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CONFERENCE FUTILE

Railroad Men Say That the Meeting of Western Presidents Will Amount to Nothing.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The Times says:

The optimistic views of the result of Tuesday's conference of western presidents, as expressed by Chairman Jeffrey on Tuesday, are not generally shared by freight representatives and other railroad men in this city. That the absence from the conference of representatives of the Northern Pacific was more or less of an intentional slight and that it foreshadowed ill for the future of the St. Paul committee was shown by a statement from President Mellen of the Northern Pacific.

"Will the Northern Pacific," he was asked, "join in the organization of the proposed St. Paul Committee?"

"The Northern Pacific," answered Mr. Mellen, "will under no circumstances join in any pool traffic committee or other such agreement, and Mr. Jeffrey has received no assurances from us to the effect that we are favorably disposed to such a plan."

This statement was made very emphatically, and, as it is hardly probable that the other roads will organize a committee without the Northern Pacific, the territorial committee's plan may have to be abandoned.

But aside from this it was pointed out by railroad officials that, in spite of all statements, it was evident that the conference had again failed to accomplish anything.

"The appointment of committees is nothing more or less than procrastination," said a freight official. "The committees may consider as much as they please; when it comes to reporting their deliberations at the next conference it will be found that no conclusion has been reached."

Another official whose knowledge of the freight situation throughout the country is very accurate said:

"The great question which the presidents have not answered and cannot solve is 'what shall be done with the low rate contracts entered into between the western roads and their Central Traffic Association connections, on business originating in trunk line territory for which low rate contracts do not expire until the next year.' The answer to this question is the explanation of why nothing definite has been done and why the committees have been ordered to report at the December conference. Nothing can be done until these contracts have expired, which will be soon after the December conference. One of the principal items of freight covered by these contracts is the tremendous apple crop of New York State, a large part of which will be moved west at low rates."

It is understood that one of the matters under discussion at Tuesday's conference, and one which raised quite a disturbance, was the demand that the Chicago and Great Western return to the roads the sum of \$50,000 which it was claimed it had received in excess of its share in the freight pool. Report has it that the representative of that road made most strenuous objection to this demand and that the matter is not yet settled.

ENGLISH POLITICS.

On Account of the Approaching Elections the Foreign Office is Stiffening Its Diplomacy.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

The press is filled with election intelligence but the contest is too unequal to be interesting. A Unionist victory is conceded even by the Liberal political managers, and the only question in doubt is whether the government will have a larger or a smaller majority in the new than it had in the old parliament.

There will be little political oratory and the details of the settlement in South Africa will not be explained, although this is the issue upon which the government asks for seven years' extension of its lease of power. The electorate which has been artificially restricted by the disfranchisement of an enormous body of voters under the old registry will be called upon to arm the government with a mandate to convert Dutch Africa into British Africa so that the work can never be undone.

Public interest centers in the reconstruction of the cabinet rather than in the result of the elections, which is a foregone conclusion. Lord Lansdowne is marked out for slaughter and Viscount Cross will also be forced to retire. It is also rumored that the Duke of Devonshire will not be a member of the ministry after the elections, and that Lord Lansdowne's resignation from the war office will be the signal for the retirement of Mr. Goschen from the admiralty.

If these forecasts are fulfilled, Mr.

AMERICAN TURF CONGRESS.

Adopted a Rule Restricting Racing Dates at Various Tracks.

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—At 2 o'clock the American Turf Congress, after an all night session, adjourned until 10 A. M. Just before adjournment a rule was adopted restricting the racing dates in Chicago and St. Louis to the time between June 10 and October 26, apportioning the rest of the time to southern tracks, thus giving them no opposition. This measure was proposed a year ago but failed in its purpose.

