

TAFT BOWS TO AK-SAR-BEN

President of the United States Swears Allegiance to the King of Quivera.

BIG DAY IN OMAHA ENDS AT DEN

Chief Executive of Nation En- of Paprika Schnitzel.

SAYS IT IS THE GRANDEST

Seven Hours in City One Con- Ovation to President.

THOUSANDS GREET HIM AT DE-

From There Along Route of Tour Admiring Throgs Cheer.

SCHOOL CHILDREN MADE HAPPY

Shout for Head of Their Nation— Banquet Given by Ak-Sar-Ben Governors at Omaha Club Distinct Success.

For seven hours crammed full of western hospitality and entertainment, President Taft was the guest of Omaha and King Ak-Sar-Ben yesterday afternoon and evening.

Escorted from his car through an avenue made by the officers in the crowd of cheering people that filled the Union station the president was loaded into an automobile and whisked through the wholesale, business and residence sections of the city past many public and parochial school buildings, where children, lined up by their teachers, waved him in greeting with small American flags; then back to the Omaha club for a few minutes of rest before the 23 dinner, at which 150 knights of Ak-Sar-Ben and a few others were seated and finally to the den of King Ak-Sar-Ben, where the singers and jesters put on a special production of the beautiful operetta, "Paprika Schnitzel," for the benefit of the presidential party, and the president swore allegiance to the king.

When the party a little before 11 o'clock, under the glare of thousands of colored lights that flooded the streets, streaked for Union station, where the president's special cars were attached to a special train, a welcome as strenuous as it was cordial was ended.

Car Strike a Drawback.

The lack of street cars, which stopped running at 10 o'clock, half an hour before the presidential party arrived, kept many people from coming downtown to see the president, but everywhere the procession of fourteen automobiles was greeted with cheers from crowded sidewalks.

The crowds began gathering at the depot long before the time for the train to arrive. Fifteen minutes before the scheduled time the police, aided by the Dahlgren guards, under Captain Will, cleared an avenue from the train shed through the lower waiting room of the depot, where the automobile party was waiting.

It was 4:35 when a Union Pacific shop whistle announced the approach of the train. The train pulled up to the main gate of the long train shed, but before it stopped the crowd had recognized the broadly smiling face of the chief executive as he appeared in the rear door of the car and a cheer went up which was echoed by the people back in the waiting room. The president appeared with his black derby hat in his hand immediately behind Captain A. W. Butts. He waved his hat at the crowd, bowed and smiled expansively as he descended down the steps of the car and took Captain Butts' arm as he walked through the crowd.

Greets Men He Knows.

The members of the Dahlgren guard kept the crowd back until the presidential party had passed and then the people broke through and followed the party to the cars outside the depot. Here the president held a short reception shaking hands with Senator Brown, former Governor Sheldon and others whom he knew.

Before the train arrived the crowds began to congregate on the viaduct over which the car would have to pass. A dozen deep the people craned their necks and edged their way back and forth trying to get a glimpse of the automobiles as they ascended the incline. Only now and then could the face of the president, reddened by hours on the golf links and somewhat thinner than when he was here last, be glimpsed as the car sped up the street.

While there was no noisy demonstration at any point in the course of the procession, hearty cheers were given as the cars progressed along Tenth and Farnam streets. The enthusiasm of the crowds was diminished little by the fact they had to walk down town and back home again in order to see the president.

The presidential train which was run as a special from Des Moines consisted of five cars, the president's private car, the Mayflower, being attached to the rear. Several Omaha people were passengers on the train having gone to Des Moines to retain with the party. Among them were C. H. Pickens, president of the Ak-Sar-Ben board of governors; Gould Dietz and Arthur C. Smith, members of the board of governors; Will Hayward, secretary of the national republican committee; Victor Rosewater, editor of the Bee and member of the republican national committee; Senator Burkett was also on the train.

HE SEES OMAHA FROM AUTO

Mr. Taft is De-lighted and Delights Thousands of Young and Old.

