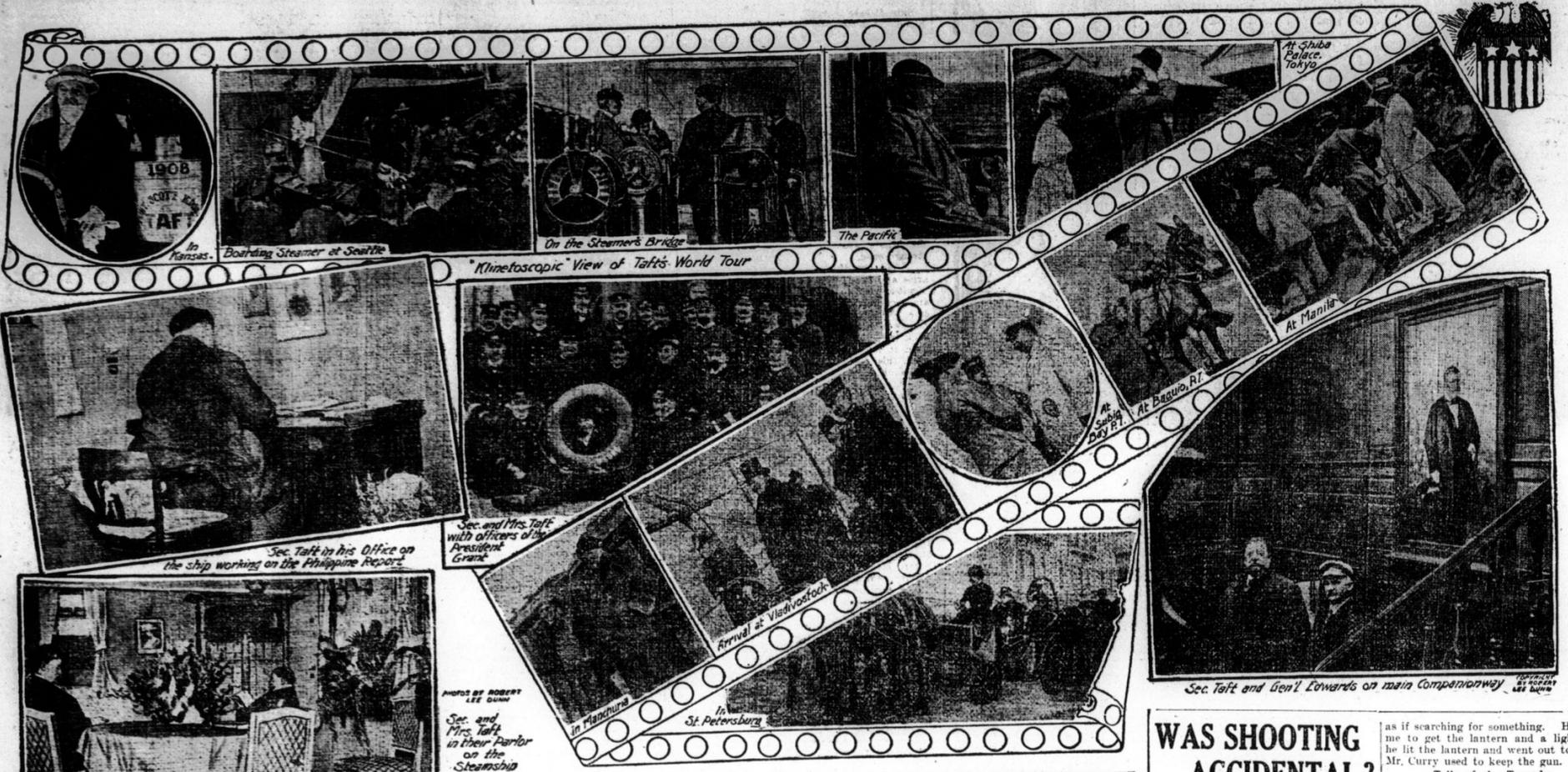


Ending 24,000-Mile Trip Around the Globe, the U. S. Secretary of War Returns to His Post in Washington.



VIEWS OF SECRETARY TAFT'S WORLD TRIP. The Secretary of War has completed his 24,000-mile journey around the earth, which he began on Sunday, August 18.

JAPS IMPORTED BY CONTRACT.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION HELD AT VANCOUVER.

