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COMMERCE OF WORLD IS UNDER DISCUSSION

Trans - Mississippi Commercial Congress in Session at Seattle

A VERY ABLE ADDRESS

By President John Kirby Was Delivered by Hon. Thos. Richardson

Consolidation With the National Association Question Before the Congress

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 18.—The fourteenth annual session of the Trans-Mississippi Congress opened today under the most favorable circumstances. The 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 the discussion which they called forth.

The delegates were welcomed to the state and city by Governor McBride, by Mayor Humes, of Seattle, and by Thos. Burk, in behalf of the manufacturing and commercial interests.

In the absence of Mr. Kirby, the president of the congress, his address was read by Tom Richardson, the head of the New Orleans Progressive League, and was received with enthusiasm. One of the most striking addresses of the day was that of F. B. Thurber, president of the United States Export Association, Herbert Strain, of Montana, and United States Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, were also among the speakers.

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In the lumber, the iron, the coal, and the oil regions and in the silver and lead and copper and gold mines of the West; to command the aid of the Government in fostering the agricultural possibilities of vast areas that with irrigation will give richer reward to the husbandman's patient labor than any other upon the earth's surface; to effect the development of harbors on the Gulf and Pacific coasts and to conserve the tremendous energies of the Mississippi river. These problems are all in process of solution, and the duty of the Government is become so obvious that no one need doubt the perfection of these vast enterprises. As tardy as the Government sometimes is in the execution of its obligations to the citizen, it has not been known to fall when once it sets its hand to the discharge of a great public duty. Indeed, that which is now the mission of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress is as broad, as deep and as general as the Republic itself.

The route of DeWey's guns at Manila was the strident voice of evolution. Destiny directed that voice, and when it spoke it declared 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 route to the markets of the Orient 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.

Growth of Commerce. "Already the rapid commercial growth of the United States has aroused a jealousy and apprehension on the part of European powers which will not all their infinite diplomacy can conceal. This is gratifying to American pride, but it likewise is 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 fail 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 the dizzy aggregate of \$1,350,000,000. As recently as 1870 the total exports were but \$374,000,000, or \$976,000,000 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 products of our four 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. "When the factories of the United States amounted to but \$1,248,547 in 1790, and that in 1890 after a lapse of one hundred years, they had grown to but \$151,102,376, while in the last twelve years they have reached a sum in excess of \$250,000,000, the extraordinary expansion of our commerce is realized. In the contemplation of so marvelous an exhibit is the most unindignant American prompted to commiserate the noisy croakers of calamity who predict disaster for this giant of the new world that is laying commercial tribute on every land in which civilization has pushed its triumphs?

"But talk about our commerce and the prosperity of the country until, transported by the magic of figures we experience the sensation of personal riches, and after all the basis of our trade balance and the foundation of all our wealth is the American farm. We have cotton and lumber and rice mills, blast furnaces and packeries and sugar and oil refineries, and coal, iron, silver and gold mines in this wonderful region of the West, where natural resources have been covanted, and strong to make ours the richest and strongest country on the habitable globe. The factory and the blast furnace and the packery must eventually come to the raw material. They have come to many, they will come to all of the states of this productive region. That is inevitable. To save transportation of raw material and to put the finished products closest to points whence they can clear to trans-oceanic markets is a law of economic as immutable as any law of nature. Still the farm is the hope of the West and will continue to constitute the basic sill of American commerce and civilization.

Wealth Comes From Earth. "It is out of the ground that the wealth of the surviving nation must

A Berlin woman bequeathed her property to a cat.

come. It is in the farm that supports the fabric society. The silver and the gold mine will pinch out, oil sands cease to yield their treasure, and lumber forests be devoured by hungry mills, but the American farm will stand as long as the earth shall endure. The cities may become congested and anarchy find in them its places of refuge, but not so the agricultural districts. Where plenty rewards contented and honest toil and nature sings its eternal harmonies in the ears of men, there is no rebellion against constituted authority, no riot against the law, no tempest of communism. Agriculture paints the glow of health upon the cheeks of its daughters, and weaves the steel of Hercules into the arms of its sons. These form the basis of American stability and peace and constitute the rock upon which the waves of imported ignorance and anarchy will break.

"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 quest in 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 give an over-reached in a splendid 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.

Irrigation Development. "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 developed to the limit of its productive capacity and the ability of the country to consume domestic products is overreached, in the opinion of some statesmen, it 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 greatest 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 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 Amerigo Vesputi to the embrace of Florida, Texas and California into the territory and union of the states.