President Taft has first hand information of Omaha people, Omaha business establishments, Omaha residences, schools and Omaha real estate such as no other president ever had.

Practically all of Omaha passed in review before him yesterday as he, at the head of a parade of automobiles, was whisked through the city, over a six-mile area, immediately after his arrival at Union station.

He saw the most beautiful residences in Omaha and he took off his hat as he passed the homes of those less blessed

with material property; he bowed and tipped his hat to the most aristocratic people in the state and he was equally pleased to be greeted by the day laborer. But the big smile he donned at the station was bigger and broader when he returned the cheering salute of thousands of school children who waved flags and threw flowers at him.

Hour and a Half's Ride.

The president's party left the station at 4:30 o'clock and at 6 o'clock up at the Omaha club, after having visited every section of Nebraska's metropolis. He saw the city at its best and at its worst, and thousands of men, women and children in the city had an opportunity to greet the president. Inasmuch as every block of his long trip was passed was crowded and apparently every home turned out its quota, the people who failed to see him were very much in the minority.

When the president's automobile left the station, he put on that broad smile of his own make and he tipped his hat as he returned the salutation of the hundreds on the viaduct, but the hat came off to stay, as he started up the incline to the viaduct when a woman held up to his gaze an infant evidently of a few months of age. The president beamed his biggest smile on her and she was the one woman who had refused to heed the injunction of the police to vacate the incline. For her persistence her child was paid by a smile from the first man of the land.

Through a lane formed of the Dahlgren Guards, the president was whisked down the viaduct and his unique whirl through the city was on.

At times the trip assumed dramatic proportions. The lid was off the speed limit at the very first and the ordinance that "thou shalt go so fast and no faster" hung limp and lifeless at the end.

Dinner at the Den.

Real estate which had been stationary a moment before took wings and went sky high, much of the commodity clinging affectionately to the president, filling his eyes and his hair and covering his clothing. But evidently it bothered the president very little. He was carried over the ground so fast at times that his greeting meant for people behind was caught by the advance guard of the crowd in front. And all the time the secret service man was saying to the driver: "Hurry along; don't stop," and President Pickens of the board of governors was saying: "Not too fast; go slow."

One stop of a very few seconds was made in front of the homes of Omaha's two ex-senators, General Charles F. Millard and Joseph H. Millard. There the president greeted the two senators and Mrs. Manderson.

"I am sorry I have not time to get out and visit with you," he said, and by that time the secret service man had waved back an enthusiastic photographer's automobile and the driver had started the machine.

At Twenty-fourth and Leavenworth streets the president came very near being stopped by reason of the dignified manner some Douglas county citizen, who had evidently been to Havoclock, crossed the street with his team. Chief of Police Donahue, whose machine set the pace for the parade, called to the man repeatedly to get out of the way, but he heard not, or if he heard, heeded not, for he took his time about moving, the chief clearing the road just in time to prevent a half of the procession. And the man never even looked around as the president's car passed close to the rear of his wagon.

Starts on Time.

Loss of time in loading some of the machines at the station gave the president's car and a few others a start of several blocks, but before much distance had been covered the machines were lined out at respectful intervals and each drew on the crowds for generous applause.

At Fifteenth and Farnam streets the president got his first glimpse of Omaha school boys in the high school cadets, who formed a guard of honor through which his car and the others were run. Then to Omaha High school and the Central school, where the largest school children and the smallest school children were

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PRESIDENT AT CLUB DINNER

Mr. Taft Gives Ample Evidence that His Long Auto Ride Was Exhilarating.

EMBARRASSES NO TRENCHMAN

Hearty and Jovial, He Seems to Enjoy the Evening Immensely.

BANQUET A SPLENDID FUNCTION

President Consumes Some Thirty Minutes Shedding the Dust.

WELL COVERED FROM THE RIDE

Holds Leave at Entrance of Dining Rooms Before Going to Table, from Which Party Proceeds Directly to Den.

President Taft dined well as the guest of the Board of Governors of Ak-Sar-Ben and the dinner at the Omaha club last evening will probably remain a pleasant recollection even in the mind of the man who might be supposed satiated and surfeited with occasions of the kind.

