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SWISS LABOR CONFERENCE

Points to Be Discussed by International Delegates at the Geneva Meeting.

Seventy Thousand Welsh Miners Strike and Many Quit Work at St. Etienne, France—Non-Unionists Assaulted.

GENEVA, Feb. 18.—The Swiss government has issued the programme which is to form the basis of the labors and inquiries of the labor conference. It includes the following points: 1. In what degree, if at all, should the state restrict Sunday work?

What is the minimum age below which the employment of children in factories should be prohibited? 3. What should be fixed as a maximum day's work for workmen or women under full age?

Should the hours of compulsory attendance at school which are now required by law be counted as part of a day's work for juvenile workers?

Should the maximum length of a day's work for juveniles vary according to the ages and during what hours should the working time be fixed?

What restrictions are necessary in the employment of women and children in unhealthy and dangerous occupations?

Should the State permit the employment of women and children in occupations carried on at night-time?

How can the State best put into effect and enforce the labor regulations it makes?

Finally, the programme submits to the conference the proposition for periodical labor conferences, which will become an established institution if this conference approves the idea.

Seventy Thousand Miners Quit Work.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Seventy thousand miners at Aberdare, Wales, have struck for an advance in their wages.

The miners employed in two coal pits at St. Etienne, France, have struck, owing to the dismissal of one of their fellow-workmen. The strike has caused much agitation among all the miners at St. Etienne.

A deputation of miners to-day visited the Earl of Dunraven and Lord Randolph Churchill, both of whom assured the deputation that they favored a limitation of working hours by the state.

The deputation also called upon Mr. Gladstone. Addressing them, he said that consideration must first be given to the fact that some workmen were willing to work more than eight hours a day, and then to the question whether the miners were entitled to separate treatment. He was unable to give the deputation any pledge himself as to his course. He must be free to act according to his judgment.

Alleged "Scabs" Attacked.

NASHUA, N. H., Feb. 18.—There were about five hundred people around the mill gates when the operatives quit work this evening, and some disorder occurred. Snow-balls were thrown and a few assaults were made.

Two persons were arrested—one workman who assaulted a woman for calling him a scab, and the other an intruder outside. The strikers say they had no part in the affair.

Agent Shaw, of the company, has called on the Mayor to protect the mill, and see that the employees are not molested to-morrow. The Mayor announces that he will preserve the peace at all hazards.

Will Close Their Factories Again.

WOBURN, Mass., Feb. 18.—The members of the Manufacturers' Association at a meeting last night voted to close every leather factory represented in the association to-morrow and keep them closed till the men return to work at the factory of Peggs & Cobb.

This means the enforced idleness of 1,500 men. As a result of the recently adopted price-list most of the men went to work under protest in many of the shops while in some factories the men decided to strike.

Coal Deposits in the Sioux Reservation.

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Struck Against a Non-Union Man.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Feb. 18.—Twenty molders in the Lombards foundry struck to-day because the proprietor refused to discharge a non-union workman. A number of men remain at work.

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DEBATE ON IRISH AFFAIRS

Mr. Parnell's Amendment to the Queen's Address Defeated in the Commons.

Secretary Balfour Resents the Violent Language Used in Condemning the Government's Course in Dealing with Ireland.

German and Hungarian Colonists Return from Brazil Disgusted with the Place.

Captain O'Shea Refused Attachments for Libel Against London Newspapers—Three Castaways Rescued on a Lonely Island.

ENGLAND'S IRISH POLICY.

Farnellites Attack the Government's Methods and Arouse Mr. Balfour's Ire.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Mr. Maurice Healy, member for Cork city, asked the government in the House of Commons whether, since the refusal of John Daly, a life convict in Chatham Prison, to connect the Parnellites with the dynamite outrages, he had been treated with enhanced severity by the prison officials.

Mr. Healy requested that a sworn inquiry be made as to Daly's treatment, or that members of the House who desired to investigate the matter be allowed the same access to the prisoner as allowed the agent of the London Times.

The Rt. Hon. Henry Matthews, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, said he had no authority to grant the request for a sworn inquiry. He denied the allegations against the prison officials, and said that Daly had stated that he had no complaint to make of his treatment.

Mr. Healy then asked the question: "Was Daly nearly poisoned?"

In reply, Mr. Matthews said that the prison dispenser had put too much belladonna in a prescription for Daly. He had since been suspended for his negligence.

Mr. Healy thereupon asked whether the government intended to demand a vote for the expenses of witnesses who testified before the Parnell commission.

Mr. Matthews said that no demand of that nature had been made upon the Treasury.

