

IMPORTANT ISSUES

INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONGRESS IN BOSTON.

Thirteenth Annual Convention of Peace Lovers Now in Session in New England Town—British Delegates Include Some of Best Statesmen and Thinkers of the Nation—Many Europeans Present to Take Part in the Deliberations.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 4.—Seldom if ever before has there been held in America a gathering of greater international import and significance than is the thirteenth International Peace Congress which began its sessions in Tremont Temple in this city today. Delegates of the greatest distinction from every European power, save Russia, were present to join in with noted Americans in evolving a scheme for permanent and universal peace. Conspicuous among the number was Pastor Charles Wagner of Paris, the preacher to great congregations on the Boulevard Beaumarchais and the author of "The Simple Life."

The British delegation included among others Sir William Mather, of Manchester; Sir John MacDonnell, professor of comparative law in University College, London; Right Rev. John Percival, Bishop of Hereford; William Randall Cremer, the "Dick Whittington" of parliament; Percy Aiden, the founder of Mansfield House and a leader in the social settlement movement; Peter Curran, representing the General Federation of Trades Unions, and Dr. Thomas Barclay, who started the movement among boards of trade and chambers of commerce in France and England for an arbitration treaty between those two countries.

From other parts of Europe there were present M. Siegfried of Havre, M. Gustave Hubbard, editor of La Justice internationale; Dr. Adolph Richter, president of the German Peace Society; John Lund, member of the Norwegian parliament; Signor E. T. Moneta, president of the Italian Peace Society; L'Abbe Pichot of Monaco, and Prof. Pierre Clerget of Lozic, representing the Swiss Peace Society.

Of no less note than those already named were the women in attendance. These included among others the Baroness Von Suttner, who was the only woman admitted to the opening of the peace congress at The Hague; Miss Sophia Sturge of Birmingham, daughter of the eminent English philanthropist, Joseph Sturge, who, in 1841, first proposed an international peace congress; Dr. Yamei Kin, a scholarly Chinese woman who will speak for China, and Miss Margaret Noble, who has gained wide fame for her educational work among the women of India.

Wisconsin W. C. T. U.

Racine, Wis., Oct. 4.—Many delegates are already in the city to attend the thirty-first state convention of the W. C. T. U. and more are expected to arrive before tomorrow, when the business of the convention will be fully open. At the First Presbyterian church this evening a welcoming demonstration will be held at which addresses will be delivered by Mrs. M. C. Upham, state president; Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, president of the national organization; Miss Anna A. Gordon, national vice-president, and other prominent members and officers of the society.

Cardinal for Mexico.

Mexico City, Oct. 4.—Among all classes considerable interest is manifested in the general conference of the Catholic church authorities of Mexico, which began its sessions today in the city of Morelia. The conference is the first of its kind in many years and it has revived the report that the church in Mexico is to be honored by the creation of a cardinal. The two churchmen who are most prominently mentioned for this prospective honor are Archbishop Silva of Morelia and Archbishop Gilroy of Oaxaca.

Daughters of the Confederacy.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 4.—The national convention in session here of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, representing all of the Southern states, is a notable gathering. There are several hundred delegates, representing the wealth, intelligence and aristocracy of the South. Today was devoted largely to the reception of the visitors and the completion of the program for the regular sessions of the convention which will continue through the remainder of the week. The Southern society of this city and other organizations have made elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the delegates.

Pennsylvania Firemen at Erie.

Erie, Pa., Oct. 4.—The silver anniversary convention of the Firemen's Association of the state of Pennsylvania opened here today, and the city is in gala attire in honor of the visitors here from many points. The three days' program provides for a parade and numerous prize competitions in addition to the regular business sessions. Elaborate entertainment has been provided.

Levi Eldridge, who is threshing in the district west of Pilot Rock, has threshed over 100,000 bushels of grain from the 5th of July to the 1st of October, and has about another week's run before pulling in for the winter. Until about a month ago he ran two headers and threshed directly from them. For a month past he has threshed by taking his plant directly to the stacks. His outfit was entirely new last spring—separator and engine.

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