"My friends," said the president in closing a brief speech at the end of the dinner, "I enjoy being here. I hope I may be here often—even after I become a retired politician—and that you will receive me as cordially as now."

The president reached the Omaha club at just 6 o'clock. He was taken immediately to the rooms set aside for his use on the upper floor. The other men in the presidential party also disappeared and changed from day to evening dress. Meantime the 150 diners of the evening were arriving and all were at hand by 6:15 at least. At 6:20 H. J. Penfold announced from the landing of the main staircase that the president would be ready in ten minutes. At the half hour the signal was given to ascend the stairs. The crowd hung back for a few seconds, none wishing to appear forward. Then former Senator J. H. Millard realizing that some one had to make a start put his foot on the first step and the rest followed.

Knew Many Diners.

The president shook hands with the guests of the evening in the hall, which gives on to the dining rooms. C. H. Pickens, president of Ak-Sar-Ben stood by his side. Each man gave his own name as he approached, though a considerable number, the president greeted by name or title for he knew many of the diners personally.

The guests filing into the dining rooms found the tables arranged in the form of a rectangle with one of the shorter sides missing. Another table reached down the room from the center of which this missing side would be, and parallel to the direction of the two long sides of the rectangle. The president was seated at the further end of the room in the center of the closed short side. Flanking him were C. H. Pickens on his right and General Manderson on his left. Senator Burkett and G. M. Hitchcock were at Pickens' right and Senator Brown and former Senator Millard on the other side of General Manderson.

The dinner began without formality and

- MR. HITCHCOCK
- SENATOR BURKETT
- MR. PICKENS
- THE PRESIDENT
- GEN. MANDERSON
- SENATOR BROWN
- SENATOR MILLARD



WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT

progressed to the end of the serving of courses with but one incident. This was the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by an orchestra and the rising and singing of the guests.

Manderson Introduces Taft.

When the dinner had reached the coffee stage, Senator Manderson arose and bade the guests farther down the rooms move closer to the presidential table. Then he introduced Mr. Taft, as follows:

"My friends: This is a notable occasion, as I need scarcely tell you. There have been other notable occasions within these walls. Our minds go back—and it does not

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- CAPT HUTT
- MR. GOULD DIETZ
- MR. J. E. MURPHY
- MR. EMIL BRANDEN
- MR. WATTLES
- MR. W. H. HAYWARD
- MR. SMITH
- MR. ROSEWATER
- MR. SHALL
- MR. C. N. DIETZ
- COL. GLASSFORD
- MR. ROOT
- MR. SLOAN
- MR. BRECKENRIDGE
- MR. GLASS
- MR. A. D. BRANDEIS
- MR. BRADY
- DR. ALLISON
- MR. PATRICK
- MR. JOSELYN
- MR. HAYDEN
- MR. COHN
- MR. KENNEDY
- MR. KRUG
- MR. KIERSTED
- MR. FRENCH
- MR. WARNER
- DR. SUMNEY
- MR. BUSCH
- MR. WALTERS
- MR. JOHN FLACK

nel Gardner and Lieutenant Colonel Glassford, was made up from the active members of Ak-Sar-Ben.

The dinner, which was formal, was preceded by a levee in the parlors of the club. It was served in the main dining room, on the second floor, and was one of the most elaborate functions ever given in Omaha. The floral decorations were especially lavish, roses being in greatest profusion. Immense bunches of American Beauties were used, and these, with other reasonable flowers and ferns, turned the dining room into a veritable floral bower. The menu was simple, but was faultlessly prepared and as faultlessly served.

CARS STOP FOR THE PRESIDENT

No Trolley Service After Four O'clock Monday Afternoon Until this Morning.

MOVE TO AVOID ANY TROUBLE

Taft's Secretary Wires to Suspend Strike During Taft's Visit.

MAYOR THEN CONSULTS WATTLES

Letter Can't Suspend, but He Does Stop All Cars for Time.

