

ARRIVAL OF THE SPECIAL TRAIN IN WASHINGTON

TON AFTER ITS RUN OF NEARLY 6,000 MILES.

Washington, Nov. 13.—Just forty-two days after the morning of October 3, when the special train bearing the International American excursion party pulled out of the Pennsylvania Railroad station in Washington, the same train, headed by the locomotive which had drawn it nearly 6,000 miles, rolled triumphantly into the Capital City and drew up at the station, having successfully completed the most interesting, and, from a railroad point of view, the most extensive trip ever undertaken by one train. How the excursion has resulted in furthering the important objects which the American Conference was called to attain has been eloquently told by the delegates themselves through the medium of the Associated Press. It was planned that, instead of taking the more direct southern route from Philadelphia to Washington to-day, the train should run down by way of Harrisburg, so that the delegates might see the beautiful Susquehanna Valley and the rich farming lands of that part of Pennsylvania. This plan was followed, but, unfortunately, the country was not seen at its best, as the lowering skies and heavy driving rains confined the landscape within narrow bounds. Nevertheless, all was light and enjoyment aboard the train. The party, after leaving the train here, chatted awhile on the platform, then shook hands all around, said good night and were driven to their homes.

From the inception of the idea of the trip, it had been agreed that the same cars should be used throughout the entire tour. They were to be the finest examples of the Pullman Company's production, and to be fitted as living quarters for the party. Steam heat and electric light were to be used, and, in order that the supply of heat and light should never fail, a locomotive fitted for furnishing these useful commodities was necessary. The Altoona shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad furnished engine No. 1,053, Class O, weighing 91,000 pounds, and the crew were selected with a special regard to their fitness. The locomotive and the entire train have traversed every foot of the 5,825 miles, and came to a full stop in the station this evening as fresh and as powerful as when they steamed out of it on the morning of October 3. The delegates are unanimous in their praise of the Pennsylvania Company, its management and the perfection of its equipment.