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OREGON'S CHAMPIONS RELATE EXPERIENCES

3 DYING, 40 INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

Chicago Excursion Special on Lake Shore Railroad Is Rammed from Rear White on Siding at Chesterton, Ind., by Theatre Train.

Men and Women Are Pinned Beneath Wreckage — Impenetrable Pall, Result of Forest Fires' Smoke, Is Given as Cause.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—Mrs. Esther Hoex of Chicago and an unidentified man are dead, three are dying and more than 40 persons are seriously injured as the result of a collision shortly after midnight between a swiftly moving theatre train on the Lake Shore railroad and an excursion train at Chesterton, Ind. The injured were all on the excursion train, which left here last night, taking visitors back to La Porte and Indianapolis, Ind. The excursion train was standing on a siding, apparently waiting for another train to pass, when the theatre train, without warning, crashed into it from the rear.

Many men and women were pinned in the wreckage and the wildest confusion followed. The thunder of steam rushing from the wrecked locomotive, coupled with the walls and cries of the injured and the screams of terror-stricken women and children, made men usually possessed of presence of mind unable to act intelligently. It was perhaps 15 or 20 minutes after the collision before any report was made to the railroad officials and aid summoned. The heavy fog made it necessary for the rescuers to work much of the time through sound, tracing the position of victims by their cries. Most of the injured were brought here and are at Mercy hospital.

The responsibility for the wreck has not been placed. Railroad officials are conducting a rigid investigation. The passengers in the theatre train were badly shaken up, but all escaped serious injury. In the excursion train, on which the fatalities occurred, many were hurt by being hurled from their seats by the terrific impact.

At Mercy hospital this morning it was said that at least three of the injured could not recover and that several others might not be able to survive. The Lake Shore railroad officials gave out a statement today, in which they say that the wreck at Chesterton was caused by smoke sweeping over the country from the forest fires in Wisconsin, making the darkness so impenetrable that the light on the excursion train was obscured.

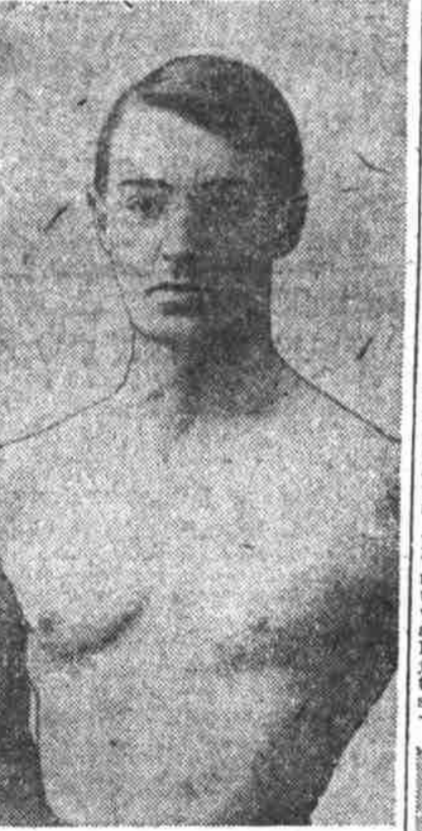
Methodist Conference Opens.

Methodist Conference opens here today. The twenty-fifth session of the Puget sound conference of the Methodist Episcopal church commences here Tuesday night with the closing next Monday afternoon. When the appointment of ministers for the ensuing year will be announced and the pastor, H. Hughes, D. D. LL. D., will preside at the session.

OREGON ATHLETES ARE SPEEDING TO PORTLAND

Dan Kelly's Father Kidnapped by Jolly Crowd of Friends—Local Reception Arranged.

By Robert A. Cronin. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) The Dalles, Or., Sept. 14.—The Dalles is host for Smithson, Gilbert and Kelly this morning. Almost before the boys alighted from the train they were whisked away in automobiles and shown the beauties of the famous orchards. The boys are in excellent spirits and glad that the journey home is nearing an end. With them is Kelly's father, Dan M. Kelly, who was "shanghaied" from his home in Baker City and forced to accompany the athletes. The job was put up on Kelly wire by



Dan J. Kelly, who holds world's record for 100-yard dash.

Interest to The Dalles people. When they met him at the train this morning the interested crowd beseeched the great athlete to tell how he did the trick over other fast Americans entered in the event. Smithson who is a modest chap, tried to put them off but they would have none of it. With the assistance of his team mates, Kelly and Gilbert, he told the story.

How Smithson Did It. "I stood the trip across the water splendidly. Some of the big men had a hard time rounding too, but I was all right. There was nothing among the Englishmen that I feared, but Johnny Garrelis and Shaw were of different quality. I was as afraid as death of these two. Rand of Harvard didn't scare me much.

"When we toed the mark for the start I was just a bunch of nerves. My start was perfect, the rest of the boys told me. I knew if I beat the others over the first hurdle I would have a big advantage. I put every thought to this and when the gun went off I was away. I possibly beat them a foot at the jump off. Over the first hurdle a good two feet in the lead. I increased my speed at each obstruction. I knew I

A. C. Gilbert, Oregon Pole Va iter. John Donnely, a Baker City banker, George Small, editor of the Baker City Democrat, Frank Mitchell, a lumberman, Henry McKinney, a former University of Oregon student, and Virgil Cooper, a student of the University of Oregon.

