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## IN SOLEMN DIGNITY THE BODY OF JOHNSON LEAVES CAPITOL

Citizens of Minnesota Bow at the Bier of Dead Chief

### MILITARY POMP

Soldiers of Great State Escort Mortal Remains of Their Commander to the Train--Cortege Included the Leaders of Commonwealth--Hundreds Follow Casket to Its Resting Place.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 23.—In keeping with the dignity of the office he filled as governor of Minnesota and to the accompaniment of tolling bells, the body of John A. Johnson was escorted from the rotunda of the state capitol today with military pomp to the train which was to carry it to St. Peter, Minn. Its last resting place.

Promptly at 9:15 o'clock the pallbearers carried the casket to the hearse, through a double line of honorary pallbearers, among whom were some of the most prominent men in the state.

A volunteer band of 100 pieces sounded the funeral march, to the solemn time of which 10 companies of state militia and three batteries of artillery swung slowly into line ahead of the hearse.

The procession proceeded through the heart of the retail district to the Union station, where a special train was standing.

The casket was placed in the baggage car.

The private car of J. T. Clark was reserved for Mrs. Johnson, Fred W. Johnson, a brother, and several intimate friends.

A car was reserved for the pallbearers, the governor's staff and those known as the official family.

The rest of the train was thrown open for the accommodation of the public and a large number went along to St. Peter.

While the procession was passing through the streets business was practically suspended. The sidewalks were jammed with a silent throng.

The funeral train was due to arrive at 12:45 o'clock in St. Peter. Services were to be held at the Presbyterian church, where the deceased once was a member of the choir.

The interment will be in Greenhill cemetery, beside the bodies of Governor Johnson's father and mother.

ST. PETER, Minn., Sept. 23.—The crowd that gathered at the church for Governor Johnson's funeral today could not be accommodated, although the people passed through the church continually from the time of the arrival of the body until the services began.

The school children passed through first, then the students of Gustavus Adolphus college and then the general public.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD MEETS. HELENA, Sept. 23.—The Presbyterian synod for Montana met here in annual session beginning this evening.

The visitors to the city were welcomed by Governor Norris. No business was transacted today.

PENNSYLVANIA TAKES HONORS. HONOLULU, Sept. 23.—With an average of 21.85 knots an hour maintained for four hours yesterday off the coast of Maui, the cruiser Pennsylvania took first honors in the speed contest with her sister ships of the Pacific fleet, according to official figures made public here today.

Seven of the eight ships of the squadron participated in the test, the Colorado being incapacitated by bursting boilers.

ASKING FOR RECEIVER. DECATUR, Ills., Sept. 23.—A petition was today filed in the county circuit court here by fifteen creditors asking a receiver for the Illinois National Fire Insurance company. It alleges that the company is owned by L. M. Fairbanks, brother of the former vice president. Mismanagement is charged.

MONTANA WEATHER. Fair and warmer Friday; Saturday increasing cloudiness, with rain in west portion.

## Planning Reception for Great Railroad Builder

State Fair Management Will Entertain James J. Hill Who Will Deliver Characteristic Talk

HELENA, Sept. 23.—The program for the reception and entertainment of James J. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern board of directors, was arranged today. Mr. Hill will be here next Monday, the first day of the seventh annual state fair, and he will deliver one of his noted "fair talks."

Thomas A. Marlow, president of the National Bank of Montana, is in charge of the arrangements for the Hill party, as it was through his endeavors that Mr. Hill is coming here.

A special train consisting of a coach and engine will leave the Montana Central depot at 7:30 Monday morning, having on board 20 prominent citizens, who will meet the Hill special at Wolf Creek, and escort the party to Helena. The Boston and Montana band will also accompany the committee. The train will be switched to the fair grounds upon its arrival between 10 and 10:30 and the visitors will be escorted through the exhibition building. It is expected that an hour and a half will be spent looking over the displays and then the party will proceed to the Montana club, where a luncheon will be tendered Mr. Hill, between 12 and 1 o'clock.

