

FREMONT R. CHASE ARRESTED IN SAN FRANCISCO, CHARGED WITH GUILTY KNOWLEDGE OF DEATH OF MRS. VAN DRAN

WELCOME TO POSTMEN

Local Members of the Order Give Delegates Gathering From All Parts of Country a Cordial Reception.

TRAINS COME CROWDED WITH HAPPY VISITORS

Over One Thousand Carriers With Their Families Will Come to Attend the Meetings, Which Open at the Army Tonight—Formal Sessions Begin Tomorrow Morning.

One thousand of the men you're always glad to see have invaded Portland to attend the biennial convention of the National Association of Letter-Carriers. Men who carry mail in every city of importance in the country are visiting Portland, and others will continue to arrive until tomorrow night.

This gathering will be ranked as the premier convention in the history of the order. In point of attendance it is as large as any convention that has been held by the association; in point of enthusiasm among the delegates it is easily first; in point of business to be transacted it is most important.

Two special trains from Chicago and St. Louis arrived this morning with 600 delegates from points east of the Mississippi river. The Missouri delegation arrived last night, accompanied by the St. Louis Letter-Carriers' band, which is regarded as one of the best musical organizations in the country. The band serenaded Postmaster Minto at the postoffice this morning.

A thousand delegates and families. Other delegates arrived yesterday and today; others will arrive until tomorrow night. Over 1,000 delegates with their wives and families will attend the great convention, which will be formally opened at the Army tonight, though there will be no business sessions until tomorrow, when meetings for the transactions of business will begin at 10 o'clock and will be held every forenoon until Saturday.

A special program has been arranged for the reception this evening. Addresses of welcome will be delivered by representatives of the local branch. By the mayor, a representative of Governor Chamberlain, United States Senator Fulton and other local dignitaries. The program will be furnished by the letter-carriers' bands of St. Louis and Denver.

Struggle for Presidency. A spirited struggle for the presidency has arisen in connection with the election of officers. James C. Keller of Cleveland is the present incumbent but it is said that he will make no effort for reelection.

Supporters of G. W. Davidson of St. Louis declare that his election is assured, while adherents of other candidates are equally sanguine of their favorites. Among the candidates, besides the one from St. Louis, are M. A. Fitzgerald of New York and J. D. Holland of Boston. Other officers, including an executive board, will be elected during the convention.

Another contest that gives promise of developing into one of interest is a struggle for delegates from various cities to secure the next convention. Atlantic City has entered the struggle with the announcement that it will win. Other cities that are trying to induce the letter-carriers to visit them are Minneapolis, Canton, Ohio, Fort Worth and Galveston, Texas.

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HAS PIANO IN EVERY ROOM OF PALATIAL RESIDENCE

Millionaire Mineowner Makes Another Fabulous Strike in Mexico

City of Mexico, Sept. 4.—Pedro Alvarado, a multi-millionaire of Parral, Mexico, who was a laborer working in a mine at 50 cents a day a few years ago, has made a strike of fabulous richness in the Parral mine. It is reported that Alvarado has renewed his offer to President Diaz to pay the public debt of Mexico. He says he obtains his wealth from the ground and thinks the government is entitled to a good portion of it. He has just completed a palatial residence near the mine that cost several hundred thousand dollars. There is a piano in every room. Several million dollars money is said to be kept in a strong iron case in his home, where it is constantly guarded by armed men. He has never permitted a mining expert to enter the mine and no report of its richness has ever been made. The public debt of Mexico in 1903 was roughly estimated at \$200,000,000.



J. C. Keller, President National Association of Letter-Carriers.

THIRD TRIAL IS ON TOMORROW

Williamson, Gesner and Biggs Again Face Charge of Conspiracy to Suborn Perjury.

WITNESSES FROM CROOK COUNTY ARE FRIGHTENED

They Put a Sinister Interpretation on the Burning of a Barn Belonging to W. J. Crain, Who Testified Against Alleged Land Thieves.

For the third time Congressman J. N. Williamson, Dr. Van Gesner and Marion R. Biggs will appear tomorrow in the federal court to stand trial on the charge of conspiracy to suborn perjury. The two previous trials resulted in hung juries.

United States District Judge William H. Hunt, before whom the case is to be tried, will probably arrive this evening from Helena. He comes from the recent trial of the Montana land-fraud prosecution, and he will remain in Portland until the pending cases in this court have been concluded.

The charge against Williamson and his confederates is that in order to acquire large tracts of public lands in Crook county they procured a large number of persons to make perjured entries under the timber and stone act. Williamson and Gesner are partners in the sheepraising business and it is charged that they advanced the money to the entrymen—in round figures about \$45 on each claim—to enable them to make final proof. It is the contention of the prosecution that in each case there was a verbal contract with the entrymen whereby he agreed that in consideration of the further sum of \$75 to be paid to him he would convey the land as soon as he acquired title to Williamson & Gesner.

