

STEAMER AEON SAFE

Long Overdue Freight Steamer is at Christmas Island.

CARRIED SEVERAL AMERICANS

Chaplain Patrick of Navy and Family Aboard Vessel.

REASON FOR DELAY UNKNOWN

It is Believed to Be Due to Accident to Machinery.

SHIP SEVENTY-FOUR DAYS OUT

It Sailed from San Francisco for Sydney July 6 and Reinsurance Was Quoted at Fifty-Five Per Cent.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 18.—The long missing British steamer Aeon, which sailed from San Francisco July 26 for Sydney, Australia, has been heard from. A brief cablegram reached Bamfield, the terminus of the Pacific cable on Christmas island, from Panning island today, saying the passengers of the Aeon were safe at Christmas island, some hundred miles from Panning island. The word came from Captain Downes of the Aeon, who had arrived at Panning island but contained no details as to whether the Aeon was wrecked or simply delayed because of an accident to the machinery. His message read: "Aeon's people all safe at Christmas island. Captain Downes at Panning island. Panning island is about 1,000 miles south of the Hawaiian islands and in the course of vessels bound for Australia and Christmas island is about 100 miles southeast of Panning."

The Aeon left San Francisco on July 26 with 4,000 tons of freight, and although it was not supposed to carry human cargo, ten passengers shipped as sailors and stowaways. It was destined for Sydney and Auckland by way of Apia. From that day nothing had been heard of it until the dispatch today telling of the safety of the passengers on Christmas island. It is supposed that the ship was disabled in its machinery and drifted, or in some other manner managed to make the island in safety.

In addition to the officers and crew on the Aeon it carried Chaplain B. R. Patrick, U. S. N., and family, and the wife of Naval Lieutenant W. K. Riddle. Rear Admiral Leburne of the Pacific fleet was ordered to keep lookout for the Aeon. It was placed on the overdue board at 25 per cent reinsurance, and after remaining at that figure for a time jumped to 40, and later, to 50 per cent, and finally to 55 per cent. It was seventy-four days out.

WASHINGTON, September 18.—Gratification was expressed at the Army department at the news of the safety of the British steamer Aeon and its passengers. It is assumed by naval experts that an accident to the Aeon's machinery caused it to work its way into the harbor at Christmas island. Among the passengers on board the Aeon were Mrs. Patrick, wife of Chaplain Patrick of the navy, and her children. Mrs. Patrick is a daughter of G. M. Zeepel of Norfolk, Va.

AMERICAN FLEET SETS SAIL

Flagship Remains Behind to Coal—Chartered Colliers Prove to Be Unreliable.

ALBANY, Western Australia, Sept. 18.—The American Atlantic fleet, under the command of Rear Admiral Sperry, left here at 3 o'clock this afternoon for Manila, 3,000 miles away, where it is due to arrive October 2 or 3. The flagship Connecticut did not leave with the other vessels, but it will depart at midnight and overtake the rest of the fleet tomorrow. It was delayed by coaling operations. It will pass Rotterdam island, Fremantle, and at 12 o'clock Sunday morning. The fleet is making nine knots an hour.

The delay of one day here—the vessels were scheduled to leave September 17—was occasioned by the unreliability of the chartered colliers, a circumstance which in war time might be attended with most serious results.

Rear Admiral Sperry has dispatched the following message to Alfred Deakin, the premier of the commonwealth, in reply to the communication sent by the premier yesterday wishing the American visit to God speed on the continuance of their voyage to home waters:

I thank you most heartily for the cordial message sent in the name of the commonwealth and people of the commonwealth, and we warmly and gratefully acknowledge your good wishes. The people of the commonwealth extend to you during our stay in Australia the warmest of welcomes and friendly sympathies and understandings which years of ordinary intercourse could not have brought about, and which must cement and make more enduring the personal relations so happily existing between the American republic and the Australian commonwealth. Hearts with hearts, we wish for the happy and prosperous development of your splendid commonwealth.

