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IRRIGATION CONGRESS IS IN SESSION

Twelfth Annual Session Begins Its Business at El Paso, Where Delegates Are Warmly Welcomed.

Enthusiastic Letters Are Read From President Roosevelt and President Diaz of Mexico.

NEXT MEETING AT PORTLAND

California Delegation Will Work With Oregon Delegates and Clear Field Is Thus Left, Denver Also Withdrawing.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 15.—Amid the music of bands of Mexicans, one of which was furnished by President Diaz, of Mexico, and in a hall profusely decorated with intertwined colors of the United States and of Mexico, the 12th national irrigation congress was called to order today by United States Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, president of the organization. The morning session was devoted to the address of welcome and the responses. Among the latter was that of E. L. Smith, of Hood River, Ore.

The afternoon session was opened with the reading of the annual address by President Clark. Two letters were read, one from President Roosevelt and one from President Diaz. The letter of President Roosevelt was as follows:

"I wish it were possible for me to accept your kind invitation to attend the national irrigation congress to be held at El Paso. I need not state to you the deep interest I feel in the cause of national irrigation. Irrigation is, in very fact, one of the means for national expansion which is most important. Wishing you a successful meeting, I am, yours truly,

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

In his letter President Diaz said: "Mexico City, Oct. 21.—Hon. William A. Clark, President Twelfth National Irrigation Congress, New York—Dear Sir: I have received the courteous and esteemed invitation which you were kind enough to extend to me for the interesting meeting of the national irrigation congress, which will be held from the 15th to the 18th of next November in the progressive city of El Paso, Tex. As much for the importance of the transcendental matters which will there be treated of as to reciprocate the kind invitation with which you favor me, I would take sincere pleasure in attending, if my official duties permit; but they are absolutely incompatible with the duties of that great satisfaction; and I must content myself with being with you, though absent from your meeting. With sincere wishes that the most complete success may crown the intelligent and patriotic work of the illustrious congress over which you preside (and which will undoubtedly influence powerfully the solution of the many problems relating to irrigation and the forest industry), the government thus understanding it, the department of fomento and some of the governments of the states of this republic will be duly represented in that assembly by their respective delegates. I am very truly yours,

"PORFIRIO DIAZ."

The letters followed the addresses of Hon. Clifford Pinchot, chief of the forestry division of department of agriculture; E. Benjamin Andrews, chancellor of the university of Nebraska; E. E. Williams, of the United States weather bureau; W. E. Smythe, of San Diego, and F. W. Newell, chief of the United States reclamation bureau. The appointment of committees followed and the convention adjourned until this evening.

This afternoon it developed that the California delegation, which came here to support Los Angeles at the 1905 meeting place, had withdrawn in favor of Portland, with the understanding that the 1906 meeting be held at Los Angeles. Later Denver withdrew from the race, leaving Portland the only city in the field for next year's convention.

The meeting reassembled tonight listened to several addresses of appropriate tone.

ORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING IS INVITED.

Asked to Attend 1905 Fair, but Gives No Definite Answer.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Henry W. Goode, president of the Lewis and Clark exposition, today invited the president to attend the exposition. The president promised to consider the matter, but gave Goode no definite answer.

A series of conferences between the president, the exposition board and Mr. Goode has resulted in the assurance that there will be an adequate and complete Philippine exhibit at the 1905 fair. Provision has been made for the installation of a comprehensive inanimate exhibit of Philippine products, to be maintained entirely by government appropriations. This exhibit will be augmented by Philippine villages, which will be maintained as concessions along the trail. Negotiations are now under way at St. Louis for these village exhibits, which will include from 150 to 200 natives of the Philippines.

Mr. Goode has an appointment to meet Colonel Edwards, chairman of the insular bureau, at St. Louis next Sunday, when they will confer with the local Philippine commission and pick out inanimate exhibits to be shipped to Portland.

MINISTER OF WAR ANDRE HAS TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION

Opposition Regards It as Victory Which Will Mean the Speedy Downfall of Entire Ministry.

Paris, Nov. 15.—Today General Andre resigned the portfolio of the ministry of war and Henry Bertheaux, a member of the chamber of deputies and a successful broker on the Bourse, was nominated as his successor.

The change is the culmination of the fierce assaults upon the administration of the war office, in the course of which the chamber of deputies was the scene of frequent wild disorders, including a recent personal assault upon Andre.

The letter of resignation was laid before the cabinet meeting this afternoon, and an agreement was speedily reached to invite Bertheaux to succeed Andre.

