



NORTH BANK TRAIN CROSSES WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGE

Construction Train of Five Cars First to Cross.

BRIDGE IS ALL RIGHT

About Four Weeks More Work Required to Complete the Line to Portland.

OFFICIALS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

Though All Work is Not Finished It is Possible to Run Trains Into Portland—Some Regrading Necessary.

PORTLAND, Oct. 23.—The first train to cross on the biggest draw-bridge in the world puffed its way over the Willamette river bridge of the North Bank road this noon and drew up at the "Y" where the bridge line of the S. P. & S. connects with the main line of the Northern Pacific.

Although no formal celebration had been planned and few knew that a train was scheduled to cross the bridge this noon for the first time the news that the contractors would send a work train over the draw and to the west bank of the river spread among the men and when Northern Pacific engine No. 530, with five work cars started out from the Vancouver yards every one on the new line knew that J. J. Hill's pet road had at last actually stepped into Harriman territory and that a Great Northern engine was smudging the Harriman horizon with its smoke.

The construction train which had the honor of crossing the bridge first carried tools and workmen for the completion of the south leg of the "Y" running from the bridge to the Northern Pacific. This leg will be completed this afternoon and it is now possible to run trains direct between Portland and Vancouver via the new line.

Engineer Crosby, who has had charge of the construction of the big bridge, called up General Superintendent Forrest of the North Bank road this afternoon.

"You can run the biggest engine you've got over the draw now if you want to, Forrest," said Crosby. "We tried her this morning and she's all right."

Although the North Bank officials have known all the time that the bridge was all right, it was good news to learn that the locomotive and train actually had gone over the

bridge and it worked successfully. The trouble the contractors have been having with the electrical machinery has been remedied, and the bridge is ready to be turned over to the railroad.

Besides connecting up the "Y" with the Northern Pacific tracks which will be done this afternoon, there still remains a portion of the big cut across the Peninsula between the Willamette and Columbia river bridges to be regraded. There are tracks across there now that are used by the construction trains but the line has never been cut down to the grade nor has it been properly ballasted, so that there is possibly two weeks' work in the cut before the line there is ready for fast, heavy trains. About the same length of time is required to complete the track from the new freight terminals of the S. P. & S. to the main line of the Northern Pacific.

CABINET MEMBERS TO STUMP FOR TAFT

WILL MAKE SPEAKING TOURS THROUGH THE DOUBTFUL STATES.

DEPEW'S ROUTE IN CHANGED

Senator's Virginia Engagement Cancelled—He Will go to Some Other State Where Conditions Are Less Favorable—Ohio Some "Split Up"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—As a result of today's cabinet meeting every member of the cabinet will make political speeches in states where there is doubt of the outcome of the campaign for Taft. Campaign engagements of Senator Depew of Virginia were cancelled. He will go to some more doubtful state. The members of the cabinet to speak are as follows:

Metcalf at Charleston, W. Va., October 30.

Right at Baltimore, October 30; also at Richmond, October 28.

Meyer will speak at Paulding and Sandusky, Ohio, Blaire, Md., Trenton, N. J., and Boston.

Root at Cincinnati next Wednesday and in Toledo on Thursday, and New York City, October 31.

Cortelyou at New York City on Thursday night.

Bonaparte will make two speeches in New York City next Tuesday.

Wilson, Straus and Garfield are at present on a speaking tour.

Secretary Root admitted at a conference that Ohio is somewhat "split-up." Sure that New York is absolutely safe for Taft.

RUSSIA EXECUTES 590 IN ONE YEAR

62 for Muting; 71 for Crimes Against State.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 23.—The Reich made public today the official statistics of executions of Russia during the year 1908 on sentences imposed by military court-martial.

According to official classification 53 persons were hanged or shot for murder or robbery; 62 men were executed for mutiny; 71 for crimes against the state; four for desertion.

The Baltic provinces took the lead in the number of executions with 134. This was due to the final stamping out of the insurrection.

GOMPERS TO BRYAN.

Says the Contest of Labor is For Justice And Not For Office.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—National Chairman Mack made public the following telegram from Gompers received by Bryan upon his arrival in Jersey City tonight:

"Washington, D. C., Oct. 23.

