

TAFT OPENS BIG FAIR WITH ALASKA GOLD KEY

President Sends Sparks Across Continent Starting Pacific Exposition.

JAMES J. HILL WARNS NATION

Magnate Sees Danger and Pleads for Law Enforcement Instead of Law Making.

President Taft, in the White House, at 3:15 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, pressed a telegraph key of Alaska gold and sent a spark across the continent that put in motion the wheels of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle...

The exercises at the world's fair grounds preceding the President's signal were carried out with military precision. The exposition gates were opened at 8:30 o'clock. At 9:30 troops from the United States army and navy, from the Japanese cruisers Aso and Soya and the State militia paraded through the grounds...

The ceremonial exercises were held in a vast natural amphitheater sloping to Lake Washington. The program consisted of music, invocation by Catholic Bishop Onward J. O'Day, brief address by Director General I. A. Naden and President J. F. Chilberg, the long address by James J. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern Board...

Mr. Hill said: "There are four great words that should be written upon the four corner stones of every public building in this land, with the sacredness of a religious rite. They are: simplicity, economy and justice. They are interwoven with every fiber of the national fabric. To forget or deny them will lead to every misfortune and every possibility of destruction that rises now threateningly in the path of our country's greatness."

"Frequent use of the phrase, 'our complex civilization,' creates a vague impression that simplicity has been banished necessarily from the modern world by a kind of natural evolution. Whereas it remains now, as always, the normal rule of a wholesome national life."

"We have complicated our lawmaking until, despite the high standards, the unimpairment traditions and the continual labors of the courts, the administration of justice is difficult and sometimes uncertain. The greatest service to the nation, to every State and city to-day, would be the substitution for a term of years of law enforcement for law-making."

The ceremony of pressing the gold key in the east room of the White House in Washington by which President Taft today formally opened the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition was simple. There was a delay of fifteen minutes at Seattle in completing the arrangements, and it was 3:15 p. m. (Washington time) when President Taft touched the golden telegraph instrument. Practically the entire diplomatic corps was present. The message which followed quickly after the current that put everything in motion was as follows:

"The White House, Washington, June 1, 1909.—Mr. J. E. Chilberg, President Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, Seattle, Wash.

"I congratulate you and your associates on this auspicious opening of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, and I congratulate the people of the great Northwest on the courage and enterprise they have shown in bringing it forth. The exposition, designed as it is to exploit the natural resources and marvelous wealth of Alaska and the development of trade and commerce on the Pacific slope, should appeal not only to the people of the West but to the people of the country at large. I trust it will fully meet the expectations of those who untiring energies it owes its birth and that it will prove a source of instruction and education to its thousands of visitors."

WILLIAM H. TAFT.

President Taft and Senator Piles were brief addresses.

Conditions are greatly improved in the wheat belts, according to a report made up at the Millers' National Federation, in convention at the Auditorium Hotel in Chicago. The report shows that on the whole a much better crop is to be expected than last year. The reserves are not more than half of what they should be, and this is what Piles based his prospects on.

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USES OF THE WIRELESS TELEPHONE.



Chicago Journal.

BENSON AGAIN IN PRISON SHADE

California Convicted of Land Frauds is Refused New Trial. John A. Benson, whose prosecution for alleged land frauds has occupied the federal courts for several years past, was placed again in the shadow of a government prison the other day when the United States Appellate court refused him a new hearing of the case in which he was jointly convicted with Dr. E. B. Perrin of conspiring to secure subordination of perjury in connection with California timber lands. Benson and Perrin were sentenced to a year in the Alameda County Jail and a fine of \$1,000 each. Perrin was granted a new trial on a writ of error, and when Benson's attorney heard of the action of the Appellate Court he announced his determination to present a motion for stay of mandate to allow time for appeal to the United States Supreme Court.



William Sherring, the winner of the Marathon at Athens in 1908, has turned professional.

At Topeka, Kan., Dr. B. F. Roller of Seattle defeated Hjalmer Lundin in two straight falls.

Tommy Murphy has added another slick trotter to his string in Ethel Mack, by Steel Arch.

The Minnesota-Wisconsin League opened its first season with good games and large crowds.

Manager Kelley of St. Paul has finally landed Orville Kilroy, the former St. Paul and Minneapolis pitcher.