Last night when everything was going smoothly and the local men were practically off their guard, the measure was brought up and passed by a vote of 7 to 5. This vote came only after an hour of filibustering and protest from the Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans delegates. James Howard, the newly elected president, hurriedly called another to the chair that he might argue the measure. But the representatives of the smaller tracks had counted noses in advance and knew where their majority stood, so all efforts to defeat the rule were unavailing. Finally, the local men and their allies secured an adjournment until this morning at 10 o'clock, when the defeated faction will endeavor to secure a reconsideration.

James Howard, of Washington Park; Robert Aull, of St. Louis; C. S. Bush, of New Orleans, and Martin Nathanson, of Chicago, left together after the meeting to caucus as to the best plans of procedure for today's session. The vote by tracks on the question was as follows:

Yea—Louisville, Latonia, Nashville, Little Rock, Memphis, Newport and Highland Park.

Nays—Washington Park, St. Louis, (Fair Ground track), Harlem, Hawthorne and New Orleans.

The resolution was as follows: Ruled—That the New Orleans meeting close March 23, 1901, and that the dates for that year thereafter be allotted from March 25 to June 8 to Little Rock, Memphis, Louisville, Latonia and Newport, as they may apportion the time by agreement; from Monday, June 10, to Saturday, October 26, to the Chicago associations and the St. Louis associations, as they may apportion between themselves; to the California association such winter dates as they may select. Any tracks outside the jurisdiction of the Turf Congress racing against the date as herein allotted shall stand outlawed. This resolution does not affect in any way Highland Park dates after June 10.

This measure, which was sprung by Judge Perkins, of Latonia, came as a bombshell into what the local men thought was to be a harmonious meeting. The report of the license committee, on which a fight was promised, was adopted unanimously. No proposition was made in regard to the purposes, and the threatened opposition to James Howard for president failed to materialize.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, James Howard, Washington Park; vice-president, Robert Aull, St. Louis; secretary, E. C. Hopper, Covington; assistant secretary, John B. Dillon, Covington, Ky.; treasurer, E. S. Lee, Covington, Ky.

President Howard immediately announced that he would appoint Mr. Aull a member of the committee on appeals to succeed Judge Perkins, January 1. Other business was the refusal of the dominant faction in the congress to accept the application for membership from Lakeside, the new track at Work, Ill.; Lexington and Kinloch Park (St. Louis). Another rule was that all suspensions against jockeys, owners or stables should be recognized at all turf congress tracks.

PARTY CAN BE TRUSTED.

Congressman Dalzell Says That the Republican Party Will Settle the Cuban Problem Successfully.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Congressman John Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, is in the city. His attention being called to the statements of Cubans, elected Tuesday as members of the constitutional convention, that the convention would adopt and follow an independent policy throughout and would not be influenced by any representative of the United States, he said:

"The resolution of intervention provided that Cuba should have an independent and stable government. The promise of independence was indefinite as to time. There was nothing in the resolution which would confine the Cubans to the establishment of any particular form of government, but they must form a government which will give every form of stability. As to just how the United States government will act in working out Cuban independence in accordance with the promise given, it is impossible to say. The problem is a new one to us and each phase of it will have to be met as it comes up. Thus far no mistakes have been made and I think the Republican party can be trusted to work out the problem successfully and honorably."

CHANCE FOR INVESTMENT.

Vice-Consul-General at Frankfurt, Germany, Advocates the Establishment of American Department Stores There.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Vice-Consul-General Hanauer, in an official report to the state department from Frankfurt, Germany, advocates the establishment of American department stores abroad as a means of increasing the export trade of this country. "In Germany and most other continental countries," the vice-consul says, "there are large retail warehouses which sell different lines of dry goods and clothing for female wear. Department stores on the order of our own, containing almost everything for human needs, are hardly known here. Consequently one finds in a European city hundreds of retail stores carrying small stocks and selling articles at high prices.

"I think department stores would find conditions more favorable here than at home in amount of sales and return on the capital invested, but the importance of the plan consists in the immense impetus they would give to the sale of American specialties—household articles of all kinds, clothing, kitchen and iron ware, small machines, tools and instruments, toys, carriages and vehicles, office and dwelling furniture, fruit and meats, etc.

