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CORA M. DAVIS IS PRESIDENT

UNION LADY SIGNALLY HONORED BY NATIONAL CORPS.

RISE RAPID AND EARLY BY DILIGENT SERVICE OFFICE

National Convention at Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 25.—The Woman's Relief Corps, of which Mrs. Cora M. Davis is president, held its annual convention at the Hotel Hamilton in Rochester, N. Y., today.

TRIMBLE IS COMMANDER.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Judge Harvey Trimble, of Illinois, was elected commander in chief of the Grand Army here today.

Mrs. Cora M. Davis of Union was yesterday elected national president of the Woman's Relief Corps of the United States, attaining the highest post in that order after a rapid rise from the ranks and offices of Oregon. This highly pleasing news came from Rochester, New York, to Union relatives last night and Mrs. Davis' friends in La Grande who have heard of it are immensely pleased. The distinction falling to the Union lady is a meritorious one, earned through long affiliation with the corps. She has held several chairs in the national association, following her election as president to the Department of Oregon some time ago. She served through the subordinate lodges of this state, becoming president of the department after holding minor offices in the department here. Then she was sent as a delegate to the national convention and there was honored with election to important chairs, and her crowning feat of being elected yesterday places her on the highest pedestal within the gift of the Woman's Relief Corps. It places Union county to the forefront of corps circles, and brings a high distinction to this community.

LA FOLLETTE CRITICISES TAFT.

Claims Executive Feared to Allow the People to Rule Entirely.

Madison, Wis., Aug. 25.—That it is the plea of popular government and not the recall of the judiciary that President Taft feared when he vetoed charge made today by Senator La Follette in his weekly. He charged that the Arizona initiative bill is the president who was elected by popular majority did not trust the people to rule beyond a certain limit. "He believes in government by a select few," the statement concludes.

CORONER WILL PROBE BRIDGE

HOPES TO PLACE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ROSEBURG WRECK

Killing of Half Dozen Men Yesterday Will Be Investigated.

Roseburg, Aug. 25.—Coroner Jewel today began an investigation to fix the responsibility for the collapse of the bridge over the Umpqua river in Cole's valley, 18 miles from Roseburg, causing the death of five men and injuring five.

The injured and dead will be brought here tonight. The injured will not die.

The dead were members of a gang which was repairing the bridge.

MEN CLAMOR FOR STRIKE

FINAL ACTION TAKEN MONDAY

MEN CHAFE AT DELAY WHICH LEADERS ASK FOR.

Conference of Officers and Employees Next Monday Wanted.

Chicago, Aug. 25.—Following the receipt of a communication from the advisory board of the Harriman system federation declaring they did no longer prevent a strike of the shopmen President Kline of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers today telegraphed Judge Lovett at New York, asking that he grant a conference to the employees to avert a general strike. This conference had been requested by Julius Kruttschnitt. Kline wired they would confer with the officials anywhere in the west.

Labor leaders will confer in Kansas City Monday and on the outcome of that conference probably hinges the strike. The Pacific coast will probably be the first scene of the strike.

Kruttschnitt's Answer Emphatic.

Chicago, Aug. 25.—Following the refusal of Julius Kruttschnitt, vice president and general manager of the Harriman system to recognize the "union federation" plan, after he had held a prolonged conference with J. W. Kline, international president of the railroad blacksmiths' organization, labor leaders declared today that real danger of a gigantic railroad strike is impending and may come sooner than even present condition indicate unless preventative measures are taken forthwith.

Kruttschnitt said that the proposition laid before him by Kline was too radical for the company to recognize, or ever grant and his statement is taken to indicate that the company may decide to fight instead of granting the

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BALTIMORE TO GET MEETING

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION IS ARRANGED.

Sufficient Committeemen Pledged to Inure That Statement Today.

Washington, Aug. 25.—It is authoritatively stated today that sufficient democratic national committeemen are pledged to make certain the selection of Baltimore for the next national convention.

Baltimore interests have pledged \$100,000 to secure the convention. Several other cities also bid in, but will not be considered.

Western Athletics Compete

Astoria, Aug. 25.—The annual track and field championships of the Pacific Athletic Association of the A. A. U., which has jurisdiction over the Pacific States, began here today in connection with the Astoria Centennial celebration. The pick of the athletes of the leading universities, colleges, high schools and athletic clubs in the west are entered in the various events.

