

SWIFT'S SPECIFIC.



## AFFAIRS OF THE RAILWAYS.

THE ENGINEERS' CONVENTION OPENS AT PITTSBURG TO-NIGHT.

The Federation Question Will Come Up But Chief Arthur Will Not Be Deposed—Personal and General Mention.

PITTSBURG, Pa., October 16.—To-night the twenty-seventh annual convention of the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will be formally opened with a mass meeting in the Grand Opera house, and the hotels are crowded to-day with delegates representing almost every railroad system in the United States and the Canadas. The character of the reception to be tendered the delegates will be a striking manifestation of the high regard in which this particular trades organization is held. Addresses of welcome are to be delivered by Mayor Wiman and Gourley, representing respectively the cities of Allegheny and Pittsburg, by Governor Beaver on behalf of the state, Governor James B. Campbell, of Ohio. The friendly attitude entertained by prominent railroad men toward the organization will be evidenced in brief addresses by Chauncey M. Depew, of the New York Central, General Manager J. A. Odell, of the Baltimore & Ohio, and Vice President Pugh and General Passenger Agent Ford, of the Pennsylvania Company. Rev. Father Purdy will also speak in behalf of the religious denominations.

The present convention of the engineers is calculated to attract the attention of railroad officials and the members of train men's organizations to a greater extent than any similar convention for many years, for upon the action of the gathering depends, in a large measure, the future policy of every organization of railroad men in this country.

The third successive time the engineers will be in receipt of an invitation from the federation of railroad employees, comprising the Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors, the Brotherhood of Firemen, the Switchmen's Aid Association and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen to identify themselves with the organization.

Hitherto, largely owing to the opposition of Chief Arthur, the engineers have refused to go into the federation.

Should they now determine upon accepting the invitation the railroad men of the country would have an organization of greater power than has ever before existed. Should they again refuse to co-operate, the federation will stand as it is at the present time. A number of delegates whose views were sought this morning declined to commit themselves, but from reliable sources it is learned that the pressure of the other unions has had its effect, and that a goodly proportion, if not a majority, of the present gathering is in favor of going into the federation. The fact that the long standing antagonism between the firemen and engineers has been adjusted will tend in a large measure, to influence the final decision. It is stated upon authority that the current rumors that the attempt will be made to depose Grand Chief P. M. Arthur, are erroneous. The grand chief was elected at the last convention for three years, and consequently securing his position until October of 1892.

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## PARIS PERSONALS.

Miss Anna Megahan visited in Danville Saturday.

Jos. E. Dyes has returned from a business trip to Chicago.

Hon. Richard J. Oglesby will deliver an address here Saturday.

Mrs. D. B. Elliot departed Monday for a ten-day's visit in Chicago.

J. H. Reed has returned from an extended trip through the West.

Col. H. Van Sellar departed for Springfield on legal business to-day.

Frank A. Frey, of Grand Island, Neb., is among old friends in the city.

Mesdames H. S. Farmer and F. W. Daniels are visiting in St. Louis.

N. James has returned to the city after a two-years residence in Colorado.

Mrs. Harriet Parrish returned Sunday from a visit with Green castle friends.

A bouncing girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cole, Sunday evening.

M. D. Hunter of Kankakee, was the guest of his brother W. J. Hunter over Sunday.

S. I. Headley departed for his home at Robinson, Ills., to-day for a short sick leave.

Miss Clara Parrish is attending the W. C. T. U. convention now in session in Terre Haute.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Logan, of Danville, Ills., are in the city, called by the severe illness of his mother.

Hon. A. J. Hunter addressed the Delegates Saturday at the City Club.

The Novelty club, a new social organization, was entertained by Mrs. Anna Augustus with a spider party Tuesday evening.

This was the initial meeting of the club and it was unanimously voted a success.

The McCord Missionary hand celebrated its first anniversary at the Presbyterian church Sabbath afternoon. The feature of the occasion was the breaking of the barrels given to the children at the beginning of the year. The sun secured in this way together with the proceeds of a recent festival given by the band, aggregated \$90; a good showing for the little ones.

AN ABLE SPEECH.

Congressman Cheadle Champions the Republican Cause Full Valiantly.

Congressman Cheadle, of the Lafayette district, made a ringing Republican speech at the court house last evening.

He stated in the outset that he was before the audience to say a good word for Captain Mount, candidate for Congress from this district. He referred to the latter's soldier record and his exemplary private life, pronouncing him an intelligent, industrious, economical, fair-minded and generous man.

The speaker then drifted to national politics. He defended the McKinley bill against the attacks of Democrats, and assured his hearers that it was a fair, wise American law, which would give employment to thousands of idle men, and women and render the poor man's lot less thankless. He believed Mr. McKinley, the author of the bill, to be the best posted man on industrial matters in the world to-day, and declared that that great political economist was not likely to falter a measure which would prove detrimental to the welfare of the masses, and consequently secure the defeat of the Republican party at the next presidential election.

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