

AT WORK ON MESSAGE

PRESIDENT WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON SATURDAY.

Federal Supervision of Life Insurance, Regulation of Railway Rates and Progress on Panama Canal Outlined in Document.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 25.—President Roosevelt will complete his summer sojourn at Sagamore Hill and return to Washington next Saturday. The president is devoting considerable time each day now to work on his annual message to congress. For some time he has been assembling data for the message, but since the adjournment of the peace conference he has been writing the data into definite form. The message will not be completed until some time early in November, because each member of the cabinet will have to supply material for discussion with reference to his department. This information will be contained in the annual reports of the cabinet officials, which have not been completed.

Three topics, highly important at this time to the American people, will be discussed by the president in his message. They are the federal regulation and supervision of life insurance, the relations between this country and Venezuela and America's interest in the fiscal affairs of the government of Santo Domingo. Other important subjects naturally will be considered, among them the scandals disclosed in the departments of agriculture and the interior, the work of the department of justice in the beef cases; the regulation of freight rates; the progress made in the construction of the Panama canal, and the conclusion of peace between Russia and Japan.

Much of the matter for these discussions President Roosevelt now has in hand and the last days of his stay at Sagamore Hill are being devoted to the preparation of that part of his message which will deal with them. Few visitors have been received since the adjournment of the peace conference, the president desiring to be as free as possible from interruption while working on his message. His last week here is practically devoid of engagements. The consideration of all matters except those of immediate importance is being postponed until the president shall have reached Washington.

Twenty-five New Cases at Pensacola.

Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 25.—Twenty-five new cases of yellow fever were reported by physicians to the state health officer. One death was reported. The situation is rather discouraging, as the cases are scattered all over the city and all hope of checking the disease before the appearance of frost is practically abandoned.

Yellow Fever Conditions.

New Orleans, Sept. 27.—Yellow fever report: New cases, 31; deaths, 5; total cases, 2,899; total deaths, 385; new foci, 7; cases under treatment, 286; cases discharged, 2,238.

Cannot Accept Conditions.

Budapest, Sept. 25.—All parties here discuss without excitement the meeting between the king-emperor and the coalition leaders and the conference between the leaders and Count Cziraky. They describe the king-emperor's conditions as an ultimatum, which cannot be accepted by the Hungarian nation. The entire press is united in warning the people to act with reserve, pointing out that prudent observance of the law is their best weapon.

Japs Seize Kommander Island.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 25.—News has been received here that the American steamer Montara, having on board Baron Bruggen, manager of the Kamchatka Trading society, was seized by the Japanese near Nikolaevok, Behring Island, and that the Japanese occupied the Kommander Island and hoisted the Japanese flag. Neither the date of seizure of the vessel nor that of occupation of the island is given.

Germans Defeat Rebels.

Berlin, Sept. 25.—The government received information from German East Africa that attacks by the rebels on Mahenge have been successfully repulsed, that the Morrogo rebels lost thirty killed and that the Graworth column had arrived at Kilwa after inflicting severe losses on the rebels in six fights.

Asks Venezuela to Reconsider.

Caracas, Sept. 25.—The French government has asked the Venezuelan government to reconsider its last note refusing to treat with the French government through M. Taigny.

TRAINS MEET; FIVE DEAD.

Collision on Pennsylvania Railroad Injures Twenty.

Philadelphia, Sept. 26.—A rear end collision between the eastbound New York limited express from St. Louis and a local passenger train, which was standing at the Paoli station of the Pennsylvania railroad, thirteen

miles west of this city, resulted in the death of five men and the injuring of more than twenty others. The dead are: Frank A. Brastow of Haverford, general agent of the Safety Car Heating and Lighting company; George M. Pennypacker, Philadelphia; S. S. Walton, Altoona; Richard Y. Garland, Narbeth; Carl Dunhauer, Philadelphia.

All those who met death were in the private car of General Manager Atterbery, which was attached to the rear of the local train. Mr. Atterbery is on his vacation in Maine. In the car at the time of the collision were about a dozen men, who had been engaged in overhauling the car. Those who were not killed were injured. The force of the collision was so great that the engine of the limited ploughed ten feet into the car, and the latter was forced half way through the day coach ahead. At the time of the accident there was less than half a dozen passengers on the train, who were in the forward cars. The engineer and fireman of the colliding train were not hurt, but a number of passengers were injured.

