

KHARTOUM READY FOR ROOSEVELT

Former President and His Party Are Due to Reach City This Afternoon at Four O'clock.

BOAT MAY BE DELAYED

Strong Northern Gale May Prevent Its Arrival on Time.

MRS. ROOSEVELT IS COMING

Colonel's Wife and Daughter Arrive by Train at Five O'clock.

OFFICIAL RECEPTION PLANNED

Series of Dinners and Side Trips Will Occupy Most of the Week—City is Gaily Decorated.

KHARTOUM. March 13.—Khartoum is now in full swing awaiting the coming of Theodore Roosevelt, who, with the other members of the American hunting and scientific expedition, is aboard the steamer *Dal* on the last leg of the journey to this city. The steamer is expected to arrive here tomorrow afternoon, but an unusually strong northern gale is blowing, which is kicking up heavy waves in the river, and it is possible that the arrival of the distinguished American will be somewhat delayed.

Colonel Roosevelt's success in shooting in the Soudan a dozen antelopes, including one known as Mrs. Gray's white antelope, another rare specimen, makes a fitting end to his hunt, which has been successful beyond all expectations.

Henceforth the ex-president will be the guest of honor at a series of brilliant and enthusiastic receptions. The first of the receptions will be held at the jungle station of the American mission at Sobat, where Colonel Roosevelt dined on his way here. Before his departure from Sobat he spoke of the manner in which the medical missionary work at the various stations had impressed him.

If Colonel Roosevelt arrives at the scheduled hour, 4 o'clock in the afternoon, he will go first to the sirdar's palace and then to the railway station to meet Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel, who are now on their way from Alexandria and who are due to reach here at 5 o'clock. In the evening, Khartoum society and great crowds of visitors, who have taken apartments at the hotels, are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the former president of the United States.

Program of Arrangements.

The official arrangements for Colonel Roosevelt's reception have been announced. Captain Clayton of the staff of the sirdar, Major General Sir Francis Wingate, will proceed down the harbor in a launch to meet the steamer *Dal*. The sirdar's representative will conduct the party to the palace, where tea will be served. They will go from there to the depot to meet Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Roosevelt. Apartments are in readiness for Colonel Roosevelt and his family at the palace, and they will dine there in the evening alone.

Tuesday will be devoted to sightseeing around Khartoum and visits will be paid to the Gordon Memorial college and other noted institutions. In the evening the heads of the governmental departments and their wives will meet the Americans at a dinner at the palace. The guests will include Slatin Pasha, the writer, who has so vividly described the massacres in the Soudan.

Visit to Omdurman.

On Wednesday morning Colonel Roosevelt will visit Omdurman. The hills of Kerker, seven miles from Omdurman, mark the site of the great battle of Omdurman on September 2, 1889, when the khalifa's army was annihilated and the rule of the khalifa brought to an end. He will inspect the khalifa's house and meet the local celebrities. In the afternoon a game has been arranged for his benefit at the Gymkhana grounds and after that he will visit the American mission. In the evening he will be the guest of the Khartoum club at dinner, at which covers will be laid for a moment's notice.

President Taft Attends Funeral of Brother-in-Law

Chief Executive is Accompanied to Pittsburg by Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Taft's Sister.

PITTSBURG. March 13.—President Taft today attended in this city the funeral of Mrs. Taft's brother-in-law, Thomas McK. Laughlin, and left on an early night train for Washington, where he is due to arrive at 8:30 tomorrow morning. The circumstances of the president's visit to Pittsburg were perhaps the saddest that have ever confronted a chief executive of the United States. The tragic ending of Mr. Laughlin's life on Friday morning, the gloomy day, with fitful falls of rain, the silent home on fashionable Woodlawn road, the quiet ceremonies and the little procession of mourners made, all constitute a mournful deeply impressive.

