

Prest. Taft Now
On Home Stretch

We Will Reach Washington Wednesday and Leave Thursday For Middleton, Connecticut.

FINANCIAL LEGISLATION

Brought to Attention of Congress Will be Special Message—Some Talk of Extra Session.

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 8.—President Taft brought his stay in Augusta to a close today after officiating at the opening of the Georgia-Carolina fair. Gov. Rosen of Georgia, and Gov. Ansel of South Carolina, also were present and made brief addresses. Following his speech at the fair grounds the president was driven through the city.

He will here for Florence, S. C., where he will make a brief stop on his way to Wilmington, N. C. The president will spend Tuesday in Wilmington and Wednesday in Birmingham, reaching Washington at the end of his 12,000-mile journey at 8:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

While Wednesday night officially marks the end of the western and southern trip, it will not by any means be the end of the president's travels prior to the opening of the congressional session. Tuesday Mr. Taft will be in Washington less than 24 hours before he is scheduled to leave the capital at 12:30 p. m. on Thursday for Middleton, Conn., where he will witness the installation of President Franklin of Wesleyan university, president of the college, and go to the 20th return.

Washington, the morning of Oct. 21. It is not likely that the president will do any work on his message to Congress until after his return.

The president has already outlined the essential points of the message in his speech to the press during the course of his recommendations as to the amendment of the interstate commerce and anti-trust laws, however, have yet to be formulated, for he will not receive the report of Attorney-General Taft until the convention adjourns.

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MARCHED WITH FLAGS FLYING

Delegates to the convention and local labor men numbering several hundred assembled at the Prince George hotel, the federation headquarters and marched to May hall, several blocks distant, the American and British flags flying and a band of 100 musicians leading.

President Taft had a game of golf, shooting over the links of the Atlanta Yacht club, where he spent much time last winter while awaiting for his term of office to begin. It was the final goal the president has had an opportunity to enjoy for some time, and he seemed thoroughly to enjoy the privilege of swinging the clubs.

MERRY-GO-ROUNDS NOT POPULAR IN SOUTH AMERICA

Washington, Nov. 8.—Merry-go-rounds, shot-the-cutter, sonic rollers, and other features familiar in the amusement parks of the United States, are not popular in the regions of South America. A report from J. J. Schieffelin, United States vice consul at Rio de Janeiro, gives a résumé of the financial status of an American syndicate, which attempted to capture the small change of those who attended the Pan-American congress. The syndicate, consisting of 50 theatrical and amusement features, is said to have lost \$75,000 through the lack of popularity of the South Americans.

HOW GERMANY CAPTURES FOREIGN MARKETS

Washington, Nov. 8.—Systematic training of the youth in foreign languages in the colonies of Thomas H. Norton, United States consul at Copenhagen, is responsible for the rapid increase in the foreign markets of the country.

English and French are taught in the schools and the consul declares that it is regarded as absolutely necessary that every young man entering the counting room of a factory, bank or large commercial house of any of the large cities shall have command of one or two languages, other than his own.

HUNDREDS OF VALUABLE HORSES ARE POISONED

New York, Nov. 8.—More than 250 valuable horses in, most of the states have been poisoned to death in the last few months by a gang of blackmailers whom the police are eagerly searching. Detectives declare that owners of horses in that section have already paid \$10,000 to the blackmailers, and that their animals have enjoyed immunity.

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ORGANIZED LABOR'S REPRESENTATIVES

Gather in Toronto From Whole Continent and Are Given Warm Welcome by Canada.

AWAIT GOMPERS' REPORT.

Never Looked Forward to With Such Interest—Convention Will Act on Contempt Cases.

Toronto, Canada, Nov. 8.—Canada today extended a warm welcome to representatives of organized labor who have come the length and breadth of the continent to attend the twenty-ninth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor.

While the annual report of Samuel Gompers, the president of the federation, is always looked forward to with interest, never in the 27 years of his leadership has the report been more eagerly anticipated than today. The recent decision of the district court of appeals of the District of Columbia reaffirming the sentence of imprisonment imposed on President Gompers, Vice President John Mitchell and Secy. Frank Morrison for contempt of court in the Buck Stock & Range company case, has brought these officers of the federation within the shadow of prison walls, and it is for the convention to decide whether the case shall be appealed to the United States supreme court.

Mr. Gompers has contended that the constitutional right of free speech and the freedom of the press are involved in the contempt proceedings.

