



PROGRESS IS SLOW

COMMITTEES AT WORK

The Resolution Committee Hold A Strenuous Session.

POINTED LANGUAGE USED

Nothing in the Way of Public Interest Occurs at Irrigation Congress—Newhall's Speech Ninety-nine Per Cent False, Says Williams.

Portland, Aug. 22.—The national irrigation congress devoted today to committee work and little in the way of public interest was accomplished. The resolutions committee had a strenuous session tonight, and little progress had been made by the committee today.

Tonight in considering a resolution providing for a commission to sit in Washington and have a general supervision over the reclamation service. F. H. Newell, director of the reclamation service gave an explanation. Land Commissioner Williams of Washington state then charged that 90 per cent of what Newell had said regarding the conduct of the department at Washington was not so, for instead of seeking to lessen "red tape," as Newhall asserted, the Washington officials were attempting to add to it. Williams asked that his resolution go over.

Judge Raker then entered the lists in behalf of Newhall in language extremely pointed. Then Williams explained that he did not refer to Newhall himself as not seeking to lessen "red tape," but his remarks applied to the officials in Washington into whose hands the reclamation projects went after they left Newhall's department. The whole matter was finally compromised by a withdrawal of the original resolution.

ANARCHISTS HOLD MEETING.

Make Incendiary Speeches and Threaten Czar—Police Present.

New York, Aug. 22.—A meeting of the Russian revolutionary league was held last night on the east side to discuss the ukase issued Saturday by Emperor Nicholas. About 300 Russians were present. All the speakers strongly condemned the new Russian plan and characterized it as a ruse to gain the sympathy of other constitutional governments.

Police were scattered through the crowd and guarded the doors to prevent persons from entering after the seats had all been occupied.

Speeches of the most incendiary type were delivered from the beginning of the meeting. Emperor Nicholas was subject to torrents of abusive language and threats also were made that the United States will soon undergo an anarchistic revolution. A police sergeant, commanding the detail in the hall, quickly stopped the tirade by sending word to the managers that if further riotous talk were

indulged in arrests would be made.

Dr. Schitlovsky, one of the principal speakers, said:

"This so-called plan to give the people a voice in the government has three drawbacks. First, those who are called to serve in the zemstvo are required to swear allegiance to the autocracy; second, all those who wish to vote are required to hold a certain amount of this world's goods.

"The amount sounds small to Americans, but in Russia it is a large amount and will shut out many thousands from voting. Third, a majority of two thirds is necessary to pass any measure. This gives the autocracy the right to overrule a two thirds majority, so where does the power of the people lie?"

LAND IS EXCELLENT.

Christian Co-operative Federation May Take Up Option.

Ontario, Ore., Aug. 22.—F. W. Metcalf, secretary of the Malheur Waterusers' association, arrived yesterday from Burns, where he investigated the condition of the land on the French-Glen tract for the Christian Co-operative Federation. He says the land is as good as any he has ever seen in Oregon, with water supply for most of it.

"Give that section transportation facilities and develop the water system," said Mr. Metcalf, "and there will be no finer agricultural land in Oregon."

The federation has an option on the land until August 25 at a price of \$1,800,000.

UNION TO DISSOLVE

People Are Anxious For Amicable Settlement.

Radical and Socialist Factions of Storting Obstinately Resist Passage of Measure to Open Negotiations With Sweden—Majority Rules.

Christiana, Aug. 22.—In the storting today the passage of the resolution relating to opening negotiations with Sweden for the dissolution of the union was not secured without obstinate resistance on the part of the radical and socialist factions. A crushing majority of the government, however, shows the storting and people anxious to secure an amicable settlement.

A committee on negotiations will probably be appointed at once. It is believed that Sweden is now inclined to concede the candidacy of Prince Bernhard.

WARM RECEPTION FOR FAIRBANKS

Ogdenburg, N. Y., Aug. 22.—Vice-President and Mrs. Fairbanks, accompanied by Congressman and Mrs. David J. Foster, arrived tonight. An enthusiastic reception was given the vice-president all along the road.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Oakland, Aug. 22.—No game.
Portland, Aug. 22.—Los Angeles 5, Portland 4.

PEACE MAY RESULT

PROPOSITION LEARNED

Russia to Repurchase Sakhalin As Price of Peace.

DECISION RESTS WITH CZAR

That Russia May Say She Never Paid Tribute or Ceded Land She May Purchase Sakhalin for an Amount Equal to the Cost of War.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 22.—The Associated Press is now in position to reveal substantially the suggestion of President Roosevelt for breaking the existing deadlock in the peace negotiations and resuming the conference from failure. His solution would ingeniously permit satisfaction of the Japanese demands for reimbursement for the cost of war and at the same time enable Russia to face the world with declarations that she had not ceded a foot of territory or paid a kopeck of war tribute to victory.

