WHITE HOUSE "ISOLATION" A BORE; "NOBODY DROPS IN"

"Shaking Hands and Talking to People is Not Work," Says the President—Reveals Human Side in Talk to Newspaper Correspondents

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—President Taft stood before 150 newspaper correspondents this afternoon at the Press Club by appointment and told his experiences.

The president appeared incognito in often worn trousers and waistcoat; over the waistcoat a sweater (opened that he might put his hand in his pocket), and a sack coat over all; no top coat. He had started out for an automobile ride.

"I have to apologiz efor appearing before you in a garb that I have found convenient to wear when walking through the streets of Washington. There are, I suppose, some limitations upon presidential pedestrianism, but I have not found them as yet, except in tired muscles. It ils a very great pleasure to me to walk along the street, look into the windows and pass by a great many people who don't know who I am, and at times to meet a fellow who looks once at me and then passes on without any further curiosity, and another felolw wo looks twice, nudges his friend and then, with that degree of reverence that we all feel for high officials, says, 'Hello! Taft!'

"But there is in the White House a sense of isolation due to the fact that, generally, nobody drops in. Everybody comes by engagement, and you don't have that pleasant surprise that comes from having neighbors look in on you at odd times and with a feeling that they have a right to come. I don't know that that feature of the White House life can be changed. Perhaps it ought not to be. Perhaps if we changed the system we would long to return to the system of engagements—for the engagements are many, time passes rapidly and business is active.

"People say to me, 'You must be tired—you are working very hard.' I suppose what they say is true and is founded on fact. But my education on the bench has made me feel that there was no real work which was not sustained intellectual work—in writing out opinions; and, viewed from that standpoint, I have not had any work in the White House, except occasionally when I have dictated messages. Shaking hands and talking with people has seemed to me to be always a preliminary until I could get to work, and I suppose I shall never settle down to a philosophical consideration of what is labor in the White House until I realize that three or four hours is taken up each morning in discussing—not the qualifications of collectors and district attorneys and other appointees, but the claims of those who recommend that suchm gentlemen be appointed.

"The truth is that executive work is work not because of sustained mental effort, but it is work that arises from the consumption of nervous energy one's fellow-man. That is work that and vitality in the rubbing up against you don't have on the bench, and it is a little difficut for one who has had so long an experience as I have had to realize that it is work, and who does not feel it until he gets to bed or until he finds himself in some way or other exhausted, without any sufficient excuse for the exhaustion."

JAMAICA AFRAID OF AMERICAN RETALIATION

Collector General Miles Speaking for the Government Tells Royal Commission That the United States Was the Best Customer of the Colony and That Canada Could Buy Little

Dr. Duncan McPhie last evening met the pessonal workers of the Centenary and St. Andrew's groups in the simultaneous evangelistic campaign. The schedule of similar meetings is as follows:

Thursday—St. Stephen's at 7.30 p. m., Main street at 8.30 p. m.

Friday—Brussels street at 9 p. m.

Monday—Fairvile at 7 p. m., Carleton at 9 p. m.

There was a large attendance at both meetings held last night. Dr. McPhie talked to the workers about their duties.

The advertising committee of the campaign executive is having 25,000 cards of invitation printed. Ecah group of church will have its own card, which will bear the pictures of the evangelist and singers assigned to that group and also information concerning the church which is the group headquarters. Covenant prayer cards are also to be printed. These covenaat and invitation cards are to be distributed by a house to house canvass of the personal workers. By this method it is expected that the whole city and suburbe will be covered before Monday. About thirty workers in each group of churches will undertake this part of the campaign.

Colored badges are to be worn by the various classes of workers. Personal workers are to wear white badges, ushers red and head ushers blue. Ushers are to use record cards on which the names and addresses of those who display interest in the work are to be written.

On Saturday Everett R. Maltzger will arrive in the city. On Sunday he will have charge of the musical part of the services. His brother Ernest is the singer with Dr. Chapman in Maine.