Pitcher Nagle of the Toledo American Association baseball team, has been leased to the Lincoln, Neb., team, of the Western League.

The 100-mile record for a horse was made by Conqueror, Nov. 12, 1882. The distance was covered in 8 hours, 53 minutes and 55 seconds.

Samuel, 2:08 1/4, former queen of the trotting turf, died the other day at Newtown Square, Pa., where she was being kept for breeding purposes.

A single bet of \$50,000 to \$5,000 has been laid against the American colt Sir Martin in the English Derby. It is one of the largest bets made for many years.

John Evers, the star second baseman of the Chicago Nationals, was suspended by the national commission for his failure to report to his team at the opening of the season.

Premier honors were won by the sophomores in the annual interclass track meet at Hamline university held on Norton field, a second year men chalking up a total of 67 points.

Paul, the sophomore distance runner of the University of Pennsylvania, on Franklin Field, broke the collegiate and inter-collegiate record for the two-mile run, his time being 9 minutes and 28 seconds.

Young Corbett has received a telegram from Promoter James Coffroth of San Francisco offering him a \$5,000 purse for a twenty-five-round bout with Jimmie Britt some time in the near future at Colma, Cal.

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LABOR LEADERS CONVICTED.

Madden, Pouchot and Boyle Found Guilty of Conspiracy. A compromise verdict, inflicting a penalty of \$500 each on Martin B. Madden, Fred A. Pouchot and M. J. Boyle, the labor leaders found guilty of conspiracy to extort money from the Joseph Klecka company, was Saturday returned by the Chicago jury in whose hands the fate of the three defendants had rested since Thursday afternoon. Before entering the courtroom to announce their verdict to the court the jurors had agreed among themselves not to talk for publication. Despite this it was authoritatively learned that the verdict was a compromise, growing out of a deadlock ballot which stood 7 to 5 for conviction of the three men. Forty ballots were taken by the panel. On the principle that he has "scotched" the snake of graft "but not killed it" in securing the verdict "guilty," State's Attorney Wayman has braided fresh quills for the castigation of Madden and his lieutenant. As soon as it was announced that after forty-six hours of battle in the jury room of Judge McCreary's court the jury had established a record in labor cases in Chicago by finding a verdict of guilty, albeit by virtue of a compromise eliminating the penitentiary from the punishment, Mr. Wayman ordered Madden rushed to trial on another of the indictments standing against him and carrying a penitentiary sentence in the event of ultimate conviction. Furthermore, it was announced at the state's attorney's office that evidence will be presented to the Cook county grand jury with the object of securing the indictment of certain witnesses for the defense in the trial just closed on charges of perjury.

PITTSBURG MILLS RUSHED.

Run Full Turn for First Time in Two Decades. For the first time in two decades the mills of the Pittsburgh district were run full turn Monday. The Carnegie steel mills and the American Steel & Wire Company, as well as other large concerns, did not permit mills in the Pittsburgh district to cool Memorial day, and the attendance at picnics was vastly decreased. An official of the American Steel & Wire Company admitted that there had not been a time in years when the store-rooms of the company were so nearly empty. The Carnegie Company also reports no stock in the warehouses. One concern in Pittsburgh has orders for 100,000 bags of nails for hurried delivery and has less than 10,000 kegs in stock.

FIGHT FOR THE PENNANTS.

Table showing standings of clubs in the National League and American League. National League: Pittsburg .26, 12 Cincinnati .19, 22 Chicago .25, 16 Brooklyn .16, 19 New York .18, 17 St. Louis .17, 22 Philadelphia .17, 17 Boston .12, 24. American League: Detroit .25, 12 St. Louis .17, 19 Philadelphia .22, 15 Cleveland .16, 21 New York .19, 15 Chicago .15, 21 Boston .20, 17 Washington .11, 25.

SIX SLAIN IN BLAST AT MILL.

Five Are Killed Instantly, While Another Escapes Miraculously. Of eight men who were in the Geesey hoop mill in Dowagiac, Mich., when the mill boiler exploded five were instantly killed, one died of his injuries, one was severely hurt and one escaped without injury, although the entire building tumbled about him. Among the dead are DeForest Geesey, owner of the mill, and his brother, Frank Geesey. A heavy rain at the time of the explosion prevented the destruction of the ruins by fire. The explosion threw pieces of wreckage in every direction as far as forty rods.