The solution, tersely stated, consists in an agreement by Russia to repurchase the possession either of all or half of the Island of Sakhalin, now in military occupation by Japan, for a sum the amount of which, if the two countries cannot agree, could be decided by some method of arbitration. The purchase money, together with the sum obtained from the cession of the Chinese Eastern railway and the maintenance of the Russian prisoners in Japan would about equal the amount claimed by Japan as a bill for the cost of the war. It was the president's message to M. Witte which caused the sensation of the day.

Early in the morning came the official announcement that the meeting of the conference was postponed until tomorrow. The public reason assigned was that the protocols for submission at the sitting are not completed.

A few hours later the true reason leaked out, when J. E. McGrew, one of the stenographers at Oyster Bay arrived with a communication from the president for the Russian plenipotentiaries. M. Witte and De Rosen had quietly slipped over to the conference building at the navy yard to receive the message. When McGrew took the 2:35 train to Boston he carried a suit case, which probably contained a reply to the president. The reply is believed to have been prepared by Witte and De Rosen.

The general disposition was to regard today's telegraphic developments as materially brightening the chances for the success of the president's heroic endeavors to save the peace conference from failure. But it was realized that all depended upon the attitude of Emperor Nicholas and his advisers.

London, Aug. 22.—The Morning Post, which throughout the war has strongly identified itself with the Japanese side, in a dispatch from its correspondent at Portsmouth, declares "the peace of Portsmouth is within a measurable distance."

Portsmouth, Aug. 22.—It is stated that Baron Komura has agreed to offer at the session to be held in the morning the president's compromise proposition. A high authority believes it impossible that a final rupture can come tomorrow, no matter what the character of the emperor's final instructions to M. Witte may be.

"If negotiations can be prolonged into

next week," he said, "so much pressure can be brought to bear upon the emperor that he will not be able to resist."

Portsmouth, Aug. 22.—A long cablegram from St. Petersburg, believed to be the Russian reply, arrived about 10 o'clock tonight and M. Witte's secretaries immediately began deciphering it. Considerable excitement was apparent in the annex where the Russian headquarters are located.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 22.—The effect of President Roosevelt's personal influence toward reconciling the differences between the Russian and Japanese plenipotentiaries is being watched with closest attention here. Though all save the highest representatives of the foreign office are in ignorance of the exact status of the negotiations it is felt generally that the negotiations are on the verge of a deadlock. The public has practically reconciled itself to apparent necessity of continuing the war and there is only one opinion about the desirability of peace if obtainable without humiliation. The action, therefore, of the president is far from unwelcome.

PROTESTS STILL ARRIVE.

State Department Still Hear Protests of Chinese Boycott.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The protests against the Chinese boycott of American goods continue to be received by the state department. No further reports indicating the progress of the boycott have been received at the department.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—At a meeting of the Chicago Typothetae today it was decided not to make any contracts on an 8-hour basis. As a result a strike of printers in the job offices represented by the association is expected.

ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED.

Would Regulate Relations Between Employers and Labor Unions.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 22.—Twenty-one prominent manufacturers from different parts of the country are named as directors of the National Association of Manufacturers of the United States, incorporated here for the purpose of regulating relations between employers and employees and dealing with the labor unions.

CANNOT DESTROY FISH TRAPS.

Olympia, Wash., Aug. 22.—The decision of the supreme court just rendered points out that although a fishtrap obstructs navigation, the captain of a steamer has no right to destroy the fishing apparatus. The case is that of James Fowler vs. Martin and Ben Harrison. The Harrisons are the owners of the steamer Fleetwood, and destroyed a fishtrap which Fowler owned in the Chehalis river.

LEAVES FOR SIBERIA.

Russian Minister of Interior's Departure Causes Excitement.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 22.—The sudden departure for Siberia of Prince Hilkoff, minister of the interior, is connected here with the purpose of sending further reinforcements to General Linevitch. As a consequence, an increased pessimism is evident regarding the prospects for peace.

CHINESE MAKE THREATS OF ASSASSINATION.

Chinese Will Assassinate Ministers if They Oppose Boycott.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 22.—Advices were received by the steamer Shawmut that San Francisco Chinese sent a lengthy cablegram to ministers of the Chinese foreign office threatening them with assassination if they opposed the boycott against American goods. The telegram, which purported to be from 100,000 Chinese residents in America, stated that "a brave hero" would be sent to punish them. San Francisco Chinese replied that they were doing all possible to aid the boycott.

TWO TRAINS COLLIDE

DUE TO CARELESSNESS

Frightful Accident Kills Engineer, Fireman and Conductor.