They inveigled Kelly on the train to spend the last few minutes with the boys after having secretly bought a ticket and berth in the Pullman. The train pulled out before he could alight. Kelly fell in with the joke and will ride in the carriages in the Portland celebration tonight.

Baker City presented Kelly with a handsome loving cup and did signal honor to her athletic son, along with the Portland boys. A thousand people headed by the band marched to the train to give the men a royal send-off.

Smithson with H. Gilbert, who is reported to be wealthy. There was \$2 and a silver watch in his pocket when the body was found. The fact that he was not robbed seems to disprove the theory of murder, and it is expected that the examination will show that he stumbled and fell over the embankment, falling upon his face and sliding and that the felt hat became tightly wedged between the earth and his face, smothering him to death.



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Every day adds to Portland's glory as the premier wheat shipping and receiving port of the country. Today Portland received 223 cars of wheat and not only broke all former records for this port, but broke the records of all other wheat-receiving ports at the same time.

The enormous arrivals of wheat at Portland during the past two weeks have been the wonder of the wheat trade of the world and the attention of the entire world's trade is upon this market. With few exceptions every one believed that last week's big arrivals were merely a spurt which would soon give out, but as the days pass the wheat shipments hereof are increasing. The heaviest shipments heretofore received here totaled 213 cars in one day and this was but a few days ago.

Under normal conditions 40 cars of wheat would be considered quite liberal receipts even in such a big world's market as Chicago, and it is seldom that more than 20 cars are received within the space of 24 hours. Receipts at Duluth and Minneapolis, cities that are always considered the greatest wheat ports in the world, are not close to the Chicago figures. Not a single place in the country—and this means the world when taken as a whole—wheat—even gets within sight of Portland's enormous arrivals.

The cause of this extra shipments hereof is the extra quality of the Pacific northwest wheat this season. Europe is determined to buy even heavier supplies than during the bumper crop a year ago and purchases to date have broken all records. More ships are being chartered at Portland for early loading than ever before because of the seemingly unlimited demand Europe is making on this port for Oregon wheat.

Bluestem in Demand. The present season has developed one of the finest wheat crops in the world. Trade ever seen in this or any other Pacific coast market. Europe has had a taste of bluestem wheat and so pleased are the buyers on the other side of the Atlantic that they are outbidding each other on every side for this hard variety.

According to the world's wheat market, bluestem wheat is the best in the world. It has only been a few years ago that the first bluestem wheat was brought into this country by a Walla Walla milling firm, but since that time the grade has taken complete control of the market.

Bluestem heretofore buyers have been willing to pay a premium of but 2 cents a bushel for this grade over the price established for the club variety. They are now bidding a premium of 5 to 7 cents a bushel and still the market is going higher. Some of the buyers themselves are new purchasers that bluestem wheat will go to a bushel or better before the present season comes to an end.

FORREST SMITHSON, OREGON CHAMPION HURDLER.

had to do this for fear of accident on the middle of the course. He was three yards ahead. I never tried to increase my rate at this point but contented myself with keeping the lead I had gained. I cleared the last hurdle about three yards in advance and broke the tape about the same distance in front of Garrelis, who finished second.

NEW RECORD FOR WHEAT SHIPMENTS

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Cause of Heavy Cargoes Due to Extra Fine Quality of Northwest Grain and Increasing Demand From European Markets.

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ROOSEVELT'S WORDS WILL MEAN NOTHING TO TAFT

HUGHES ALSO IN EXECUTIVE FAVOR

Takes Part in New York Politics—State Convention in Session.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 14.—President Roosevelt came powerfully to the support of Governor Hughes for a renomination today by the issuance of the following statement from Sagamore Hill: "The president has been in communication with Secretary Root and Congressman Cocks, with reference to the governorship, and authorized them to state that while he has no intention of dictating to the convention, to all his friends, who have spoken about the matter, he said in the strongest possible terms that he favored the renomination of Governor Hughes."

Cocks represents the Oyster Bay district in congress and two years ago delivered the message from Roosevelt to the state convention which brought about the first nomination of Governor Hughes.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 14.—With the candidacy of Governor Hughes opposed by a strong contingent, headed by a number of party leaders in the state, the Republican state convention opened here today with the prospect of a free-for-all political battle.

The names of former Governor Frank S. Black and Joseph H. Choate probably will be presented at the convention although there seems to be an utter abhorrence to them.

TRAFFIC AGENTS OPEN CONVENTION

One Delegate, Frank M. Jolly, Comes All Way from Havana.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 14.—Nearly 300 members of the Traveling Passenger Agent's association were on hand this morning when the convention opened in Elks' hall. Delegates are here from every part of the United States. Frank M. Jolly, from Havana, is perhaps the delegate who traveled the farthest. One of the big guns in attendance is W. M. Simpson, district passenger agent for the Burlington at Cincinnati, the oldest member of the association. Every one is looking out vices awaiting the arrival of Colonel Fred Tristram, assistant general passenger agent of the Wabash. He wired asking for a bridal chamber along with hundreds of voters and was tendered an informal reception by the local Socialists.