ACCIDENT TO SUBMARINES

Explosion of Gasoline at Vallejo Causes Death of One Officer and Injures Four.

VALLEJO, Calif., Sept. 18.—The explosion of 20 gallons of gasoline on board a large moored ahead of the submarine boats, Grampus and Pike, at the Mare Island Navy yard this afternoon, resulted in the death of Chief Machinist Teddy May, and injuries to Lieutenant J. S. Townsend, Chief Gunners Mate W. H. Lealy and Chief Gunners Mate Martin. Both sailors are already reported to be crowded with people awaiting the opening, many living in tents. All gambling will be restricted to the saloons, none being allowed on the streets. Extra train service will soon be necessary to handle the crush of people.

RUSH FOR TRIPP COUNTY LAND

Gregory and Dallas Are Crowded with People and Many More Are Coming.

NORFOLK, Neb., Sept. 18.—Northwestern railroad officials have returned from Gregory and Dallas, S. D., registration points for the Tripp county land rush, where they conferred with town officials regarding the forthcoming opening. Gregory and Dallas are already reported to be crowded with people awaiting the opening, many living in tents. All gambling will be restricted to the saloons, none being allowed on the streets. Extra train service will soon be necessary to handle the crush of people.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Saturday, September 19, 1908.

Table with columns for dates from 1908 to 1908, listing various events and prices.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICINITY—Fair Saturday; cooler.

FOR NEBRASKA—Partly cloudy Saturday; cooler.

PYLOWA—Partly cloudy, with probably showers Saturday; cooler in northwest portion.

Temperatures at Omaha yesterday:

Table showing temperatures at Omaha yesterday for various times of day.

POLITICAL

Congressman James S. Sherman addressed a large crowd yesterday at the state fair at Syracuse, N. Y.

Senator Foraker announced yesterday that he was employed by the Standard Oil company as an attorney, but that the term of his employment expired before his first term as senator.

Judge Taft was busy yesterday at his desk preparing speeches for the western tour.

DOMESTIC

Steamer Colon was in a severe storm off Colon and three sailors were killed.

Orville Wright is recovering from his fall in the ship.

Wilbur Wright received news of the injury to his brother as he was about to start on a flight in competition for two prizes. He postponed the attempt.

The fire in the Swift plant at St. Joseph was gotten under control before damage exceeding \$50,000 had been done.

Burglars looted the villa of Mark Twain, but are captured after a hard fight.

Bankruptcy proceedings have been filed against the Booth Packing company in Chicago by small creditors.

The American fleet left Albany on its trip to Manila.

Mammoth steel welcome arch at Nineteenth and Farnam streets is nearly completed.

Railroads coming to time on the special rates for the St. Louis-Bien festival.

Omaha to join with other western jobbing centers in the fight for better rates.

Officers of the Missouri River congress to meet in Chicago next month.

Mayor Dahlman's defeat at the primaries does not affect his leadership in democratic politics and he is still recognized as big boss.

Results of the ball games:

12—New York vs. Pittsburgh—7-0.

2—Philadelphia vs. Chicago—1.

15—Cincinnati vs. Boston—4.

2—Cleveland vs. Boston—1.

1—Chicago vs. Washington—0.

1—New York vs. Detroit—1.

5-3—St. Louis vs. Philadelphia—1-1.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

Live stock markets.

Grain markets.

Stocks and bonds.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

NEW YORK. Arrived. Sailed.

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WRIGHT NOT SERIOUSLY HURT

American Aeroplanist Will Recover from His Injuries.

BROTHER POSTPONES HIS FLIGHT

Receives News of the Accident as He Was About to Compete for Two Big Prizes in France.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Lying in the Fort Myer hospital with a fractured thigh and ribs, Orville Wright, the aeronaut, who fell with Lieutenant Selfridge in yesterday's aeroplane accident, is making a manly fight for recovery.

Through the night there was much anxiety over the injured aviator's condition, but as dawn broke and no indications of internal injuries developed and as the attending surgeon after a call shortly after 10 o'clock announced that Mr. Wright was doing very well, there was great relief expressed among those who were watching the progress of the patient.