The premier presented Bertheaux to the president this evening and the announcement of the appointment was officially made. The opposition to the minister hailed the resignation as a victory which will speedily lead to the fall of the entire ministry.

SAYS SON ATTACKED HIM.

Man Falls on Bread Knife During Scuffle and Almost Dies.

Cincinnati, Nov. 15.—Semiconscious and with a wound in his right wrist through which almost the last drop of his life blood had flowed, Herman Grote, aged 63, living in Murray avenue, Bond Hill, was taken to the city hospital yesterday.

When revived with stimulants, Grote said the wound, while directly due to an accident, was indirectly due to an attack made on him by three sons, aged respectively 13, 11 and 8 years. He had upbraided the boys for remaining away from school, and, disregarding the fact that he had a large bread knife in his hand, they sprang on him, and in the tussle that followed he was thrown to the floor in such a way that the point of the knife was forced almost through his wrist.

DINED WITH SENATOR PLATT.

Many Prominent Men Attended His Buckwheat Breakfast.

Oswego, N. Y., Nov. 15.—Oswego had never before seen so many men prominent in public life as assembled today in response to the invitation of Senator Platt to a buckwheat breakfast. Senator Depew, congressmen, state senators and assemblymen, were present at Ahwa Ahewga house, Senator Platt's home, but neither Governor Odell nor Governor-elect Higgins attended, the latter being ill.

Annual Banquet Is Held.

New York, Nov. 15.—The 136th annual dinner of the New York Chamber of Commerce was held tonight at Delmonico's. The speakers were Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, Hon. John Morley, M. P.; Richard Olney and Sir James Kitson, M. P. President Morris K. Jessup presided.

JAPANESE ARE PRESSING ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR WITH THE UTMOST VIGOR

Russians' Ammunition and Food Supply Are Running Short and Stoessel Is Said to Be Wounded.

Cold Weather, Together With Diminished Supplies, Renders Determined Resistance Unlikely, According to Reports From Japanese Headquarters—Russian Torpedo Boat Destroyer Seeks Safety in Chefoo Harbor.

The Japanese are pressing the fighting for possession of Port Arthur, and assaults are being made almost continuously upon the eastern line of defense. Reports from Japanese sources intimate that ammunition and supplies are running short. It is supposed that Stoessel, the Russian commander, has been disabled by wounds.

Some sharp fighting took place the night of November 10, for possession of the fortified village of Endowunulu, near Shakhe, the Russians being first driven out, then retaking the place and finally retiring.

FORTRESS ABOUT TO FALL.

Russians Will Probably Not Make Much Further Resistance.

Headquarters of the Japanese Army, Port Arthur, Nov. 14, via Pusan.—Spies and Russians who have surrendered report that rations at the fort are reduced. The wounded found by the Japanese were emaciated.

Russian artillery shells partly filled with wood and not exploded have been found. This shows that the Russians are short of material for making heavy ammunition.

The capture of the eastern fortified ridge will mean the surrender of the fortress in a couple of weeks, unless the garrison there retires to the isolated fort. This seems improbable, however, and the cold weather and lack of food and ammunition render a desperate resistance unlikely.

DESTROYER IS COOPED UP.

Chased Into Chefoo Harbor, With Jap Vessel Waiting for Her.

Chefoo, Nov. 15.—The Russian torpedo destroyer Rastoropyny put into this harbor this morning. Firing was heard half an hour before she entered the harbor. A snowstorm and a high wind were prevailing at the time and it is believed the Russian vessel, under cover of the storm, attempted to escape from Port Arthur.

The correspondent of the Associated Press succeeded in reaching the destroyer, but he was not allowed to board her. The captain of the Chinese cruiser Hal Yung, the first to go on board, held a brief conference with the commander, after which the Rastoropyny came further in the stream and anchored at the same spot the destroyer Ryeshitelni did before she was cut out by the Japanese.

There is every evidence that the Rastoropyny will disarm here as a last resort. It is thought she hopes to elude the Japanese destroyer, reported outside the harbor, at night. The boat brought a number of copies of Nova Krai, a Port Arthur newspaper. In one issue it is stated that while a Japanese destroyer was laying mines November 11 it was surprised by the battleship Retvizan and sunk.

DOES NOT WANT MEDIATION.

Russia Opposed to Interference by Any of the Powers.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 15.—The forthcoming meeting of the presidents of 38 provincial zemstvos is absorbing public attention to the exclusion of other questions.