Mr. Gompers' four-months' trip abroad investigating conditions for foreign labor, which was expected to result in a recommendation with the wisdom of working with labor organizations abroad with a view to eventually establishing an international federation.

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Mr. Anderson, after being hit by Mr. Crawford's automobile, was run over by two other automobiles which followed close behind it.

PROF. FISHER MISQUOTED AS TO LENGTH OF LIFE

New York, Nov. 8.—A dispatch printed recently the statement was made that Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale had reported to the national conservation commission that the length of man's existence is steadily growing and that the span of 100 years will not long be possible of attainment. Mr. Fisher does not mean that man's life span is to be prolonged, but that human life might be prolonged 15 years, from 65 to 80, the present average duration of life being 62 years.

COSGRIFF PARTY NOT IN ACCIDENT

Rumors of Fatality Overtaking Well Known Bankers Found To Be Erroneous.

NAMES OF VICTIMS UNKNOWN

Car Plunged Into Chicago River, Drowning, It Is Believed, Men And Women Sightseers.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—A huge touring car plunged into the river at Jackson boulevard from the east approach of the bridge shortly after 10 o'clock last night, while the bridge was turned. A man and woman were seen to come to the surface and float down stream, the man endeavoring to save the woman by carrying her on his back. After drifting more than a block both sank with last despairing cries for help.

That three others, perhaps four, went down with the automobile is the belief of the bridge tenders at Jackson boulevard and at Van Buren street and of other witnesses of the tragedy. The other victims, it is believed, are under the machine at the bottom of the river. No screams clearly distinguishable in the big car went over are described by the witnesses to have been those of women and the conviction was reached by them that more than two of the occupants of the automobile were women.

Search for the bodies of the occupants of the automobile was resumed today. The searchers were aided by a diver in the employ of the city. The identity of the victims and the number of persons who lost their lives, however, is still unknown.

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Prizes for the Christmas News

The Deseret News offers a cash prize of \$50.00 for the best story submitted for the Christmas issue to be printed Saturday, December 18th, 1909.

The story must not contain more than 8,500 words, or about seven columns, one page of Deseret News type.

A prize of \$25.00 cash, is also offered for the best Christmas poem submitted for the Christmas issue.

The poem to consist of not more than 1,200 words.

All manuscripts must be delivered to the Deseret News office not later than December 1st, 1909.

Stories and poems should be signed with an initial or non de plume, and accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the real name and address of the author. Those deserving manuscripts returned should enclose the necessary postage.

Address all contributions to

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Salt Lake City, Utah

Christmas Contest Department.

WILL NOW INVESTIGATE CLAIMS OF DR. COOK

Washington, Nov. 8.—The board of managers of the National Geographic society today appointed a committee to pass on the question whether the north pole was discovered before 1909, meaning by that, Dr. Cook. The committee is J. Howard Gore, formerly professor of mathematics, George Washington university; Rear Admiral John E. Pillsbury of the navy, and Dr. C. W. Wilson, chief geologist of the geological survey.

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FOUR THOUSAND SACKS OF GRANULATED SWEETNESS LOSE THEIR BALANCE FROM SHOCK.

Telephone messages from Garland state that a severe shock of earthquake was felt there at 1 o'clock this morning. It was of brief duration, but while it lasted it created a great deal of excitement. Four thousand bags of sugar piled up in the warehouse of the Utah Idaho Sugar company were knocked over, but fortunately none of the bags were broken. In the sugar factory, which was running full force at the time, the workmen came pouring out like so many bees from a hive, as the tremor affected the building very seriously. No damage, however, was reported and the men soon resumed work.

TREMOR AT GARLAND TOPPLES SUGAR BAGS

New York, Nov. 8.—Mrs. John Jacob Astor was today granted an interlocutory decree of divorce by Justice Mills, sitting in the supreme court at New York. All papers in the case were sealed and the proceedings were carefully guarded.

Henry W. Taft appeared for Mrs. Astor, while Col. Astor was represented by Lewis Cass Ledyard. Mr. Taft said: "I have a motion with which you are familiar and would like to have the judgment signed and an interlocutory decree if there are no objections."

Mr. Ledyard said there were no objections and Justice Mills signed the papers.

Mr. Taft made a second motion asking that all papers in the case be sealed. The judge agreed.

It is understood counsel made a preliminary arrangement as to the disposition of the two Astor children and the question of alimony. It has been generally reported that Col. Astor made a settlement of \$10,000.

Mrs. Astor was a Miss Anna Willing of Philadelphia and was married to Col. Astor in 1891.

Early this morning, just