

## PRESIDENT TAFT WORLD CHAMPION AT TRIP MAKING

He Has All Other Rulers Backed Off the Map and Faded to an Obscure Corner in This Respect.

### FEVER OF TRAVELING CONTRACTED BY TAFT

Some Years Ago and He Has Never Been Able to Obtain Relief—Now Has Fund to Make Journeys.

(BY JONATHAN WINFIELD.)

Washington, March 5.—President Taft is the champion traveler of all rulers of the nations of the world. Since he has been in the presidential office he has smashed the traveling records of his predecessors, despite the fact that President Roosevelt was strenuous in his touring of the country. When the railroads were by law prevented from giving free transportation to the executive Mr. Taft was instrumental in having a special annual appropriation of \$25,000 made for the president's trips.

President Taft has made seventeen individual trips from Washington since his inauguration less than one year ago. One journey took him practically over the entire country and lasted twenty-six days. "Fond of traveling" is the reason given by one of the president's personal attaches. "He has the fever; it has him."

#### Filleted Over Globe.

Before his inauguration the president held the world's record for covering ground. He has been around the world, Panama and Cuba many times, to the Philippines four times, to Italy and many countries—and always as the official representative of the United States.

Since becoming president, Mr. Taft has been just as active. A sleeping car is very attractive to him. In fact, it is said, he accomplished a great amount of work while journeying. Fourteen days after his inauguration, President Taft visited New York City and also New Haven, Conn. Thirteen days later he spent two days in Philadelphia. From May 19 to 21 he was in Petersburg, Va. and Charlotte, N. C. Returning to Washington on the 22nd, he left immediately for Hampton Roads, Va., for a three days visit. Three days later he went to Pittsburgh, Pa. and from there to the Gettysburg battlefield. The Yale commencement exercises, June 29-July 1 were attended and returning to Washington the president, on July 3 accompanied Mrs. Taft to the new presidential summer home, Beverly, Mass. From Beverly he went to the celebration at Lake Champlain, No. 3 returning to Washington, July 9. August 7 he joined his family at the summer home, and September 15 started on his transcontinental journey, returning to Beverly November 10. The next day he was off again visiting Middletown and Hartford, Conn. on the 13th.

Five days more and he was at Norfolk, Va. and in December journeyed to New York and New Haven. On the 17th of that month he went to Waterbury, Conn.

#### Balked by Snow Once.

A visit planned to New York on December 27 was cancelled, owing to the fact that a severe snow storm had paralyzed the railroads, but three days later the president was in the metropolis, attending the marriage of his niece. January was month in which the president did not have any engagements. During February he visited New York twice and Newark, N. J.

A trip of a week's duration has been planned for March. The president will leave here on the 15th, going to Chicago, where he will participate in a St. Patrick's day celebration on the 17th. From Chicago he will go to Rochester, N. Y. then to Albany, where he is to be the guest of Governor Hughes, and from there to a meeting of the Yale corporation at New Haven, Conn. before returning home.

#### Wants to See Alaska.

A trip to Alaska has been contemplated, the president being desirous of going to the territory during the summer but as congress is dragging along slowly and an early adjournment would necessitate the administration abandoning its legislative program, the president has practically given up the idea. He promises himself, however, to visit Alaska in the summer of 1911.

It is possible that President Taft will take a conspicuous part in the home coming celebration to be accorded former President Roosevelt in New York in June. During that month he will also take part in the commencement exercises at Yale, his son being a member of the graduating class. The summer is to be spent at Beverly. There is an engagement recorded for the president to visit Cincinnati in August and in November he will go to San Antonio, Texas to participate in the Trans-Mississippi congress proceedings.

#### Big Naval Problem.

The naval experts are now confronted with one of the most interesting problems which has engaged their attention for several years. It is one which may revolutionize the main battery of vessels of battleship type and thereby give to the United States the largest battleships in the world, craft of 30,000 tons displacement, as compared with the 26,000 ton warships most recently designed the Florida

and Utah—now in the course of construction.

Up to this time the largest modern naval rifle in effective use has been twelve inch caliber. The fourteen inch gun, one of which has just been built and tested at the naval proving ground. Rear Admiral H. E. Mason chief of ordnance of the navy has made report to the secretary of the navy describing the results of this test and showing that the gun in its efficiency realizes the expectations of the designers. Rear Admiral Mason does not undertake to recommend the adoption of the new gun as a feature of the main battery of the next battleship to be designed, because that question involves many elements which are not confined to ordnance.