"Obeying 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 foodstuffs 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 railroader in the West, the first cargo of American cotton that ever cleared out of an American port for the Orient.

Our Geographical Advantage. "When I consider the geographical position of the United States with respect to Mexico, with respect to the Pacific Coast states of Latin America, with reference to the Pacific Coast provinces of China, with their teeming millions of population, now dependent on Europe to provide them with the necessities, and that Europe, to gain the trade of the Orient, must cross two oceans, while the United States will cross but one, I am convinced that the Great Master of the Universe has designed the American Republic to eventually become the one transcendent civilization of the world. But the great master will not solve for us the problems in transportation and statesmanship that these conditions make obligatory upon a chosen people. Not the least of these is a consular service in the hands of men who hold their positions by the grace of partisan favor. It is the peculiar province of this congress to consider this, as well as other problems to which I have given but scant attention in an address deemed so much rather as a matter of form, than as an exhaustive treatise on economics. I will therefore no longer encroach upon your prerogative, but will leave to the gentlemen selected by your executive committee, and whose names appear on the program, the expert and authoritative discussion of those great questions upon the adjustment of which now depends the wealth and perpetuity of a civilization greater today than any that has gone before it."

CONVENTION ADJOURNED

Nebraska Republicans Nominate State Ticket

ROOSEVELT IS ENDORSED

John L. Webster, of Omaha Named As His Running Mate

ADMINISTRATION AND PROTECTION POLICY IS UPHOLD; THE TRUSTS AND COMBINATIONS OF CAPITAL OPPOSED AND RETENTION OF PHILIPPINES.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 18.—The Republican state convention today nominated the following ticket:

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court—John B. Barnes, of Madison county.

Regents of the State University—Charles S. Allen, of Lancaster and W. G. Whitmer, of Douglas.

Beginning at 2 o'clock this afternoon the convention transacted the necessary business and was ready to adjourn three hours later. President Roosevelt received the heartiest commendation and a declaration was made for his re-nomination.

The unexpected feature of the convention was the adoption by unanimous vote, of a resolution declaring John L. Webster of Omaha, one of the delegates to the convention and one of the well known party leaders of the state, to be the choice of the Nebraska Republicans for Vice President in 1904.

The platform adopted endorses the present Republican administration. It adheres to the protection policy, and also declares the party opposed to all combinations of capital under whatever name. It advocates the strengthening of the navy and declares in favor of the American merchant marine. It concludes by emphatically advocating the retention of the Philippines.

In Line For Presidency. Boston, Mass., Aug. 18.—The Globe, a Democratic newspaper, will say tomorrow that General Nelson A. Miles, who is a native of this state, has been suggested by some politicians in the party as a nominee for Governor of Massachusetts on the Democratic ticket. Should he be chosen Governor it is claimed he will be a logical candidate for the Presidency.

USED FAKE LETTER

FRANK McFADDEN DEVISES NOVEL SCHEME TO ESCAPE PRISON BARS.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 18.—A bogus "come-home-to-your-sick-mother" letter was used to much advantage by Frank McFadden at Fernie when he was accused of obtaining goods by false pretenses. The letter was written by McFadden, who is well known as a baseball player in East Kootenay, produced the missive dated from an obscure place in Washington state. He promised to leave town at once, and for the sake of the sick mother, the best he let him go. It turns out, however, that the letter was a fake, and was fixed up by cronies who had gone to Nelson to post the epistle. Immediately after his release he fulfilled his promise to get out of town, but only went as far as Morrissey. Considerable dissatisfaction is expressed in Fernie that the fellow should have got off so easily.

FIVE DAYS' RACE MEET

MULTINOMAH FAIR ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 18.—At a meeting of the Multinomah Fair Association tonight it was decided to give a five days' race meeting here, beginning September 21 and ending September 25.

STRONG TESTIMONY

THIS IS SALEM TESTIMONY AND WILL STAND INVESTIGATION.

If you doubt the following and wish to investigate, you haven't to go to some other state in the Union to prove it. It's not a long story published in Salem newspapers about a resident in Kalamazoo, Mich., or Tampa, Fla. It's about a resident of Salem and given in his own words. No stronger proof can be had. William M. Spayd, living at the corner of North Winter and D. streets, says: "Words cannot express my opinion half strong enough of Doan's Kidney Pills. I have known their remarkable merits for the last eight years, having used them in Clinton county, Mich., where I was living. My kidneys were a source of annoyance for quite a number of years. I had much pain across my loins and the secretions from the kidneys were irregular in action, causing me to rise often during the night and at times there was a scalding. I also had more or less dizziness in my head. I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at Dr. Stone's drug store and gave some to a person visiting us and they gave her wonderful relief, and in my case I was benefited in every way. My backache was relieved and the trouble with the kidney secretions was corrected. You are at liberty to refer to me as one who can endorse the claims made for Doan's Kidney Pills. I also know of a great many others who have used them with the best of results."