Returning to the grounds, Mr. Hill will deliver his address beginning about 2 o'clock. The Taft presidential party is due at the grounds about 3:30 and Mr. Hill will join it there and

INSPECTOR McCANN CONVICTED. CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—Police Inspector Edward McCann, charged with "grafting," was found guilty by a jury which reported in Judge Barnes' court today.

VISITED BY STORMS. PARIS, Sept. 23.—Southern France, especially Provence, has been visited by storms accompanied by earth shocks. Considerable damage has been done.

TORRENTIAL RAINS. CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 23.—Torrential rains have caused the loss of 100 lives and the destruction of 600 houses at Homs, a town of Northern Syria.

RUSHING IN FOOD. WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Consul General Hanna in a report today to the department of state says food by mule trains is being hurried to the flood sufferers in the Mexican district of Monterey. Clothing and blankets follow the trains as rapidly as possible. This kind of distribution will be continued until the railroads are open.

Indictments Against Fake Race Promoters. Grand Jury Names Eighty-three Who Will Have to Face Charges of Misusing Mail.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Sept. 23.—The United States grand jury this afternoon returned indictments against James C. Maybray and 88 alleged confederates charging them with conspiracy to defraud by the use of the United States mails in connection with the promotion of alleged fake races.

Eighty-four victims in all parts of the country are named and half a million dollars is involved.

LICENSED TO MARRY. Licenses were issued by the clerk of the district court yesterday for the marriages of A. J. Dahl of Logan, and Mabel M. Hearn of Minneapolis, and of John C. Thompson of this city, and Mrs. Sarah Thompson of Pittsburg, Pa.

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will be in the automobile procession when the president comes to Helena on his way to his train at the station. It is understood Mr. Hill will leave here Monday evening for Minot, where he is to speak Tuesday. He comes to Helena directly from St. Paul.

with a touch of his finger Taft turns a river under a mountain

President in Presence of Multitude, Formally Inaugurates the Great Gunnison Tunnel Irrigation Project in Western Colorado to Water Valley

MONTROSE, Colo., Sept. 23.—President Taft spent today on the western slope of the Rocky mountains and amid a succession of scenes typical of the great western country. In many respects his day was one of the most interesting he has had since leaving Beverly.

Late in the afternoon Mr. Taft stood on the brink of the deepest irrigation ditch in all the west and far out in the foothills of the mountains, with not a settlement in sight, made the electrical connection which started a flow of water through the Gunnison tunnel that will reclaim 140,000 acres of arid lands. It was the setting in operation of the greatest irrigation project the United States government ever has undertaken and the opening was made the occasion of a joyous celebration throughout the valley of the Uncompaghe.

Before traveling out to the west portal of the tunnel on a little narrow gauge train, the president visited the Montrose county fair and after some formal speech making in which the mayor, the governor and several others participated, he was given a touch of western life—a relay race of cow girls. The relay race was arranged especially in honor of the president and was a novel and exciting affair.

A girl of 16 was matched against two elder riders and carrying the sympathy of the crowd with her from the start, won the two and a half mile race, with three changes of horses, by almost a quarter of a mile. The little girl, Miss Bertha Elsie Hull, wore knickerbockers, while the two elder riders were in divided skirts. The impediment of the latter turned the tide of the contest and after the second change of horses, little Miss Hull was galloping along so far in front that the result was never a minute in doubt. All three of the riders were presented to the president, who climbed into the judges' stand on the fair grounds track to witness the race.

During his travels today the president

had ample opportunity to study the effect of irrigation. For a long time his train would run through stretches of country, where as far as the eye could reach the only vegetation in sight consisted of a few greasewood bushes or sagebrush. Then, out of a rocky canon, the train suddenly would rush upon a veritable oasis, where green fields of alfalfa and miles of orchards with trees laden down with fruit told of the miracle wrought by the touch of water.

The scene attending the opening of the Gunnison tunnel this afternoon was most picturesque. On either side of the deep ravine leading away from the portal of the great bore, several thousand people were gathered. A little stand had been erected for the president and his party, right at the edge of the cut and looking down 150 feet to the opening of the tunnel. The tunnel has been hewn through six miles of mountain range and which, when the project is completed, next spring, will divert the waters of the Gunnison, now flowing away in waste

to the Gulf of California, to the valley on this side of the mountains where minor private projects of irrigation already have told the wonders of the soil.