Bankers to Meet in Washington.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Government officials are co-operating with the local committee in arranging for the convention of the American Bankers' association Oct. 10-14. An extensive committee, composed of prominent Washington bankers, has been busy for several weeks preparing an elaborate program for the entertainment of the visitors. John Joy Edson, chairman of the executive committee, says it is expected fully 4,000 bankers will be here. By special invitation from Secretary Shaw, the visiting bankers will be afforded unusual opportunity to view the workings of the treasury department.

Stickney Says Packers Fix Rates.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—President Stickney of the Great Western railroad, testifying for the defense before the interstate commerce commission regarding freight rates on live stock and live stock products from the Missouri river to Chicago, declared that the packers fix the rates, the railroads being compelled to accept what is offered for hauling dressed meats.

Iowa Corn Crop Safe.

Des Moines, Sept. 27.—In the weekly crop bulletin Director Sage of the crop service says that the crop is matured as well at this time as for any of the past fifteen years. He says that from 85 to 90 per cent of the crop is past all danger from frost and that the immature portion needs only till the last of the month or a little longer to be out of the danger of harm.

Health Officers Are Busy.

Boston, Sept. 27.—The general sessions of the annual meeting of the American Public Health association opened in Association hall, Young Men's Christian association building. After organization was effected several brief papers were read and discussed.

Standing of the Teams.

AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
W. L. P.	W. L. P.
Phil'phia .84 51 622	New York .96 42 630
Chicago .82 54 603	Pittsburg .92 49 652
Boston .83 63 511	Chicago .82 58 586
Cleveland .79 63 504	Phil'phia .76 63 547
Detroit .79 63 504	Cincinnati .70 63 504
New York .66 66 500	St. Louis .55 85 393
Washington .56 80 412	Boston .45 83 326
St. Louis .48 90 348	Brooklyn .39 98 285

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—Bright skies in the northwest had a bearish effect today on the wheat market here. Liberal primary receipts further weakened values. At the close wheat for December delivery was 3/4c. Corn was down 3/4c. Oats showed a loss of 3/4c. Provisions were practically unchanged. Closing prices:

Wheat—Sept, 84 3/4c; Dec., 85 7/8c; May, 86 1/2c.
Corn—Sept., 52c; Dec., 44 3/4c; May, 44 1/2c.
Oats—Sept., 27 1/4c; Dec., 28 1/4c; May, 30 1/2c.
Pork—Oct., \$14.95; Jan., \$12.35.
Lard—Oct., \$7.30; Jan., \$6.77 1/2.
Ribs—Oct., \$8.50; Jan., \$6.47 1/2.
Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, \$4.80; No. 3 hard wheat, \$2.80; No. 2 corn, 52 1/2c; No. 2 oats, 27 1/4c.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Sept. 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,000; steady; native steers, \$3.80; 6-12; cows and heifers, \$2.75; 4-5; western steers, \$3.00; 4-5; Texas steers, \$2.75; 4-5; range cows and heifers, \$2.00; 3-5; canners, \$1.50; 2-5; stockers and feeders, \$2.25; 4-5; calves, \$3.00; 5-10; bulls, stags, etc., \$2.25; 3-5. Hogs—Receipts, 4,200; steady; heavy, \$5.10; 5-25; mixed, \$5.15; 5-20; light, \$5.25; 5-35; pigs, \$4.50; 5-10; bulk of sales, \$5.15; 5-30. Sheep—Receipts, 8,500; slow, steady; westerns, \$4.00; 5-10; wethers, \$4.30; 4-10; ewes, \$4.15; 4-30; lambs, \$6.40; 6-7 1/2.

Kansas City Live Stock.

Kansas City, Sept. 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 15,000; steady; choice beef steers, \$5.00; 5-10; western steers, \$3.00; 4-5; stockers and feeders, \$2.50; 4-5; calves, \$1.75; 3-5; heifers, \$2.50; 4-5; cows, \$2.50; 4-10. Hogs—Receipts, 8,000; 5-10; top, \$5.35; bulk of sales, \$5.20; 5-30; heavy, \$5.25; 4-5; packers, \$5.20; 5-30; pigs and light, \$5.00; 5-20. Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; steady to the lower; lambs, \$5.25; 6-8; ewes and yearlings, \$4.00; 5-10.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,000; slightly lower; beef steers, \$3.50; 5-8; stockers and feeders, \$2.00; 4-5; cows and canners, \$1.25; 4-5; bulls, \$2.00; 3-5; heifers, \$2.00; 4-5; calves, \$1.75; 3-5. Hogs—Receipts, 10,000; steady; mix-

ping and selected, \$5.50; 5-7 1/2; mixed and heavy packing, \$4.85; 4-7 1/2; light, \$5.10; 5-10; pigs and rough, \$2.00; 5-10. Sheep—Receipts, 4,000; slow, 5-10; tower; sheep, \$2.75; 5-25; lambs, \$4.50; 6-7 1/2.