The continued suggestions from abroad regarding peace are treated like their predecessor, as unworthy of serious consideration. The mere mention of mediation arouses the ire of those in authority. The repetition of the statement that President Roosevelt, having the support of Great Britain and France, had already been approached by Japan and was ready to offer his offices, in view of Russia's position, is not considered to be a friendly act. Russia will push the war on an ever increasing scale and preparations to do so are being made everywhere.

Trouble with the army reserve men continues in various places, especially in Poland, but the authorities are making efforts to allay the causes of discontent, and many of the abuses com-

plained of have been corrected. The problem of caring for the families of the reserve men, many of whom are left almost destitute, is receiving earnest consideration. The members of the revolutionary party naturally are doing everything possible to foment discontent among the reserve men, urging on them that it is better to resist at home than in the far east, but the war office seemingly is convinced that these troubles will not spread to a great extent.

The progress of the Russian second Pacific squadron, in which so much of Russia's hope is centered, is followed with intense interest. The cruiser Orel, the cruiser Jemtschug, seven torpedo-boat destroyers and six torpedoboats are leaving Libau this week to join the squadron.

In St. Petersburg the deep-seated suspicion exists that if the squadron arrives close to its destination in an efficient condition, Great Britain will in some way find a pretext to block its further progress, and some of the newspapers refer to the necessity for mobilizing troops on the Indian frontier, where Russia now has two corps as a counter threat to guarantee the safe passage of the squadron. Unfortunately the utterances of the press of both countries are constantly fanning the feeling of mutual distrust.

SULLY'S WINES SOLD.

Souvenir Hunters Buy at Sale of His Office Furnishings.

New York, Nov. 15.—By order of David H. Miller, trustee in bankruptcy, an auction sale of the contents of the offices of Daniel J. Sully & Co., on the 23d floor of the Wall Street Exchange building, was held yesterday in the office. A large and curious crowd of bidders was in attendance, about 30 women being among the number. In addition to the usual suite of rooms used for the transaction of the business of the firm, the offices included a dining room, a kitchen, a bedroom and a bathroom, all expensively furnished.

Among the 232 lots disposed of by the auctioneer were oriental rugs, mahogany desks, typewriters' complete dinner sets, bedroom furniture and wines. Many of the articles sold went to souvenir hunters. More than \$7,000 was realized from the sale, a sum materially in excess of the total appraised value of the effects.

PRESIDENT THANKED HER.

Woman Who Rebuked Hobson Receives Roosevelt's Portrait.

Indianapolis, Nov. 15.—When Captain Richard P. Hobson spoke at Columbia City in the closing days of the campaign, he was very severe in his criticisms of President Roosevelt, declaring among other things that the president was tyrannical and that his purpose ultimately was to set up a dictatorship in this country.

When he had finished speaking a crowd of Democrats gathered around him and were congratulating him on his speech. A young woman pushed her way through the crowd, but when Captain Hobson extended his hand she did not take it. Instead, she declared that she did not believe one word that he had said about the president and that he ought not to make such assertions.

The young woman was Miss Ida Gal-

breth, a teacher in the public schools of Columbia City. Today she received a letter from President Roosevelt which read:

"Washington, Nov. 7.—My Dear Miss Galbreth: Will you kindly allow me, as a token of my appreciation, to inclose my photograph. Sincerely yours, "THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

KEEPS HIM STANDING.

Nebraska Farmer Afraid That He Will Be Taken Unaware.

Omaha, Nov. 15.—Charles Nagle, a Nebraska farmer, whose superstitious fear of the devil has kept him from sitting down for the past six years, is in jail here, charged with having assaulted John Hanschild with a pitchfork.

Hanschild operated his threshing machine despite the remonstrance of his eccentric neighbor, who declared that the machine was possessed of a devil and that its operation would release his Satanic majesty, to the undoing of the neighborhood. Finding his objections disregarded Nagle rushed into the barn and returned with a pitchfork, with which he sought to drive Hanschild away from the dreaded implement.

Nagle believes that if found in a sitting posture an evil spirit will capture him unaware.

DARING CODY BANDITS TURN ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TRICK

Hold Up Saloon at Thermopolis, Secure Large Sum and Escape, With Several Poses in Pursuit.

Omaha, Nov. 15.—A special to the Bee from Cheyenne, Wyo., says:

The two bandits who made a descent on the First National bank of Cody two weeks ago and killed Cashier Middaugh committed another bold robbery today, when they held up the inmates of Edwards' saloon and gambling house at Thermopolis, Big Horn county, and secured a large sum of money, watches and jewelry.