The Rt. Hon. Henry Campbell Bannerman, Home-ruler member for the Stirling district, resumed the debate on the address in reply to the Queen's speech. He summed up the case against the government by declaring it had willfully resorted to coercion when coercion had proved to be worse than useless.

The government's whole Irish policy, he said, was one of persistent wrong-doing. There could be no pacification of Ireland as long as there existed alienation of the masses and destruction of popular confidence in the administration.

Mr. Balfour said that since he had been Secretary for Ireland, he had replied to a constant series of votes of censure all much alike, backed by much violence. There could be no substance of fact. Brutal attacks upon his government, exactly the same as those made by Mr. O'Brien, were made by the press upon Earl Spencer and Sir George Trevelyan.

Mr. O'Brien appealed to the Speaker to say whether it was in order to impute to him the commission of a crime. He said that Mr. Balfour withdrew the epithet "brutal," but quoted an article from Mr. O'Brien's paper wherein Earl Spencer was described as a "brutal" man.

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CAPTAIN O'SHEA'S SUITS.

Hearing of His Divorce Case Put Off Until Autumn—Attachments Refused.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Captain O'Shea, in his suit for divorce has filed a supplementary petition which extends the period within which the alleged acts of adultery were committed. In consequence of this change, the time for filing answers is also extended. O'Shea's solicitor, Wontner, doubts whether the case can be brought to trial before the autumn.

In the probate divorce and admiralty division of the High Court of Justice to-day Mr. Justice Fry refused to grant an application made in behalf of Captain O'Shea for writs of attachment against the managers of the Star and London editions of the New York Herald for publishing certain comments relative to the action for divorce brought by Captain O'Shea against his wife, which Mr. Parnell is named as respondent. In the case of the Freeman's Journal of Dublin, against the manager of which paper a similar application was made, the court imposed a fine of £100, besides compelling him to pay the costs of the action.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

Three Castaways Rescued After Four Years' Experience on a Desolate Island.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—The steamer Zealandia brings news that three castaways have been rescued, by a passing vessel, from the Island of San Alessandro, on which desolate spot they had spent nearly four years. In October, 1885, a Japanese vessel, while making the passage across the Sugar straits, was blown out of sight of land, and after tossing about for eighty days was thrown ashore on the Island of San Alessandro. Four of the passengers were rescued, but three were left behind, leaving behind three passengers, who refused to leave the island. The castaways caught sea birds and ate fruit of the few trees that grew on the island. A harpin and part of the works of watch were worked up into hooks and fishing tackle, by means of which fish were caught, and life was supported for nearly four years.

Official Pressure in Elections.

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—The opposition papers are making a great noise against official pressure in elections, as exemplified by what General De Verdy du Vernois said to the Spandau workmen who waited upon him on Saturday last. He promised them that the government would spend 15,000,000 marks in the erection of improved dwellings for workmen, and warned them that at the same time to vote for the opposition candidate. This air of buying suffrages is of course too gross an opportunity to be lost by the opposition in a hot political canvass.

The Havana Chess Contest.

HAVANA, Feb. 18.—The twenty-third game in the chess match here was opened last evening with the center gambit. After five hours' play, during which forty moves were made, Mr. Fachin resigned, making the score again a tie, each player having won one game, and five games having been drawn.

Sixteen Persons Drowned.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The passenger steamer Coral Queen, from Gothenburg, has been sunk off the river Tees in a collision with an American steamer Brinio. It is reported that sixteen persons on the Coral Queen were drowned.

Socialists Wounded by Soldiers.

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—At Muhlhausen, in Saxony, there was a fight at a Socialist election meeting, which went so far that the soldiers were called to restore order. Thirty persons were wounded.

Cable Notes.

Sarah Bernhardt is ill, and has discontinued her performances at Paris.

The great annual sprinting handicap at Sheffield, Eng., was won by Collins, an American.

In Hungary steps have already been taken for the erection of a monument to Count Andrássy.

An international chess tournament has been arranged to take place in Manchester, England, next fall.

The Royal Geographical Society has invited Thomas Stevens, the African traveler, to send a paper to be read before the society, describing how he reached Henry M. Stanley in eastern Africa.

The Grand Cruise of the Lion of the Netherlands has been conferred upon Prince Henry of Prussia, now with the German squadron, and on Mr. Kruger, President of the Transvaal, or South African Republic.

THREW VITRIOL IN HER FACE.

A Young Lady Brutally Attacked by a Miscreant, and Her Lover Twice Shot.