PARTICULARS NOT LEARNED

Two Trains on the Union Pacific, Eighteen Miles from Topeka, Come Together in Head-on Collision, Killing Engineer, Fireman and Conductor.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 22.—Three persons were killed early this morning in a head-on collision between Union Pacific freight trains one and one half miles east of Rossville, and 18 miles west of Topeka. The dead are:

William E. H. Gibson, engineer, of Kansas City, Kan.
Olsen, fireman.
Clarence Reese, conductor.

ASK AGENTS OPINION.

Commission Begins Inquiry Into Immigration Laws.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The commission appointed by Secretary Metcalf of the department of labor and commerce, to revise the present rules and regulations under which the immigration laws and Chinese exclusion laws are administered today sent a letter to all the officials of the immigration bureau in the field asking for an expression of their opinion on each of the rules now in operation.

The letter to the immigration agents practically is a first step. The most important of the steps proposed by the commission are the public hearings at which criticisms of the service may be lodged.

IS HIS OWN CAPTOR.

"Hop Fiend" Laden With Jewelry and Morphine.

San Francisco, Aug. 22.—William Raymond, alias William Higgins, badly wanted by the police for participating in the robbery of the Peace home last Wednesday night, has captured himself. Laden with stolen gems and morphine he walked into the city prison and asked to see James Lambert, one of the gang already captured. He brought with him hot doughnuts for his friend. On examination the doughnuts were found to be full of morphine. On his person were 37 diamonds and rubies. Raymond, who was recognized as an ex-convict, took arrest philosophically.

REPORTS EXAGGERATED.

No Widespread Famine in Russia, Says Official.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 22.—Minister of Agriculture Schwanebach says that reports that famine conditions are threatened in 22 provinces are greatly exaggerated. In Central Russia assistance may be required to tide over the winter, but there is no fear of a general famine.

FATHER AND SON FOULY MURDERED

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 22.—George and James Smith, father and son, farmers of Elm Hill, were murdered while at work in the field today by an unknown per-

MILITARY MEASURES PREVENT GENERAL STRIKE.

Most of the Factories at Lodz Are Closed and Rioting Has Occurred.

Warsaw, Aug. 22.—Owing to strong military measures adopted the strike will not become absolutely general. Many shops are open and only a few banks and insurance companies are closed. Practically all factories at Warsaw and Lodz are closed. A series of rioting occurred at the latter place.

BOY BURGLAR CAUGHT.

Levi Williams Tells of Depredations in Residence District.

Seattle, Aug. 22.—Levi Williams, the 12-year-old burglar who was arrested in Ballard recently, has confessed to various thefts, and gradually the mystery regarding the nipper man, who has been terrorizing the Seattle police for months, is being solved. Already a large number of watches, stolen by Williams on his nightly visits to Seattle and Ballard residences, have been returned to the police, and the boy has told the story of how he got them.

Williams did not confine his work to evenings, but entered many houses in the daytime. He seldom took anything except watches, and several cases have been reported of valuable jewelry being passed untouched and watches, of less value, stolen. Earl Williams, a younger brother, and Claude Wheeler have been placed under arrest, charged with receiving the stolen goods.

EDWIN CONGER TO RESIGN

Mexican Ambassador to Quit Diplomatic Service.

Was Formerly Ambassador to China and It Was Intention of the President to Send Him to Peking to Settle Trouble Over Boycott.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 22.—Edwin H. Conger of Iowa has resigned his post as Ambassador to Mexico to take effect October 18, and President Roosevelt has accepted the resignation.

Mr. Conger's retirement from the diplomatic service was foreshadowed last week. It was indicated then that he might be sent to Peking as a special commissioner of the president to adjust the differences between this country and China over the boycott of American goods by some of the Chinese commercial guilds.

While no official statement is obtainable regarding his mission, there are reasons for the statement that it has either been abandoned by the president or been declined by Conger. At any rate, it is believed Conger will not go to China. It has not been determined definitely who will succeed Conger as ambassador to Mexico, but it will probably be David E. Thompson of Nebraska now ambassador to Brazil. It is known that Ambassador Thompson desires the Mexico post.

YELLOW FEVER SITUATION.

New Orleans, Aug. 22.—The official report of the yellow fever situation up to 6 P. M. is as follows: New cases 37, total 1,503; deaths 9, total 314; under treatment 319.

NEW YORK WOMAN SHOT BY UNKNOWN ROBBER

Chicago, Aug. 22.—Mrs. S. E. Mize of New York was shot and killed tonight by a robber. Accompanied by a friend, Mrs. Mize left the hotel about 10 o'clock

for a walk. At Eighty-fifth street and Washington avenue they were stopped by two men who demanded their valuables. Mrs. Mize started to run, when one of the men shot her in the head.