The president attended the East Liberty section of Pittsburg at 10 o'clock this morning and was received immediately to the Laughlin home, which months ago he was a guest of his son, surrounded by a gay assembly at 8 o'clock afternoon tea. Mr. Taft took a ride, won a race, paid after his night on the train. Mrs. Louis Moore of Cincinnati, who recently succeeded Mrs. Laughlin as companion to Mrs. Taft at the White House in Washington, accompanied the president. Mrs. Taft was unable to come. At the Laughlin home the family was joined by Mrs. Charles Anderson, also of Cincinnati, and another sister of Mrs. Taft.

The funeral services were held at the residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Only the family and the close friends of the Laughlin were present. Mrs. Taft sent a large wreath of flowers from the White House conservatories.

The Rev. Maitland Alexander, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, conducted the brief ceremonies at the house and at the grave, where the mourning party was sheltered from the eyes of curious onlookers by a white tent stretched above the family burial place.

Following the funeral the president, accompanied by Captain Archibal W. Rutt, his military aide, went for a long automobile ride through the dismal rain.

Forest Fires Near Powder Magazine

Twenty Acres of Government Reservation at Jefferson Barracks Burned Over.

ST. LOUIS. March 13.—Seven hundred soldiers at Jefferson Barracks have been fighting forest fires on the reservation for the last thirty-six hours.

Twenty acres of timber have been burned off, and for twenty-four hours it was feared that the flames would reach the four "magazines" containing tons of powder in the bluffs above the Mississippi river.

This danger has not passed, but the flames are now believed to be under control. Scattered fires are keeping nearly every

inhabited portion of the reservation ready to move at a moment's notice.

Will Inquire Into Butter Prices

Senate Committee Will Investigate Methods of Exchange at Elgin, Ill.

WASHINGTON. March 13.—Following the lead thrown out by grocers who have appeared as witnesses before the senate committee of living standards, that the Elgin, Ill., butter syndicate makes the market price for the whole country, Chairman Lodge has decided to sift this matter to the bottom.

The committee will meet tomorrow and it is expected that the examination of witnesses will be directed along lines of getting at the bottom of the butter question. Already the syndicate has protested against statements made by witnesses, and it is not unlikely that some representatives of the syndicate will appear on the scene before the subject is closed.

TIMOTHY HARRINGTON IS DEAD

Irish Journalist and Member of House of Commons Dies in London.

LONDON. March 13.—Timothy Harrington, of the House of Commons for Harbour division of Dublin, died today. Harrington was born in 1851. He was graduated from Trinity college, Dublin. In 1861 he was elected lord mayor of Dublin and was re-elected in 1862 and 1863. He was formerly proprietor of United Ireland and of the Kerry Sentinel. He was at one time secretary of the Irish National League and a Parnellite, but in 1867 he declared himself an independent nationalist.

Roosevelt in Good Health.

Full accounts of the courage displayed by the former president in his hunting expeditions in the wilds of Africa have preceded him, and quite apart from the distinguished offices which he has held, the people here are anxious to honor him for what he has passed through and what he has accomplished during the last twelve months. No other hunter of big game has passed through so many hardships in so short a time and been quite so successful.

Truly remarkable has been the health enjoyed by Colonel Roosevelt and his son, practically the only two members of the expedition, among the whites at least, who escaped sickness. Slight attacks, such as most of the party experienced, were only natural, in view of the hardships endured, the heat of the tropics, the places through which the expedition was compelled to pass at times and the deadly insects. The islands through which the steamer threaded on the trip to Entebbe are a monument to the devastation wrought by the tsetse fly, for, once well populated, they are now devoid of human life through the sleeping sickness scourge.

DEATH RECORD.

James McDowell. WATERLOO, Ia., March 12.—(Special)—The funeral of James McDowell, who died here on Friday, will be held from the McDowell home, 416 Allen street, Monday at 1 p.m. Rev. H. W. Richard of the Presbyterian church will conduct the ceremony. Interment will be in the Elmwood cemetery.

J. A. Holmes.

CORAM, Neb. March 12.—(Special)—J. A. Holmes, father of young Carl Holmes who shot himself in Omaha a short time ago, died yesterday at Paxton, Neb. He moved with his family to Paxton about a week ago. It is reported that pneumonia caused his death. He leaves a wife and a number of children.