Walter Wright, the brother of Orville, was notified today of the latter's condition.

The report of the condition of Mr. Wright this morning had been eagerly looked forward to, as it was felt that any internal injuries that might have been sustained and not shown at the diagnosis made just after he was taken to the hospital would be manifested this morning, and that the fact that no reaction had set in and that he is in "good shape," as one of the reports from the hospital early today expressed it, is taken to mean that it is now only a question of time before Wright will be able to leave the hospital.

Mr. Flint, who made inquiries at the hospital as early as 5 o'clock this morning, said later that he believed from the doctor's reports that Wright would be out again within perhaps six weeks.

Miss Katherine Wright, a sister of Wilbur and Orville, who was immediately notified of the disastrous ending of the aeroplanes flight, will reach here after the 20th inst. via the Great Northern, at 4:30 this afternoon. In order to be with her brother as much as possible while he is at the hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Flint will be at the depot to meet her.

How the Ship Fell.

The mechanics who helped Wright in the work on his machine, and who were heart-broken over its wreck, Mechanic Taylor said that when the aeroplane fell he expected to find Orville dead. "None knew better than I," said he, "the heartaches and sleepless nights this aeroplane has cost the Wright brothers. It is too terrible to think of."

Mechanic Furness said that he saw Orville trying hard to get the airship level again after the propeller broke, but that the one propeller that was revolving pulled the machine downward and to the left. "It was too strong," said he, "to restore the equilibrium of the machine. It was most distressing that this should happen just at the zenith of Wright's success. He had bright prospects of becoming a very rich man."

Mr. Taylor, in discussing the accident, said he could not see how the two propellers could have come together. The angle line was in perfect condition before the flight and the turning plane and main plane were all right.

Both Taylor and Furness visited Wright this morning. Wright told Taylor that he stopped the motor after the accident happened in the air.

Nothing has been heard of close eye-witnesses, the piece broken from the propeller struck one of the supports of the rudder. The machine did not travel far before it started to swing around on its own axis to the left. It did not overturn until the general impression given to spectators at the far end of the field, but the left side veered downward. Mr. Wright again regained his lateral equilibrium, but the machine then plunged forward, striking the ground with terrific force. Mr. Wright believes that he would have been able to land safely had he been fifty feet higher in the air at the time of the accident.

Evidence as to Accident.

Another theory advanced by several witnesses is that one of the supports of the rudder snapped off and was struck by the propeller which in turn was broken off. This would cause the other propeller to swing the machine around. Lieutenant Frank Lahm of the signal corps, who was among those first to see the machine, immediately took evidence from the eye witnesses.

An inquiry by the signal corps board will be held and a report forwarded to the secretary of war.

Nothing has been heard of Fort Myer from Lieutenant Selfridge's father in San Francisco, or his mother and brother, who are supposed to be in Boston. Until word is received from the family, the body of the unfortunate officer will remain at the Fort Myer hospital.

It is possible that an autopsy will be held to determine whether his death was due to the fracture at the base of the skull or from some other injury.

The split in Wright's leg was adjusted this morning. The leg is in a better condition than it was before, although at 10 o'clock it was stated at the hospital that he had a slight fever. This, however, was natural and the surgeon stated that Wright would be able to see his sister when she arrives this afternoon.

Will Investigate Accident.

Today the wrecked machine was in the shed where it has been housed since it was broken at Fort Myer, and the windows and doors are nailed down. By direction of the War department, a stake has been driven where Selfridge fell with a view to some time erecting a monument to his memory.

Officers of the aeronautical board today began at Fort Myer a formal investigation of the accident and will report to the department.

Following an interview with Wright today, Taylor, who has been Wright's assistant for over eight years, talked of plans for building a new machine. Turning to Furness, the other assistant, he said:

"How long would it take to get material here and rebuild the machine?"

"About three weeks," said Furness.