WOULD SUPPORT DEBS REACHES HEPBURN CLAUSE GRANTS PASS

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BRYAN ANSWERS THE PRESIDENT'S EULOGY

MR. ROOSEVELT'S APPEAL

President Roosevelt's letter praising Taft, which was made public last night, has drawn fire from Mr. Bryan. The president wrote to Conrad Kohrs of Helena, Mont., an old friend, and said that reform should go on and that Taft was a man in whom were all the qualities necessary to public betterments in a greater degree than any other man since the civil war.

The president said that Mr. Taft had the same scorn for the demagogue that he had for the corruptionist. Mr. Roosevelt acknowledged that Mr. Taft was his personal candidate for the presidency and that the Republican standard bearer had the same views as the president regarding matters of national moment.

The president upheld the Taft anti-union injunction rulings, but sidestepped the direct issue. He added: "His (Taft's) record as a judge makes the whole country his debtor" and mentions that the judge is "not a truckler to the mob" or the "tool of corrupting corporations." The support of the wage worker is asked for Mr. Taft in the personal appeal of the president for his personal candidate.

(By John E. Nevins, Staff Correspondent of the United Press.) Baltimore, Md., Sept. 14.—William J. Bryan today answered the letter written by President Roosevelt, supporting Taft for the presidency, which was made public yesterday. Explaining that he had not had time to read the letter carefully, Bryan said:

"It was to be expected that President Roosevelt would come to the support of Judge Taft. He could hardly do less in view of the fact that he selected him as the administration candidate and supported him with all the influence that the administration could bring to bear.

"The testimony of President Roosevelt might be objected to as irrelevant and incompetent. If Taft were dead it would be interesting to know from Roosevelt what he knew of Taft's opinions, but as Taft is alive and able to speak for himself, it is hardly necessary for Roosevelt to tell us what Taft believes or what he will do."

Bryan said that Taft is running on a platform which he was compelled to amend in several particulars and declared that Taft's speeches throw little light on his political views. He then referred to what he calls the "incomprehensible attitude" of Taft and labor matters, saying:

"Taft does not agree with laboring man in regard to the use of injunctions in labor disputes. No words of praise from the president can change Taft's attitude along this line and make his candidacy more satisfactory to those who toil."

Bryan declared also that Taft's position on the tariff, the trusts and other questions are not changed by the praise given him by the president. He served notice that Taft must make his own position known. Concluding, he said:

Indefinite Statements. "The president's statement is of no value unless he agrees to remain in Washington and see that Taft makes good. We ought to have a more definite statement in regard to what the public may expect from Taft. No such information appears in the Republican platform. Up to the present time no definite conclusions can be drawn from Taft's speeches. It does not answer this question for the president to say that he feels that Taft will do what is just, for there is a wide difference in opinion of what is right."

"A few plain simple sentences from Taft would be worth very, very much more than this eulogy that the president pronounces."

Bryan was met by the local reception committee when he arrived here and was escorted to his hotel, where he rested until noon, when he left for Annapolis to speak this afternoon. He will speak here tonight.

EX-SENATOR SMITH SAYS BRYAN CAN WIN

New Jersey Statesman Says Republicans of Middle West Are Demoralized—His State Is Also in the Doubtful Column.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) New York, Sept. 14.—Former United States Senator James Smith, Jr., the central figure in New Jersey's Democratic back from an extended western trip that included visits to practically every city of the middle states, is impressed with Mr. Bryan's chances of election. In an interview at his office in the Federal Trust company at Newark yesterday he said: "I believe that Mr. Bryan has a great chance of election. Eight years added to his life and his extended travels since he last appeared in the public eye combined to make him a broader and a much more conservative man. Mr. Bryan's speeches since his nomination have been conservative, and no man can find any fault with the position he has taken on the subjects he has discussed."

SMOTHERS TO DEATH IN HAT

Body of John O'Connor Found at Bottom of Embankment With Felt Hat Wedged Against His Face—Either Fell or Was Hurlled by Other Hands.

John O'Connor, head cook in the grading camp of M. J. Connelly, met his death in a mysterious manner after leaving the camp yesterday afternoon. His body was found this morning at East Thirty-second and the Powell Valley road, near the camp where he was employed. Apparently O'Connor either fell down with two or three of the men who were late for dinner yesterday. He told them that they were late they would get no dinner, and soon afterwards left the camp. His body was found by L. Scott of Portland, and an inquest will be called for tomorrow. O'Connor had a disagreement with two or three of the men who were late for dinner yesterday. He told them that they were late they would get no dinner, and soon afterwards left the camp. His body was found by L. Scott of Portland, and an inquest will be called for tomorrow. O'Connor had a disagreement with two or three of the men who were late for dinner yesterday. He told them that they were late they would get no dinner, and soon afterwards left the camp. His body was found by L. Scott of Portland, and an inquest will be called for tomorrow.