

TAFT'S GREETING AT TWIN CITIES IS MARRED BY GLOOM

People Enter Into Festivities With Heavy Hearts as Gov. Johnson Lies Ill

RECEPTION AT STATE CAPITAL IS OMITTED

In Auditorium Speech Pays High Tribute to Executive of The State

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 18.—President Taft came to the twin cities of Minnesota today and with the shadow of death hanging over the governor of the state, received a cordial, but not a demonstrative welcome.

President Taft was deeply affected soon after his arrival to receive a message of personal greeting from Governor Johnson.

In his auditorium speech at St. Paul the president called out prolonged applause and cheering when he mentioned Governor Johnson.

OLD DISPUTE BETWEEN NICARAGUA AND THIS COUNTRY COMPROMISED

Central American Republic Buys Back Its Timber Concessions.

PAYS \$600,000 CASH

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Representatives of the Nicaraguan government and the George E. Emery company of Boston, whose claim growing out of the temporary annulment of the company's timber concession has been pending for some time, report agreement today.

VICTORIA INN AND ADJACENT PARK SOLD YESTERDAY

Valuable Hostelry And Fifteen Acres of Victoria Tract Purchased by Mrs. John H. Carter.

A real estate transfer of interesting magnitude was made yesterday when Mrs. John H. Carter purchased Victoria Inn and the adjacent property from Mr. P. H. Branch.

The purchase includes the hotel and furnishings complete, and the Victoria tract of land, comprising fifteen acres.

That the property is valuable and an active market in the real estate market is shown by the fact that it has been sold four times this year.

A few days later the property passed into the hands of Mr. Gay Green, who on the twenty-fifth of the same month sold it to Mr. P. H. Branch.

The acquisition of this valuable property is the first large purchase of Asheville real estate by Mrs. Carter, but doubtless not the last.

The following notice was posted at Victoria Inn yesterday afternoon:

desired accommodations at the Margo Terrace at the same rate they are now paying and will be transferred free of cost.

OMAHA'S TROLLEY SYSTEM NOW TIED UP BY A STRIKE

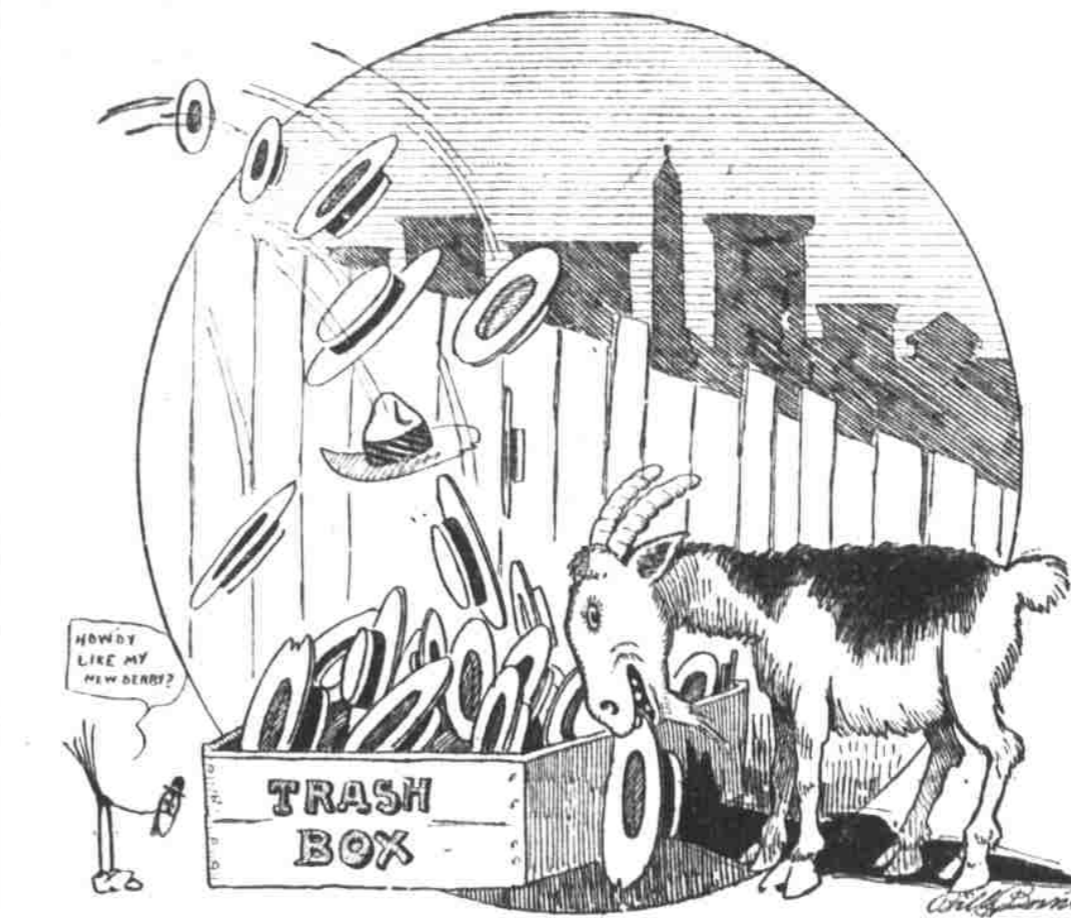
Five Hundred Employees Stop Work on Eve of Big Gala Week.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 18.—The street car system of Omaha and Council Bluffs was unexpectedly put out of commission today by a strike of nearly five hundred motormen and conductors.

It came at a time when Omaha was preparing to entertain the president of the United States and several national conventions of fraternal organizations and other associations.

