

BOTH HARMON AND TAFT DISAPPOINT WATERWAYS MEN

Harmon Criticised for Failing to Rise to Opportunity; Taft Offends With His Dependence on Railroads.

By John E. Lathrop.
Washington, Dec. 17.—Judson Harmon's appearance before the National Rivers and Harbors congress in Washington, December 8, was a great opportunity for a presidential aspirant. The opportunity was not taken advantage of. There was distinct disappointment. Several thousand delegates had assembled from all parts of the United States. Most of them had never seen Governor Harmon, but there had been a campaign of newspaper laudation, which had created a spirit of expectation, which was distinctly favorable to the Ohio statesman. Had a photograph been set up in the convention hall it would have recorded a generous reception accompanied with much noise and hand-clapping and stamping of feet. The governor spoke about 10 minutes, and at the conclusion his remarks there was only a small measure of applause. He was not once interrupted by applause, and this was not because he had held his audience enraptured. I do not think anyone will question the statement that most of the delegates heard the deliverance of Mr. Harmon with surprise. He did not strike a note above mediocrity. Two thousand out of the 3000 delegates present could have excelled him in presenting the great issue of waterway improvement.

Also disappointed with Taft.
The disappointment over Governor Harmon's appearance followed equal disappointment over President Taft's utterances the day before, for the president evaded many of the essential things in the working out of waterway development and recommended only that the waterways be developed in conjunction with the ideas of the railroad men. It is as much as the delegates have been thoroughly convinced that the railroads are trying to control waterway facilities, especially through control of waterway terminals, it seemed to be true that a majority of the delegates believed that President Taft did not appreciate this menace to the proper working of a waterway policy.

What the Convention Asked for.
An analysis of the proceedings of the convention shows that these principal propositions were advanced: An annual river and harbor bill; issuance of bonds, if necessary, to provide the money; the almost immediate completion of approved projects; public ownership of docks and the prevention of railroad monopoly and waterway terminals, as matters of equal importance. Neither President Taft nor Governor Harmon seemed to understand that all these elements were essential; at any rate, their speeches so indicated.

It was impossible to circulate among the delegates and attend the meetings without noting a distinct tone of dissatisfaction with the president's attitude. So pronounced was this sentiment that when Congressman Randall, president of the congress, followed President Taft, he received their cheer when he virtually criticized President Taft's position.

Journal-Wrap Ads bring results.

GIRL SPENDS NIGHT ON DESERT

With Indian as Only Companion Miss Grace Cameron Hears Coyotes Howl!

Camped out all night in the desert with a Navajo Indian—that is what Grace Cameron, a young actress, did, and she smiles as she tells the story.
"Oh, it was nothing," said Miss Cameron. "You see, I was just going from my uncle's trade store below Ship Rock town to Ojo Alma, another trade store, for a visit with relatives, and our team gave out and we had to camp out over night on the way. The Navajo was taking me on the trip. The Indian took me on the buckboard. It was 80 miles across the desert of sagebrush and sand. At noon the team gave out, and sundown found us a long way from Ojo Alma.
"We reached a small stream, and the Indian gave signs that we would have to stop there. We got out of the buckboard, and the Indian hobbled the ponies. He gathered a lot of sagebrush and started a fire. After a while we were tired, the Indian on one side of the fire and I on the other, both wrapped in blankets. I never slept a wink, and it was the longest night I ever spent.
"When the coyotes began to howl close to us I was afraid to hear them, for it somewhat broke the monotony of waiting out there in the lonely desert, miles and miles away from any person, with only an Indian for company. I wasn't afraid, and if I had been it wouldn't have helped matters. There was no danger. I would sooner trust the average Navajo Indian than lots of white men. They are fine fellows and can be trusted in any case.
"Miss Cameron is 22 years old. With an aunt, she visited the St. Louis world's fair, accompanied by a tall young Navajo, whom they took along as a servant. Miss Cameron and the young Indian attracted much attention in the streets of St. Louis.

FIGURES FIVE YEARS HOW TO LOSE WIFE

Wallace Le Roy Rose figured at nights for five years how he could get rid of his wife, according to a complaint for divorce filed in the circuit court yesterday by Mrs. Onisha M. Rose. She says this long period of figuring was admitted by Rose, who also told her he loved another and for her to "pack her duds and get out."
Mrs. Rose declares her husband constantly nagged and quarreled with her and told her to go to work for him. She was married in Pendleton in May, 1905.
Mrs. Hannah Wallace is suing J. T. Wallace for divorce on the ground of desertion. They were married in Cheyenne, Wyo., in January, 1908, and separated in December of the same year. Mrs. Wallace desires to resume her former name, Hannah Anderson.

Snow at Pendleton.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., Dec. 17.—The first real snow of the winter in Pendleton began shortly before noon yesterday and continued steadily throughout the remainder of the day. Many are hailing the snowfall with delight in anticipation of sleigh rides and coasting parties.