Employed by Six Companies—No Evidence of Importation of Chinese Into British Columbia by Employment Agencies. Ottawa, Dec. 27.—An interesting summary of the results of the investigation held at Vancouver by Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, Deputy Minister of Labor, as special Royal Commissioner, appears in the Labor Gazette, and may, to a certain extent, be taken as foreshadowing the report of that Royal Commission, which will be submitted to Parliament when it re-assembles.

Christian Science School to be Founded by Mrs. Eddy.

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Boston, Dec. 28.—Details of the plans of Mrs. Mary Baker C. Eddy, head of the Christian Science Church, in relation to the charitable institution which she is to found, are contained in an editorial by Archibald McLellan in the current issue of the Christian Science Sentinel. The editorial says, in part: "Mrs. Eddy has consented that the institution which she purposes to found will bear her name, and therefore will be known as 'Mary Baker C. Eddy's Charitable Fund.' The Board of Directors will be created in Boston, the recognized headquarters of her church, and in plan and scope this fund will be an educational opportunity by which indigent persons will be taught practically the science of the Christ healing as practised by Jesus and as made known through the writings of Mrs. Eddy.

WIFE BLAMES HERSELF.

The Charge Against a Montreal Constable Dismissed.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Constable Killwyn was acquitted by Recorder Weir to-day of the charge of beating his wife. Considerable interest attached to the case from the fact that Killwyn had been dismissed from the force as the result of the charge.

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GYPSY KING

ARRESTED ON A CHARGE OF GRAND LARCENY.

New York, Dec. 27.—A story of strife which disrupted an amalgamation of three Gypsy tribes and of a romance reunion which ended with the three factions further apart than ever was told in Police Court here to-day in the presence of bejewelled and gaily-garbed members of the three tribes. The story was finished the king of one of the tribes and eight of his followers were sent to prison cells in default of \$10,000 bail each for further hearing on a charge of grand larceny.

LOOKS TO BRITAIN.

DOWAGER EMPRESS ALARMED AT GROWTH OF POPULAR AGITATION.

Pekin, Dec. 27.—The dowager-empress has given verbal orders to the Interior Department and to the police to suppress all public meetings in Peking, and there is reason to believe that this order will be extended to the provinces. The popular agitation along the lines of "rights recovery" is growing in a phenomenal manner. The question of provincial as against federal sovereignty enters largely into the matter. Women's societies, schools for boys and for girls, the family newspapers and the political press all are participating in the agitation, and for a month past the Government here has been receiving telegrams in increasing numbers expressing the strong desire of the senders that the rights which have been alienated from them by foreigners be restored to the Chinese.

STABBED BY UNCLE.

ROLAND MADILL, OF MONMOUTH TOWNSHIP, MAY DIE.

The Two Men Were Talking Together in Gooderham Village, When the Elder Drew a Knife and Stabbed His Nephew Five Times. Lindsay, Dec. 27.—The little village of Gooderham, in Haliburton county, was the scene of a vicious stabbing affair on Christmas Eve, wherein a young man named Roland Madill received injuries which may prove fatal. Among the arrivals from the camps was Roland Madill, twenty-three years of age, who was on his way to his home in Monmouth township, seven miles distant, where a wife and children were awaiting him.

HEAD-ON COLLISION.

FOUR TRAINMEN KILLED ON THE GRAND TRUNK.

Passenger Train From Port Huron Crashed Into Double-Header Freight in a Dense Fog Near Lenox, Mich. Detroit, Dec. 27.—Speeding through a dense fog at forty miles an hour, Grand Trunk passenger train No. 5, which left Port Huron shortly before 7 o'clock to-night for this city, collided head on with a double-header freight train one mile north of Lenox, Mich. Five trainmen met death, four being killed instantly, the fifth dying three hours later. All of the passengers escaped injury except a baby, who was only slightly hurt by being thrown out of its mother's arms and over a seat when the trains crashed.

CITIZENS FOUGHT ROBBERS.

Fierce Battle Took Place in Bank at St. Joseph, Mo.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 27.—The Bank of Camden Point, 35 miles southwest of this city, was robbed by three men early to-day. The robbers were discovered by Professor Barhan, President of the Camden Point College, who saw a light in the bank and aroused the citizens. Three explosions, set off by the burglars after the alarm was given, wrecked the safe and the interior of the bank. A fierce battle between citizens and the robbers took place, in which many shots were exchanged, but the robbers escaped. Later they were captured in the woods on Platte River. The loot was about \$2,500, of which \$1,000 was in silver.

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THREE DESPERATE CHARACTERS TAKEN IN FALL'S HOTEL.

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