The vista of rolling hills and barren mountain ranges, the mesas and table lands stretching along the haze horizon, the surrounding acres of sage and greasewood, the red light of the slanting sun, the black clouds of curling smoke from a "double-header" train climbing up the winding pathway of rails to the 6,000-foot elevation at the tunnel mouth, was to make the scene one to be remembered by the president as unique in all his travels.

During the day Mr. Taft was presented with a golden key to the city of Montrose, a gold badge commemorating his visit and a gold table bell. It was with this little bell that the president opened the tunnel, the weight of the bell when set upon a copper plate representing the district of reclaimed land, made the electrical connection which caused a squad of laborers several miles away to knock down the bulkheads which were holding back the waters of the river. As the muddy wall of water rushed out of the concrete hole, the crowd gave a spontaneous cheer.

In all of his speeches today, including the last one delivered at 9 o'clock tonight, at Elk Park, following an illuminated parade and a display of fireworks, the president touched briefly upon the subject of irrigation.

Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, who is accompanying the president, made a speech here tonight. He referred to the subject of reclamation, however, only in a general way and his talk was brief owing to throat trouble.

## BOMB WAS PEPPER BOX

Mexican Plot Proves to Have Been but Simple Scare

EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 23.—It developed today that there was no plot connected with the finding of a supposed bomb in Juarez, Mexico, last night.

The "bomb" proved to be a small pepper box three inches long, an inch and a half in diameter, and containing a substance like paraffine. Even had it been exploded it would have done no harm.

The police arrested an American tramp who had been sleeping on the premises of Senor Arguelles, and who had been ordered away. The tramp had made threats that Arguelles would be sorry. American Consul Edwards examined the "bomb" today and found it harmless.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 23.—Two women were killed and four men and two women were seriously injured when an automobile containing eight persons jumped off a trestle at Fourth and Weller streets, a short distance from the Union station at

5:30 o'clock this morning. As soon as the car landed on the tide flats, 25 feet below, the gasoline tank exploded and flames shot up 30 feet. A fire engine was called and the firemen dragged a woman from under the blazing automobile after they had been throwing water on the wreck for several minutes. The driver, Henry Hizer, who has been twice arrested for reckless driving, was taken to the city jail.

The dead: GOLDIE PORTER, aged 17, clerk in a department store. JESSIE MABEL JOHNSON, aged 21, telephone operator.

The injured: Winnie E. Fraser, aged 21, restaurant waitress; burned, probably fatal. Axel Anderson, aged 25, burned, probably fatal.

F. E. Lindsay, a chauffeur; critical condition.

Christine Anderson, aged 18, left ankle and arm broken. Thomas Finch, leg broken.

Henry Hizer, aged 18, in charge of the machine; slightly injured.

The automobile was returning from the southern part of the city, and, according to an eye witness, was running about with all passengers asleep. At Fourth and Weller streets, a sharp turn is made in the trestle, but the machine ran straight ahead and crashed through the wooden railing.

When the car went over, a scream of terror came from the occupants. As soon as the machine struck the tank exploded, and flames arose instantly above the trestle, and when the firemen arrived they busied themselves pulling the victims out of the wreck. Two women were dead, while the clothing was burned from their bodies. They had been killed instantly before the fire reached them. Another woman, horribly burned, was hurried to the hospital, but died before she could be treated. All of the injured men were bruised and burned, and one suffered a broken leg.

After the firemen had cared for all the victims in sight, they turned a stream of water on the blazing automobile. Then a woman imprisoned under the overturned car screamed, "I'm burning to death." The firemen got her out by prying up the car.

The chauffeur, Hizer, went over with the machine, but, finding himself little hurt, ran at full speed toward town, telling a man who tried to stop him that he was going for help. The police afterward found him and arrested him. He told them that the steering gear broke just as he was making the turn.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 23.—Those who are known to have lost their lives as a result of the hurricane now number about 90 and all missing. It is not believed the total death list will be more than 100.

At Baton Rouge, the total loss, principally in coal barges, was about \$800,000. Many state records in the capital building were damaged or destroyed.