"I am confident that such a concern established in Frankfurt could within a few years sell American specialties alone to an amount of \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 annually and distribute further quantities by giving agencies to leading dealers of interior towns and cities. In shoes alone it could transact a large trade. Our manufacturers need, then, but offer their products to the home purchasing office in order to do a foreign trade."

PARTICULARS FROM M'ARTHUR.

Details of Recent Heavy Fight With the Insurgents.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—A dispatch has been received from General MacArthur which confirms the report caucused to the Associated Press from Manila concerning the activity of the insurgents. The dispatch is as follows:

"Manila, Sept. 20.—Adjutant-General, Washington. There is considerable activity throughout Luzon. Fighting is reported in the vicinity of Carig and Estrella Isabela provinces. Insurgents, estimated at 500, probably much exaggerated, but sufficient in force to make trouble in a district heretofore quiet. In the Ilocos provinces Samuel B. M. Young (brigadier-general) reports numerous small affairs, and has called so emphatically for more force that Kingsbury's squadron, Third infantry, and Borden's battalion, Fifth infantry, have been sent him, and another battalion will be given the same destination, upon arrival.

"Country north of Pasig, including all of Bulacan, is very much disturbed, and numerous contacts with small parties throughout that district, south of Pasig, including Tayabas province (Luzon), where same conditions obtain. This activity has been anticipated and reported upon in letters of August 25 and cable August 31.

"On September 16, David D. Mitchell (captain Fifteenth infantry), 90 men, Company L, company Fifteenth infantry from Sipoan, Laguna province, attacked the insurgent general Calvo, who had 500 men in position at Mavlat, same province. A desperate fight ensued, which was pushed from the front with great pertinacity by Mitchell across a causeway and through water, waist deep.

"The attack was under George Cooke, captain, with 40 men, Company K, Fifteenth infantry, and ten men, Company B, Thirty-ninth volunteer infantry, could not reach the enemy's position because of high water in the arm of a lake which could not be crossed; entire country was afloat in consequence of recent rains; this very much impeded offensive action. After an hour and 20 minutes' fighting, the command withdrew to Sinloan. Upon renewal of operations on the 16th found that the insurgents had escaped from Mavlat the previous night, most of them no doubt going back into contiguous barrios to appear for the time being or until called into the field again as peaceful Amigos. MacARTHUR."

PROPOSED FISH TRUST.

Fulton Market Men Say Sea Food Market Cannot Be Controlled.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Eugene S. Blackford, of Fulton market, interviewed concerning the report from Minneapolis, Minn., to the effect that an organization has been formed to control sea food, said among other things: "I do not think it possible, however, to control the market for sea food in general because it is too large. No single organization could ever hope to control the entire output of the whole seaboard of the United States. If this sea food company had limited itself to one or two kinds of fish its enterprise might not seem so impracticable, because it is frequently possible to control the catch of a single kind of fish. This has already been done in the case of halibut, for example.

"The great difficulty that this company will have to contend with is the extent of the field it has apparently proposed to cover. The fish trade is different from other trades in that its stock is so extremely perishable. Fish cannot be 'cornered.' You cannot put fish on the shelf and wait until people are willing to pay your price, but you must sell and sell at once. The element of 'cornering,' which is generally the means of such an organization as the sea food company, to attain its end, is thus impossible. Indeed I fail to see how the company hopes to succeed."

The Howard Squires and H. S. Scarles mentioned in the dispatches are not known in Fulton market.

NO RELIEF FOR 20 YEARS.

"I had bronchitis for twenty years," said Mrs. Minerva Smith, of Danville, Ill., "and at times have been bedfast. I never got relief until I had taken Foley's Honey and Tar. It is pleasant and gives quick relief, and is a sure cure for throat and lung disease." Take nothing else. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

RAILROAD SCHOOL.