Stoic Man Slashes Mother.

"I've got to murder some one today, and it might as well be you," Frank Daniels, a negro, said to his mother in Cleveland. Daniels quickly drew a razor across the woman's throat, causing what will probably be a fatal wound. Julia Ward Howe is ninety. Surrounded by her children and grandchildren, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe quietly celebrated her ninetyeth birthday at her Beacon street home in Boston Thursday.

SENATOR BAILEY IN FIST FIGHT.

Texas Statesman and a Correspondent Have Mix-Up at Capitol. Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas and W. Sinker Manning, Washington correspondent of the New York Times, had a fist fight in the Senate corridor Thursday afternoon. Bailey used Manning's umbrella to wallop the scribe. Neither antagonist suffered any serious injury. The only damage was to the umbrella. The clash grew out of an article in the Times under a Washington date line which said that Senator Aldrich, Republican leader in the tariff debate, had a number of followers among Democrats "who may faithfully be set down under the classification of 'Aldrich men'" and that "they are headed by that distinguished son of Texas, Joseph Weldon Bailey." Bailey read this story on the floor of the Senate and then denied the allegations. In making his denial he launched into a denunciation of newspapers in general and of the Times correspondent in particular, whom he specifically called a liar, a whelp and a coward. When Manning later met Bailey and started to explain that he did not write the article the mix-up came.

KANSAS NOW A LIQUOR SAHARA.

Bucket Shops Kicked, Streams Purified, Danny Dreamer Barred. Kansas is as dry as laws can make it now. The new prohibitory law that stops the sale of liquors by druggists went into effect at midnight Saturday. The Kansas statute book appeared Saturday morning, and the acts of the Legislature become effective on its publication. All bucket shops in the State will have to close. The new law bars child actors from the theaters and all boys under 14 years of age from the messenger service. Incubator cars must be equipped with additional conveniences. Cities will be required to preserve the purity of the waters of the streams in their vicinity. Railroads will be required to erect hog tight fences along the right of way where farmers require it. Fruit tree agents will go to jail if they misrepresent the brand of fruit trees they sell.

HOOSIER BANKER ENDS HIS LIFE.

Jesse Fletcher of a Well-Known Family Kills Himself. Jesse Fletcher, a wealthy business man of Indianapolis, Ind., committed suicide at Turtle Lake, near Alpena, Mich., where there is a widely known fishing and hunting club. Mr. Fletcher belonged to one of the most prominent of the old Indiana families. For many years it has been important in the financial development of the State, and the Fletchers were among the first bankers to co-operate in the beginning of business in the Middle West. Jesse Fletcher was a capitalist and interested financially in many directions. The amount of his fortune is not known, but it is not believed that it was less of money that led to his suicide. He was a man of middle age, unmarried and of retiring disposition.

FOUR IN BOAT PARTY DROWNED.

Swift Current Capsizes Launch Returning from Picnic. Four persons were drowned and four others rescued from a capsized gas-line launch which was carried through the sluice gates of the dam of the Consolidated Water Power Company of Grand Rapids Tuesday night and dashed to the rocks below. The drowned: Anderson, Miss Bessie; Bogger, Miss B.; Forre, Miss May; Anderson, Ralph. The body of Miss Bogger was the only one recovered. The party went up the river to a place on Big Island, called Love's Hook, for a picnic. Upon their return, in attempting to make a landing and not knowing the gates of the dam were opened, the swift current caught the stern end of the craft and all were carried to the river below. Four were rescued and resuscitated after much difficulty.



