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CONGRESS AT SEATTLE

First Session Marked By Reading Of Paper That Calls Forth Discussion
NOTABLES WELCOME GUESTS

KIRBY'S ADDRESS, READ BY NEW ORLEANS MAN, IS RECEIVED WITH MARKED ENTHUSIASM

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 18.—The fourteenth annual congress of the Trans-Mississippi Congress opened today under the most favorable circumstances. Sessions are held in the big pavilion at Leschi park overlooking Lake Washington. The session today was occupied largely with the reading of papers and discussion which they called forth. Delegates were welcomed to the state and city by Governor McBride, by Mayor Humes, of Seattle, and by Judge Thos. Burk, in behalf of the manufacturing and commercial interests. In the absence of Mr. Kirby, president of the congress, his address was read by Thos. Richardson, head of the New Orleans Progressive League, and was received with enthusiasm.

The text of the speech follows:
 The Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress was conceived in the fact that the states on the Atlantic seaboard were receiving a greater share of beneactions from the general government than those contributory to the Gulf and the Pacific, and that an unofficial body, representing in concrete form the hopes and ambitions of a mighty people, populating an area that embraced two thirds of the then territory of the United States and producing approximately seventy per cent of its exports, could be made a potential factor in directing the American congress to an impartial distribution of the favors of government. Then the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress was sectional. But it is not so now.

The roar of Dewey's guns at Manila was the strident voice of evolution. Destiny directed that voice, and when it spoke it directed anew the doctrine of the survival of the fittest and blazed the way for American supremacy over the world. Since that portentous hour,

with the economies for the promotion of which it was organized disposed of in a large measure, the mission of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress is become to insist on opening up the routes to the markets of the Orient and to the Pacific coast states of Latin America that the surplus products of the country may find profitable sale, for by no other policy is it possible to insure and to maintain the prosperity and the commercial supremacy of the United States.

Already the rapid commercial growth of the United States has aroused a jealousy and apprehension on the part of European powers which they in all their infinite diplomacy cannot conceal. This is gratifying to American pride, but likewise a challenge to American genius. Whatever diplomatists may tell you we stand alone without an ally in this Titanic struggle for supremacy among the giant nations of the world. If we win we will win upon American initiative and sustained industry. If we fail we will fall through the decadence of American statesmanship. That is not possible.

Behold how our-commerce has grown and multiplied by leaps and bounds. The excess of our exports over imports is greater than that of all other countries combined. And it is the trade balance that determines commercial primacy. The total exports of the United States for the year 1902 amounted to a dizzy aggregate of \$1,355,000,000. As recently as 1879 the total exports were but \$376,000,000 or \$60,000,000 less than the aggregate imports for that year, and yet, as gratifying as is the vast balance between exports and imports it is but small when compared to that which will obtain when we shall take from Germany and Great Britain the import trade of the Pacific coast states of Latin America, our geographical heritage, and crowd upon the Asiatic the products of our flour and cotton mills and looms and foundries and machine shops.

The international commerce of the world in manufactures amounted last year to \$4,000,000,000 and the United States furnished more than ten per cent of this grand total.

It has been said that the population of the United States doubles every thirty years. If so, where thirty years from today will we care for an added 75,000,000 of people? This suggests no new problem. It is as old as the Colonial

Policy of Great Britain and Continental Europe. It indeed runs back like an ill-omened shadow through the history of nations that were older when they fell than any that now stand forth in the vast struggle for primal place among the great powers. What will the Republic of America do with this strenuous brood growing up about our knees with the heritage of freedom in their blood and the instinct of conquest in their thought put there by the men of Valley Forge and Trenton and by those matchless pioneers who surveyed the course of empire to the west over mountain ranges and through primeval forests? You say we will put them in the mighty west and your answer has in it the inspiring suggestion of a splendid prophecy rushing on to fulfillment. And why not? It is estimated that the government can reclaim 100,000,000 acres of land from the arid and desert wastes of the west while in Texas alone, if it were as densely populated as Massachusetts, we could take care of 80,000,000 of the earth's population.