Engineer Advocates Special Training to Prepare Young Men for Service on the Railroads.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Sept. 20.—The Eastern Railway Maintenance of Way Association, a New England organization of which E. A. Haskell, of Springfield, Mass., is president, is in session here.

Walter G. Berg, chief engineer of the Lehigh Valley railroad, read a paper entitled "The Education of Railroad Men for the Subordinate Ranks for the Maintenance of Way Service," in which he advocated the establishment of special railroad trade schools to be devoted to the teaching of practical railroad work, the entrance requirements of which will be limited to a general common school education. The school should consist of a regular course of one year and of an advanced course of one year in addition to a general course. Scholars for the regular course should be boys direct from public schools and young men who, after a few years' work in a shop, office, store or railroad department, begin to realize that their rapid success in life may depend largely on a better general knowledge, or familiarity with one subject or some specialty.

The advanced course would be open to scholars who had completed the regular course and men whose former education and subsequent railroad experience would qualify them to omit the regular course. The general course consisting of lectures on the general railroad subjects would be open to all comers in order to spread a better knowledge of the general conditions, laws and public policy governing railroads, among the general public.

TEXAS POPULISTS.

Falling to Effect Fusion They Will Make a Thorough State Census.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 20.—The Populist executive committee, having failed to make a fusion arrangement with the Republican party of Texas, has revised its entire state ticket and will make a thorough state census.

Hon. Jerome Kerby, the Populist nominee for governor, who is ill and unable to make a canvass, was pulled down, and in his place Judge T. J. McMini, a well-known lawyer of San Antonio, was substituted.

Two vacancies on the ticket were also filled as follows: For associate justice of the court of criminal appeals, George J. Todd, of Jefferson; for associate justice of the supreme court, George D. Green, of Cleburne.

A NEW SAFETY MATCH.

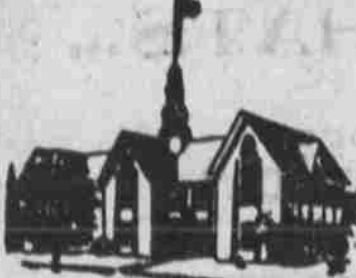
A match has at last been discovered which can be manufactured absolutely without the aid of phosphorus. This safety match contains neither red nor yellow phosphorus nor a compound of phosphorus, but possesses the great advantage of being able to be manufactured with the plant and machinery hitherto in use. Invention still strides onward every line, and yet there some things which seem impossible to improvement. For instance, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, that famous medicine, has stood unequalled for fifty years as a corrective of stomach disorders. Imitations have sprung up about it, but like a beacon light, it has stood immovable, pointing the way to health from all such ailments as constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia, biliousness, sluggish liver or weak kidneys.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ASTORIA.

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POWERS SAYS 'T WAS NO JOKE. Will Make a Determined Fight to Secure His Seat in the Senate.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Sept. 20.—The Desert News prints the following: Judge Powers, when interviewed and asked whether his appointment for United States senator by Acting Governor Nebecker was intended as a huge practical joke or was to be taken in seriousness, replied emphatically that it was serious in every sense of the word.

"Whether I will be recognized by the United States senate as junior member from Utah, I cannot say. However, I propose to make a fight for the place. I will immediately file my resignation, as presidential elector on the Democratic ticket, with the state Democratic committee. This will leave me free and unhampered to make the contest which I presume I will be obliged to make."

ROOSEVELT AT OGDEN. Limited the Number of His Speeches to Five Yesterday.

OGDEN, Utah, Sept. 20.—Governor Roosevelt limited the number of his speeches today to five, including the night meeting at this place. His special train left Pocatello at 6 this morning and arrived at Ogden at 6 this evening, where a stop was made for the night.

GOOD ORDER PREVAILS. Few More Miners Joined the Ranks of the Strikers. PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 20.—"Everything quiet and orderly," is the report

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