Dr. Hugh Ross, aged 64, a pioneer among medical men on the Pacific coast, is dead in Seattle, Wash. An ice skating rink is to be installed in the Plaza Hotel, New York, for the use of patrons in hot weather. Fire at Barnet, B. C., wiped out the buildings of the North Pacific Lumber Company. The loss is \$250,000. Two men were arrested in Brooklyn, N. Y., on suspicion of having killed Antonio Malfetti, 7 years old, and thrown his body into the East River. The name of La Baca, the Pacific terminal of the Panama Canal, will be changed to Balboa, in honor of Vasco Nunez Balboa, who discovered the Pacific Ocean. C. S. Jordan was found guilty of the murder of his wife at Somerville, Mass. The woman's dismembered body was found in a trunk which Jordan had shipped to Boston. Natives of China are rapidly forsaking the worship of idols, according to the Rev. T. D. Holmes, a Baptist missionary who has just arrived at San Francisco. The Supreme Court of Colorado held that clubs in prohibition towns have no right to dispense liquor even to their own members. The case involved primarily the Elks' lodge of Canyon City, who sought to make a test. At a meeting of the Seattle (Wash.) Restaurant Keepers' Association a pledge was given to I. A. Madaeu, director-general of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, that prices would not be raised above the present standards during the exposition. David Belasco, theatrical manager, who has spent \$1,000,000 in restoring efforts of Klaw & Erlanger to collect \$6,000 of the profits of "The Devil's Auction," has signed a peace agreement with them. The appeal from the judgment against Belasco has been taken out of court.

FAMOUS PEOPLE BY FANNIE M. LOTHROP



PRES. PORFIRIO DIAZ

What He Has Done for Mexico. PORFIRIO DIAZ of Mexico is a wonderful man, and for more than a quarter of a century has given peace, prosperity and progress to a country that in the fifty-nine years preceding his assumption of the reins of government had fifty-two rulers—dictators, presidents and emperors. Revolution was the normal condition; peace was but that strange, portentous calm that precedes a new storm. Murder, mutiny and turmoil was the order of the day. His eventful life with its adventures and lightning changes would make a writer of dime novels humiliated with envy. Born in 1830 at Oaxaca, he was destined by his mother for the priesthood; but in 1847 forsook church and cassock for the life of a soldier and prepared a company to join the Mexican forces against the United States. Juarez, then president, recognized the mettle of this boy of seventeen and took him into his law office. But young Diaz had larger ideas; he had keen eyes and a clear head and began to see vaguely through the fog of troublous conditions the chances for a man to scale the heights of realization by the pathway of opportunity. He knew opportunity was on the battlefield so he went there to meet it. Enemies were pressing in on all sides; he led gallant men in perilous attacks, wresting town after town from the invaders. Dashing assaults, thrilling escapes, brilliant victories, brave defenses, became commonplace to him. Twice he was thrown into prison and twice escaped. Leaving his prison-door he gathered round him a new army and fought like a Spartan. He swam a shark-infested river to escape his enemies, was picked up and evaded capture disguised as a coal-heaver; at Puebla when his cannon balls gave out he filled his one field-piece with cobblestones; in the fight at Oaxaca he stood on the church tower and had the church bells melted into charges for his cannon, and faced the rain of shell till his command was reduced to two. Other men of the time could be forced, placated, pleased with, bribed, silenced in some way, Diaz—never. Through terrible struggles he reached the presidency in 1877. Fearless, incorruptible, a man of instant decision, born to command, he unified the thirty states and territories of Mexico into a nation with a government as free as our own, gave it free schools, free ballot, free press, freedom of speech and religion, threaded the country with railways, expanded the postal service, encouraged industry, increased trade, and with temporizing, diplomacy, cajolery, force—whatever the situation required—gradually transformed a fighting pit into a great nation.

AMUSEMENTS

AT THE CHICAGO THEATERS.

CHICAGO OPERA HOUSE. The long run of that delightful comedy of the Middle West, "Mary Jane's Pa" at the Chicago Opera House, in which Mr. Henry E. Dixey appears to such splendid advantage, as also does his admirable supporting company, will be terminated Sunday night, June 6. The new play that Jos. M. Gaites is to present at this theater for the first time on any stage, Monday evening, June 7, will be doubly interesting to local playgoers, as it is also the debut as a star of one of the most distinguished leading men of the stage, Mr. Emmett Corrigan. Mr. Corrigan has been associated with many big successes and has been a prominent headliner in vaudeville, but not until now has he been able to secure the proper vehicle, which has been supplied him by Paul Wiltach, who also has several successful plays to his credit and is the author of "The Life of Richard Mansfield," the work selected by Mansfield's widow, as the only correct and authentic work. The story of "Keegan's Pal" is an original work, and the title is significant of a great theme. There are lots of things that money can't buy—you can't buy the beautiful sunsets, and there is no charge to see them; you can't buy the love-light in the eye of your child when you return after your day's work; and the little one is there waiting for you; you can't buy a clear and pure conscience; you can't buy self-respect and ambition and there are many other things that money can't buy which the author brings out in the intense story of "Keegan's Pal."

