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LAFAYETTE NATIONAL PARK ENLARGED

Lafayette National Park has just been enlarged by the addition of 4.29 acres of land donated by Superintendent Dorr. This tract gives access from the public road known as the Schooner Head Road to the Champlain Mountain section of the park. Another tract of nearly 17 acres, connecting the Flying Squadron section of the park with the public road, will be given to the Government by Mr. Dorr as soon as certain complications that have arisen in connection with the deed can be eliminated.

Year by year our one eastern national park continues to grow in area, thanks to the generosity of Mr. Dorr and his untiring work in behalf of the park.

PROPOSED CHANGE IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARK AREA INADVISABLE

In order that specific data might be available should the question of the disposition of certain tracts of land now lying partly within the Rocky Mountain National Park and partly within the adjoining forest come up before the Coordinating Committee on National Parks and Forests, a field study of the situation was made by representatives of the Forest Service and the National Park Service. Superintendent Toll reports that the exchange of land contemplated would not be practicable. Although the land to be obtained from the Forest Service should an exchange be effected is of first quality as far as scenery and recreational possibilities are concerned, the land to be excised from the park would include the Grand Lake District as well as nearly half the Fall River Road, which could not be considered. Also such an exchange would reduce the total area of the park, eliminating all of the area on the western side of the range, and would leave a long, narrow area that would be difficult of administration, besides putting the trails across the Continental Divide under two administrations.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARK BOUNDARY DEFINED

The question of the exact boundary line between Government land and private land in the park was taken up with the Supervisor of Surveys at Denver, and he secured authority for a re-subdivision of Townships 4 and 5 North, Range

73 West. The surveying party arrived in the park on June 2 and since that date they have engaged in re-subdividing the township in which Estes Park is located. This work will not only establish the outside boundary of the park, but it will greatly facilitate correct location of the line between Government property and private property in this township. It will also be of benefit to property owners in ascertaining the exact location of their lands.

#### OFFICIAL OPENING OF YELLOWSTONE PARK

While the Yellowstone was informally opened to motorists on June 1, the official opening celebration did not take place until June 18 at West Yellowstone, the western gateway to the park. All the press associations were represented, and several motion picture corporations. The Governors of Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, and Utah were the guests of honor. The opening ceremonies were followed by a trip around the park.

Just before leaving Mammoth Hot Springs the Governors met and adopted a resolution expressing their appreciation of the reception accorded them, and stating that as long as they were in office they would do all in their power to preserve the Yellowstone National Park intact from any encroachment by private interests or from commercial exploitation. Governor Moore of Idaho advocated a meeting of all western governors to discuss the conservation of natural resources of the West, and particularly for the purpose of forming a policy that would absolutely guarantee the national parks from any form of exploitation.

#### NEW SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY FOR MESA VERDE TO BE INVESTIGATED

For several years a shortage of water has developed in Mesa Verde National Park at the peak of the season, due to the increasing number of visitors. To eliminate this difficulty in the future and care for the maximum number of people desiring to visit the park, a survey for a permanent water supply is to be made. The investigation of the new source of water supply will be made by the geologist in charge of the Division of Ground Water of the Geological Survey, and will be completed in time to present a report to Congress at its coming session in December.

#### INSPECTION TOUR OF APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The Sub-Committee of the House Committee on Appropriations handling Interior Department Appropriations, with several other Congressmen, visited Lassen Volcanic, Yosemite, Sequoia, Zion, Grand Canyon, Mesa Verde, Rocky Mountain, Glacier, and Yellowstone National Parks, as well as certain Indian Reservations and Reclamation projects. Mr. Demaray accompanied the party as far as Rocky Mountain National Park, returning to Washington from this point. Mr. Brown, Secretary to Director Mather, joined the party at Rocky Mountain Park and finished the trip with the committee. Mr. Mather was with the party at several points.

The members of the Congressional party seemed pleased with the conditions they found existing in the national parks.

#### HETCH HETCHY PROJECT

A delegation of financial, legal, and engineering experts of San Francisco, headed by Mayor Rolph, were in Washington the latter part of July and had several conferences with Director Mather and Department officials. An informal agreement was reached for tearing up the rails of the construction railroad used to transport materials for the building of the Hetch Hetchy dam and reservoir, and converting the roadbed into an automobile highway for public use.

#### SIERRA CLUB INVALUABLE ALLY OF PARK SERVICE

At the organization meeting of the recently-elected Board of Directors of the Sierra Club, held in San Francisco on May 2, renewed evidence of the Club's helpful interest in national park matters was given.