Only one arrest resulted from the strike today. A union motorman riding on a Dodge street car created a disturbance and an officer on the car arrested him.

The End of The Straw Season.



CHICAGO'S CORRUPTION DRAGGED INTO LIGHT OF INVESTIGATION

Jury Commissioner Arrested Charged With Conspiring to Pack Juries Which Are Trying Police Inspector. Other Politicians Are Implicated in the Charge.

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—Bench warrants were issued today by Judge Baldwin of the Circuit court for John J. Holland, members and secretary of the Cook county jury commission; Nicholas A. Martin, secretary to Alderman Kenna of the first ward; and Willis J. Rayburn, a real estate man.

Commenting on the issuance of the warrants and the case of the drastic action States Attorney Wayman said today:

"I propose to throw the light on the darkest hole in Cook county and clean out the jury commissioner's room, which is rotten."

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AMBASSADOR REID WILL FORMALLY OPEN HOUSE OWNED BY THE HARVARDS

Now Owned by Harvard University Through Efforts of Marie Corelli.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON

LONDON, Saturday, Sept. 11.—The first public function which will be undertaken by Whiteley Reid on his return to England, will be the opening of the Harvard house in Stratford-on-Avon.

GOVERNOR JOHNSON IS GREATLY IMPROVED BUT STILL CRITICALLY ILL

From His Bed Dictates Message of Welcome to President Taft to His State

FLOOD OF TELEGRAMS

ROCHESTER, Minn., Sept. 18.—A bulletin from St. Mary's hospital at 6 p. m., signed by Dr. W. J. Mayo, says:

NEGRO GAVE THE POLICE QUICK RUN FOR MONEY

Fights With Five Officers and Throws Them Overboard Before Capture

COSTLY BLAZE

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—George Landau, a Jersey City negro, gave the New York police a remarkable chase today but tonight he is safely locked up and under guard, charged with stealing \$200 from the trousers of a friend.

YEGGMEN OPEN SAFE AND SECURE NICE SUM

Diamonds and Other Incidents Fall Into Yawning Sacks of the Robbers.

MAON, Va., Sept. 18.—Yeggmens at 2.30 o'clock this morning blew open a safe in the store of E. W. Smith, within a stone's throw of the city limits, and secured approximately \$700 in cash, a pistol, two diamonds valued at \$300, a number of notes and mortgages and other valuable documents.

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CONSCIENCE MAKES HER DENY FORMER STORY

In Affidavit States That She Was Not Criminally Assaulted.

ROME, Ga., Sept. 18.—Declaring that she was driven by the lack of conscience to tell the truth after having perjured herself on the witness stand, where her testimony secured the conviction of Jack Worthington, a Harlow county farmer to twenty years in the penitentiary on the charge of criminal assault, Rosa Elrod, the alleged victim today made a sensational affidavit in which she says her story of the assault was a pure fabrication.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Forecast: North Carolina; Showers Sunday and Monday; moderate to brisk northeast winds.

TRANS-CONTINENTAL MOTOR CAR RUN ENDED IN WRECK AND DEATH

Relay Trip from Philadelphia to Seattle Comes to Grief on First Day.

REPORTER KILLED

READING, Penn., Sept. 18.—The trans-continental automobile run from Philadelphia to Seattle, Wash., under the auspices of The Philadelphia Press came to a sudden and sad end late this afternoon when the first relay car was wrecked at Ebesonia, twelve miles west of here, causing the death of one of the occupants of the machine and the serious injury of several of the other passengers.



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PEARY SETS SAIL FOR HOME IN HIS TRUSTY SHIP, ROOSEVELT

Harry Whitney With Cook's Records Also Tackling In Direction of Home

WOULD HAVE MADE HIS RECORDS EVEN DYING

Peary Shows Spirit of Martyr In His Conversation with Reporters

BATTLE HARBOR, Sept. 18.—(By Marconi wireless telegraph, via Cape Ray, N. F., Sept. 18.)—The Arctic steamer Roosevelt, with Commander Peary aboard, sailed from here at 8 a. m. today for Sydney. Captain Bartlett received orders yesterday from Commander Peary to have the Roosevelt ready on Saturday morning for the voyage to Sydney and also to time his arrival at that port so that they may reach there about 11 o'clock Tuesday morning.

In Face of Death. Commander Peary was asked today what he would have done if he had fallen sick at the pole with no one in the accompanying party capable of taking observations. To this he replied:

"My records are very complete and most carefully kept. They are sealed in skins and parchments, so that if thrown on the ice or in the water they would probably drift for years without sinking or without being damaged, and would eventually be found. This priceless package will not be opened until I arrive in New York."

Records Well Sealed. Commander Peary confirms the statement that four Eskimos were with him at the pole. He says that he has made no statement different from this.

Would you become an American citizen if you were offered command of the Roosevelt to go to Behring (Continued on Page Three.)

REPORTER KILLED. The dead man is Henry L. Bulkeley, a reporter for The Press, William Brown, of Philadelphia, was so seriously injured that he may die and William H. Bohn of the Acme Automobile Agency in Philadelphia, sustained a deep laceration of the scalp.

When the news of the accident reached The Press the run was called off. The run promised to be an interesting affair. The Press has obtained from President Taft a letter of greeting to President Chiborg, of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition and had planned to carry it across the country by relay of automobiles. The car wrecked left Philadelphia at 12.30 p. m. today, Mayor Reubyn giving the signal for the start.

Bulkeley was the courier bearing the message. Bulkeley was twenty-four years old and a graduate of Lafayette college.

Berlin, Sept. 18.—It is reported on good authority that Emperor William will not race his yacht for the America cup next year.