HERCULANEUM.

Its Destruction Came From a Deluge of Lava Water.

Herculaneum, in Italy, is one of those ancient cities which have not only been buried, but actually forgotten, for ages. The town, supposed to be of Etruscan origin, lies on the Campanian plain at the foot of its destroyer, Vesuvius, almost midway between Naples and Pompeii.

What caused the catastrophe of the year 79 A. D.? Geologists have come to the help of the archaeologists, and it is now held that the destruction of Herculaneum was somewhat different from that of Pompeii, although Pompeii was also covered and buried and the general effects were the same in both instances. In the case of Pompeii the city was overwhelmed by the shower of small stones from the volcano and the subsequent rain of ashes, but Herculaneum seems to have been deluged with "water lava," and far fewer people were able to make their escape from the city than from Pompeii.

It is the theory that the steam from the crater turned into rain, and, mixing with the volcanic dust, formed a huge volume of muddy torrent. This gathered other silt as it poured over the land, raised the level of the country more than sixty-five feet and finally left a mass of compacted tufa. This torrent ran on to the sea, making its own channel and forming a kind of lagoon around the previously safe harbor which entirely prevented any ships from approaching the place thereafter. —Chicago News.

AKBAR'S EXPERIMENT.

Result of His Whimsical Search For a Natural Language.

Akbar, one of the first of the great moguls who ruled India, has been named the Asiatic Charlemagne. He was a statesman and an educator and built a palace for the reception of men who loved learning and sought after wisdom. The great mogul's passion for knowledge is said to have been shown by a whimsical experiment he once made to determine if it was true, as he had heard, that Hebrew was the natural language of all who had never been taught any other tongue.

To test this assertion Akbar caused a dozen nursing children to be shut up in a castle six leagues from Agrz, his capital city. Each child was reared by a dumb nurse. The porter also was a mute, and he was forbidden, upon pain of death, to open the gates of the castle. When the children were twelve years of age Akbar ordered them to be brought before him.

Men learned in Sanskrit, in Arabic, in Persian and in Hebrew were assembled at the royal palace to tell what language the children spoke. Akbar, seated on his throne and surrounded by these linguists, ordered the children to be brought in. Each child was addressed, and, to the surprise of the assembly, every one answered by a sign. Not a child could speak a word. They had all learned from their nurses to express themselves by gestures!

First Come, First Served.

A week before commencement Jones, a senior, who was weary of boarding house fare, was happily engaged in donning his dinner clothes. A smile of delighted anticipation played upon his features when Robbins entered in a dinner coat.

"Hello, Charley!" greeted Jones cheerily. "What's up?"

"Oh, nothing up," said Robbins. "I'm just going round to the Clemenses to call—going to see if I can't get asked to dinner."

The smile faded slowly from Jones' features.

"Oh, I say, Charley," he expostulated, "can't you go somewhere else? I was going there."—Youth's Companion.

Genius Bad at Figures.

I know an eminent Greek professor who could not reckon his class fees. Faraday had, I believe, no gift for mathematics. Darwin declared that he never understood an equation. I question if Isaac Newton could have passed any examination in literary or aesthetic subjects, with his idea that poetry was ingenious nonsense and statutory only stone dolls. It is a moot question if Napoleon Bonaparte would have passed a matriculation in French. I shrewdly suspect that neither Bonaparte nor Wellington would shine in a military academy examination.—Letter in London Telegraph.

Growsome Punishment.

A growsome form of punishment is still practiced in Afghanistan. A recent English expedition discovered at the top of the Lataband pass an iron cage suspended from a high pole fas-

tened in the ground like a telegraph pole containing a shriveled human body. The mummy was that of a thief, who had been imprisoned and allowed to die of thirst and hunger in this iron cage.

Your Learning.

Wear your learning like your watch, in a private pocket, and do not pull it out and strike it merely to show that you have one. If you are asked what o'clock it is, tell it, but do not proclaim it hourly and unasked like the watchman.

Are You Hungary?

"Are you Hungry?" "Yes, Siam." "Well, come along, I'll Fijl."—National Geographic Magazine.