The outlaws, mounted on fast horses, escaped to the bad lands along the Big Horn. Poses were quickly organized and started in pursuit, but the robbers got away. Feeling runs high in Big Horn county, and if the desperadoes are caught they will be punished without waiting for the courts to convict them.

SAYS "TOO MANY CO-EDS."

Berkeley Professor Also Denounced Football and Reporters.

Berkeley, Nov. 15.—Professor George Howison, who has denounced football games and newspaper reporters, the former of which he said were brutal and barbarous and the latter were lost souls, has declared in a lecture on ethics before his class in philosophy that the "co-eds" at the university were too numerous for the good of the earnest and competent students.

Professor Howison said woman's curiosity was proverbial and unusually concerned itself with trivial matters.

"It is the university's aim to direct that curiosity toward worthy and noble subjects," added the professor, "but there are so many women students that they lower the standard of things and make it necessary for a teacher to 'water' his remarks so as to make them intelligible to minds that are unripe and insufficiently nourished in large and rich conceptions."

German Canals Will Be Built.

Berlin, Nov. 15.—Emperor William's extensive canal projects, which were rejected by the Prussian diet in 1899 and 1901, will be realized in part at least. The canal committee of the diet, composed of the leaders of the parties controlling the diet, has decided to support the measures for the canals connecting Hanover with the Rhine and the canalization of the Wezer from Hameln downward.

Emperor's Representatives Arrive.

New York, Nov. 15.—General Von Lowenfeldt and Major Von Schmetto, the personal representatives of Emperor William at the unveiling of the statue of Fredrick the Great next Saturday, arrived in Washington tonight.

Meeting of Monarchs.

Windsor, England, Nov. 15.—The king and queen of Portugal arrived today and were welcomed at the railroad station by King Edward and Queen Alexandra.

LARGE SUMS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR

Three Million Dollars Will Be Expended by the Harriman System in Oregon During the Next Year.

This Amount Does Not Include Several Big Improvements to Be Made at Once.

BIGGEST ITEM FOR BRIDGES

More Than Three-Quarters of a Million for This Purpose, While \$715,000 Has Been Set Aside for the New Rails.

Portland, Nov. 15.—Three million dollars will be expended by the Harriman lines in Oregon during 1905 in improvements and general work. This estimate does not include \$500,000 to be spent in alterations of the car shops at Portland, the cost of 50 miles of 80-pound steel rails now being laid in Cow Creek canyon, Douglas county, or the cost of the ties to be used on the new track in Southern Oregon.

One hundred and forty-eight miles of 80-pound steel rails will be laid on the Southern Pacific lines, commencing at Ashland and running north. This work will cost \$715,000.

One hundred and ten thousand dollars will be spent in ballasting 83 miles of Southern Pacific track north of Ashland. Seventy-six miles of O. R. & N. track between Portland and Huntington will be ballasted at a cost of \$70,000.

Seven hundred and eighty thousand dollars will be set aside for construction and repairs in the bridge department.

The work will be begun immediately and completed by the end of next summer.

FLOOD OF RESOLUTIONS.

Responsible for Early Adjournment of Labor Federation Session.

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—The second day's session of the convention of the convention of the American Federation of Labor was abruptly concluded shortly after the afternoon session had been called to order today. The change was necessitated by the flood of resolutions which poured in, and which President Gompers called "these documents." Adjournment was taken that the proper committees might have a forenoon and evening for consideration of the resolutions.

A report was made against the resignation of President Scharf, of the C. I. O. federation, the federation had been suspended by the executive council. There will be consideration of this matter tomorrow.

The executive council, in a report, scored the brewery workmen and recommended that the endorsement of their unfair list, their label and their officials be withdrawn, and, unless the organization conforms to the ruling, that its charter be revoked.

Ryan-Graham Fight Stopped.

South Bend, Ind., Nov. 15.—The police tonight stopped a 10-round fight between Tommy Ryan and Jack Graham of Kansas City at the end of the fourth round.

Jewesses May Attend Lectures.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 15.—Prince Mirsky, minister of the interior, has granted permission to many Jewesses to attend a lecture for women at the university.

Little Fighting at Mukden.

Mukden, Nov. 15.—There was little fighting in this vicinity November 13 and 14. The weather is growing colder and furies of snow are frequent.

Earl of Northbrook Dead.

London, Nov. 15.—Thomas George Baring, earl of Northbrook, is dead, aged 78 years.