Let me say to you that irrigation is as old as the pyramids and that wherever intensive agriculture is practiced today you find the wealthiest and most contented people in the world. But after this, then what? When the west is devoted to the limit of its productive capacity and the ability of the country to consume domestic products is over-reached, then what? This is a question for statesmen to deal with not for those puny creatures who tax their energies to meet the mere requirements and exigencies of partisan politics, but for men of affairs who hold in their hands the destinies of the great east nation that ever rose and the fortunes of the most commanding race of men and women the history of this world has ever known.

Time was when the Mississippi river marked the stopping place of the American republic nor did it go beyond into the wilderness of the west until a president of the United States confessedly without the warrant of the constitution consummated the Louisiana purchase. That spirit of adventure and demand for elbow room that has characterized every progressive people since the Phoenicians looked out upon the sea and dominated the commerce of the world swept Americans on to the possession of the Trans-Mississippi region. It was that same energy and foresight

that bore Americans on to the embracement of Florida, Texas and California into the territory and union of the United States.

Obedient still the same spirit and yielding to the same great law the American has begun the commercial invasion of the Orient in anticipation of that hastening day when the surplus food stuffs and manufactures of our developing country must find a purchaser not alone in the Asiatic, but in the spheres of colonial and commercial influence now occupied by Great Britain and Continental Europe. And in this thought I am reminded that from this audacious city of Seattle was shipped under the directing genius of the greatest American railroader in the west, the first cargo of American cotton that ever cleared out of an American port for the Orient.

GREAT CURE DISCOVERED

Chicago Physician Has Remedy For Lockjaw and Blood Poisoning IS SUCCESSFULLY APPLIED

TREATMENT OF PATIENT AT CHICAGO UNIVERSITY WILL REVOLUTIONIZE THE PROFESSION

Chicago, August 18.—A cure for lockjaw has been discovered by Dr. S. A. Mathews of the University of Chicago and has been successfully used in treating George Newman, South Chicago.

Dr. Mathews' method of treatment is the injection of a solution of calcium and potassium salts. This injection was given Newman a week ago while he was suffering from extremely severe tetanus spasms, and he is now declared to be well on the way to health.

The new cure is a diuretic. The problem which Dr. Mathews has worked out is to get the proper combination of salts to bring about the effect desired. Now that it has been found, the doctors say that the same principle can be applied to the cure of snake bites, blood poisoning and other diseases caused by toxins in the body.

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NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

A drunken man, whose name could not be learned, had a narrow escape from death yesterday afternoon. He was on a street car on Commercial street and in attempting to alight while the car was in motion fell heavily. Owing to the man's condition it was difficult to determine to what extent he had been injured. Complaint is made that teamsters are unusually careless. Fast driving on crowded streets is apt to cause many accidents, especially during the regatta season, when the streets are crowded with children. One fatality has already occurred and teamsters are urged to be careful.

IMPROVEMENTS UNDER WAY

The street improvements that were proposed and now under way are Exchange and Sixteenth streets and Franklin avenue. Sixteenth street will be improved from Commercial to Irving. Exchange from Fourteenth to Seventeenth and Franklin from Ninth to Twelfth. On Sixteenth the work of clearing a right of way has already commenced. In all the proposed improvements, but 135 feet will not be macadamized and only that because of the trestle work on Sixteenth. This of course will necessitate resorting to the old-fashioned plank. On all other portions macadam will be used, which is highly favorable to the public. In the future this modern style of pavement will be utilized whenever possible, which is recognized as cheaper in the long run and more durable in every sense of the word.

NEW TIMES FOR SIBERIA

Discovery of Diamonds on Island Brightens up the Conditions There

GOLD COMPANY INTERESTED

AMERICANS HAVE INTEREST IN PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF NEW INDUSTRY IN THE REPUBLIC

New York, August 18.—The republic of Liberia which, as an experiment on behalf of the negro has not been much to boast of, may have better times in store as a new field for white enterprise, says a Herald dispatch from London. It is officially stated by Mr. Hayman, consul general of the republic in London, that diamonds have been discovered in the country and following this it is now announced that a prospecting party, sent out by the West African Gold Concessions company (limited) has returned with fine specimens of corundum in the form of both rubies and sapphires.

This news is of interest in America and in France, where a fair proportion of the stock of the company that owns the mining rights in the republic is held.

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