#### There Are Advantages.

If the next battleships are of 26,000 tons displacement it is probable that not more than that as against the twelve inch guns now carried by warships of that size. There are advantages in having as many fourteen-inch guns as there are now twelve-inch guns on a battleship and this can be accomplished only by increasing the displacement, probably to 30,000 tons. This increase in the size of the nation's sea fighters raises all sorts of technical questions in the hull and engineering departments and has to do with such chief characteristics as weight of engines, with its influences upon speed, bunker capacity for coal, with its relation to radius of action and means of resisting attack.

The new gun shoots a shell of 1,600 pounds, which is of greater weight and destructive powers than the thousand pounds shell of the twelve inch gun.

One of the serious objections to building 30,000 ton warships is that there are no docking facilities in this country for such mammoth engines of destruction. It will have to be taken into consideration that battleships designed hereafter must have no greater beam than what can be accommodated by the Panama canal docks, which are 110 feet in width. Another factor is depth of water of most of our harbors, so that the naval constructors in designing battleships encounter two or three important factors which appear to have placed a limit upon battleship displacement at 30,000 tons.

#### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Henry E. Dixey is to go into musical farce.

"The Chocolate Soldier" is to be produced in London.

"The Silver King" has been revived by a Brooklyn stock company.

Frank Lalor is to appear in vaudeville with a new sketch, "Back to Earth."

Robert Mantell is to appear in a tragedy called "The Wife of Metellus."

A Russian dancer, Anna Pavlova, is coming to this country.

Jack Norworth is going to publish his own songs.

Arnold Daly is to go under the management of Cohan & Harris.

George Sidney has a new vehicle entitled "The Joy Rider."

A cage entirely of aluminum is used by Mlle. Vallecita in her sensational leopard act.

Stephanie Longfellow is to star in a play called "Only Ellen," the heroine of which is an ambitious chorus girl.

A Boston hotel proprietor has been sued for damages by a prima donna because he named a new soup in her honor.

Amelia Bingham, who is making a tour of England, will return to New York by May 1.

Thompson Buchanan has written a comedy called "The Cub," which W. A. Brady will produce.

William Farnum may be a star next season under the Liebler management in a scriptural play.

Line Abarbannell will sing the leading role of a new musical comedy to be given in Chicago in April.

Henry Miller will use "The Great Divide" and "The Servant in the House" when he goes on tour.

Adelaide Keim is receiving high praise for her work in vaudeville in "Miss Bright, Decorator."

Mabel Talliaferro will this week begin rehearsals of a new play called "The Chirp of the Cricket."

Joseph Hart has entered into an arrangement to produce all of George V. Hobart's future vaudeville sketches.

The strike in Philadelphia has proved disastrous to the business of theaters there, and grand opera will cease its performances until the strike is over.

The Friars are to produce a play with an all-star cast. The play will be selected from the manuscripts which authors are invited to submit.

Bearce Forbes Robertson of the New Theater Company delivered a suffrage lecture before a Brooklyn civic club lately.

Hall Caine may supply H. B. Irving with a play called "The Demon over," founded on the legend of the "Flying Dutchman."

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## BULL DURHAM WEDS

Terror of the Pitchers Strikes Out to Little Twirler, Dan Cupid.

### IS FARMED BY PITTSBURG

Albert Lee Durham, better known as "Bull" Durham, of Lynn, Ind., who two years ago was the star outfielder of the Indiana-Ohio league, and who was a member of the local team a part of the time, was granted a marriage license yesterday by County Clerk Harry E. Penny. The blushing bride is Miss Leona Grace Nierman of Fountain City, who has been employed as a telephone operator.

The extra bagger demon was not the terror yesterday that he is to all pitchers. He did not say so, but his actions showed that it is an entirely different matter to stand before the court clerk than to face the spit-ball heavier.

Durham played in the Ohio State league last season, his batting and fielding being so good that the Pittsburgh National League management drafted him. He was sold to McKeepsport of the Tri-State league later, but the Pittsburgh manager holds a string to him, however. Mr. and Mrs. Durham will leave for McKeepsport, Pa., in a week or so.

