

COAST IS CLEAR FOR GOMPERS

NOT A SINGLE OPPONENT FOR PRESIDENCY STRONG.

First Real Day of Federation Convention at Denver Brings Out Numerous Resolutions—D. & R. G. Condemned for its Attitude Against its Shopmen—Political Organization Policies Formulated Along With Industrial Policies.

Denver, Nov. 14.—Today's session of the American Federation of Labor marks the beginning of actual work.

Reports of committees will be submitted and it is expected they are determined on a policy of organization politically and industrially. Undoubtedly Samuel Gompers will be re-elected president in the face of an alleged and mythical bitter attack. Not a single opponent for Gompers' place has appeared seriously thus far today.

A resolution demanding further restriction of Asiatic laborers and restriction of "foreigners" excepting Caucasians and other classes now exempted by the exclusion laws, were adopted by the convention today.

Resolutions were also adopted demanding the eight-hour day for jewelry workers, denouncing the Denver & Rio Grande railroad for its attitude toward its striking shopmen and accusing it of importing thugs and gunmen as strikebreakers.

KAISER DICTATORIAL.

Says Nation's Policies to be Shaped by He Not the Reichstag.

Berlin, Nov. 14.—"Despite everything, I shall go on my way as I see fit. It is not for the reichstag to dictate. It is for me to decide what is best for the fatherland," are words alleged to have been spoken by the kaiser to a group of courtiers at Eschingen, where the emperor is a guest. All Germany is awaiting today the kaiser's acceptance of Chancellor von Buelow's resignation, which, it is understood, he will present to the kaiser at Kiel Monday.

There is a woman at the beginning of all great things.—Lamartine.

PERMANENT MANAGER HERE.

A. G. Laughlin of Spokane Assumes Management of Local Exchange.

A. G. Laughlin, for the past 10 years connected with the Pacific Telephone company as manager at North Yakima, division clerk, right of way agent, and various positions of responsibility, is now installed as manager of the La Grande exchange of the same company. He arrived in the city yesterday and received the management from F. R. Bingham, who temporarily, was in charge following the promotion and departure of former Manager G. C. Osburn. Mr. Laughlin is a thorough telephone man and well fitted for the management of the growing business in this city. For the next two months his family will visit at various points in Washington, but by the first of the year will move from their Spokane home to this city, to be permanently located in La Grande.

The first official change in the office will be the creation of a new department, that of stenographer. Miss Justice Clark will assume that position next Monday morning.

SEARCHING FOR OLD MINE.

Son of C. S. Van Duyn Investigating Pioneer's Gold Story.

W. H. Van Duyn of Portland a son of C. S. Van Duyn of this city, "La Grande yesterday for an isolated spot on the Walla Walla river above Milton, where he and others of his party will investigate the truth of a story told at Seaside, Ore., by an old-time prospector, who lives at that place, and who says that a valuable placer mine exists on the river mentioned. It was first discovered many years ago, but no development was done, except to ascertain that the gravel deposits run 80 cents in gold to the sack. Mr. Van Duyn will go over the ground carefully in an effort to rediscover the almost forgotten mine.

CONLEY STILL MISSING.

Portland, Nov. 14.—A. B. Conley, the La Grande wheat king and banker, who eloped with Gertrude Williams from La Grande a week ago, is still missing. All cities in the Willamette valley have been notified to look for him. The train on which he left Portland Thursday night, was searched at various places.

Fire and sword are but slow engines of destruction in comparison with the babler.—Steele.

BULLET AIMED AT BRAIN FAILS

HENEY RESTING WELL FOLLOWING RESTFUL NIGHT.

Surgeons Take Second X-Ray Examination to Learn Location of Bullet in Roof of Mouth—Frequent Bulletins All Show Slow But Favorable Improvement and Rally From the Wound—Operation May Be Necessary—Family is Destitute.

SEARCHING FOR BULLET.

San Francisco, Nov. 14.—Surgeons are taking a second x-ray examination, the first having failed to locate the bullet. His condition is better late this afternoon.

DID NOT LOSE VOICE.

Lane Hospital, San Francisco, Nov. 14.—Francis J. Heney, the noted prosecutor, who was shot down by Morris Haas, an ex-convict, in the Ruef trial late yesterday, is resting quietly this morning after a good night's rest. Surgeons are more hopeful for recovery than they were at midnight.

Heney is in full possession of his faculties. The report that he would lose his voice is denied.

The surgeons held a consultation this morning, to remove the bullet, which is under the right jaw. It passed downward from behind the right ear. The latest bulletin issued at 2 this morning by Dr. Edwin S. Bunnell, says Heney will recover if complications do not follow. The bullet did not touch the brain.