COMMERCE BILL IN BOTH HOUSES

Each Branch of Congress Will Begin Debate on the Administration Measure This Week.

WIDE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION

Bills Will Bear Little Resemblance When Ready for Conference.

SENATE WILL MAKE CHANGES

Cummins Will Open Debate in Favor of Certain Amendments.

HOUSE COMMITTEE AT WORK

It Has Made Several Radical Changes and Will Make Others Before Measure is Reported This Week.

WASHINGTON. March 13.—Although identical when introduced in the two houses of congress, it is now evident that the measures to create a court of commerce and amend the interstate commerce laws will bear little resemblance to each other when the deliberations of the two bodies have been concluded. In the house committee many of the administration theories in regard to the issuing of stocks and bonds and the merging of non-competing lines have been shattered and the end is not in sight so far, although already much amended the assaults on the bill will continue on the floor.

While the opposition to the administration bill was not strong enough to amend the bill in committee, it is now conceded that several important changes will be forced on the floor. The debate on the bill will begin either tomorrow or Tuesday. Senator Cummins will open the discussion of certain changes advocated in the minority report of the house committee. He may speak for several days.

Practically all of the "insurgent" senators will speak on the railroad bill and there will be many speeches also from the democratic side. No one estimates that the debate will be finished in less than six weeks and some senators predict that much more time will be consumed.

BILL Ready for House.

An effort will be made by the house committee on interstate commerce to report the bill this week and it is probable therefore that debate on the same subject will proceed simultaneously at both ends of the capitol. This would create a very unusual situation.

Statehood legislation, which has passed the house, and postal savings bank legislation, which has passed the senate, have been sidetracked for the administration railroad bill. The postal bank bill, in view of the fact that hearings have been ordered by the house committee on postoffices and post roads, will not reach the floor for several weeks, and in all probability not until the present session draws near a close.

The general impression is that it will not emerge from the committee until after the Moon anti-injunction bill, which is favored by the administration, has been reported.

Regardless of the fact that the postal bill, the anti-injunction measure, statehood legislation and the administration conservation measures are all a part of the administration program, there is not apparently anywhere a positive force pushing them for consideration. If the debate on the railroad bill lags to the extent that has been freely predicted, it may require a presidential message to instill new life in the other features of the executive program.

Many Measures in House.

In the house there are pending many matters that will call out sharp debate, and there is a disposition on the part of many members to let some of them go by the board.

These include the Mondell bill to permit the homestead entry of the surface of coal lands, which would involve 36,000 or more acres; ship subsidy, a subject filled with oratorical dynamite; the construction of two battleships, which may be a feature of the naval bill, and the question of authorizing the issuance of certificates of indebtedness or bonds to the amount of \$30,000,000 to complete reclamation projects.

Polls are being taken on the question of making appropriations to construct battle ships and the question of anti-injunction legislation along the line of the Moon bill. The preliminary count is said to be opposed to the battleships, but the attitude of the house on the subject of the Moon bill has not been disclosed.

Two Carloads Stamped Papers.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D. March 13.—(Special)—Within the last few days a carload of stamped envelopes, valued at \$6,000, and a carload of postal cards, valued at \$16,000, have been received at the Sioux Falls post office from the Postoffice department at Washington. The reason for so large a consignment is that Sioux Falls has been made the distributing point for all postoffice supplies in South Dakota. Twenty such distributing points have been established in the United States. This arrangement will save the government a vast sum of money, as the distributing stations will receive their supplies by freight.

Embezzlement of Duez Leads to Attack Upon the Cabinet

PARIS. March 12.—The scandal in connection with the liquidation of the property of religious orders has aroused political passions in France to a pitch only comparable with the Panama, Dreyfus and Boulangier affairs. The entire country is shocked, but as is customary in France, the moral overshadowed by the political side. The opposition is preparing to exploit the affair in the coming elections and, strangely enough, with the backing of the adherents of ex-Premier Comba, who are intriguing to return to power.