STRIKE BREAKERS NUMEROUS

Four Hundred in All Will Be Here Tuesday, Wattles Says, When Normal Schedules Are Promised.

Street Car Strike Situation.

At the request of Mayor Dahlgren street car service was suspended Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock on account of the president's visit and will not be resumed until this morning.

President Wattles says practically full service will be resumed Tuesday morning on all lines.

The company says 150 strike breakers arrived Sunday and Monday and are lodged in the car barns and on company property. Enough to make 400 will come in by Tuesday, says the company.

Both Mr. Pratt and Mr. Wattles made the statement Monday morning that there are no developments looking to a settlement of the controversy.

Such street car service as the company could give yesterday terminated abruptly at 4 p. m. The cars were stopped by the company as the result of a telegram from President Taft's secretary asking that the car strike be called off for the day. This was impossible, and the company, at the request of Mayor Dahlgren, made the 4 p. m. order.

President Wattles asserts by Tuesday the company will have on hand 400 experienced men from other cities to take the place of such men as remain on strike. The service Monday was about the same as Sunday.

Apparently all efforts to effect a settlement of the trouble have failed. Both Mr. Wattles and C. O. Pratt, a vice president of the international organization of street railway men, who is conducting the strike, said that no overtures looking to a conference had been made by either side.

The mayor's action in requesting the street railway officials to stop all traffic after 4 o'clock, followed the receipt of a telegram from Mr. Fred W. Carpenter, secretary at the White House, which read as follows:

The Mayor, Omaha: Please wire me at once condition of strike in your city. Cannot arrange to be made to have strike called off for period of the president's visit. FRED W. CARPENTER, secretary.

The mayor sent the following telegram in reply:

Fred W. Carpenter, Washington—Every thing quiet here. All cars will be stopped from running until presidential arrival and during his stay in the city.

Didn't Start It, Can't Stop It.

"We did not call the strike and we cannot suspend it," was the answer, "but if you request it, we will suspend all street car traffic during the time the president's party is here."

Later Mayor Dahlgren called up and asked that traffic be stopped, and an order was once sent out from Mr. Wattles' office to run no more cars.

Efforts of the strike officials are being directed to the organizing of the Council Bluffs employees of the company. Headquarters have been established there and Ben Commons, one of the leaders of the international union, has been sent over to help in the work.

At the headquarters of the local union it was stated that men who have been running cars since the trouble began have been filing applications for membership in the union. Secretary O. J. Randall of the union said fifty-one applications had been received from one barn.

Mr. Randall said the union had received over 400 applications for membership since Pratt and Commons had reached Omaha.

Pickets at All Barns.

The strikers are maintaining pickets at all the car barns and will continue to do so during the trouble. The pickets are divided into three shifts of eight hours each. Mr. Pratt says they will not do more than try to persuade men who are running cars to quit their jobs and join the strikers' ranks.

On the other hand, the charge is made by street railway officials that men are being intimidated by threats of assault and that strikers are calling up by telephone the homes of men who are working and telling their wives to keep their husbands at home as they have been "spotted" and will be dealt with harshly.

Sheriff Bralley will swear in between forty and fifty special deputies who will be located at important intersections to watch for possible trouble. The regular staff of deputies will be kept at the office with two automobiles in readiness to answer calls from the specials. While preparations were made to prevent clashes, the strikers asserted there would be no trouble if they could avoid it. They insisted they intended to use only peaceable means of winning the strike.

New Men Doing Well.

The men who have been imported arrived on the Northwestern from Chicago during Sunday night, and were switched around to Twenty-fourth street and Ames avenue over the Missouri Pacific Belt line. At the car barn they got out of the box cars and scampered for the back door of the barn. Several of them are said to have been frightened out of their jobs while getting to the barns and fled from the cars.

They will not be used to any extent by the company for a day or perhaps longer. They are housed and fed at the barn and can be kept there indefinitely.

Many of the new men were in service Monday, and were doing well, apparently, their greatest drawback being their unacquaintance with Omaha's streets. They appear to be experienced men so far as running cars are concerned, and are, in addition to be in their seats in the arena by most cases, well attired and behaved.