STATEMENT FROM PHYSICIAN.

Bunnell issued this statement today: "Heney's condition is improved. His pulse is stronger. In all probability the patient will rest comfortably from now on. He will not lose his voice. The wound is through the posterior nares, but did not touch the brain."

BLAMES HEARST.

Rudolph Spreckles, proprietor of the San Francisco Call, a strong supporter of Prosecutor Heney, said to the United Press today:

"When I was approached by an Examiner reporter last night for a statement, I said: 'Tell Hearst I believe he is responsible for another murder.'"

This constant vilification, libeling and caricaturing of Heney in the San Francisco Examiner, owned by W. R. Hearst, is much responsible for the attempted assassination as a bold plot behind the whole thing. The shooting of Heney is not unlike the assassination of President McKinley, which was laid at the door of the yellow journals.

Detective Burns, who is associated with Heney in the graft cases, declared today it was the result of a deliberate plot planned by the "higher ups" and says Haas planned it for weeks, practicing with his pistol.

HAAS FAMILY DESTITUTE.

Rude scrawls of targets drawn with a pencil on the shattered boards of the cellar and alleyway near the home of Haas, were found today by the police. There is unmistakable evidence that Haas has been practicing to improve his aim. Neighbors heard several shots and investigated, but found nothing.

Haas awoke in jail today apparently unconcerned over Heney's condition.

In a little home on McAllister street his wife and children were consoled by neighbors.

Mrs. Haas fainted last night when the news was brought her. Today she declared she was not the wife of an ex-convict until Heney had exposed him. She worried over it and said:

"When my husband left home at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, he said he would be back for dinner. As he was leaving the house he shouted back he would probably not return. He was nervous. We were happy with our four children, the youngest aged 6 and the oldest 14."

Haas, who was a liquor dealer, was

unemployed and his family is destitute.

BURNS MAKES STATEMENT.

Detective Burns made this statement today:

"Here was a man who bore a grudge against Heney because he was exposed in the Parkside case as an ex-convict, after the latter had made a desperate attempt to get on the Ruef jury. He needed little prodding or goading by these 'out of sight' murderers. He soon decided to kill Heney. Haas is no crank, or rattle-brained lunatic, but cool-headed. A week ago I received a letter warning me to look out. An attempt to kill me would be made near my house. I saw one of the Ruef pugilists hanging around my residence, but he fled. Ruef will go to the penitentiary."

A bulletin issued by Dr. H. C. Moffitt at noon, read:

"Heney passed a comfortable night. His condition this morning is very favorable. Drs. Terry, Bunnell and myself are about to take an x-ray plate, following which a consultation will be held with Drs. Stillman and Huntington to determine what further action will be necessary. In case it is necessary, an operation will be performed by Terry, Bunnell, Huntington, Stillman and myself."

MESSAGE FROM ROOSEVELT.

The following message was received by the Justice league from President Roosevelt:

"Every decent American who has the honor and interests of his community at heart should join, not only in putting a stop to the wave of violent crime of which this man's act is but one of the symptoms, but in stamping out the hideous corruption in which men like the would-be assassin are bred and flourish. That can only be done by warring—as Heney warred—relentlessly against every man guilty of corrupt practices without regard to social standing or to prominence in politics or business. I give utterance to what I know would be Heney's wish when I say I earnestly hope, whether or not he recovers, there will be no faltering in the work in which Heney is so gallant and efficient a leader."

Two additional mass meetings will be held tomorrow afternoon in the churches.

BELIEVE EMPEROR LIVES.

No Definite Assurance That Death Report Yesterday is True.

London, Nov. 14.—Foreign office is trying to confirm or disprove the report of the death of the emperor of China. No definite news has been received. The delay in confirming the death is convincing. European business men state the emperor is not dead. A later dispatch from Peking affirms yesterday's report.

TIES FOR EAGLE VALLEY.

Baker City Sees Evidence of Further Development Work.

O. C. Finlenberg, engineer for the Chicago-Oregon Construction company, is now in the city and has a crew of men at work distributing ties on 12th street for the Eagle Valley railroad. A. B. Jacobs, head of the enterprise, returned yesterday from Portland where he contracted for the rails for the entire road. The ties have also been contracted for and work will be pushed as rapidly as the weather will permit. In looking over the route Engineer Finlenberg found that the majority of the surveyor's stakes had been destroyed, which will necessitate a survey of the whole route being made again. Owing to the mild weather here it is hoped that work can be continued all winter.—Baker Herald.

BIRTH RECORD.

In Union, Monday, November 9, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Parke.

In Union, November 8, to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Johnson, a daughter.

LAND VALUES RISE.