Inasmuch as every entryman must make affidavit that he has made no contract or agreement for the sale of the land, there was manifest perjury if in fact a bargain had been made as alleged with the defendants.

Marion R. Biggs is accused of having been a party to the conspiracy and of having procured a number of the entrymen to make perjured proofs.

A small army of witnesses is in attendance from Crook county, most of whom testified at the preceding trials. There is some reason to believe that the government has strengthened its case since then, though the prosecuting attorney, Mr. Heney, refuses absolutely to give out any information on the subject.

Boared by Sara Burnings.

Among the witnesses from Crook county there is much uneasiness because of the news that a barn belonging to William J. Crain, whose testimony in the former trials bore strongly against the defendants, was burned last week under circumstances strongly suggestive of incendiarism. The greater part of Crain's crops had been harvested and stored in the barn and the loss was total.

The tracks of these men were discovered near the burned building and were followed six miles into Prineville. No other clue to the incendiaries was found, however, and the motive for the crime can only be conjectured. Among the Crook county witnesses now in Portland there is plainly a fear that Crain's experience may become the experience of others whose evidence has been favorable to the prosecution. Popular feeling in Crook county is largely with the defendants in this case, and it is possible that some of their friends may have resorted to the policy of seeking to intimidate the government's witnesses.

Reservists in Riot.

Libau, Sept. 4.—A riot attended the departure of the reservists yesterday, and 10 persons were killed and 50 wounded. Troops were fired upon from a house. They replied to the volley, and cavalry charged with drawn sabers on the crowd. There were many innocent victims, women included, among them.



Ed J. Cantwell, Secretary National Association of Letter-Carriers.

HEROES PERISH TO SAVE OTHERS

Crew of Wrecked Steamer Sevonia Offer Lives as Sacrifice to Rescue Passengers.

ELEVEN ARE LOST IN DISASTER ON THE LAKE

Boat Safely Makes Shore in Second Sweep, but Captain and One Left on Ship, Go Down.

Bayfield, Wis., Sept. 4.—Eleven of the crew of the steamer Sevonia drowned when the vessel was wrecked on York island reef in Lake Superior Friday night. Eleven others were rescued, including the remainder of the crew and four women.

Seven of the dead offered their lives as a sacrifice for the rest of the 23 on board. Of those for whom they gave their lives four are dead. The rest reached here last night after a night of buffeting by waves and a trip of 24 hours spent cutting a road through the northern wilderness.

Those who gave their lives for their comrades were Captain E. McDonald, Northeast, Pennsylvania; First Mate Lewis Darwin of Medina, Ohio, and five others whose names are unknown. Four others were also probably drowned.

On Friday the steamer ran into a storm, and as she was running for shelter struck the reef and then broke into pieces. Those drownded volunteered to remain on board while the other tried to reach the shore. When last seen men on the broken vessel were waiting for help.

The boat containing 11, including four women, reached shore after battling with the heavy seas all of Friday night, during which they suffered terribly from cold and exposure. The Sevonia was bound from Allouez to Erie with a cargo of iron ore. Soon after striking the boat broke in two, the after end sinking. Two boats put off from the doomed craft, the first containing 11 persons, including a number of passengers. It reached shore safely at Little Sand bay.

The tug Harrow went out from Bayfield with a rescuing party and returned, reporting that nothing was seen of the men on the boat. The crew left on the ship perished, as did the men in the second boat. Fifteen composed the rescuing party, who made the trip in two hours off the teeth of a blinding snow. Only a small portion of the Sevonia was visible above the water.

DYNAMITE EXPLODED AMONG MERRY-MAKERS

Berkeley, Spaul, Sept. 4.—A dynamite bomb was exploded yesterday afternoon on the main parade which was thronged with merry-makers. One woman was killed, five mortally wounded and 50 injured. The detonation was heard throughout the city. A workman covered with blood was caught by the mob running away from the scene and nearly lynched. He denied that he had exploded the bomb and claimed to be a victim. The perpetrator of the outrage is unknown.

THOUSANDS OF HOUSES BURNED IN ADRIANOPLE

Constantinople, Sept. 4.—Seven thousand houses were destroyed in the Greek, Armenian, Bulgarian and Jewish quarters by fire, which raged at Adrianople Saturday and Sunday. With the exception of the Catholic church and the mosque, few buildings were spared. The property loss is enormous.

Arrested With Pawn Ticket.

New York, Sept. 4.—Elmer Entrado, a young negro, has been arrested in Philadelphia. He had 25 pawn tickets on his person and is suspected of being connected with the plundering of the residence of Joseph Aymar last week.

LEFT TOWN IN THE NIGHT

Ex-Bartender for the Husband of Murdered Woman Suspected by the Police and Held by Two Orders.