"William J. Bryan,

"Jersey City, N. J.

"Just saw President Roosevelt's attack. I deem it my duty to advise you that I am prepared to answer. Some newspapers are trying to embarrass you by declaring that you will appoint me a member of your cabinet if you are elected president. You may say that I have publicly, emphatically and frequently declared that under no circumstances would I accept any public office, either elective or appointive, and this declaration is irrevocable. The contest of labor is for justice, and not for office.

"Samuel Gompers."

Mack said that if the Republicans in West Virginia are enticing Democratic workmen out of the valley into Ohio with promise of work it is to keep them out of West Virginia until after the election.

INDIANA ENTHUSIASM REACHES CLIMAX AT TAFT'S ARRIVAL

Crowds so Large That Speechmaking is Impossible. Candidates Presence Satisfies Throngs.

SPECIAL IS DELAYED BY HEAVY DOWNPOUR

Reception Given Judge at Indianapolis Eclipses All Former Campaign Exhibitions for Enthusiasm.—Great Crowds Turn Out in Rain to See the Hero of the Hour.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 23.—The Indianapolis reception to Taft though more than an hour behind time and in a steady rain was the climax of the day. The candidate was driven through the business streets cheered by thousands. Taft made three speeches, each time being presented by Vice-President Fairbanks. The day's exhibition of political enthusiasm in Indiana has been such as to eclipse all previous campaigns, according to national and state leaders who have been with the Taft special. Great crowds everywhere greeted the candidates. Today Taft has done less talking and more "exhibition" work than at any time since the campaign started. He could not address the crowds everywhere and so contented the clamorous crowds by merely showing himself. Whenever he has spoken his remarks were appreciated and what he said was a repetition of his former addresses. This one note, however, dominated his thought today: "Indiana is sure-

EXAMINATIONS WILL BE MADE STRICTER

National Bank Examiners Get Instructions in Matter.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—To enforce greater responsibility upon the directors of the National Banks and to make them pay more attention to their institutions, Comptroller of the Currency Murphy, issued an order to National Bank Examiners directing them upon entering a bank to make an examination, they are to immediately convene the directorate and require answers to a formal list of 25 searching questions designed to bring out clearly the relation of the directors to the condition of the bank, extend their knowledge to bank's papers, latitude conceded by them to bank's officers in overstepping national banking law provisions and their supervision of the bank details. This is said to be the first complete inquiry into the relationship between banks and directors.

ARMED POSSES MOVING.

SAMBURG, Tenn., Oct. 23.—Three armed posses with lists of men whom they will attempt to arrest for the murder of Captain Rankin and assaulting Colonel Taylor left today for Reel Foot Lake region. Each detachment was accompanied by 10 soldiers. Governor Patterson is a member of the detachment which will go to Walnut Log. Tip Burton who was arrested yesterday and taken to Tiptonville is alleged to have confessed. A heavy guard is kept around the jail.

OUTSIDE PESSIMISM.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Henry A. Williams, chairman of the Ohio Republican state committee who called on Chairman Hitchcock today said: "The only doubt I hear of Republicans carrying Ohio comes from outside the state."

WATTERSON WAS SATISFIED OF LETTER'S FRAUDULENCY

MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE MEETS DEFEAT

CLEVELAND CITIZENS VOTE AGAINST THE SECURITY STREET RAILWAY.

POOR SERVICE THE CAUSE

Defeat of the Franchise Brought About by Inadequate Accommodations Rendered by Municipal Company in Operation Before Election

CLEVELAND, Oct. 23.—Secretary Henry Davies, of the Cleveland Railway Company, today made a demand upon President A. D. Dupont, of the Municipal Traction Company, that the company be turned over to the Cleveland Railroad Company immediately. President Dupont replied stating he would do nothing until after a meeting of the Municipal directors, which would be held at once.

Complete returns from every precinct in the city in the referendum election of yesterday show that the so-called Security Street Railway franchise was defeated by the narrow margin of 605 votes.

The total number of votes cast was 75,893, with 37,644 in favor of the franchise and 38,249 against it. As a result of the failure of the people to approve the grant the entire street railway system of the city will revert to the Cleveland Railway Co.

