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## TRANS-MISSISSIPPI CONGRESS OPENS IN PORTLAND FOR SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

### Large Number of Delegates in Attendance Who Listen to Scholarly Address

## VISITORS ALSO SEE FAIR

(By Scripps News Association)

Portland, Ore., Aug. 16.—What promises to be one of the most successful meetings of the Trans-Mississippi Commission Congress opened here today. It is the 16th annual convention and in addition to the celebrities that were present and the important questions to be presented the delegates are also enjoying the sights of the Lewis and Clark exposition. Several hundred delegates are in attendance and the greatest interest is being manifested by hundreds who have come to suggest ideas that will tend to the betterment of the industrial conditions of the states which lie west of the great river, which divides the continent.

The sessions of the convention are being held in the Auditorium building on the exposition grounds, which has been beautifully and appropriately decorated for the occasion.

Among the important questions to be discussed are, Oriental trade, the improvement of rivers, harbors and waterways, the union of interest between the Pacific coast ports and ports of the Gulf of Mexico, the Isthmian canal and its effect upon commerce, the merchant marine, the consular service, statehood of the territories, inter-state Commerce Commission and the betterment of rail and water transportation, preservation of the

forests, co-operation in laws governing waterways, irrigation and mining between the United States, Mexico and Canada, encouragement of home manufacturers, expositions and their influence upon the development of the country, technical schools and experimental suggestions for the west, American scenery and its influence upon travel, Alaska, Livestock, interest of the Trans-Mississippi region, the necessity of differentials favoring Pacific coast ports in the building of naval vessels, parcels post, good roads, irrigation and reclamation of lands, and any questions germane to the object of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress.

All of these discussions will be confined to subjects of general interest and nothing of a political nature will be presented. After music by the band, which is here in number, Bishop Cranston delivered the invocation, which was followed by reading of the official call by Rufus P Jennings, of San Francisco, chairman of the executive committee. Then came the formal address of Theodore B Wilcox of Portland, president of the Congress, who called the attention of the delegates to the importance of the work to be performed and gave a general outline of the program, which will be followed during the four days that the Congress will be in session.

His address, which was well received, was followed by addresses of welcome from the governors of Oregon, Washington and Senators Piles of Washington and Fulton of Oregon, representing the Pacific Northwest. There was an address of welcome by Mayor Lane of Portland, who extended the freedom of the city to the delegates. Responses were made by governors of the state of California, Colorado, Nebraska and Alaska.

When the convention meets tomorrow there will be several notable addresses. President Theodore B Wilcox will speak first on "Oriental Trade." This will be followed by an address by Hon F B Thurston of New York, president of the U S Export Association, who will deliver an address on "The Future Markets in the Orient." Gov Blanchard of Louisiana will talk on "The Importance of Rivers and Harbors." "The Department of Commerce and Labor will be discussed by Hon Jno W Noble, former secretary of the interior, and Hon Victor A Metcalf of California, secretary of the department of commerce and labor. Secretary Shaw will talk on the "Panama Canal" and Hon J O Richard of Boise, Ida, president of the American Mining Congress, will speak on "Mining and Mining." Geo H Maxwell of Chicago, chairman of the National Irrigation Association, will open the discussion on "Good Roads"

## MEN BURIED IN CEMENT

(Scripps News Association)

Allentown, Pa., Aug. 16.—Thirty men were buried under tons of earth in a cavern at the Portland cement works at Ormsrod shortly after noon. Fifteen were taken out dead by two o'clock. It is not thought that that many escaped alive.

## Jews More Free

By Scripps News Association

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—As a result of the pressure brought to bear by the American Jews, the ministers have decided to admit to the proposed representative assembly to allow Jews holding university degrees who own shops to be freed from the usual restraint put upon that race of people in Russia.

## To Fight Extradition

(By Scripps News Association)

Brockton, Mass., Aug. 15.—Marsh, who is held charged with being a fugitive from justice, will fight extradition. He is also charged with an old warrant of bastardy and pleads not guilty. Both trials are set for Saturday.

## Riots In Russian Towns

By Scripps News Association

Warsaw, Aug. 16.—Details of the rioting at Bialostok have just been received. Bombs were thrown at a detachment of soldiers and two were killed and two wounded. Troops were called from all parts of the town. Thirty rioters at least were killed and over two hundred wounded.