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ber-24. Ten thousand dollars have been appropriated for prizes. The race meeting will be held during the Multnomah Athletic Club carnival and it is expected to be the most successful one ever held in this city. The following officers were elected: President, A. R. Diamond; vice-president, E. W. Spencer; secretary-treasurer, L. H. Adams.

OFFICERS PROMOTED.

MANILA, P. I., Aug. 19.—The Philippine Commission has appointed Captain George T. Langhorne, of the Eleventh Cavalry, secretary to the provincial government of the province of Morro, and Captain Keller engineer officer, both of the new appointees to receive an addition of 20 per cent to their army pay.

Major Robert L. Bullard, with the assistance of the friendly Moro chiefs, is making arrangements for a grand celebration and peace conference on the completion of the Lanao military road.

FOSTER'S BODY RECOVERED.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 19.—It has now been definitely decided that the body that was picked up in the river near Clifton a few days ago was that of Fred Foster, a deckhand on the steamer Dalles City, who was drowned near Hood river on Sunday, June 28. The river was high at the time and a strong current running, which accounts for the body being carried such a long distance. William Foster, of Portland, the father of the drowned man, is here and will take the body to Portland for burial.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

STEAMSHIPS IN BIG COLLISION

Liners Run Afoul of Chinese Cruiser Huang-Tai

ENTIRE CREW WAS SAVED

But Big Warship Sank Within an Hour After the Accident

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY OF CREW OF CRUISER PICKED UP BY EMPRESS OF INDIA—SHAMROCK III GETS BIG LEAD OVER THE RELIANCE.

HONG KONG, Aug. 18.—The Canadian Pacific Railroad's steamship, the Empress of India, from Vancouver, B. C., July 27, and Yokohama, August 10, for Hong Kong, collided near this port today with the Chinese cruiser, Huang-Tai. The warship sank an hour after the collision. The Empress of India saved 170 of the crew of the cruiser. The captain of the Huang-Tai, who refused to leave his ship, and thirteen of her crew were drowned. The Empress of India was badly damaged amidships.

Carries More Canvas.

New York, Aug. 18.—The Reliance and Shamrock III were measured today in the Erie basin by C. E. Mower, official measurer of the New York Yacht Club. As a result of his measurements it was announced tonight that the Reliance would allow the challenger one minute and forty-five seconds over the thirty-mile course. It was found that the Shamrock III was slightly longer on the water line than the American boat, but the latter proved to have nearly 2000 more square feet of sail area. It was this that taxed the American boat so heavily.

Use Trib for liquor habit.

WATER SUPPLY DEFICIENT

THIS COMPLAINT ARISES FROM THE GOOD PEOPLE OF EUGENE.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 18.—Complaint is made by a number of private citizens that the local water company is running the water system of Eugene too much for their own benefit and with too little regard for the welfare of the inhabitants of the city.

The directors have been asked through the public press of the city for a clear statement of conditions. The water supply is inadequate for the use of the city and is rapidly growing deficient with growth of buildings. Improvements have been planned for the coming year. A strong movement is on foot to compel the water company to release their holdings to the city and, as in many other cities, make the water supply one of municipal ownership. It is said to be far more satisfactory.

ANOTHER BIG YIELD

Al Moisan, a farmer residing near Brooks, was a Salem visitor yesterday and brought with him a sample of white winter wheat containing scarcely any foreign seeds of trash. The field from which the wheat was taken contained about nineteen acres of land and threshed out fifty-two bushels to the acre. Mr. Moisan is jubilant over the yield, and thinks the good old times are returning to Willamette valley farmers for sure. While in the city he sold his crop of winter oats to Balfour, Guthrie & Co. at 25 cents per bushel.

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FIRE CAUSED BY EXPLOSION

No Lives Lost But a Terrible Panic Ensued

BIG BUILDING DESTROYED

And Many Persons Were Injured by the Stampede Which Followed

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY GIRLS MAKE A SIMULTANEOUS RUSH FOR STAIRWAY—INTENSE HEAT IN CALIFORNIA TERMINATES IN A SMALL HURRICANE.

BOSTON, Aug. 18.—The explosion of a tank of gasoline in the basement of a six-story block, occupied by several manufacturing concerns in South Boston today, caused a fire which, inside of fifty minutes, completely destroyed the building, in the meantime precipitating a panic in which scores of employees received injuries.

