

# PUBLICATION OF HARDING SPEECH STARTS POLITICAL ROW

## Conductor Ends 53 Years of Service With No Passenger Deaths on Record

John R. Zimmerman Spends Career Between Cleveland and This City.

FIFTY-THREE years in the service and not a passenger on his train killed.

John R. Zimmerman, Big Four conductor, 2435 College Ave., who completed his last trip at 11:50 Tuesday when he brought his train in from Cleveland, thoroughly enjoyed his remarkable record today.

On pension and through with his active railroading career, Zimmerman is not going to stay away from trains.

Not that he will be lonesome.

"I never gave the idea of missing my work a second thought," said Zimmerman. "I suppose, though, I will miss seeing all the people I have met on my run. I've made many valuable friendships."

After a brief rest Zimmerman and his wife are going to go by train to California.

In all his experience as a railroader on both freight and passenger trains, Zimmerman has always worked between Indianapolis and Cleveland. He knows almost every tree and rock along the way.

"Accidents that are getting so common always seemed to steer clear on my trains," he said. "Except for minor troubles, such as breakdowns of cars, I have not had a serious accident. Only one man ever was killed by my train. He was a brakeman who slipped under a freight car while we were switching near McCordsville, Ind."

Zimmerman started railroading at the age of 15, Oct. 5, 1888. He was out of service from 1872 to 1874.



JOHN R. ZIMMERMAN LEAVING HIS TRAIN AT UNION STATION FOR LAST TIME.

## C. M. T. C. YOUTHS TAKE ALLEGIANCE VOWS TO COUNTRY

Impressive Ceremony Marks Occasion at Camp Knox.

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CAMP KNOX, Ky., Aug. 1.—Every member of the Citizens' Military Training Corps has taken the oath of allegiance to the United States.

The C. M. T. C. boy was assembled on the parade ground and as they stood in a solid square with their colors flying in the breezes, they were an imposing sight.

In front of them on a raised platform were their own commanding officer, Co. Peter Traub, and the commanding general, General Aultman. On the ground grouped about the platform were all the officers on duty with the C. M. T. C., excepting the company officers. These were in the ranks with their companies.

### Oath Is Administered.

The occasion was the administration of the oath of allegiance to the United States. At every camp it is given.

Each with his hat on his left breast, his right hand raised high, repeated after Colonel Traub the oath of allegiance, "I (his own name) do swear allegiance to the United States and to those that are over me in authority."

Then with hat replaced and right hand at salute they stood while the combined bands of the Tenth and Eleventh Infantries played the "Star-Spangled Banner."

### Passed in Review

To a stirring march they passed in review—these boys who had been in uniform only a few hours—and the sight was the most impressive one of the sixteen companies of infantry, each preceded by the blue standards telling the letter of the company, next the red and white cavalry standard, then the white bordered red flag of the engineers and lastly the red flag of the artillery.

Work of dividing the groups of boys into companies has been completed. They were placed in companies in the order of their arrival.

Indiana youths find themselves in the same companies with those from Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. They find that the camp is a leveler for the time being, all working toward a common cause—the national defense.

## ST. LOUIS PARKS VIEWED

Jarvis and Elliott to Report on Municipal Theater System.

Survey of municipal theaters and the park and boulevard system of St. Louis will be reported to the park board Saturday morning by R. Walter Jarvis, director of recreation, and John D. Elliott, city civil engineer, who returned today from a two-day inspection of St. Louis conditions.

Better entertainment is afforded in St. Louis municipal theaters because of private donations of citizens amounting to \$140,000 a year, Jarvis said.

## SHINE TAKES UP DUTIES

John Shine, Sr., retired policeman, today became representative of the board of Children's Guardians in juvenile court. He will succeed Capt. William Holtz, who goes to the detective force. For two and a half years he has represented the Catholic Community Center in the court.

### Silver Spoon in Loot

Dan Greenwald, of the Springfield Arms, reported a \$27 gold pin and a silver spoon stolen from his room Tuesday night, according to police.

Latvia has ratified the protocol es-

Friends of Hiram Johnson Furiously Indignant and Declare Members of Official Party Play Deliberate 'Trick' on California Solon.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—Senator Hiram Johnson's friends were furiously indignant today over what they declared was a deliberate political "trick" played on Johnson and on them by members of President Harding's official party.

Publication in this morning's newspapers of the foreign relations speech President Harding would have delivered here last night had he been well, was the cause of the trouble, which may grow into a political incident almost as significant as the famous Hughes-Johnson mix-up of 1916.

Secretary of Commerce Hoover is the principal target of the angry Johnsonites. They blame Hoover for getting the speech released for publication as a means of playing upon public sympathy for the stricken President to turn California against Johnson on the world court issue. If Hoover personally is not responsible, then some pro-Hoover and anti-Johnson member of the official party is to blame, the Johnson forces says.

That American intervention in Haiti and San Domingo had been of great value to those countries and that American troops would be soon entirely withdrawn from both.

### Harding Not Blamed

The fact the speech was released by express direction of President Harding himself does not in any way mitigate or alter the case, Johnson's friends declare. They say Mr. Harding was too ill to understand the situation and the consequences of his action when he decided a controversy among members of his official family about the propriety of releasing the speech as a statement to the press. The President, Johnson's friends says, was imposed upon.

Because of the President's illness, comment on his statement probably will be somewhat restrained. The document, prepared with great care, was in brief an argument in favor of American adhesion to the world court.

### Two Years' Record

It was pointed out the Administration in two years' activities in foreign affairs, has dealt with a great variety of problems affecting American peace, financial and other interests abroad and has contributed greatly toward peace and stability without a single instance getting the United States into an entanglement with old world politics. This two-year record should therefore be accepted as evidence of the good faith of the Administration in declaring the American entrance into the world court will not prove an entangling alliance.

The President summed it in this way:

"Our hopeful aspiration is to contribute whatever we can toward the limitation of the causes of war. My record of two years' work in furthering our friendly foreign relations has had for its purpose the emphasis of that inspiration and the fruits of practical application."

Mr. Harding further said:

"That he would not fight the Senate for ratification of the court without reservation.

### Proud of Achievements

That he was proud of his Administration's foreign relations record and of the "historic services of a great secretary of State."

That the Washington arms conference was the great outstanding achievement.

That the conference was not only a step toward world peace generally, but had specifically removed apprehension of war from the Pacific area.

That he had not recognized Russia and that he would not, because to do so would be to perpetuate the ill of Russia and to encourage a menace to American institutions.

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