"Greeters" Meet in Macon

Macon, Ga., Aug. 25.—The Southern Greeters' Association, the membership of which is made up of the leading hotels' clerks and managers, throughout this section of the country, began its first annual convention here today with a large attendance.

OREGON UNIONS MARKING TIME

PORTLAND AND LA GRANDE MEN AWAIT ORDERS.

Little Development in La Grande or Portland Since Yesterday.

MARKING TIME IN PORTLAND

Portland, Ore., Aug. 25.—The Harriman shop employees here are marking time. They will not strike unless ordered to by the national officers and they have voted to strike if the federation demands are not met.

Developments of the proposed strike situation in La Grande are few today. While the general public awaits a walkout in the local shops by reason of overheated rumors, it is nevertheless a fact that La Grande will feel the strike only when it is ordered all over the Pacific slope, and regardless of the fact that a strike is pending in Portland this week—which would pre-empt the walkout here it is said—the developments at Chicago today point to a few days' delay before final action is taken. Construction of the parapet about the shops continues with unabated zeal, and an augmented crew have charge of the work today. Local shopmen are reticent yet it appears to the outsider that Portland, and all other division point shopmen are simply marking time awaiting further orders from higher ups. While a walkout on the Pacific coast may come at any moment now, the consensus of opinion is that the eastern negotiations next Monday will settle the matter and that no action will be taken here or in Portland until that time. Everything is pretty much guesswork even though rumors are many and varied.

GEIDEL DEFENSE ON TOMORROW

PROSECUTION CLOSING BY PRESENTING CONFESSION.

Boy's Own Statements Admitting the Homicide, Presented in Court.

New York, Aug. 25.—The prosecution closed its case against young Geidel, the bell boy, by introducing a complete confession which he made to the murder of Millionaire Jackson. He confessed he went to the room to steal enough money to enable his mother and sister to live here and did not mean to kill. The defense begins its case tomorrow.

Taft to Attend Republican Outing

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 25.—President Taft has arranged for a trip to Hamilton tomorrow to attend the outing of the Essex Club, at which the three candidates for the republican nomination for governor of Massachusetts will speak, together with several of the prominent party leaders of this state. The event will be held at the home of Congressman Gardner.

Printers to Play Baseball

Boston, Mass., Aug. 25.—Two score members of the Boston typographical union left today for St. Louis to attend the coming baseball tournament of the Union Printers' National baseball association, which includes the teams representing ten of the largest cities.

SR. JACINTO L. VILLEGAS.

Diplomat in Washington From Argentine Republic.



Photo by American Press Association.

Gompers Nearing Seattle.

Seattle, Aug. 25.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor will arrive in this city Sunday evening at 8:15 p. m. He will be escorted to the labor temple by the reception committee where an informal reception will be held. Monday evening he will be the guest of honor at a dinner. Gompers is touring the Pacific coast in connection with business matters of the federation.

Editors at Wichita Falls

Wichita Falls, Texas, Aug. 25.—Almost the entire membership of the Northwest Texas Press Association was assembled here today at the opening of the association's annual convention. The sessions will continue over tomorrow.

ATWOOD LANDS IN NEW YORK

FLIGHT FROM ST. LOUIS IS SUCCESSFUL.

Swings Down North River and Lands at Governor's Island.

New York, Aug. 25.—Atwood is in New York. He came down the North river opposite Manhattan Island at 2:55 this afternoon and landed at Governor's Island completing his flight from St. Louis to New York. Thousands crammed the available space to witness the end of the record-breaking flight in which Atwood crossed half the continent, resting at will and flying almost at will.

Every pier was jammed with people when Atwood came sailing down, about 150 feet in the air.

His trip, 1,264 miles, is a world's record for long distance flights.

After alighting Atwood acknowledged the waving handkerchief and cheers by bowing and smiling. He had intended to sail down Broadway but at the last moment changed his mind as the pier looked much safer in view of the uncertain weather conditions.

Wind Delays Start.

Nyack, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Atwood announced early today that he would resume his flight to New York this afternoon as soon as the wind and rain abated. The machine was repaired last night.

PASSENGER TRAIN LEAPS INTO LAKE; 36 ARE KILLED

TWENTY G. A. R. VETERANS ON TRAIN AS IT PLUNGES INTO LAKE—FOURTEEN WELL FILLED CARS COMPRISE TRAIN—FIFTY INJURED. SOME FEARED FATALITY—AID RUSHED TO SCENE.