McVICKER'S THEATER.

After the most successful run in the history of dramatic offerings in Chicago the last three weeks of "The Sins of Society" are announced, the season at McVicker's Theater ending with the performance, Saturday night, June 19. The attendance at this stupendous spectacular production has been phenomenal and the great Drury Lane drama has repeated in America its wonderful triumphs on the London stage. Beginning August 29, the entire organization and production will be taken intact to New York and in the big New York Theater will begin another run which promises to equal that at McVicker's Theater in Chicago, where "The Sins of Society" has been the most talked of play presented in several seasons. Monday night, June 14, the seventy-fifth performance of the play in Chicago will be celebrated and Brooks & Dingwall have provided a handsome souvenir for the occasion, each of the ladies in the audience receiving one of the dainty trifles. These souvenirs are ornate gold jewel boxes of the latest Parisian mode and make altogether the prettiest and most expensive souvenir given to theater patrons in a long time. They are especially appropriate to this drama as the jewel case of Lady Marlon Beaumont plays so important a part in the plot of the big play.

MAJESTIC.

For the week of June 7th, the Majestic Theater, Chicago, will have another of those great bills for which it is noted, with James Young, late star of "Brown of Harvard," occupying the position of headliner. Mr. Young will appear in a one-act college playlet entitled, "When Love is Young," which is said to be a condensed version (and by the same author) as "Brown of Harvard." Miss Catherine Calvert, who was associated with Mr. Young in his starring tour, continues to play the youthful and handsome heroine, Carter De Haven, one of the best known and popular of the young generation of American comedians, will be another important factor on this bill. Assisted by Misses Leonie Pam and Lillian Rhodes, he presents a smart little sketch. Mr. De Haven, who has been styled the "pocket edition of Beau Brummel," is the late star of Geo. M. Cohan's "George Washington, Jr." Tom Nawn, the celebrated Irish character comedian, whose "Pat and the Genie," is a vaudeville classic, is always welcome on any bill. Paul Sandor's Miniature Cirque, in which remarkably intelligent dogs impersonate horses, ponies, lions, clowns, equestrians and spectators, is one of the most unique animal acts in vaudeville, and is pleasing to both young and old. Others who may be depended upon to provide their full share of fun and amusement are Herbert and Willing, the jovial minstrels; Schroeder and Mulvey, the eccentric dancers; the Banks Brezalee duo of musicians, and several others equally noted in the mimic world.

SICK HEADACHE.

Sour Stomach, Heartburn, Canker Sore Mouth Cured by Mi-na. Sick headaches are caused by indigestion and a general disturbed condition of the stomach. Cure the indigestion, and the headache, nausea, heartburn, sour stomach, and that "all in" feeling will vanish. Mi-na tablets will cure indigestion or any other stomach trouble. They will relieve almost instantly. Rush & Simonson have so much faith in them that they will give you your money back if they don't. Mi-na cures by making the stomach strong enough to produce enough gastric juices to digest all the food you want to eat. It promptly puts new life and energy into the overworked and played-out walls of the stomach. Use Mi-na for a week, and you can eat what you want any time you want it, and take pleasure in doing it. Your blood will be richer, redder, purer after taking Mi-na, and it only costs 50 cents a large box. "I was speedily cured of stomach complaint by Mi-na. Anything I can say in favor of Mi-na is not too strong."—William Hess, Benton Harbor, Mich. BUSH & SIMONSON. HYOMEI (PROMOTED HIGH-O-THE) Cures catarrh or money back. Just breathe it in. Complete outfit, including inhaler \$1. Extra bottles 50c. Druggists. The enlarged rights which have recently been given to women of Turkey are said to have played no small part in bringing about the revolt of the rank and file of the army. The Turkish women's clubhouse was one of the buildings in Constantinople fired upon by the troops, most of whom are said to be fanatical Mohammedans. It is easier to see through some fat people than through some thin ones.