The company withdrew as many of its old men as practicable to avoid their be-

GOVERNOR JOHNSON DYING

House Physician Says He Will Live But a Few Hours.

HE IS FULLY CONSCIOUS

Small Possibility that His Wonderful Vitality Will Again Assert Itself and that There Will Be Another Rally.

BULLETIN.

ROCHESTER, Minn., Sept. 20.—(Midnight) Dr. William J. Mayo has just returned from the sick room and says he thinks the governor can live about an hour. The governor said to those gathered in the sick room:

"Time drags so, I am so uncomfortable." He became silent again.

ROCHESTER, Minn., Sept. 20.—Dr. William J. and Charles Mayo were summoned to Governor Johnson's bedside and when they came from the sick room shortly before 6 p. m. Dr. William Mayo said:

"Governor Johnson is not as well tonight. He is falling slowly. His pulse is 130, temperature 100.2, respiration 30. He is conscious and realizes his condition. It is not a sinking spell, but a great physical weakening. He has reached the period where he ought to mend, but he does not mend.

"I will not say now that it is positively certain that he will die, but his chances are not anywhere even. His mind is clear and he can discuss any subject, but the body is slowly weakening."

Dr. Mayo will return to the hospital at 10:30.

7:40 p. m.—Dr. McNevin has just returned from Governor Johnson's room and he said:

"He is sinking very fast. His mind is clear and he realizes that his condition is very critical. The doctors have not yet given up hope. They hope that he may again assert his wonderful vitality and rally. However they are hoping against hope and it now seems a matter of only a few hours at best."

One of the house physicians who said that he had just seen the governor said that he did not think Mr. Johnson would live more than four hours. His respiration has increased considerably since the last bulletin and his breathing is very labored and difficult.

At 5 o'clock it was stated that Johnson was sinking and had little chance of surviving the night.

LEOPARD BREAKS FROM CAGE

Animal in St. Paul Is Tearing Child to Pieces When Man Kills It with Axe.

President Sends Answer to the Governor's Note

Thanks Shallenberger, Whom He Regrets to Miss, for Welcome to State.

President Taft sent the following telegram last night to Governor Shallenberger at Lincoln:

"OMAHA, Sept. 20.—A. C. Shallenberger, governor, Lincoln: Your very kind telegram received, and I thank you for your welcome to Nebraska and for your good wishes for my trip. I regret not seeing you personally, but I shall hope to meet you in Washington during the next winter. With renewed thanks,

"W. H. TAFT"

This message was in answer to the following from Governor Shallenberger:

"President William H. Taft, Omaha, Neb.—On behalf of the people of Nebraska I extend to you a hearty welcome to our state. Wish you a safe and pleasant journey on your trip.

"ASHTON C. SHALLENBERGER"

Jury Venue Bepile is Discharged

Sensational Developments in Alleged "Fixing" Scandal in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—The discharge of six jurors chosen and the venire of seventy-five men called in the trial of Vincent and Joseph Altman, who are charged with alleged connection with the throwing of a bomb and the wrecking of a safe and door company, was the most sensational of the many developments in the jury "fixing" scandal here today. A non-suit was entered in the Altman trial and the Altmans were again arrested on a new indictment for the same offense.

John J. Holland, who is under bond of \$20,000, charged with conspiracy in the jury "fixing," was relieved of his duties as secretary of the jury commission.

Nicholas Martin, the secretary of Alderman Michael J. "Hinky Dink" Kenna, who was arrested on Saturday and put under \$5000 bond, but who was not arrested on the second warrant, appeared today and gave bonds for \$20,000.

ST. JOSEPH'S FAIR IS OPEN

Annual Interstate Live Stock Show Has Record Number of Entries.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Sept. 20.—St. Joseph's annual interstate live stock show opened today with the largest number of entries ever made in a live stock show here, principally from Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. The St. Joseph horse show, in connection with the live stock show, opens tonight, with 42 entries. Governor Hadley will be a guest at both shows Thursday.