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TAFT HAS BUSY DAY IN MONTANA

He Sees Giant Drill at Work on High Grade Ore Twelve Hundred Feet Under Ground. NEW RECORD FOR PRESIDENT No Other Chief Executive Has Been So Far Below Surface. SEES SMELTER AT ANAHEAD DA Visit to Copper District Full of Experiences. MAKES ADDRESS AT STATE

Crowd in Streets at Butte La. He Has Seen Since Leaving Chicago—Auto Ride Over Mountains.

HELENA, Mont., Sept. 27.—Attired in a linen duster, an old black slouch hat and swinging an electric lantern at his side, President Taft was locked in a narrow iron cage and dropped 1,200 feet through mid-air to the depths of the night blackness into the depths of the famous old Leonard copper mine at Butte today. He had the rare experience of seeing miners at work with a giant drill in a vein of high grade ore that sparkled green with its wealth of mineral.

When he had ascended with a whiff, after half an hour underground, the president, looking in the glare of the noonday sun, was cheered to the echo by the crowd of curious people gathered at the hoist. He declared enthusiastically: "I would not have missed it for the world."

It was the president's first visit to the Montana copper district and between the smelters at Anaconda and the mines at Butte, he had a series of interesting experiences. Not the least of these was a thrilling automobile ride over the mountains from Butte to the mouth of the Leonard mine. The grades were steep and winding, but the chauffeurs were expert and men and while there was apparently no sign of danger at any stage of the trip there was a high relief when Mr. Taft had once more been placed safely aboard the Mayflower for the run to Helena.

Speech at State Fair. Arriving here, he went directly to the state fair grounds, where, after viewing a portion of the exhibits he made an open-air address and witnessed a race of cowboys. Returning to the city Mr. Taft reviewed a parade of school children headed here this evening he headed direct for Spokane, where he is expected tomorrow to deliver his formal speech on the subject which holds supreme interest to all the west—the conservation of the natural resources and the reclamation of arid lands.

President Taft walked with a limp when he first got off the train this morning at Anaconda, the result of a sprained tendon in his right foot. The sprain occurred at Beverly, but he suffered little inconvenience from it until today when his foot was considerably swollen. There is nothing serious about the sprain and Mr. Taft did not let it interfere in any way with his plans.

Great Crowd at Butte. The president made a flying trip through the Washoe smelter of the Amalgamated Copper company at Anaconda, then proceeded into the city and after a brief address, took the train for Butte. The crowds which greeted him on the streets there were the largest he had seen since leaving Chicago.

The police had their hands full in opening a way for the automobile procession and after the president's car had passed the crowd swarmed in its wake. Speaking at the court house the president looked out upon a mass of humanity that blocked the squares and spread far down the converging streets. He made a decided hit with the great throng when he told of the wonderful impression the western country was making upon him, and ended by saying: "I am like the old Dutchman who said: 'The more you live the more you find, by golly, out.'"

The president disappeared down the shaft of the Leonard mine today with a hearty "Good bye, everybody," shouted to the waving group at the entrance, he carried with him into the depths of the earth two of his cabinet officers and won the presidential record for the furthestmost under ground.

Effect of Water Competition on Railroad Rates

Testimony is Taken on This Point in Hearing at Salt Lake City.

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 27.—Water competition for railroads was considered at the freight rate hearing today before Interstate Commerce Commissioner E. Clark. Testimony was taken regarding the railroads' contention that freight can be carried so much cheaper by steamer to the Pacific coast than the transcontinental railroad rate to the coast points must be much lower than the rate to Salt Lake City and Reno, Nev., if the latter rate is to be remunerative.

G. W. Luce, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific railroad, the first witness called, said the entire water route tonnage originating at the Atlantic seaboard to California points amounted to 236,100 tons, while the railroad delivery amounted to 36,321 tons.

Chairman Hartine of the Nevada railroad commission tried to bring out that 95 per cent of the westbound traffic through the Ogden gateway goes to the coast. Mr. Luce thought that only about 50 per cent of the business went through to the terminal point.

L. J. Spence, general freight agent of the steamship lines of the Southern Pacific company, gave figures on the tonnage carried by way of the Straits of Macellan, the Isthmus of Panama and Tehuantepec, and enumerated among the advantages of the steamship agents the absence of interstate commerce restrictions.

Mr. Spence admitted that there was no actual competition between the Southern Pacific and its own steamship lines.

Explosion in Polish School at Jersey City

Fifteen Children Are Injured as Result of Fireworks Near Parochial School.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Sept. 27.—A panic among the 1,000 pupils of the St. Anthony's Polish parochial school at Monmouth and Sixth streets caused by the explosion of fire works in the street nearby, resulted today in the severe injury of fifteen children. Only one is believed to be fatally hurt.

Reports that some of the Jersey City schools would be dynamited had been circulated for several days and when the fire works were exploded in the street in celebration of a festival, children thought their school building was being blown up.

In the scramble to escape many of the children were knocked down and trampled upon until pressure forced the doors open. Then the frightened children ran among the exploding fire works and some of them were buried.