"The motor is all right," said Taylor. "Of course, the rest of the machine is a total wreck."

Will Lose Valuable Time.

"The greatest loss to Mr. Wright," said Mr. Furness, "is the fact that he will be unable to do anything this winter. While it would take but several hundred dollars to replace the aeroplane, provide the motor in good condition, the loss of opportunity to make further flights and secure the \$25,000 from the United States government will seriously impede Mr. Wright."

Octave Chanute, one of Wright's closest friends, chatted with Wright for a few minutes today. "Mr. Wright was suffering

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FORAKER REPLIES TO HEARST

Ohio Senator Says He Formerly Was Standard Lawyer.

CONNECTION LONG AGO CEASED

John D. Archbold Declares Standard Oil Never Contributed to the Oklahoma Democratic Campaign Fund.

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 18.—That he had been several years ago an attorney for the Standard Oil company, but that such employment had nothing to do with matters pending in congress or in which the federal government was interested, is the substance of a brief statement made today by Senator Foraker in answer to charges made by William R. Hearst in Columbus last night.

Senator Foraker's statement follows: I do not know whether the letters given to me by Hearst are true copies or not, but I assume they are, for I was then engaged in the practice of the law and was employed by the Standard Oil company as one of its counsel in connection with its affairs in Ohio, where it was attacked in the courts and in the legislature.

"While I do not now recall the details, I remember that I rendered the company such service as I could, charged for it, and was paid."

"The employment had no reference whatever to anything pending in congress or to anything in which the federal government has the slightest interest."

"That I was so employed, and presumably compensated for my services, was common knowledge at the time; at least, I never made any effort to conceal the fact, and he permitted the use of his name."

"It had not then become discreditable, but was considered just the reverse, to be employed by such corporations."

"That employment ended before my first term in the senate expired. I have not represented the company in any way since. In other words, I have not represented the company in any way since long before it was attacked by the federal government, nor since before, with full general knowledge, I was re-elected to the senate."

Senator Not of Record.

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 18.—United States Senator J. B. Foraker was not an attorney of record in any of the Standard Oil cases tried in the Ohio courts. The first cases were filed in 1882 and were carried along through various courts for more than twenty years. According to the records in the attorney general's office, the attorney's record in 1899 and 1900, when the cases against the Standard and its subsidiary companies were tried, were M. R. Keitt, S. C. T. Dodd and Joseph H. Choate of New York and Virgil P. Kline of Cleveland.

None of the attorneys who were employed in the attorney general's office knew anything about any connection of Senator Foraker with the Standard Oil company, as he never appeared before any courts or made any pleas for the company in their legal battles.

"Yet," said Smith W. Bennett, assistant attorney general, "Foraker may have been the power behind the throne and may have been giving advice and looking up similar cases in other courts for citation in the fight of the Standard Oil company in Ohio."

The same official stated that he was employed most of the time with Attorney General Monnett in his contests through the various courts with the Standard and had his first time to hear Foraker make any arguments or even appear in person or otherwise at any of the various fights.

"It was news to us all," said this attorney, "to hear that Senator Foraker was employed as an attorney in these fights."

ARCHBOLD HAS MANY DENIALS

Standard Oil Official Interviewed on Foraker Matter.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—John D. Archbold of the Standard Oil company made the following statement today:

"Such correspondence and relations as I may have had years ago with Senator Foraker were entirely proper and legitimate."

"If Mr. Hearst had come to Mr. Archbold direct it would probably have cost him less to secure copies of Mr. Archbold's correspondence than for Mr. Hearst to have either employed or dealt with thieves."

"Mr. Archbold characterizes Mr. Hearst's

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TAFT'S ROUTE IN NEBRASKA

Arrangements Completed at Meeting Held in Chicago on Thursday.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The itinerary of William H. Taft through Nebraska on his forthcoming western tour has been arranged, though subject to change. The route was agreed on this evening in conference between Senator Dixon of the speakers' bureau of the republican national committee and Secretary Hayward, National Committee Victor Rosewater and Harry C. Lindsay.