The developments in the affair are amazing. The authorities have not yet been able to confirm the statement made by Duez that he lost millions in stock gambling, but they have discovered shaky enterprises in which he was engaged. Much money, apparently, was squandered by Duez in riotous living. A woman from whom Duez confessed he had stolen \$100,000, when confronted by the man denied that she had been robbed and said that she was unable to comprehend why Duez so alleged.

M. Pellegrin, who has succeeded Duez, has informed the public prosecutor that \$400,000 has disappeared in connection with Stanislas college. Le Courier's liquidation in connection with the Chartreuse affair promises big developments.



"Nope, He Ain't a Fancy Stepper, But He's Steady and Reliable."

"MIKE" WORKER LOSES RACE

Willard Powell Out \$1,000 Because His Jockey Flunks.

WEARY SUNDAY FOR ALL HANDS

Dobbins Still Hangs Around. Council Bluffs to Soak Up Good Things as They Occur—"Diamond Girl" Takes Notes.

Miked while on trial for miking—that has been the experience of Willard Powell of Jacksonville, Fla., a defendant in the *McDonald* case in federal court at Council Bluffs. The miking process was administered through the usual medium, the horse race.

Mr. Powell's fastest race lost when picked for a sure winner in a race held Wednesday at Jacksonville. The jockey had crude things said to him by the judges and it is reported that he has been suspended. The judge declared that the race should have gone to Powell's horse, but it didn't, and he lost \$1,000.

Powell is reticent about the matter and loath to say much about the jockey.

"He didn't get into the running as he ought to have anyway," admitted the owner of the horse that lost.

The testimony of John K. Walker, a Denver saloonkeeper, virtually exonerated Powell for his part in the race at Council Bluffs which cost the *Denver man* \$5,000. Powell is elated over the showing made and his attorney is confident of an acquittal. Powell is not reconciled to that Jacksonville race, however.

The quiet of the Sabbath brought together and reconciled Lewis W. Stowe of Miles City, Mont., defendant, and his alleged victim and old college chum, H. M. McGrath of Minneapolis. An examination of the inspectors in the possession of the post office department and a conference of the young men is said to have developed that Stowe was a tool in the hands of others.

Stowe's father is the rector of an Episcopal church at Minneapolis. McGrath is a member of the church. In their youth the two were in college together. The race in this case cost McGrath \$10,000. McGrath will probably be excused as a witness.

Mrs. Herriman Takes Notes.

The "diamond girl," Mrs. R. B. Herriman, whose husband is under indictment for playing the millionaire in the *Marbury* comedy, despite the fact that she was exonerated as a witness for the government, dingers a spectator in the court room. Mrs. Herriman is taking notes on the testimony of many of the witnesses, with a tiny pencil concealed in her jewel box.

Herriman is not on trial at Council Bluffs, though included in the blanket indictment. She was last located in Los Angeles, where he with Ed C. Moore and Frank Brown, also *Marbury* "millionaires," were convicted of miking and sentenced to six months in jail by the state court. In view of the fact that he was to be tried on the charge of miking and sentenced to six months in jail by the state court, he sought to have himself released on bail.

Lingering still, though he has gained temporary respite from prosecution in federal court, is John R. Dobbins, the first of the steerers to come to trial. He was convicted of steering T. W. Ballew of Princeton, Mo., into a \$30,000 Council Bluffs race.

Dobbins trots back and forth between the court house and his hotel. He is quiet and reserved, still bearing himself like a railway magnate or a banker. He and Mrs. Dobbins sit in the court room much of the session to hear the tales of the mikes.

"They are strangers to me," said Dobbins eying a group in the Grand hotel. "I have never seen them before."

When the trial is resumed in federal court this morning the government will continue to pile on the documentary testimony. Many more of the mikes are yet to be heard from and there are several of the defendants now on trial whose connection with the operations of the gang is yet to be established. The prosecution does not expect to rest its case before Tuesday night or Wednesday morning, and the possibility exists that the line of action mapped out will require much longer.

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