Manchester, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Dash reported that three of them were killed off a trestle into Canadaigua lake a led.

Lehigh Valley passenger train was wrecked this afternoon. Telephone reports say that 36 are dead and 50 injured. Four of the fourteen well-filled cars fell into the lake, aboard which were about 20 G. A. R. veterans of Washington and Los Angeles. It is

The railroad officials are rushing doctors, nurses and wrecking apparatus from every available point.

Twenty-seven bodies were taken from the Lehigh Valley wreck up to 3 o'clock. Work is progressing slowly because the cars are lying in the water. The scenes are terrible.

BEATTIE YARN HAS A FLAW

STORY OF BEARDED MAN RECALLED BY DEPUTY SHERIFF.

Relative Shows Signs of Nervousness When Brought in to Testify.

Cheterville, Va., Aug. 25.—Paul Beattie, a cousin of the defendant, on trial for wife murder, was nervous today when he arrived, ready to take the stand to tell how he bought the gun with which it is alleged Henry Beattie killed his wife. The defense will try to break Paul's story.

Beattie is conducting his own defense although lawyers now work under his direction. He takes copious notes.

The deputy sheriff to whom Beattie recited the "bearded man story" was put on the stand and told how after the shooting had been described rushed his machine back to the scene.

Deputy Snyder next said he took the bloodhounds to the scene the next day and found foot prints on the south side of the road, opposite where Beattie had said the murderer had stood. This caused a ripple of excitement.

Beattie's story is that a "bearded man" came out of the brush and shot Mrs. Beattie.

During Farrell's examination Beattie grew excited, and talked volubly to his attorneys. The cross examination failed to weaken Snyder's testimony.

Mandy Alexander, a negress, when called, identified the gun as the one found near the scene of the murder.

"REGULAR" EAGLES WIN.

Cleveland Gets Next Convention of the Eagles' Lodge.

San Francisco, Aug. 25.—Regulars in the Eagles' convention were victorious over the insurgents. The last ballot counted today showed Frank Hering of South Bend, Indiana, had been elected grand worthy president; John Parry, secretary and Finley McGee, of Helena, treasurer.

Among the trustees are A. D. Sanders, of Spokane.

Cleveland gets the next convention.

Gotch to Start for Chicago.

Humboldt, Iowa, Aug. 25.—Neighbors and friends of Frank Gotch, comprising nearly the whole of the masculine population of Humboldt county, are preparing to turn out en masse tomorrow to give an enthusiastic send off to the world's wrestling champion upon his departure for Chicago.

Gotch will be accompanied by half a dozen of his trainers and helpers who will assist in the final work of preparation for the championship match with George Hackenschmidt, the Russian Lion, on September 4.

PRESIDENT OF LINE ARRESTED

SEATTLE STRIFE OF CAR FAIR IS AT CLIMAX.

President of Suburban Line Under Arrest on City Charge.

Seattle, Aug. 25.—President Crawford of the Seattle-Renton Southern railway was arrested this afternoon under the law which imposes a \$1,000 fine for any line charging more than 5 cents for a ride in the city limits. The arrest was the outgrowth of the fight over the fares between the people and the line.

Cleveland's Daughter to Wed.

New York, Aug. 25.—It is generally believed that Miss Esther Cleveland, eldest daughter of the late President, is soon to wed Randolph West, son of President West of Princeton university. It is said the marriage will take place some time in October, that the young couple will live in New England.

To Aid Suffrage Convention

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 25.—The committee in charge of the programme for the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association to be held here in October announces that among the notable speakers at the convention will be the Rev. Anna Howard Shaw of Philadelphia, as well as many others.

Kaiser Bans "Angels."

Berlin, Aug. 25.—Kaiser Wilhelm has issued an order forbidding any member of the imperial family hereafter acting as a theatrical "angel." The culprit is not known, as least his name has not been made public.

NO PUNISHMENT FOR MOB LAW

OKLAHOMA AUTHORITIES IGNORE BURNING OF NEGRO.

Sheriff Locked in Jail While Prisoner Is Burned at the Stake.

Purcell, Okla., Aug. 25.—No arrests are expected here today of the mob members who burned Peter Carter, a negro, at the stake for assaulting Mrs. Minnie Spriggins. She may die.

Practically the entire town of 3,000 took part. Sheriff Ferris who was locked up in the court house when the negro was burned is not looking for the participants.