At this time it was resolved that, as an expression of appreciation of the educational work carried on by the National Park Service in the national parks, and with the purpose of furthering this work by some definite act of cooperation, the Club offer to the National Park Service for the summer season of 1925 the use of its property in Tuolumne Meadows, together with the Parsons Memorial Lodge, and furthermore, that there be donated to the Yosemite Natural History Association, from the Club funds the amount of \$150 to be used for paying salaries and expenses in nature-guide work in Yosemite National Park in the Tuolumne Meadows region.

It was further resolved that "the Sierra Club congratulate the National Park Service on its achievements of the past year in developing in the National Parks a useful and inspiring program of out-door education in natural history and in the progress made in establishing museums to assist in this education. The nature-guide system begun in Yosemite National Park several years ago and now spreading to other parks is, we believe, the highest expression of the purposes for which the national parks were established and is in accord with the ideals expressed by John Muir and other pioneers in the national park movement."

At this meeting the Southern California Chapter presented the Club with a check for \$1,000, to be added to the fund to be devoted to securing favorable action from Congress on the proposed Roosevelt-Sequoia National Park. The committee in charge of this matter was authorized to expend the fund which has been and will be raised for this purpose.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS FELT IN THE YELLOWSTONE

Earthquake shocks were felt in Yellowstone National Park, at park headquarters, on June 27. The first shock began at 6:22 p. m. and continued about 10 seconds; the second shock began at 7:05 p. m. and continued for 4 or 5 seconds. A pronounced trembling and rocking movement was felt, beginning gently and ending more violently. Chairs and tables moved, windows rattled, and pendulum clocks stopped. A faint tremor of about two seconds' duration was also felt at 8:30 p. m. of the same day. While the shock was general throughout the park, no damage was done at any point.

LANDSLIDE IN JACKSON HOLE

The following report of the landslide of Sheep Mountain, in the Jackson Hole country, was made by the Supervisor of the Teton National Forest, through the newspapers, and was transmitted to this office by Superintendent Albright:

"The landslide occurred at 4:20 o'clock on the afternoon of June 23 and aside from a brief and hardly perceptible caving of banks low down came with a crash from an elevation of 8,500 feet and 1,500 feet above the river bed. The slide hit the river obliquely and ran up among the cliffs on the opposite side of the river in a height approximately four hundred feet above the river bed, filling the canyon for a distance of one mile up and down the river.

"The \$7,000 dwelling of the Huff Ranch in Jackson Hole is floating in the lake created by the landslide. The Huff Ranch was one of the most beautiful and productive in that district and is a total loss. The Card Ranch, representing the home and all the wealth of an old couple, also is a complete loss."

FAR-REACHING EFFECTS OF ADVERTISING

Up in the Yukon last summer an old prospector and trapper found an old copy of the Saturday Evening Post, which contained an article regarding the wonders of the Grand Canyon, the wild life to be found on the North Rim, and the amount of undeveloped, natural resources. So impressed was the trapper, Dan W. Austin, that he left the Yukon as soon as he could get out, came down the west coast to Los Angeles, and from there to Phoenix, where he outfitted with three burros, pack equipment and a dog. When he arrived in the Grand Canyon National Park he was shown maps of the country, and started for Kanab Creek, on the north side of the Canyon. Here, at a point outside of both the national park and the national forest, he will prospect and trap.

CANYON HOTEL IN THE YELLOWSTONE AND HOTEL IN TOKIO  
ALMOST IDENTICAL

A Japanese visitor to the Yellowstone brought to light the interesting fact that the Imperial Hotel of Tokio is, in his own words, "almost an exact

replica" of the Canyon Hotel of that park. According to the visitor, who is one of the officials of the company owning the Imperial Hotel, the immense lobby of Yellowstone's Canyon Hotel is identical with that of the Imperial, in spite of the fact that the latter was supposed to have been built on original plans, at an enormous cost, with the express idea of being different from any hotel in the world. The Canyon Hotel was built fifteen years ago\* from plans furnished by an architect of the Pacific Northwest.

#### VOLCANOLOGIST'S REPORT OF ACTIVITY AT KILAUEA

The following report has just been received from the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory regarding Kilauea, our most active volcano:

"The general situation volcanically of Halemaumau pit (the crater of Kilauea) at the end of the year following the great collapse of May-June, 1924, is extremely peaceful. During the spring earthquakes and avalanches have declined in numbers except for a minor revival in the latter part of May. In June earthquakes and avalanches showed another revival at the solstice, which was remarkable in that the greatest slide seen here for many months came at noon on June 20.