BRINGS HOME BRIDE HE WON AY AN 'AD'

Rich Delaware Farmer Gives Her $1,000 as a Wedding Present

DELMAR, Del., Feb. 2.—After advertising in the western papers for a wife for two years, James H. Furbush, living near this town, has arrived home from Oakland, Cal., with his wife.

Furbush is a wealthy farmer and said that he would not marry an eastern girl, as they thought too much about society and dress and not enough about work.

Immediately after the ceremony he gave his wife $1,000.

The bride of Furbush was formerly Mrs. Flanigan, a widow and the mother of four children, all of whom she brought here. The pair will live on Furbush's farm near Wetipquin.

An elaborate reception was given by the bridegroom's friends last night.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 2.—It is stated that Hon. Charles E. Oak, of Bangor, has accepted the position of manager of the New Brunswick Railway Company's lands and will enter upon his duties at once. He is now vice-president and manager of the Miramichi Lumber Company, but whether or not he will continue to hold that position cannot be ascertained. He declines to give out any information.

TRIES SUICIDE IN OFFICE OF LONDON MAIL

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Miss Annesey Kenealy, a woman journalist, sister of Alexander Kenealy, editor of the Daily Mirror, and daughter of the late Edward Vaughan Kenealy, Q.C.—who spent many years and his fortune in the defence of Arthur Orton, the famous Tichborn claimant—is lying dangerously ill in St. Bartholomew's Hospital to-night from poison. It is said on excellent authority that Miss Kenealy made a dramatic attempt at suicide this afternoon in the office of the London Daily Mail.

Miss Kenealy recently brought an action against the Daily Mail for alleged wrongful dismissal from the staff of that paper, but was unsuccessful. It is said that she went to the office of the newspaper this afternoon and sent up a note to the editor saying that she was going to end her life. Before she could be reached she had taken the poison. At St. Bartholomew's Hospital to-night it was informed that Miss Kenealy was there, having been brought in this afternoon, and was dangerously ill from the poison.

HIGHEST AVERAGE OF LIFE.

Statistics show that the highest average of life is found among agricultural workers.

MT. ALLISON CHOOSES A DEBATING TEAM

Rev. W. F. Alton Called to Sackville Church

Sackville and Port Elgin Split Even in Hockey and Curling—Paper Box Co. Flourishing.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Feb. 3—John S. Astbury, Norman Guy and Percy Fitzpatrick have been chosen to represent the Eurhetorian Society of Mount Allison University in the debate with St. Francis Xavier here next month. Mr. Astbury will be the leader of the team. He is a Shubenacadie young man, and a member of the senior class. Guy, who is a junior, is a Newfoundland student. Fitzpatrick is a Port Elgin boy, who is in the freshman class.

Rev. W. F. Alton, of Sussex, has been invited to the pastorate of the Main Street Baptist Church. An answer to the call is expected this week. Mr. Alton has been heard in Main Street Church and made a very favorable impression.

The curling club has received word from the St. John Thistles that they will send four rinks here to play next Tuesday in the McCaffrey trophy competition. The club will meet this evening to elect skips.

Timothy Richardson, one of Wood Poin't best known residents, passed away last evening, aged 78. He has been in failing health for some time. Mr. Richardson was born in West Sackville and had spent all his life in the vicinity of Wood Point. He is survived by a wife, four sons and six daughters. The sons are: Captain Irvin Richardson, Gleichen, Alta., William, of Arlington Heights, Mass., Warren, of Sydney, and Timothy at home. The daughters are: Mrs. Fred Doncaster, Mrs. William Clark, Mrs. Jethro Chase, Sackville; Mrs. William McLeod, Amherst; Mrs. M. G. Siddall, Port Elgin, and Mrs. Benjamin Snowdon, Wood Point.