The defeat of the franchise was doubtless brought about by what was held to be the inadequate service rendered by the Municipal Traction Company, the holding company which operates the lines on a 3-cent fare basis.

The rate of fare to be charged by the Cleveland Railway Company will not be announced until after a meeting of the directors, which is expected to take place today.

WANTS TO KNOW.

Left For Chicago This Afternoon For a Conference of Situation.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Chairman Hitchcock of the Republican national committee left for Chicago this afternoon for a last conference in that city upon the situation in the west. He said upon his return here he will remain until after the election and added that soon after his return he will give out a forecast of the result.

CITY TREASURER IS EXONERATED

McDonald Paid Money Over to Successor on Retiring from Office.—Excess Now Reported.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23.—In place of a shortage of \$35,000 the city treasury experts report amount in excess to be \$60,000. Of this amount \$15,000 belonged to the state. Experts reported that from the time of Treasurer McDonald's first term of office, 1903 to 1906, to within 30 days before or after the great fire, the money was safe in the treasury, so that it must have disappeared during that period. It has been found that

Answers Statement Made By Attorney of Dayton.

FORGERY WAS EVIDENT

Know Nothing of Letters Until They Were Published in "The Times."

Watterson Was Aware of Cleveland's Condition and Methods and Realized he Was in no Condition to Write Such a Letter.

LOUISVILLE, Oct. 23.—In answer to the statement from Dayton by the attorney for Brandenburg, "That Colonel Watterson announced before the Cleveland letter was published that it must be discredited by any means," Watterson said tonight to the Associated Press that he never had heard of the alleged Cleveland letters until he read them in the New York Times on Sunday, August 20th, and that he was impressed at once with the fraudulency because he knew Cleveland was not in condition to write such a letter on the date it was alleged to have been written; that he knew Cleveland's working methods and habits of mind and that he could not put forth anything of importance in such a way; that he took immediate steps to run the thing down and urged Mr. Carlisle, whose close friend Cleveland was, to "Run this down and expose it."

SWEPT BY HURRICANE.

Schooner Arriving in New Orleans Gives Meagre Details.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 23.—A cable from Bluefields, Nicaragua, under date of October 21st to the Picanune says a disastrous hurricane swept the coast of Nicaragua last Friday to Sunday destroying the towns of Rio Grande and Prinzapulka and doing considerable damage in the interior. Only meagre details were brought her by a schooner but it appears the entire coast from Pearl Bay to Cape Gracias was swept and with much loss of life.

FIRE IN PORTLAND.

PORTLAND, Oct. 23.—Fire in the millinery store of Mme. Heiler in the Selling-Hirsch building tonight resulted in damage to the stock of millinery and the building of \$3000. Two firemen were overcome by smoke and were rescued with difficulty.

FLEET'S RECEPTION ENDS WITH DINNER

Illumination of Fleet, Fireworks and Torchlight Procession on Shore Creates Enthusiasm.

YOKOHAMA, Oct. 23.—A series of incomparable higher functions which have characterized the Japanese reception to the American fleet ended tonight at a dinner on board the battleship Fuji, the guests being confined to the American ambassador, rear-admirals and other officers and a brilliant reception on the battleship Mikasa to which all prominent Americans here were invited. With the accompaniment of an illumination of the fleet, fireworks, torchlight procession on shore. Rear-Admiral Sperry today endeavored himself to the Japanese people by personally attending the funeral of General Count Nodsu, placing a wreath on the casket. Many functions were held wherever the Americans went they were surrounded with genuinely enthusiastic Japanese. Good behavior of the American sailors aroused much comment.

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POLITICIANS DEBARRED.

PEORIA, Ill., Oct. 23.—After a stormy session of the State Federation of Labor today it adopted an amendment to the constitution barring politicians, political tricksters and ward heelers from membership.

RELEASED ON BAIL.

DAYTON, Oct. 23.—Broughton Brandenburg arrested yesterday in connection with the Cleveland letter sold to the New York Times, was released today on \$5000 bonds, signed by an attorney. It is said that he will go to New York. Brandenburg stoutly maintains his innocence and calls himself the Dreyfus of the campaign of 1908.

FIVE NEGROES HANGED.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 23.—Five negroes were hanged in different parts of the state today for murder.