## NINETEEN VILLAGES BURNED

Tiflis Aug 16.—It is estimated that in the recent disturbances near here 19 villages were totally destroyed and fully 2000 buildings burned. Two hundred and forty one people were injured and nine are missing. The property and crop loss will reach five million dollars.

## Eagles In Convention

(By Scripps News Association)

Denver Aug 16.—The Grand Aerie of Eagles settled down to business today with 3576 delegates from all over the United States in attendance. A hot fight is promised in the contest of election of officers. Pelletien's and Davis' supporters each proclaim victory, although Grand Trustee McGinty who holds the balance of power, has announced himself as a candidate for grand president. The middle and far western states are gradually deserting Milwaukee as candidate for the next meeting place and will throw their power to San Francisco which offers an entertainment fund of \$40,000.

## Powder Explosion

By Scripps News Association

Oakland Cal Aug 16.—The Judson Powder Works at Fleming's Point, between West Berkeley and Point Richmond, blew up at 12:50 today. Two distinct explosions were heard, immediately after which debris took fire and flames spread to all the buildings on the point. A large number of girls were employed at the plant and it is probable that many were killed.

## GUN COTTON PLANT NEXT

At 3 p m the gun cotton plant blew up. It is not believed that anyone was injured as no one was in the vicinity of the plant when the explosion occurred.

## Reinforce Linevitch

By Scripps News Association

Berlin, Aug. 16.—It is stated that the thirteenth Russian army corps and two brigades of artillery leave in a few days for Maucharia from St. Petersburg to reinforce Linevitch.

## SAGHALIN BUGBEAR AT PORTSMOUTH

### Difficulties May be Overcome if Russia Really Desires Peace

## COLD WEATHER IN PORTSMOUTH

(Scripps News Association)

Portsmouth Aug 16.—"Saghalin has been made the bugbear of the peace negotiation", remarked a member of the Japanese suite this morning, "but the question is capable of adjustment satisfactory to both governments if the Russians sincerely desire peace." The report this morning that Witte was sick is unfounded. The weather is very cold and the commissioners wrapped in winter clothing when they went to the conference at the usual time.

SEND FOR PARCHMENT

It is regarded as significant that the Japanese today sent to Washington for parchment paper such as is used in the engrossment of treaties. It can be regarded as certain that the Russians are prepared to give up the Chinese Eastern railroad. All of the shares of the road are owned by the Russo-Chinese bank. Upon preparing to cede the road it is understood that the Russians will reimburse the private owners.

DISCUSS ARTICLE VII

Portsmouth, Aug 16.—Following the official announcement made at 1:10 today, the morning session of the peace conference took up the discussion of article seven. The conference took a recess to resume its sessions at three o'clock.

ONE ARTICLE DECIDES

The agreement to one article involves the fate of the negotiations and it is certain to lead to a long discussion and will therefore be left for final settlement at the last of the conference.

## LANDLORDS FLEE FROM RIOTERS

Madrid Aug 16.—The newspapers declare that 100,000 laborers in Andalusia are without the necessities of life. Several districts are at the mercy of the rioters and many landlords are seeking safety in flight.

May Be Dismissed

By Scripps News Association

Washington Aug 16.—General Taffee said this afternoon that if Taggart, of divorce fame, accepted a silver service while acting as a quartermaster of an army vessel of the war department, he would take cognizance of the incident as it is against the rules for an officer to accept gifts under such circumstances.

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## More Fever Cases

New Orleans, Aug. 16.—At one o'clock today nineteen new cases and four deaths were reported.

## TO RE-ESTABLISH QUARANTINE

Scripps News Association

New Orleans, Aug. 16.—Two Italians collapsed in a saloon today and were found to be suffering from yellow fever. Both came from the country in the vicinity of Monroe.

The citizens of the city are determined to re-establish the shotgun quarantine although the mayor objects. The soldiers are being held in readiness. The governor has been notified and he replied that the orders of the state board of health must be obeyed and he has warned the citizens that if they are not more careful he will mobilize the soldiers and establish military rule.

The city of Vicksburg has ordered a cargo of sugar reloaded and returned to this city causing a serious loss to the railroads. The loss in freight and passenger traffic will amount to millions of dollars.

## ACCUSED OF MYSTERIOUS MURDER

Chicago, Aug. 16.—The police have telegraphed to Brockton, Mass., to arrest George Lawrence, alias Bennett Marshall, accused of being the mysterious "Mr. Dove" who is said to have murdered William Bate in an automobile near Lamont, Ill., the night of November 19. A dispatch from Brockton says the police there do not know Lawrence.

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