In Cork, Ireland, recently, there passed away Mrs. Mary Mason, wife of Thomas A. H. Mason. Mr. Mason was agent of the Halifax Banking Company here from 1884 to 1887. From here he was transferred to Truro and subsequently about twenty years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Mason went to England and since then have been living in Ireland.

Sackville and Port Elgin split even here last night. Port Elgin hockeyists won from the local bankers by 4 to 3, but the home curlers were too strong came up on a special train. With them and brought quite a goodly number of supporters. In curling, skip T. J. Allan, Port Elgin was downed by skip Fred Turner by 17 to 6. Skip Fred Magee, the other Port Elgin skip, was also defeated by skip A. W. Dixon, who got away with the long end of a 17 to 8 score.

In the hockey match, the play was always nip and tuck. The first half score was 2 to 2. In the second period, Sackville scored first and then Port Elgin got the next two and won out.

The annual meeting of the Sackville Paper Box Company, one of the town's younger industries, was held this week and reports show that the company is doing exceptionally well. On the year's operations, a substantial profit was shown. Last year's board of directors was re-elected, Dr. Secord, Captain T. R. Anderson, Messrs. A. B. Copp, M.P. P. S. W. Copp and C. C. Ayard. At the meeting of directors, Dr. Secord was chosen as president and Mr. Avard secretary.

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"A few years ago I was complete'' run down. At times I would be so weak that I was unable to do my housework. I suffered from severe headaches, pains in the back and dizziness, and at times I felt as though life was scarcely worth living. I had tried several medicines without getting relief, when I finally decided to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial. After using two or three boxes I noticed a change, and after taking the Pills about two months I was again enjoying good health, and have since been well and strong. I can confidently recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to all weak and run-down women."

You can get this great blood-building, health restoring medicine from any dealer in drugs, or the Pills will be sent by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 by The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

MRS. C. D. DAVIS.

SUSSEX, Feb. 1.—After a lingering illness of some months, caused by cancer, the death occurred this morning at 11.30 o'clock of Mrs. Margaret Olive Davis, wife of C. D. Davis of the firm of W. B. McKay & Co.

Deceased was a great sufferer, but bore her afflictions with that gentleness of spirit which has been characteristic of her whole life. She leaves a husband, one son, Roy, and one daughter, Miss Ethel, at home to mourn their irreparable loss. Notice of funeral will appear later.

END OF WORLD MAY 19TH? NO!

Camille Flammarion Explains Himself

HALLEY'S COMET

Vapor Will Envelop Earth—To Pass Through Like a Cannon Ball

Camille Flammarion writing in the European edition of the New York Herald says:—

I would like, first of all, to warn the French and foreign journalists, who will do me the honor to reproduce and comment on the following lines, against a temptation to which they have already yielded, that of accusing me of announcing the end of the world for May 19 next.

There are several reasons for my not making such a prediction. The first is because it would be absolutely out of proportion with the event, which will take place and which will probably pass off unperceived by ordinary mortals.

The second is the very imprudence of such a prophecy; for, supposing there was a reason for it, the prophet himself would not derive any advantage as there would be nobody alive to mark his triumph and applaud; and, on the other hand, he would be the scapegoat for all the jokes and for all the jests and the butt for all those whom he had disturbed. Therefore, it appears to me indispensable to begin this article by the following declaration:—

The end of the world will not occur on May 19 next.

This first point established, let us examine the astronomical event announced according to calculations.

PROGRESS OF THE COMET.

A study of the orbit of the comet shows that it will arive at its greatest proximity to the sun, its perihelion, on April 19, after midnight (April 19.65), that is to say, on April 20 at 3.40 a.m.; that it will continue its course, moving away from its culmination, along the arm of its ellipse opposite to the first one, to reach the orbit of Venus and that of the earth.

