was affected in darkness, the time being 9:15 o'clock.

## Navada Town Swept By Fire.

Los Angeles.—Seven blocks of the business district and the north part of the resident district of Goldfield, Nevada, were swept by fire, according to an Associated Press dispatch from the Goldfield Tribune. The loss was estimated at \$300,000, with the amount of insurance unknown.

The Goldfield hotel, News building, Elks building, John S. Cook bank and Deep Mines company office, were the only substantial buildings partly saved, the telegrams stated. The fire started at 6:45 a. m., and still was burning strongly at 11 o'clock.

## N. E. A. Closes Meet.

Oakland, Cal.—The 1923 convention of the National Education association, the world conference on education and allied educational organizations here in San Francisco closed after electing Miss Olive M. Jones, New York school principal, as president of the N. E. A., to succeed William B. Owen, of Chicago.

Cornelia S. Adair, of Virginia, was chosen treasurer. Vice presidents elected include R. O. Stoops, Pennsylvania, and Florence M. Hale, Maine.

One of the outstanding accomplishments of the convention was the organization of the World Federation of Education associations, whose chief object is to prevent war through educational methods.

## Lightning Hurts Three.

Asheville.—Lightning stripped two persons to the waist, burning the underclothing from one of them, when three, standing in a door of the rangers cabin near the top of Mount Mitchell, were injured by a bolt. The three were among 13 sightseers who had sought shelter in the cabin when it began to rain.

The injured persons are Miss Ellen Eason and E. V. Harris, of West Asheville, and J. D. Coates, of Denton.

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