Judge Taft will travel by special train, which will come into the charge of the Nebraska organization at Sioux City, Wednesday, September 23. The train will start out early in the morning over the Northwestern, making stops for addresses at Emerson, Wakefield, Wayne, Norfolk, Stanton, Westpoint, Scribner, Fremont and Lincoln. At Valhoo Mr. Taft's visit will coincide with the county fair being held there and his principal speech will be made at the night meeting at Lincoln.

Governor Sheldon will probably accompany him on the trip and participate in the program at Lincoln, and, if possible, Governor Cummins of Iowa will also have a part in the speaking there. Mr. Taft and his party will remain in Lincoln over night.

For the second day a circuitous trip south from Lincoln will take in Crete, Wilber, Dewitt, Beatrice, Pawnee, Falls City, Auburn, Nebraska City and Plattsmouth and land Mr. Taft in Omaha for Thursday evening.

It is thought that the Omaha engagement may be utilized for two meetings if local conditions permit. Mr. Taft could speak at South Omaha to a workmen's meeting early in the evening and then conclude the speaking at the Auditorium at a big general meeting at the Auditorium. It is hoped for the Omaha meetings to have the assistance of Senator Dolliver as the second principal speaker.

North Platte on Third Day.

After the Omaha meeting it will be necessary to take the Taft train by a night run to North Platte, so as to reach the last named point not later than 9 o'clock in the morning, as Mr. Taft must be at Cheyenne by 3 o'clock of that afternoon, and at Denver for an evening meeting. The only stop in Nebraska after leaving North Platte will probably be at Sidney.

The further details of this trip are yet to be worked out, but it contemplates covering five of the six congressional districts, leaving only the Fifth district without a visit from the republican presidential nominee. It will take the visitors over the Northwestern, Burlington, Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific roads, and will cover a little over 200 miles on each of the first days with a complete through trip from Omaha to Denver on the third day. This will be pretty fast traveling and permit of only informal speeches, with the single exception of the prepared address which will be delivered at Lincoln.

WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL

Several Postmasters Appointed for Nebraska and Iowa Towns.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Postmasters appointed: Nebraska—Sanborn, Dundey county; Jacob W. Boden, Iowa—Browns, Clinton county; J. A. Fitzpatrick, vice W. Lange, resigned; Conesville, Muscatine county; F. G. McCulloch, vice F. G. Gay, resigned.

Nettleton at Headquarters.

Dan Nettleton, speaker of the last house of representatives, was in Lincoln today and called at the state house and at the republican headquarters. Mr. Nettleton

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TROUBLE FOR TOM ALLEN

Populist Candidate for Attorney General May Not Get Out of Way.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Sept. 18.—(Special.)—Tom Allen may have trouble forcing populist nominees to violate their oaths and line up for the democrats.

Mr. B. Quackenbush, populist nominee for attorney general, may have been commanded to decline a nomination which he swore to accept. The oath of acceptance had to be taken in order to get his name on the primary ballot, so in view of the treatment he has received at the hands of the democrats and the republican nominee Mr. Quackenbush is liable to hesitate before admitting that he got his name on the populist primary ballot through misrepresentation.

It is a known fact that Harry Fidelity himself more than any other man secured the consent of Mr. Quackenbush to make the race for the nomination. Mr. Quackenbush had refused and repeatedly refused, because he felt he could not afford to make a stand against the republican nominee, Mr. Fidelity, who had not yet announced his own candidacy, called upon Mr. Quackenbush and insisted and pleaded with him to make the race. He persuaded the Nebraska county man against his own judgment and he permitted the use of his name.

Within a few days after he had announced Mr. Fidelity announced his own candidacy.

Who got Fidelity in the race after Fidelity had pledged Quackenbush to run is a live question so far as Mr. Quackenbush is concerned, and may have a decided effect on his final action in the matter. There is no doubt someone was back of the Fidelity candidacy. Friends of Mr. Quackenbush believe that.