By combing its movement with that of our planet it is found, according to the calculations of Mr. Cowell and Mons. Crommelin, that the comet will pass directly between the sun and us on May 18 at 14 o'clock, astronomical time, counting from noon; that is to say, on May 19 at two o'clock in the morning. At that hour the Pacific ocean, Asia and Australia will be in full daylight, while in France it will be still night, a little before dawn.

The comet will pass over the disc of the sun almost centrally, and the observation of this passage will be of the greatest interest for astronomers from the point of view of the density of the cometary nucleus. Photography and spectro-photography will play a great part in this study. The comet will traverse the solar disk from west to east and will take about an hour for this passage.

On the day of its conjunction with the sun, May 19, it will be 128,000,000 kilometres distant from that central star, and the earth will be 151,000,000 kilometres distant. The distance from the nucleus of the comet to our globe will therefore be 23,000,000 kilometres (15,000,000 miles).

THE EARTH AND THE COMET'S TAIL.

Tails of comets, produced by a repulsive force emanating from the sun, therefore extend in a direction opposite to that star. Therefore, if the tail of Halley's comet has a length of more than twenty-three million kilometres it will reach our globe beyond. For several hours we will be immersed in the gaseous caudal appendage whose chemical constitution is still little known and moreover differs according to the nature of the comets.

Many very serious writers have recently remarked in newspapers no less serious, that Halley's comet, coming back every seventy-five years and having already passed twenty or thirty times in this vicinity, since the origin of astronomical observations without meetings us, there is no reason to suppose that it will act differently this year.

This reasoning is fantastical. It is as if one said that the autobus from Batignolles to the Odeon, not having run over anybody in 1909, will not do so in 1910. Moreover, it should be added, to complete the comparison, that in 1910 a pedestrian will invariably be found on a certain point of its route at the precise moment when the autobus passes it. If Halley's comet has done nothing to us until now, it is, first of all, because we were not in its way and it did not meet us. This year it is entirely different.

Now, will the tail of the comet extend as far as the earth and beyond? This is probable, for after the perihelion passage these appendages have a considerable length, which attains some times forty, fifty, sixty, one hundred million kilometres and more.

WHAT THE COMET IS.

Halley's comet is not a big comet like those of 1811, 1858, 1861, and 1882, for instance. It is a medium-sized comet. But its former appearances show that it is extremely variable. In 1456 it stupefied all beholders. In 1682 there was nothing extraordinary about it; especially as it arrived after tha prodigious comet of 1680. In 1759 and 1835 it scarcely impressed anybody but the astronomers.

SUPREME COURT

FREDERICTON, N.B., Feb. 3.—The probate appeal case in re Davis was concluded before the supreme court this morning. Mr. Teed replying to Mr. Jones. The court considers.

The divorce appeal of Currey vs Currey will be taken up after dinner.

PLATE GLASS.

The first plate glass was made in 1688 at Picary, France, where the process was found out by accident.

WILL PAY FREIGHT FOR WESTERN EXHIBITORS

Exhibition to Stand the Expense as Far as Montreal

Another Generous Concession That Will Bring Important Displays to Big Fair—Free Space Another Strong Card.

Closely following the announcement that space in the exhibition buildings would be free of charge, except for a nominal entry fee of five dollars, comes the statement that the Executive after due consultation with Manager H. P. Good, has decided to pay all freight charges on western exhibits as far east as Montreal.

This means that manufacturers and others having wares to display at the Dominion Fair will be assisted in the matter of transportation from more or less distant sections of Canada right up to the big Quebec city. From Montreal to St. John is at the exhibitors' expense.

The attractiveness of this scheme will be a potent factor in inducing some of the most important Upper Canadian concerns to make a splendid display here. The added incentive of free space is also worthy of consideration. Both ideas are departures from the usual arrangements at fairs in this city and have been proved of great value at Toronto, Winnipeg and other large exhibition cities.

The vigor with which the primary arrangements are being taken hold of in connection with the coming Dominion Fair, and the increasing flow of exhibitors' enquiries from all sources, make it practically certain the fair will eclipse every previous effort.