WAS WITNESS TO YOUNG'S ASSAULT ON VAN DRAN

It is learned that while saloonkeeper Chase was in hospital Chase became an Embury and that stories he told of Mrs. Van Dran were poisoned with malice.

Fremont R. Chase, formally saloonkeeper for Kaiser Van Dran at the Washington hotel, a man named Kinney or McKinney, and two women were arrested this morning as they walked down the gangplank of the steamer Spokane at San Francisco, on telegraphic instructions from Chief of Police Dineen by Chief Gritzmacher.

Chase is charged with embroiling property and money aggregating \$50,000 from Van Dran, but the other reason for his arrest is that he is an important witness against Joseph Young, the saloonkeeper who shot and killed Van Dran, and that the authorities are satisfied that if Chase is at all guilty of Mrs. Van Dran's murder he was at least an accomplice in the crime.

The police say they have clues in their possession which will probably lead to startling developments in the queer murder case.

Kinney and both women are held by the San Francisco police. Whether they will be brought back depends on what the police and Detectives Deane and Vaughn, who go to San Francisco tonight, may be able to elicit from them by the questioning process. Chief Gritzmacher and District Attorney Manning are exceedingly eager to have Kinney and the women returned if it can be accomplished the freed adults of the arrested of these people may be the first act in the taking of the case toward bringing the murderer of Mrs. Van Dran to justice.

Police Show Blatant.

While Chase is wanted as a witness against Young at his trial for assaulting Van Dran with a dangerous weapon with intent to commit murder, on the eve of which he left the city, the authorities are unable to conceal their belief that they believe the responsibility for the poisoning of Mrs. Van Dran may now be placed where it belongs.

Chase is suspected of being the man who shot Van Dran, but for the purpose of the trial, Chase is held by the police, and the failure to arrest Chase is said to have been due to a belief that more important evidence could be secured by keeping him under surveillance.

Chase was shot by Joseph Young about 12:30 p. m. August 12. At that time Chase was acting as night bartender and continued as such while Van Dran lay in the hospital.

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THE AUTHOR OF NEXT SUNDAY'S STORY

The Roll call of the Reef, one of the brilliant tales by "Q," will be a feature of next Sunday's magazine section of the Journal.

DISASTROUS STORM SWEEPS OVER NEW YORK

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 4.—One of the worst storms that ever visited central New York swooped down upon this section last night, resulting in damage that will exceed \$200,000.

Injured in Santa Fe Wreck.

Pueblo, Col., Sept. 4.—Mrs. Mary R. Barley and Mrs. Martha E. Woodard of Lawrence, Kansas, were seriously injured in a wreck on a Santa Fe passenger train carried westward of Colorado. The wreck occurred near Boone, Colorado, yesterday afternoon. The wreck was caused by the tank of an engine leaving the track. Two engines and five coaches were overturned.



Grant McDonald, Active in the Labor Day Celebration.

5,000 ARE KILLED IN CAUCASIA

Revolt Breaks Out on an Enormous Scale in Southeastern Provinces of Russia.

REVOLUTIONISTS RAVAGE AND DEVASTATE COUNTRY

Troops Entirely Unable to cope With Situation and Reinforcements Are Asked. State of Siege Proclaimed and Ports All Closed.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 4.—Advices from the Caucasus state that a revolt has broken out here on an enormous scale. Details are meager, but it is said that the number of rebels is 5,000. The rebels are reported to have been very active in the region, and have been causing much devastation in the country. The situation is entirely unable to cope with the situation and reinforcements are asked. State of siege is proclaimed and ports all closed.

The entire region has been in a state of turmoil which is daily growing worse. Rioting a month ago by strikers strengthened the revolt and since then the operation of trains throughout the district has been entirely ceased. Traffic has been at a standstill. Commercial transactions are also paralyzed.

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ANXIETY TO TAKE BATH CREATES A NEW RECORD

Philadelphia, Sept. 4.—Harry Pratt Jones and James Madison Thompson of Baltimore, widely known in club and social circles, engaged a special train on the Pennsylvania railroad early this morning to take a bath. The train left Atlantic City at 10 o'clock, having traversed 76 miles in 88 minutes.

FRENCH JEW IS KILLED BY MOROCCAN BANDITS

Tangier, Sept. 4.—A French Jew was murdered here yesterday. The murderer escaped. The suburbs of Tangier have been deserted by Europeans on account of the depredations of the Angoras, a powerful tribe of natives who are seeking to capture Europeans and hold them for ransom. The Moroccan authorities are powerless as they fear Rissoul and the Angoras.

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Mrs. Lucia F. Additon, Speaker at Labor Day Exercises.

PEACE TREATY IS NOW FINISHED

Instrument That Ends Contest in Far East Ready for Signatures of Envoys.