"On June 18 there had been two slides, on the evening of the 19th another, one about 4 a. m. of the 20th, and then began an undermining of the northwest wall with increasing slides from 9:30 to 11:30. At 11:40 a beautiful avalanche there sent a cauliflower cloud across the bottom with a roar. Then came the climax at 11:48 a. m. when the whole wall up to the top stripped off with a thunderous crash that could be heard miles away and the whole pit was filled with clouds of red dust for a half hour. Yellow sulphur stain that had been visible at the east side of the bottom became obscured by the dust-fall, and the seismograph at the Observatory registered vibration for two minutes."

#### NEW PREHISTORIC RUIN DISCOVERED NEAR GRAN QUIVIRA

An interesting ruin of a prehistoric building was recently discovered in New Mexico, near the Gran Quivira National Monument. Two boys of the neighborhood, seeing a slight elevation of the ground at this point, became curious and started digging into it. After digging down about eight inches the top of a wall was reached, made of rocks. The rock extended about 12 inches, and from there on down the wall was of adobe. Excavations were followed only to a distance of about three feet. It is estimated that the walls of the newly discovered building will measure about 159 feet from north to south, and about 90 feet from east to west. In the course of their digging the boys uncovered some pottery and food bones.

NATURE GUIDE SERVICE EXTENDED TO ZION

Zion National Park has a nature guide this year, for the first time in its history. With the new improvements made there park travel has about doubled, and the Director decided that the time to install nature guide service had arrived.

OLD LIFE AT PIPE SPRING VIVIDLY PORTRAYED

In a personal letter received by one of the office force Mrs. Pinkley, of Casa Grande and the Southwestern Monument, drew such a vivid pen picture of the early days at Pipe Spring (now one of our national monuments) that an excerpt from her letter is given below:

"I am writing in a room built of hand-hewn stone by the early Mormon pioneers, who faced almost as many hardships and dangers, even tho at a later period, as our New England ancestors. My table is a door of the same period, put together with pegs. The few nails used are cut nails, and the floor of this room is of flagstones brought from the hills behind the house. Above me is a porthole, and I can easily imagine the alarm being given, the stock driven into the courtyard, the great doors shut and bolted, and a man mounted on a stool posted at this porthole and taking a shot at a skulking Piute. I can furnish the room again in imagination, as we hope eventually to do in reality, with handmade furniture, curtained beds with cordsprings and musk mattresses, handwoven sheets and blankets, and elaborate quilts. Heavy chairs and stools with rawhide bottoms; a spinning wheel here and a loom there with rag carpet in gay colors partly finished, women busy working and visiting, and everywhere little children."

AIRPLANE TRIP FROM BERLIN, GERMANY, TO YELLOWSTONE  
PLANNED FOR NEXT SUMMER

If the plans of Heinrich Krug, recent visitor to the Yellowstone and a manufacturer of flying machines in Germany, work out, that park will be the objective of a trans-oceanic, as well as transcontinental, airplane trip next summer. Mr. Krug, while at Old Faithful Inn, said that he and his brother are planning to fly from Berlin to the United States next year over the same route as taken by the world flyers. Their wives will make the trip to New York by boat, where they will join the flyers for the trip to the park.

SUPERINTENDENT PINKLEY MAKES RECORD FOR HOLDING  
COST OF OFFICIAL MOTOR TRIP TO MINIMUM

Mr. Pinkley has just reported that he traveled 2,863 miles on official business at a cost, including his per diem, of \$206.98. The trip was made in a Government car in connection with repair and restoration work at the various Southwestern Monuments. Since the figures more than speak for themselves, no comment is necessary.

NAVAJO "FIRE PLAY" STAGED AT SPRUCE TREE HOUSE  
IN THE MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK

Picture to yourself the ruins of Spruce Tree House, untold centuries old, serving as a stage; real Navajo Indians reverently performing one of their religious ceremonies, as the actors; with the audience, 500 strong, seated on the rim of the great Spruce Tree Canyon opposite the ruins. Then, from the deep canyon between the stage and the spectators weird Indian chants floating upward to take the place of orchestral music. Then you will have a faint idea of what happened early in July when the "Fire Play", prepared by Mrs. Nusbaum, was staged for the entertainment of the visiting congressional party.

The play was based upon threads of evidence concerning the life of the cliff dwellers which were uncovered by research workers exploring the old ruins of the Mesa Verde; and the medicine men of the Navajos, upon being convinced that the play was to be put on with all the reverence accorded to one of our own religious ceremonies, aided in the work.