A tree with a lofty head has less shade at its foot.

Wings of the Morning.

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strain his feelings.

"I have had no chance to thank you for the words you uttered at the moment we quitted the ship. Yet I will treasure them while life lasts. You gave Iris to me when I was poor, disgraced, an outcast from my family and my profession. And I know why you did this thing. It was because you valued her happiness more than riches or reputation. I am sorry now I did not explain matters earlier. It would have saved you much needless suffering. But the sorrow has sped like an evil dream, and you will perhaps not regret it, for your action today binds me to you with hoops of steel. And you, too, uncle. You traveled thousands of miles to help and comfort me in my anguish. Were I as bad as I was painted your kind old heart still pitied me. You were prepared to pluck me from the depths of despair and degradation. Why should I hate Lord Ventnor? What man could have served me as he did? He has given me Iris. He gained for me at her father's hands a concession such as mortal has seldom wrested from black brooded fate. He brought my uncle to my side in the hour of my adversity. Hate him! I would have his statue carved in marble and set on high to tell all who passed how good may spring out of evil—how God's



"Sweetheart," said her husband.

wisdom can manifest itself by putting even the creeping and crawling things of the earth to some useful purpose."

"Dash it all, lad," vociferated the elder Anstruther, "what ails thee? I never heard you talk like this before?"

The old gentleman's amazement was so comical that further tension was out of the question.

Robert, in calmer mood, informed

them of the manner in which he hit upon the mine. The story sounded like wildest romance—this finding of a volcanic dyke guarded by the bones of "J. S." and the poison filled quarry—but the production of the ore samples changed wonder into certainty.

Next day a government metallurgist estimated the value of the contents of the two oil tins at about £500, yet the specimens brought from the island were not by any means the richest available.

And now there is not much more to tell of Rainbow Island and its castaways. On the day that Captain Robert Anstruther's name appeared in the Gazette, reinstating him to his

rank and regiment, Iris and he were married in the English church at Hong-kong, for it was his wife's wish that the place which witnessed his ignominy should also witness his triumph.

Soon afterward Robert resigned his commission. He regretted the necessity, but the demands of his new sphere in life rendered this step imperative. Mining engineers, laborers, stores, portable houses, engines and equipment were obtained with all haste, and the whole party sailed on one of Sir Arthur Deane's ships to convey a small steamer specially hired to attend to the wants of the miners.

At last, one evening early in July, the two vessels anchored outside Palm Tree rock, and Mir Jan could be seen running frantically about the shore, for no valid reason save that he could not stand still. The sahib brought him good news. The governor of Hong-kong felt that any reasonable request made by Anstruther should be granted if possible. He had written such a strong representation of the Mohammedan's case to the government of India that there was little doubt the returning mail would convey an official notification that Mir Jan had been granted a free pardon.

The mining experts verified Robert's most sanguine views after a very brief examination of the deposit. Hardly any preliminary work was needed. In twenty-four hours a small concentrating plant was erected and a ditch made to drain off the carbonic anhydride in the valley. After dusk a party of coolies cleared the quarry of its former occupants. Toward the close of the following day, when the great steamer once more slowly turned her head to the northwest, Iris could hear the steady thud of an engine at work on the first consignment of ore.

Robert had been busy up to the last moment. There was so much to be done in a short space of time. The vessel carried a large number of passengers, and he did not wish to detain them too long, though they one and all expressed their willingness to suit his convenience in this respect.

Now his share of the necessary preparations was concluded. His wife, Sir Arthur and his uncle were gathered in a corner of the promenade deck when he approached and told them that his last instruction ashore was for a light to be fixed on Summit rock as soon as the dynamo was in working order.

"When we all come back in the cold weather," he explained gleefully, "we will not imitate the Sirdar by running on to the reef should we arrive by night."

Iris answered not. Her blue eyes were fixed on the fast receding cliffs.

"Sweetheart," said her husband, "why are you so silent?"

She turned to him. The light of the setting sun illumined her face with its golden radiance.

"Because I am so happy," she said. "Oh, Robert, dear, so happy and thankful!"

THE END.

External Evidence.

Teacher—Of what country is the rhinoceros a native? Willie—England. Teacher—Oh, no! What makes you think so? Willie—Th' way his clothes fit 'im.—Cleveland Leader.

Inference.

Grayce—I know something about Mabel. Gladys—What is it? Grayce—I will never, never tell. Gladys—Oh, you know something good about her, eh?—Pittsburg Post.

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