CEREMONY TAKES PLACE BEFORE SELECT CROWD

Engrossing Clerks Labor All Night to Conclude Work—Assistant Secretary Peirce Supplies the Red Tape in the Proceedings.

Portsmouth, Sept. 4.—The peace treaty that ends the war in the far east has been finished and only awaits the signatures of the envoys this afternoon when at 5 o'clock the agreement will be ratified in the presence of government and local officials. It will be known as the treaty of Portsmouth.

The engrossing clerks finished their work this morning and Assistant Secretary Peirce supplied the special red tape with which to tie the document. M. Morata for the Japanese and M. Rojostevsky for the Russians, who had the engrossing in charge, looked on the night in getting the document in shape for final action.

The treaty consists of a preamble and 17 articles. The concluding article provides that the exchange of ratifications shall occur within 10 days after the signature by the plenipotentiaries. The Russian ratification will be communicated to the Japanese government by the French minister at Tokio and the American ambassador at St. Petersburg will inform the Russian government of the Japanese ratification.

The signing of the treaty will be an exclusive affair. Newspaper correspondents and photographers have been barred. Besides the envoys and their secretaries the only witnesses present will be Assistant Secretary of State Peirce, representing the president, Governor McLean of New Hampshire, the mayor of Portsmouth, Admiral Meade, commander of the navy yard, and Captain Winslow of the Mayflower.

Tonight the newspaper correspondents, guests of the hotel and government officials will be entertained by Baron Kuruma and Minister Takahira.

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GALA DAY FOR WORKERS

Labor Turns From Its Tasks for a Time and Celebrates the Glory of Work.

ELABORATE CEREMONIES HELD AT CEDAR PARK

Prominent Men Address Big Crowds There and Other Thousands Take Advantage of Holiday to Visit the Exposition and Witness Special Program There.

Laboring men are enjoying a holiday today. Other tradesmen are also joining in the gala time, and altogether this will be one of the most enjoyable Labor days ever held in this city. Thousands are celebrating at Cedar park, while other thousands are availing themselves of seeing the exposition.

The official labor celebration is being held at Cedar park. Here many are spending the day, having arrived early with lunch basket and the children. But a majority of the crowd did not arrive until this afternoon, when the program began.

At the fair grounds things were different. Throughout the forenoon the five turnstiles at the main entrance of the grounds were required to accommodate the incoming, and the indications are that this will be one of the seven largest days of the fair. There were no special features for Labor day, but thousands of celebrators swarmed over the grounds, a great many of whom have had no opportunity heretofore of visiting the fair while the exhibit buildings were open.

The gates at Cedar park were thrown open at 3 o'clock this morning. Each outbound car from Portland brought its delegation to the park, and the trains leaving beyond and Alder streets after 11 o'clock were crowded. Among the merry-makers were many visiting letter-carriers. All night long, Manager Prapp had a corps of men busily engaged in carrying water and wetting down the parts of the park where the crowd is gathered; this was done to lay the dust and to guard against accidental fire.

There was no labor parade today, the leaders of the various trade organizations having decided to spend the day quietly. The Ladies' Label league and the Ladies' auxiliary have charge of refreshment booths.

The speaking began at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. The address of welcome was given by Governor George E. Chamberlain. James G. Keller of Cleveland, president of the National Association of Letter-Carriers, spoke on the moral side of labor organizations; Mrs. Lucia H. F. Additon gave an address, the subject being "The Purchasing Power of Women, or Their Relation to Organized Labor."

Avery C. Moore, a prominent labor leader and a well-known orator of Idaho, gave the principal address of the afternoon. Mr. Moore said in part: "Every American, whether he works with his head or his hands; whether he is an employer or a wage-earner; no matter where he was born or what creed he professes, is entitled to be judged by his fellow-citizens as a man. In return he is bound in honor to do his best to give to every man a fair deal, for no man deserves more and no man should receive less."

"Mr. Chairman and Friends: I have chosen the words from a recent public address of a prominent member of the National Association of Letter-Carriers."

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MOUNTAIN MOVED FORWARD BY AN EARTHQUAKE

Remarkable Seismic Disturbances Are Reported in the Interior of Mexico.

City of Mexico, Sept. 4.—Dispatches from the federal government give an account of a remarkable seismic disturbance in the state of Guerrero. The entire side of the precipitous mountain called Cerro de San Mateo, which is a part of the mountain range, was broken down by a landslide and fell into the valley with a thundering noise.

The inhabitants of Puebla, San Luis Potosi and other cities were alarmed and made preparations for flight in case of a further disaster. For 10 days a movement was plainly evident, and was followed by a great number of earthquakes, and the people were in a state of great alarm.

People who arrived there during the night were surprised to find the mountain in a state of great alarm.