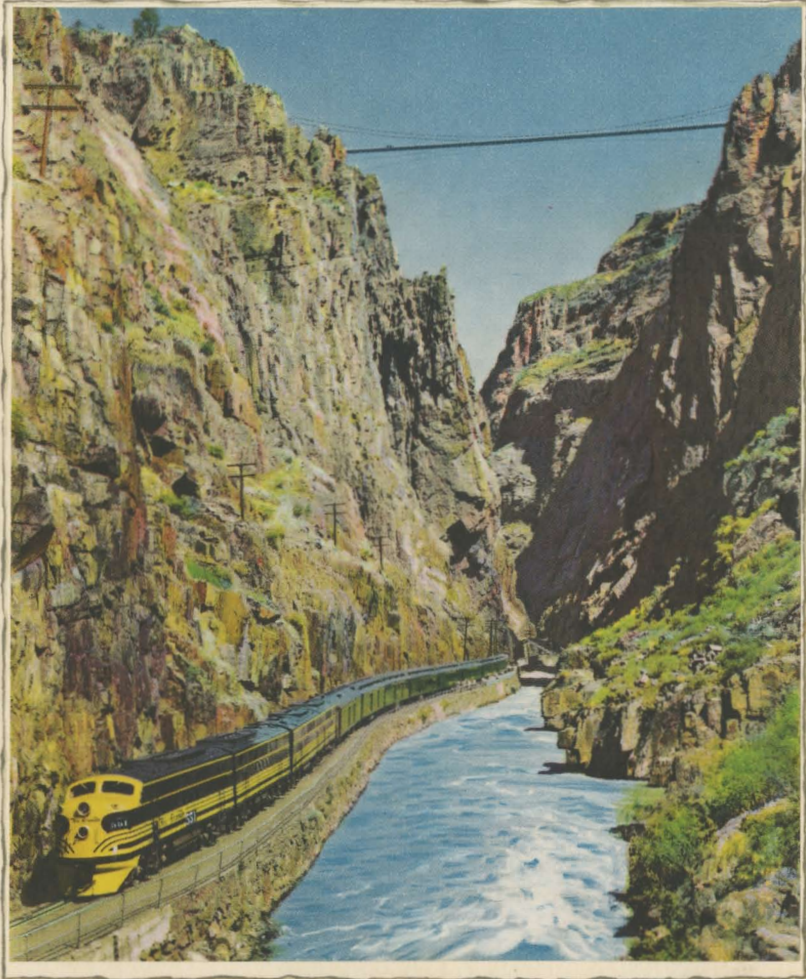


Dinner



Royal Gorge

Rio Grande

DETROIT KNIGHT TEMPLARS

Enroute

to the

44th TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

September 18-22, 1949

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Via

Rio-Grande

Thru the Rockies

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SOUVENIR MENU

Dinner

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Mixed Olives

Crisp Radishes

Cream of Chicken Soup or Consomme, Hot or Jellied

Colorado Mountain Trout, Drawn Butter

Baked Stuffed Long Island Duck, Apple Sauce

Roast Prime Rib of Beef, au Jus

Potatoes, au Gratin

New String Beans

Hot Dinner Rolls

Combination Salad, Club Dressing

Chocolate Nut Sundae

Chilled Melon

Berry Short Cake, Whipped Cream

Individual Camembert Cheese, Toasted Saltines

Coffee

Tea (Hot or Iced)

Milk

Buttermilk



THRU THE ROCKIES - NOT AROUND THEM

Royal Gorge

Fought for by pioneer railroad builders because it was the only good passageway to the west; cursed by construction men because of its stubborn granite walls; shunned by the Indians because of its awe-inspiring depths; the Royal Gorge is a paradox — the World's Best Loved Travel Wonder.

The passageway was well worth fighting for. It carries many train-loads of the nation's goods from west to east, and from east to west. The construction is admired and wondered at because of its seeming impossibility, and the daring and courage which brought about its completion. The awe-inspiring depths thrill and amaze travelers who come from all parts of the world to marvel at this wonder of nature.

At the bottom of the gorge the walls are very close together. The narrowest spot is only thirty feet wide. Because it was impossible to blast a roadbed from the sheer cliffs, the railroad traverses this section over a hanging bridge. Steel trusses, embedded in the granite walls, span the river. The tracks are hung below the trusses and parallel the stream.

The gorge is over a thousand feet deep. Looking down the sheer walls from the rim is a breathtaking experience. The river and railroad shrink to tiny miniatures. Tiny cliff swallows dart about in the airy depths.

Looking up from the bottom of the gorge is equally impressive. The sky takes on an even deeper blue and forms a beautiful backdrop for the highway bridge which spans the canyon.

Geologists say the gorge was carved by the Arkansas river which runs and roars along but a few feet below the railroad tracks.

Fought for, cursed, shunned, and loved, the Royal Gorge is truly America's Best Loved Travel Wonder.

DENVER AND RIO GRANDE WESTERN RAILROAD