The monetary loss is \$150,000, covered by insurance. Immediately following the explosion, 250 girls employed on the sixth floor, stampeded for the stairway and, screaming and fighting, made their way to the ground.

A Young Tornado.

San Bernardino, Cal., Aug. 18.—The hottest day of the season, with the mercury at 110, was followed this afternoon by a thunder storm having the characteristics of a tornado which did thousands of dollars damage. Trees in all parts of the valley were prostrated and several buildings were struck by lightning. Over 200 times were blown across the traction company's line to Redwood.

A Fatal Mishap.

Clarks Fork, Ida., Aug. 18.—Henry L. Bidwell, justice of the peace of Hope, Idaho, accidentally shot himself here last evening about 6 o'clock, while waiting for the passenger train to return home. While talking with the engineer, Bidwell reached in his inside pocket and, upon withdrawing his hand, his revolver went off, killing him almost instantly.

CURE FOR LOCKJAW

A TETANUS PATIENT IS RELIEVED BY PROMINENT CHICAGO DOCTOR.

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

TO REFORM SCHOOL

CHESTER SEARLS ENTERS UPON HIS LONG TERM OF SERVICE.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 18.—Chester Searls, the youthful burglar, thief, and who evaded the officers of the law for one week after escaping from the Home of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, left Portland this morning in charge of Officer H. H. Hawley. He was recently sentenced to the reform school, and was taken to Salem this morning to enter upon his long term of service.

CONGESTION OF FREIGHT

YUKON STEAMERS TAXED TO UTTERMOST TO KEEP IT MOVING.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 18.—A special from Dawson today says every available steamer of the lower Yukon is being commissioned in an effort to move the vast quantity of freight at St. Michaels, which has been delayed owing to low water. The water this season has been the lowest for years, and so far but three down river steamers have been able to reach Dawson.

CHRISTIANS TERRORIZED

And Afraid to Leave Homes in Uskub Province

MUSSALMANS ARE ANXIOUS

To Massacre Christian Population Upon Slightest Provocation

SOFIA, Aug. 18.—A reign of terror is reported at Uskub, where the Christian inhabitants are afraid to leave their homes. Vail has issued the strictest orders to the Mussalms to remain quiet and not molest the Christians, but the Mussalms have resolved at given signal to massacre the whole Christian population on the first pretext. The Christians are terrorized.

According to a report from Uskub, Michaelovsk, the Bulgarian leader, was killed in the fighting at Krushevo and Boris Sarafov, the noted insurgent chief, has been surrounded.

Bulgaria is Cautious.

Rome, Aug. 18.—Private advices from the Balkan peninsula, received here state that Bulgaria has practically mobilized an army of more than 70,000, which is double the peace-strength. The Bulgarian Government, however, is unwilling to venture for the time being on any hostile movement, as it does not wish to lose the support of Russia.

Castro Demands Taxes.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Aug. 18.—Authentic information was received this morning announcing the imprisonment of French, German and Italian merchants at Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela for refusing President Castro's demand for the payment of taxes already paid to the de facto government. The amount demanded exceeds \$65,000.

Charged With Desertion.

Washington, Aug. 18.—The War Department has dropped from the rolls Second Lieutenant Max Sullivan, who has been absent from the Department of Texas without leave for several months. He stands charged with desertion.

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GAGGED AND MURDERED

DETROIT THE SCENE OF AN INEXPLICABLE CRIME—CHILD THE VICTIM.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 18.—The mutilated body of 4-year-old Alphonse Wilmes, whose father lives on St. Aubin avenue, was found today in the rear of the Michigan Stove works. The hands were tied behind with wire, and a red handkerchief had been stuffed down the boy's throat for a gag. All the wounds had apparently been made with some very sharp instrument. Alphonse had been missing from his home since yesterday.

Perhaps the strongest phase of the mystery is that there were only a few small stains on the body, and clothing of the lad, despite the horrid character of the wounds. It looks as though the murderer, after committing the deed, washed the blood from the body and then carried it to the spot where it was found. The police are investigating.

The Work of a Maniac.

Rockford, Ill., Aug. 18.—The murder of the Detroit boy is identical in circumstances with the murder of Dick Tibbitts, a 7-year-old newsboy, here last month. The details correspond so closely that the authorities believe the murderer was the same man, a lunatic of the "Jack the Ripper" type, and are now in communication with the Detroit police on the subject.

New York, Aug. 18.—Thieves have entered the officers' clubhouse in the Brooklyn navy yard and stolen nearly all the silverware. A committee of the club is making an investigation.