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COMPTROLLER RULES LOWEST BIDS ON AUTOMOBILES  
MUST BE ACCEPTED

Comptroller General McCarl has just ruled that Government departments must accept the lowest bids of private firms on automobiles, regardless of the make. The Post Office Department recently purchased five motor trucks, but did not accept the lowest bid. Desiring a certain make of truck, these were ordered, at a price of \$3,424.75 each. Now the Comptroller directs that the company from whom the trucks were purchased be paid only \$2,883.40, the average bid price made by five bidders. In his decision the Comptroller stated:

"The desire for a particular make of truck can not be used to avoid the statutory requirement as to advertisement. Such a theory is wrong and can not be countenanced.

"If lower bids ..... to be rejected because a particular branch of the Service prefers a certain make of truck, advertising for bids was a useless ceremony and section 3709, Revised Statutes, is plainly evaded."

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PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON NATIONAL PARKS AND FORESTS  
MAKING INSPECTION TRIP

The President's Commission on National Parks and Forests has started its investigation of certain park enlargement projects. The Grand Tetons, south of Yellowstone, is the first to be visited, for the purpose of determining the advisability of adding these mountains to the park. If time permits an inspection will also be made of the recreational activities in the Targhee National Forest, west of the Yellowstone. The Commission will then visit Zion and Bryce Canyon, and go on to the Kaibab National Forest to study this area with the idea of extending the Grand Canyon National Park to include part of the forest. A similar study will be made of the Tusayan National Forest, south of the park.

The Bandelier National Monument, which has been proposed for inclusion in a new park to be known as the Cliff Cities National Park will next be studied by the Commission, which will then go to Denver and make an inspection of the Mount Evans region of the Pike National Forest, certain portions of which have been suggested for addition to the Rocky Mountain National Park. Mr. Mather and his secretary, Mr. Brown, will accompany the Commission on the inspection trip.

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PERSONNEL NOTES

Superintendent Kraebel, while in Europe last winter, acted for the Sierra Club in making a selection of mountain photographs from the Boissomas Studio in Geneva, to be added to the Club's collection. The views recently arrived, and the appreciation of the Club was extended to Mr. Kraebel.

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Since the separation of Mr. George E. Goodwin from the Service Mr. Bert H. Burrell has been designated as Acting Chief Civil Engineer.

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Mrs. Amy Leavitt Alexander, who has been connected with the field force in Yosemite National Park since 1914, resigned last June 16.

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Mrs. Lulu H. Hill, who was transferred from the State Department here in Washington to Glacier National Park in April, 1921, resigned effective July 15.

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The office here was interested recently to receive a note from Superintendent White stating he had sent a mimeographed extract of an article by Henry Hawson entitled "Little Men in High Places" to all his employees. Mr. White believes this use of Henry Hawson's article so beneficial in his own park that he sent a number of copies here with the suggestion that they be distributed throughout the Service. Below is quoted the notice just as sent out by Mr. White:

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The following copy of an article by Henry Hawson, published in the Fresno Republican in 1904, is sent you for your study and information because it points out some pitfalls which may be avoided by a Government officer in authority.

The extract is not furnished you with the idea that you specially stand in need of the warning--the superintendent is proud of the attitude to the public of all park rangers and employees--but with the idea that we all need to keep in mind that we are one, as Shakespeare has it, "dressed in a little brief authority", and that real character is better shown by patience with firmness and charity with courage than by any pretense or bluster.

JOHN R. WHITE,  
Superintendent.

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Little Men in High Places.

"Who will not join in deep sincerity in a prayer for deliverance from Little Men? And especially for deliverance from Little Men in High Places. Surely nature could fashion nothing more ludicrous than the spectacle provided by the individual whose limitations are marked, striving to convince himself and others that he is equal to the demands of a position he can not fill. The world of comedy has nothing funnier to offer than the antics of one who relies upon an assumption of dignity to supply the lack of real worth. Angels may weep when such a one vainly attempts to be what he is incapable of comprehending. The petty artifices to which he must descend! The vain pretenses he needs must make! And how shallow, empty and useless those pretenses. For this, be it understood, is by way of being an eternal verity--that the man who fails to measure up to the standard of accomplishment can add not one cubit to the stature of his merit by the attempted inflation of false pretense. The Small Man, jealous of everything and of every one because of fear of exposure and of consequent true valuation, imagines slights, affronts and snubs where none exists or is intended. Fearful of detection in his unworth, the Little Man, imitating the trick of some of the denizens of the forest, assumes a bluster as transparent as the weakness it seeks to hide. Jaundiced by jealousy; green with envy of all that is better--and because it is better unattainable by him--hectic with vain efforts to appear what he is not and can not be; tinged with the melancholy hue of black disappointment--the Small Man presents a spectacle of gods and men, constraining to laughter those whose charity is greater than their contempt. Deliver us, then, from the Little Men, nor impose them upon us, we pray thee, armed with undeserved authority."