### A QUIET FAREWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, Noted English Actors, Retire Without Noise.

### THEIR ACTION UNUSUAL

London, March 5.—Every British actor or actress of note for the past twenty years has when his or her time came, bid farewell to the stage lost no opportunity of publishing the fact and making the most of a sensational and financially pleasant final performance. Some have even gone so far as to take a whole year saying good-bye. Not so, however, Mr. and Mrs. Kendal. Mr. Kendal has been on the stage for more than thirty years, but he has never learned anything beyond the art of

looking and behaving like a perfect gentleman." Mrs. Kendal, disliked as she is by her professional sisters on personal grounds, is immensely admired as an artiste and in certain roles she has had no rival in the country. When Mrs. Kendal quietly informed her friends a few days ago that she and her husband had firmly decided never to appear on the stage again, the news came as a shock to many of them. There is to be absolutely no farewell of any kind. The devoted pair will quietly disappear to a remote village in Cumberland, where they have acquired a small but beautiful property. Mrs. Kendal should have retired with a large fortune, but she and her husband have been very coldly received in London of late years and they have lost a considerable amount of their savings. Mrs. Kendal was the daughter of the famous playwright, Mr. J. W. Robertson, and she made her first appearance on the stage at the age of five in 1854. She has been responsible for the theatrical training of many clever young actresses, including Miss Jean McKinley, daughter of the late American singer, Mme. Antionette Sterling and the brilliant young actress Miss Marie Lohr. Unfortunately Mrs. Kendal who was nicknamed "The Matron of the British Drama," has long suffered from an indistinct tongue and her own sense of virtue has made her very harsh in her criticisms of the morals of her fellow professionals. Mr. Kendal, who is becoming rather portly, was always a cipher in the household, but he remains a remarkable youthful looking man.

**Sheppard's Plaid.**  
Of course everybody knows the popular black and white check patterned cloth "Sheppard's plaid," but ninety-nine people of every hundred ascribe the origin of this cognomen to some connection with the pastoral personage which is apparently indicated. Indeed, the description is generally written erroneously by tailors as "shepherd's plaid." Sheppard was the manufacturer who first introduced this fabric, and he exhibited his invention at the great exhibition of 1851.—London Scraps.

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## VERY POPULAR NOW

Turkish Bath Habit Is Spreading Very Rapidly Over London.

### CROWDS DAY AND NIGHT

(Special Cable from the International News Service.)

London, March 5.—The Turkish bath habit is spreading in London. In the streets south of Piccadilly premises devoted to the cult are springing up and elbowing each other with a frequency that suggests appearances in the bankruptcy court at no remote date. Almost every corner in the west end is taken up by some promoted sandwich man who, swathed in Turkish toweling or blanket fabricated suits advertise the superiority of this or that establishment. Baths are open all night and have become a kind of avocation where one speaks of things suitable to the torrid atmosphere. The popularity is beyond question. In the afternoon and evening it is no common sight to see scores of people turned away from the more popular baths, and even in the very small hours of the morning the hot rooms are not without their occupants—generally some benighted roysters who are testing the efficacy of hot air as a pick-me-up. The craze reminds one of the massage craze of a few years ago and the end of which was a series of lurid exposures which resulted in the closing of most of the establishments, and the rather sudden departure for foreign climes of many members of our most exalted families. Nocturnal bathing is not without its points of suspicion. The craze has also spread into the realm of the middle class, but these folks of moderate means are obliged to be content with a box bath in their own rooms, where, with the aid of a gas ring, they imagine they

enjoy all the sensations of the real thing, minus the cost. These box baths, long known in America and England, are selling in thousands and are being exploited in as a panacea for every ill under the sun. Thanks to the Turkish bath and its home substitute, England is in a sort of national sweat which should make for wholesale attenuation in the near future.

#### Dublin's Red Haired Club.

The Red Haired Club of Dublin, which flourished years ago, was a society which bartered out all whose hilite covering was not of the most pronounced auburn. In order that no one could gain admission by false pretenses it was required at the initiation of each member that the applicant wash his hair and whiskers in hot soda and water. This effectually took out any "dye" that had been used.

### PALLADIUM WANT ADS PAY.

**Mixed Metaphor.**  
Among the many false figures of speech employed by speakers not a few are to be debited to municipal magistrates.

There is, for instance, one which described an alderman as the prima donna of the council.

On another occasion a very worthy alderman, when moving a vote of sympathy with the relatives of a deceased colleague, said, "Our friend was also a man of letters and has left his footprints on the pages of the books he has written."—London Globe.

**The Musical Critic.**  
"An amateur performer is one who sings or plays because he loves music," explained Mrs. Cumrox.  
"That didn't sound like love to me," replied her husband. "It sounded a good deal more like hatred or revenge."—Washington Star.

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### Ladies' Shoe Bargains

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