BRITISH WARSHIPS ORDERED TO GREECE

Powers Will Stand No Nonsense With Crete

That Island Must Observe its Promise to Remain Faithful to the Turkish Crown.

MALTA, Feb. 3.—The British battleship Duncan, flagship of Rear Admiral Sir George Astley Callaghan, second in command of the British Mediterranean fleet, with the cruisers Lancaster, Minerva and Barham and four torpedo boat destroyers, has left here for Piraeus, the port of Athens, Greece.

The dispatch of the British squadron to Piraeus indicates the determination of the interested powers, Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy, to secure a strict adherence to the agreement under which the international forces were withdrawn from Crete. At that time the Cretans solemnly promised to take no steps against the sovereignty of Turkey. The recent decision of King George of Greece to convoke a national assembly was followed by reports that the Cretans would attempt to send delegates to that body.

This caused uneasiness at Constantinople and it is understood that the Turkish government informed the powers protecting the island that if the Cretans were admitted to the Greek National Assembly, such action would be regarded by the Porte as a casus belli.

The situation was the subject of an exchange of views at London yesterday several ambassadors and ministers conferring with Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary.

Last night a semi-official statement was issued at Athens declaring that the anxieties excited in Turkey were groundless and that the assembly had been convoked precisely because its sitting would defer the date of the parliamentary elections which otherwise might have given the Cretans an opportunity to realize their ambition to send deputies to Athens. Nevertheless the movement of the British vessels makes clear that the powers concerned do not propose to permit any action threatening the peace in the near east or in any other way distrubing the status quo.

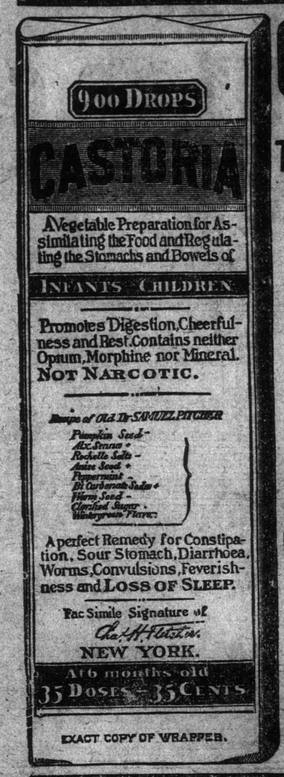
PARIS, Feb. 3—Official advices received from Athens say that the Greek Government protests that the disquietude among the powers is premature as the parliamentary elections will not be held until next year and there will be ample opportunity for action in the meantime.

MINERS AND OPERATORS DISAGREE ON WAGE SCALE

Strike May Result—Men Want an Increase and Companies Desire a Reduction.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 3—With an initial difference between them amounting to 20 cents per ton, operators and miners of the district comprising Ohio, Indiana, and Western Pennsylvania, met here today in postponed joint conference to adjust a wage scale for a new contract beginning April 1. The miners in their convention at Indianapolis made a demand for a wage increase from 90 cents to $1 per ton. While they have not formulated their demand, it has been generally understood that the operators want a decrease of ten cents a ton, declaring an increase impossible under existing circumstances.

The understanding that any agreement here will be a basis of settlement in all other bituminous districts and the declaration of the miners that if the conference comes to a disagreement a general strike may result, makes the conference of widespread importance.



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SIX OF STEAMER'S CREW DROWNED

Disastrous Collision Last Night in the Elbe

Slow Work in the Cherry Mine—Seven Million Immigrants Arrive in Seven Years—Railway Rates.