MINNESOTA TAKEN EAST. Lindsey Garlock was taken to Minneapolis yesterday by Sheriff M. K. Hill after being the guest of Sheriff Orlick for a brief period. It is alleged that the prisoner caused a squad of outraged two girls, two holding each a victim until the crime was committed. A reward of \$500 had been offered for Garlock's capture.

Under cross-examination Mrs. Myton said that before the organization of the Owl Creek Coal company she knew the Amityville entrymen would deed their lands to it in exchange for stock.

When asked to explain why she demanded 10 per cent of that stock issued to the Amityville entrymen, he said she advanced to take up the lands, the witness said she thought she was entitled to something for letting the entrymen in on a good thing.

The hearing was adjourned to October 7. In the meantime civil proceedings to cancel the entries alleged to have been made with Mrs. Myton's money will be brought before United States Commissioner Hitchcock.

## COOK RETURNS THANKS TO ARCTIC CLUB FOR GREETING

Their Joy Ride Ended In Disastrous Fashion

Two Are Killed and Six Injured When Automobile Jumps From a High Trestle in Seattle

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Explorer at Banquet Gives Credit to His Helpers

Arctic Exploration Would Not Be Possible Without Assistance of Wild Men of the North.—Praises Given to Bradley and to Canadian and Danish Governments for Aid.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—As the guest of the Arctic Club of America at its banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria, and in the presence of some of the most distinguished men known to the scientific and geographical societies of the nation, Dr. Frederic Cook this evening made a most notable speech. The explorer made but the slightest reference to the strictures made by Commander Peary and his friends upon him, but his remark that explorers could not tell before hand what they intended to do when they started out upon a quest, and then, if successful, the world could learn all there was to know, was received with hearty applause by the men assembled about the festal board.

The banquet, while ostensibly the regular affair of the club, was really designed in honor of the explorer of the pole, and Dr. Cook was the orator of the day.

Dr. Cook said: "This is one of the highest honors I ever hope to receive. You represent much of the frigid explorers of Europe and nearly all of the Arctic explorers of America. Your welcome is the explorer's guarantee to the world—coming as it does from fellow workers, from men who know and have gone through the same experience—it is an appreciation and a victory the highest which could fall to the lot of any returning traveler. The key to the frigid zone endeavor is sustenance. There is nothing in the entire realm of the Arctic which is impossible to man. If the animal fires are supplied with adequate fuel there is no cold too severe and no obstacle too great to surmount. No important expedition has ever returned because of unscalable barriers or impossible weather. The exhausted food supply resulting from a limited means of transportation has turned every aspirant from his goal. In the ages of the polar quest much had been tried and much has been learned. The most important lesson is that civilized man, if he will succeed, must bend to the savage simplicity necessary.

"The problem belongs to modern man but for its execution we must begin with the food and the means transportation of wild man. Even this must be reduced and simplified.

"Candor compels me to say that the effort of getting to the pole is not a question of physical endurance and it is not fair to call it bravery, but an understanding of the needs of the stomach and a knowledge of the limits of the brute force of the motive power, be that man or beast.

"Our conquest was only possible with the accumulated lessons of early ages of experience. The failures of our less successful predecessors were stepping stones to our success. The real pathfinders of the pole were the early Danish, the Dutch, the English and Norse, Italian and American explorers. With these worthy forerunners we must therefore share the good fruits which your chairman has put in my basket.

"A similar obligation is due to the wild man. The twin families of wild folk the Eskimo and the Indian, were important factors to us. The use of pemican and the snowshoe which makes the penetration of the Arctic mystery barely possible has been borrowed from the American Indian. The method of travel, the motor force, and the native ingenuity, without which the polar quest would be a hopeless task, have been taken from the Eskimo. To save man, therefore, who has no flag, we are bound to give a part of this fruit.

"To John R. Bradley—the man who paid the bills—belongs almost one-half of this fruit.

"The Canadian government sent its expedition under Captain Bernier 1,000 miles out of its course to help us; to it, I gladly pass the basket. In returning, shivieled skin and withered muscles were filled out at the expense of Danish hospitality. And last, but not least, the reception with open arms by fellow explorers—to you

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