Kinkaid's Clerk Admits Forgery

Cashes Bogus Orders on the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Robert L. Harris, formerly employed as clerk by Representative M. P. Kinkaid of Nebraska, today pleaded guilty to the charge of forging the name of his employer to three orders on the sergeant-at-arms of the house. Harris was arraigned before Chief Justice Clegg in criminal court No. 1. The indictment charged that Harris cashed one of the orders for \$25 and had in his possession two other orders, one for \$25 and one for \$50. He was remanded to jail to await sentence.

PALISADES PARK IS NOW SECURE

New Interstate Preserve Along Lower Hudson is Imposing Monument to Discoverer.

FOURTEEN MILES OF SCENERY Picturesque Cliffs Saved from Stonecutters by Two States. HUGHES AND FORT SPEAK Both Governors Urge Further Cooperation in Conservation. CORNERSTONE OF MONUMENT Statue of Explorer Will Be Placed on Towering Marble Shaft Near Spot of His First Landing.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Although rain today forced the larger part of the Hudson-Fulton crowds to make the day one of rest within doors and necessitated the postponement of the aeroplanes flights and the balloon race to Albany, the more formal part of the morning and afternoon program, including the notable dedication of Palisades park, the new interstate preserve along the lower Hudson; the dedication of an imposing monument to Henry Hudson in the upper part of New York City, and the afternoon reception to the naval visitors on Governors island, went off without a hitch, marking the day an important and significant one in the week's festivities.

The exercises at Palisades park celebrated the saving of these picturesque cliffs near the city from the vandals hand of the stone cutter and the turning over to the people of New York and New Jersey of a strip of beautiful park, stretching for fourteen miles up the west bank of the river. Speeches by two governors proved a drawing card, which attracted many thousand New Yorkers and Jerseymen to the spot.

Hughes and Fort Speak. Governor Hughes found the occasion a fit one for urging upon the people of the two states the conservation of their rivers and forests.

"It is my hope that this is only the beginning," he said, "of efforts which may jointly be made by these two commonwealths to safeguard the Highlands and waters in which they are both deeply interested. The entire watershed of the Hudson should be conserved, to become the people's countryside for common recreation."

Governor Fort, speaking for New Jersey, declared that the 600 acres of this Palisades park are destined to become the most important public preserve in the United States.

"The work here is only begun," he said. "The unsurpassed beauty of this park must be made easily accessible by means of boulevard and roadways, and the thousand and one important historical spots along its fourteen miles stretch, must be marked by suitable inscriptions and monuments."

"There is a great opportunity here, too, to aid in the study of geology. Every man, woman and child who visits this spot should go away with a new realization of the meaning of the wonderful strata and rock formations of these 30-million-year-old rocks."

Monument for Hudson. The cornerstone of the monument to Henry Hudson on Spuyten Duyvil hill was laid later in the day in a drizzling rain. The storm kept down the attendance, but did not bother Governor Hughes, who had a duty on Palisades Park to deliver a eulogy on the discoverer of the Hudson. The governor stood bareheaded in the open and declaimed all offers of umbrellas.

The monument will be a towering marble shaft crowned with a statue of Hudson. Its location is close to the spot where legend places the first landing of the explorer on his trip up the river. The memorial will be made more impressive by a stone approach and bridge over Spuyten Duyvil creek. The cornerstone contained, besides the usual current mementoes, a complete record of the Hudson-Fulton celebration.



From the Philadelphia North American.



COLD WAVE COMING!

EARTHQUAKE SEASON BEGINS

Tomorrow is Date Most Favorable for Seismic Disturbances.

EARTH, SUN AND MOON IN LINE

Gravity Conditions Throw Great Strain on Thin Parts of Crust—Several Shocks Reported Yesterday.

MESSINA, Sept. 27.—Frank A. Perret, the American volcanologist, who arrived here today, believes from his scientific deductions that this part of Sicily will again be the scene of seismic disturbances.

Spaniards Burn Moorish Towns Along the Coast

Maneuvers Successful and Prospect is War Will Soon Be Brought to End.

FOUR ARE KILLED BY TRAIN

Freight Runs Down Family Party on Way Home from Church at Edgar, Wis.

Wind and Rain Prevents Flights of Aeroplanes

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—If the wind does not exceed five or six miles an hour and the weather otherwise is propitious, both Wilbur Wright and Glenn H. Curtiss will make flights in their aeroplanes at Governors island tomorrow morning. Their machines have been thoroughly overhauled and the gasoline tanks filled, leaving nothing unprepared in the event of good weather.

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PEARY PREPARING HIS CASE

He Looks Alleged Evidence Against Cook Before General Hubbard.

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STRIKERS SPURN WATTLE'S OFFER

Carmen Declare Proposal of Company is Worse Than Conditions Complained Against.

SCORE MAYORS AND COUNCILMEN

Speakers Roast Dahlman and Others for Signing Report.

ASK GOVERNOR TO INTERVENE

President of Central Labor Union Sends Message to Lincoln.

COUNCIL FAVORS ARBITRATION

Recommendations for Passage Resolutions Asking Company to Settle Differences Through Unprejudiced Board.

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