HAMBURG, Feb. 3.—The Swedish steamer Annie was in collision with the German ship Susanna near Gluckstadt, on the Elbe, 29 miles northwest of here, last night. The Annie sank immediately. Six of her crew were drowned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—During the seven years ended June 30 last, 6,617,156 aliens were admitted to the United States. More than 70 per cent. came from southern and eastern Europe and western Asia, composed largely of southern Italians, Greeks, Hungarians, Hebrews, Roumanians, Slavs, Bulgarians, Turks, Armenians and Syrians.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—Passenger fares for conventions and special excursions next summer will be made on the same basis as during the last two or three years. This was determined at a meeting of a committee of general passenger agents yesterday representing the roads east of the Rocky Mountains. At a meeting of the transcontinental lines last week the same decision was reached for Pacific coast travel.

CHERRY, Ill., Feb., 3.—After three days of incessant labor only four hundred feet of the many miles of subterranean passages of the St. Paul mine are opened, and it is problematical when the 167 bodies can be brought to the surface. Every effort is being made to clear a runway from the main shaft to the air pit. This object may be accomplished by tonight, and then a search for bodies can be made and the corpses discovered yesterday can be removed.

IMPOSSIBLE THAT ANY HAVE REMAINED ALIVE

Fifty Bodies Have So Far Been Recovered From the Primero Mine.

PRIMERO, Colo., Feb. 3—While some believed today that men will be taken alive from the main mine of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company where an explosion occurred last Tuesday, old miners who have penetrated all of the workings of the mine, say it is hardly possible that the death list will be less than 75. Thirty-eight of the fifty bodies recovered were buried at Trinidad today.

That such a distinguished person as the widow of a former lord mayor of London should be deported from this country for lack of funds lest she become a public charge is an incident which is regarded as somewhat extraordinary. Such, however, was the case here when Mrs. Ryland wife of ex-Lord Mayaor Ryland of London, was deported on the steamer Hesperian which sailed this week. Although well dressed and very respectable looking, Mrs. Ryland was without any money whatever, and a charity fund had to be raised to assist the distinguished woman to proceed on her journey to London by second class in stead of steerage.

A woman who was held as a deport in the Immigration building on the West side, made her escape from the officials on Tuesday. Yesterday afternoon George Fossett, one of the Immigration officials telephoned the police about the matter. Chief Clark sent Officer Gosline out to locate the woman. The police officer with Mr. Fossett searched the city yesterday afternoon, and finally located the runaway at the corner of Water street and Market square. She was taken back to the Immigration building by Mr. Fossett, and will be deported on the next boat.

PASSENGERS ARRIVE FOR DEPARTING STEAMERS

Donaldson liner Athenia will sail this afternoon between 5 and 6 o'clock for Glasgow. The steamer will carry a number of cabin passengers. The Athenia will carry 87 head of cattle.

Seventy-five steamer passengers arrived on the Montreal express at noon. A special train left the depot at 12.30 to take them, and other passengers who had previously arrived, around to West St. John. Most of the passengers were for the Corsican and the balance will go forward by the Athenia.

The Allan liner Corsican sails for Liverpool with about 25 cabin, 60 second cabin and 150 steerage passengers.

C. P. R. steamer Empress of Britain will reach Halifax this afternoon. The majority of 1,200 passengers will come around to St. John.

C. P. R. steamer Montezuma, for London, carried 297 head of cattle.

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MARRIAGES

ALLEN - BENT.—At the Cathedral, St. John, on Feb. 2nd, 1910, by the Rev. A. W. Meahan, Mr. Iria J. Allan to Miss Mary Ida Bent.

BALCOM - CALHOUN.—At 219 Princess street, on February 2nd, by Rev. R. A. Armstrong, Claude E. Balcom of Margaretville, N. S., and Margaret Lawrence Calhoun, daughter of Mrs. H. Lawrence, of the late Mr. Arthur Calhoun.

VASSIE-RANKINE—At St. Andrew's church, St. John, N. B., on January 26, 1910, by the Rev. David Lang, William Vassie to Zillah Gertrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rankine.

BIRTHS.

GIBBS—Jan. 28th, 1910, at 139 Mecklenburg street, to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gibbs, a daughter.