That is the reason why people here in Lincoln that he favored the candidacy of A. C. Shallenberger for governor, previous to the primary. It is a question now for the friends of the populist nominee to discover whether it was Shallenberger who made a deal with Fidelity and got him to run and assist him in Douglas county. If circumstantial evidence is to be believed, friends of the populist nominee owe little to Mr. Shallenberger. It is not by circumstantial evidence, however, that it is known that Fidelity induced Quackenbush to enter the race for attorney general and then got into the fight on his own account.

Trouble in the Big Sixth.

Out in the Sixth district W. H. Westover and Walter Johnson, both fusion candidates for congress, are not sure just how one of them can violate his oath and get off of the ticket in the interest of Mr. Bryan. So Mr. Johnson, the populist nominee, has appealed to the secretary of state. Some light on the Bryan fusion farce and deception is shown in this letter. It is as follows:

OLD NEB., Sept. 17.—Secretary of State: Dear Sir: I notice by the reports that I have been nominated on the people's independent ticket, and that W. H. Westover has made to fill the vacancy in Douglas county. We want to arrange the matter so that one of us can get off of the ticket, and who will do this may have his name on the ticket. I guess there is an impression that the primary law will not permit a withdrawal in this way from the ticket, but I do not think on reading the law that that is the intention of congressmen.

Any person has the right to resign an office, and I think you probably do not intend to place the candidate in a position that he cannot do the same. If the proper effort is made to fill the vacancy in Douglas county, you kindly inform me by return mail. The nomination is a concession from the Sixth Nebraska district. Yours truly,

WALTER JOHNSON.

(Johnson spent \$25 for his nomination.)

George W. Berge, defeated candidate for the democratic nomination for governor and successful populist candidate for the same office, spent \$60.50 in his campaign. He spent \$1 for incidentals.

Arrangements Perfect So He May Attend Chicago Banquet.

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—Judge Taft and William H. Bryan will meet at the Chicago Association of Commerce banquet in the city October 7 after all, according to an announcement made today by Chairman Dixon of the republican speakers' bureau. It is possible that the two presidential candidates will meet even earlier in the day, as Judge Taft has accepted an invitation to speak at Galesburg, Ill., October 7. In the afternoon, and a committee of Galesburg citizens has been appointed to invite Mr. Bryan to be present. In order that Mr. Dixon, "It did not look as if he could appear both at Galesburg and Chicago, and so I cancelled the Chicago engagement, because Judge Taft already had one engagement

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SHERMAN TO FARMERS

Vice Presidential Candidate Speaks at New York State Fair.

HOME MARKET IS IMPORTANT

Good Prices Will Prevail as Long as it is Maintained.

CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES

Proper Care of Soil, Mines and Forests is Important.

NATION MUCH ENVIED ABROAD

Rural Classes Everywhere Regard American Farmer as Much Favoured—Another Big Crop at Hand.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 18.—James R. Sherman, republican candidate for vice president, was the principal speaker at Interstate day at the state fair today. Mr. Sherman was introduced by Lieutenant Governor Chanler, the democratic nominee for governor.

Mr. Sherman quoted from the speech of President Roosevelt at Jamestown last year on the conservation of the national resources of the country, which he said constitutes the fundamental problem underlying almost every problem of our national life. He also quoted the declaration of principles advocated by the governors of the various states who met in the White House last May.

Mr. Sherman compared the progress and the effort of agricultural opportunity and activity in Great Britain and the United States since Great Britain abandoned its protective policy in 1846. He said:

"At that time British agriculture was at its very highest development—today, after fifty years of a fiscal policy, which dissipates instead of develops, which destroys instead of preserves, British agriculture is largely a thing of the past; no longer an honor to the civilization of that once great nation. Agriculture cannot thrive without a market for its surplus."

"The development of agriculture in the United States has been most marvelous and is today the envy of the rural classes of every part of the world."

Good Markets for Crops.

"The annual crop of wheat has begun to harvest, it is estimated, will exceed