ENGLISH LORD IS TIMID ON SUBJECT OF LOVE AFFAIR

Lord Decais, Whose Engagement to Miss Vivian Gould Is Reported, Neither Denies Nor Confirms Rumors.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Dec. 17.—"I sail tonight on the Mauretania, to return again on the 15th of January. The date of the wedding—that all depends upon—er, the weather."
Thus spoke Lord Decais today when during an interview that preceded his lordship's luncheon at Sherry's, he discussed his engagement to Miss Vivian Gould. This was a strenuous day for his lordship. During the late afternoon he was paying one of his farewell visits to the future Lady Decais, then a rush to the Drexel home at 1015 Fifth avenue and from there to Sherry's. At 8 p. m. he started for the Cunard line pier, where several friends were gathered to bid him bon voyage. Although the engagement of Lord

Decais and Miss Vivian Gould, the second daughter of George J. Gould, was announced in a London newspaper a few days ago, the interview of Lord Decais today was the first official statement given pertaining to the coming marriage. The Englishman was real coy about his love affair and when asked point blank to deny or affirm that he is to marry Miss Gould, simply blushed and turned the conversation.
He is a tall, well built man with an air of culture, genteel breeding and manliness. Even though as an officer in the British army he has gone through three campaigns, he seems as sprightly as a youth of 25.
"The dance and party scheduled for January 19, at which Mrs. Gould probably intends making the formal announcement of the engagement of her daughter, Vivian, probably will take place," he said, "but I see I am telling you things, and I am, as a gentleman and true lover, under the pledge of secrecy. You must be content with just the announcement from me that I return on January 15."
Seats Around Bash.
"Why should your newspapers and your hundreds of jolly people make so much of a poor British lord? Your country is so vast, your wealth so great and your men of culture so numerous that for me—just because I am here and rumor makes me the accepted lover of a daughter of one of the families of the American aristocracy is, well—simply amusing to me.
"I am nothing when placed beside some of the gentlemen I have met here. I am one of a large set in England and my little trip to this country—and if the rumors are correct, my engagement to Miss Gould—should not make me the talk of the entire countryside."
Refuses to Commit Himself.
"I cannot see why American people and the American press cannot rest

489 SUICIDES IN CHICAGO IN YEAR

Coroner's Report Gives Gruesome Record; 175 Persons Killed by Street Cars.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Chicago, Dec. 17.—Suicide served the problems of existence for 489 persons in Chicago for the year ending November 30, 1910, according to the annual report of Coroner Peter Hoffman, made public today.
Industrialism exacted the lives of 287 men, women and children. Transportation agencies killed 577, of which 175 went down to death by the wheels of street cars. Homicides, other than suicides, numbered 231, of which 133 were murders and 98 murder and suicides combined. Four of the victims were under five years, seven under seven years, and two of 30 years.
One hundred and twenty-four suicides died by poison, 116 by apoplexy, 125 by shooting. Poison was the favorite means of suicide of women, while men chose strangulation and shooting. There were 184 Americans, 102 Germans, 44 Italians, 24 Russians and 22 Bohemians in the list. Two Chinese and one Japanese were among those who violated God's canon against self slaughter.



Grace Cameron.

EAST SIDE THEATRE AND HOTEL BROACHED

Plans for the erection of a new theatre on the East Side and for the erection of a new skyscraper hotel in the same vicinity will take definite shape if a serious consideration of them by the East Side Business Men's club can be considered a criterion.
At the regular meeting of the club held during the past week these matters were thoroughly gone into and assurance given that moneyed interests capable of handling both projects were favorably inclined towards plans proposed by the club.
The club went on record as favoring a site on the East Side between East Couch and East Gilman street as the most favorable for a double decked public dock.
A resolution was passed asking that Councilman A. G. Rushlight, who is making plans to resign from the city council if a successor can be named that will fight the street vacation project, remain in his office until the expiration of his term next June. A high compliment to his ability was incorporated in the resolution.

REQUESTS FOOD FOR CHRISTMAS DINNERS

In pursuit of the annual custom of furnishing a free Christmas dinner to between 300 and 1000 needy poor of the city and to send baskets of food to all wives and families of married prisoners in the city and county jails, the Portland Commons has prepared a list of the things required for the dinners and has asked that donations for the cause be made.
The Louise home, where girls are cared for, has all the inmates it can accommodate and will serve a dinner to them. In addition to these dinners presents will be sent to every prisoner in the state institution, as well as those on the various rock piles.
W. G. McLaren, the superintendent of the Portland Commons, has announced that he will need 300-4 pound packages of sugar, 300 1 pound packages butter, 600 individual glasses of jelly, 600 individual glasses pickles or olives, 600 cakes, 200 chickens, cooked or uncooked.
All donations should be sent to the office of the Commons at 22 North Front street, or the managers should be notified where they may be obtained.

WELL KNOWN DAYTON PIONEER DIES; AGE 77

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Dayton, Wash., Dec. 17.—Dayton's first hotel proprietor, death. Chris Maril, aged 77, one of the northwest's best known pioneers, succumbed to dropsy last night after a four week's illness. The funeral will be held from the country home Sunday and burial will be in Dayton.
Although born in a province of France, Mr. Maril came to this country when a mere boy and lived in New York. Migrating to Illinois, he lived there until 1875, when he crossed the Rockies to Oregon. He came to Dayton in 1875 and opened a hotel on the site of the Dayton Lumber company's plant in West Dayton. When this building burned he moved to the Alliance building and continued in business until 10 years ago. Since then he has lived on a ranch in the Blue mountains. Two sons, Reuben and Charles, survive him.

INJURED IN STRIKE; SUES HIS EMPLOYERS

A nonunion driver who was assaulted during the seamen's strike last July began suit for \$10,000 damages in the circuit court yesterday. The defendant is the Oregon Auto Dispatch company, the complaint alleging he was promised protection by his employers.
Walter H. Hayes is the plaintiff. He says he was a stranger in the city and did not appreciate the danger when he undertook the job. He went to work July 1, and on July 6 he went to the hospital. He says several men attacked him while he was unloading a truck, calling him a "scab," cursing and striking him with an iron pipe.
Hayes says his skull was fractured and trepanning was necessary. His eyesight was injured and may be destroyed, he says. He is 22 years of age.
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