Wilson McBride, special agent for the government, has completed his field notes and is making reports on 70 applications within the Wallawa National forest. He has been in the county since August 29 and states that land values in the proximity of the claims inspected have increased fully one-third since the coming of the railroad.—WallaWa Sun.

ISSUE CALL FOR A MASS MEETING.

PROSECUTION OF RUEF WILL BE CARRIED ON.

Crowds Watch Bulletin Boards All Night and Come Away in Ominous Silence—Some Fear of Riot Rule—Call Mass Meeting of All Citizens Tonight to Formulate Continuance of Prosecution—Spreckles' Blames Deed to Hearst's Papers.

San Francisco, Nov. 14.—After an immense crowd had watched the bulletin board all night to learn the condition of F. J. Heney, sentiment settled down into a sullenness which the police think bodes evil. Strong men are urging moderation. Every effort will be made to prevent a state of anarchy which might follow any overt act.

After an all night session of the Citizens League of Justice today issued an appeal for a mass meeting tonight to decide on the plan of action regarding further prosecution of the graft cases. The appeal says:

"We appeal to the calm reason of citizens to preserve order and proceed only by due process of law. Look not for vengeance, but swift justice through the courts. The prosecution will proceed. We are assured that the Ruef trial will proceed Monday."

The authorities are taking every precaution to prevent violence at tonight's meeting.

Every citizen is invited to attend the meeting. The league was organized when the prosecutors announced that the court room during the graft trials were daily filled with thugs, alleged to have been hired by the "higher ups." Chief of Police Biggy issued this statement:

"I am not looking for mob violence here. I am taking every precaution to prevent any possible riot. I think the citizens will help us. Ruef and Haas are securely guarded in the county jail and will be kept under guard until it has been decided what will be done with them. There will be a police guard at tonight's meeting."

Attorneys Hiram Johnson and M. L. Sullivan, two prominent lawyers, have delegated themselves to work on the graft prosecution to continue Heney's work until the later recoveries. Johnson and Sullivan were discussing the proposition of helping Heney yesterday when the shot was fired. They sealed the bargain when the news of the attempted assassination was brought to them. Johnson said:

"By the grace of God, we will put Abe Ruef where he belongs, and avenge the attempted assassination. Sullivan will go into this work, not as an employee of anybody, but as representing the body of decency of San Francisco, and without any compensation whatever."

Langdon Pleads for Order.

District Attorney Langdon, who ar-

rived here this morning from Fresno, said:

"The prosecution will proceed. We expect a conference before night. The machinery of the law will be set in motion immediately to bring to justice through the regular channels, the problem presented. All legal methods will be tolerated in dealing with him. Others may be involved. At this critical period all good citizens must remain cool-headed and attempt nothing reflecting further discredit upon the community."

A SPLENDID ATTRACTION.

Bancroft, the Noted Psychologist, is Coming, Also D. Lillian Lewis.

Franklin F. Davis and wife of New York, are in the city. Mr. Davis is manager and director of George Gilbert Bancroft, the famous psychological lecturer and entertainer, and D. Lillian Lewis, vocalist and impersonator.

Mr. Davis made arrangements to bring this talented pair to this city under the auspices of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement association of the Latter Day Saints' church, entertainment to be held in the Mormon tabernacle on the evenings of December 11 and 12. This is a specially strong attraction and full particulars will appear later.

TO EXONERATE FAMILY.

Elkins, W. Va., Nov. 14.—It was learned today that Miss Margaret Wade, a former social secretary to Mrs. Fairbanks, wife of the vice-president, has been engaged to assist in the preparation of the family tree in the Elkins family, to silence the Italian press in their remarks about the Katherine Elkins family.

SECRETARY METCALF RESIGNS.

Washington, Nov. 14.—The resignation of Secretary of the Navy Metcalf, announced last night, has started a flood of rumors today. One is that Metcalf and Roosevelt differed on the reorganization of the navy department. Another is that Metcalf resigned on account of ill health.

READY FOR BALLOON RACE.

Los Angeles, Nov. 14.—On the eve of the transcontinental balloon race the weather bureau announced today the atmospheric condition in the middle west and Rockies is becoming favorable. The race is between two monster balloons owned by Dick Ferris, the actor.

MANY IMPORTANT GAMES.

Eastern and Local Football Scores Posted at Ferguson's Tonight.

Football followers will be furnished football scores this evening through Ferguson's book store. The important games on which public interest centers, are the big contests in the middle west at Ann Arbor and Chicago, and at Eugene, Ore. The Joseph game with the La Grande highs is another of local interest.

Barring some piece of luck I have seen but few men get rich rapidly except by means that would make them writhe to have known in public.—Warner.

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