ENR, Pa., Feb. 18.—The eastern section of the city is in a high state of excitement over an attack made by some miscreant, at this time unknown, upon the person of Miss Emma Fischer, a young lady of prominence and respectability. Last evening Miss Fischer went to the door in response to a summons, and a man who stood close by, with masked face, threw a quantity of oil of vitriol in her face, and ran away. Dennis McCarty, the young lady's accepted lover, hearing of the outrage, set out to find the wretch. About midnight McCarty bore a supper and conversation in an old building, and on being satisfied that he was on the right track, attempted to enter the door. The men on the inside fired on McCarty, who was wounded, but the brave fellow pressed on in the direction from which the shots were coming, and ordered the would-be assassins to surrender. They refused, and sent a ball through his body. He stood by the door, cutting off escape by that channel, hoping his calls and the shouts would secure help, but the riot-throver escaped, leaving the evidence of the foul deed behind him. McCarty is painfully but not fatally wounded. Miss Fischer's eyes escaped the liquid, but she will be sadly disfigured.

A TERRIBLE REVENGE.

Young Kentuckian Kills a School-Boy Whipping Him When a Minister-Boy.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 18.—News was received at Frankfort to-day that a young man named Booth, about nineteen years old, laylaid a minister, Rev. Mike Whisman, near Compton, Ky., and fatally cut him with a knife. Whisman lived two hours after receiving his wounds and made a statement about the attack. Booth was accompanied by a man named Sparks. Whisman had once punished Booth while the latter was a school-boy, and Booth had threatened to be revenged, and never forgot his fancied wrongs. Officers are after the murderer. Wolf county is a mountain county, but it is lawless community. Three men have been hanged there for murder within the last two years.

Did Not Disturb the Evangelists.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 18.—The evangelists held their meeting at Hull to-night undisturbed. The police arrangements were so complete as to overawe the disorderly element and though the streets were crowded with an angry disposed throng and threats were made there was no open attack upon the worshippers.

Slide of a Sensitive Youth.

SNOW HILL, Md., Feb. 18.—James Stockley, the sixteen-year-old son of Benjamin J. Stockley, a well-to-do farmer, killed himself with a shotgun on Saturday. Young

Stockley attended a party in his neighborhood, on the evening preceding, contrary to his father's wishes, and was punished by the latter for his disobedience. This seemed to weigh heavily upon the boy's mind, and he told his sister that he intended to kill himself, describing to her minutely the manner in which he would proceed. Shortly afterward he left home with his gun. The next day, however, he was found dead in a wood close by. A search was made and the boy's body was found in the precise spot indicated in the dream.

TOOK THE WRONG LIFE.

William Told Shoots through a Door at a Supposed Enemy and Kills His Brother-in-Law.

MADISON, Ind., Feb. 18.—A distressing tragedy took place near Florence, Ind., last night. Gustav Schruppf, who keeps a store in Florence, was on his way from town to his farm, and met Lewis Baldwin, who was intoxicated, when the two entered into a conversation about an account standing against Baldwin's family at the store. Schruppf went on to his farm, followed by Baldwin. Schruppf went into his house and closed the door. Baldwin broke open the door and threatened to do violence to Schruppf and his family. Finally, yielding to the persuasion of friends, Baldwin left the premises, but gave warning to Schruppf that he was going to get a gun. William Told, Schruppf's son-in-law and business partner, being apprised of the situation, procured a pistol and went out to protect the old gentleman. Soon after Told's arrival, between 7 and 8 o'clock, a letter was delivered to the door, raised his pistol and fired through the door, on opening which, a little later, he was horrified to find he had shot Fred Essman, his own brother-in-law, with whom he was on the best of terms. A hasty examination disclosed the fact that Essman had been shot in the head and was fatally wounded. Despite all that could be done for him, he died at 10 o'clock this morning. Essman had an impediment in his speech, always speaking slowly and in a low tone of voice, and very likely he did respond when called Told, and the latter, mistaking him for him, the deceased was a good man, and has left a wife and one or two children. Mr. Told is almost crazy over the dreadful affair.

NATIONAL REPUBLICAN LEAGUE.

Speakers Who Will Address the Convention at Nashville—Letter from the President.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The preparations are almost complete for the national Republican convention which meets in Nashville, Tenn., on March 4 next. About one thousand delegates will attend. The delegates will go to Chattanooga on March 6 to hold a political mass-meeting there. Other cities in the South may be similarly visited. Among the prominent speakers who will be present are: Congressmen McKinley, Burrows, Grovernor, Mason, Evans, Hook, and Taylor. Also Senators Everts, Ingalls and Spooner, Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, of New York; General Goff, of West Virginia; Hon. J. B. Lynch, of Mississippi, and ex-Governor Bullock, of Georgia. It is believed that C. M. Depew and ex-Senator Platt will also attend. President Harrison has written a letter to Hon. John M. Thurston, president of the league, in which he says:

Such organizations are wholesome and desirable, not only from a party but from a public standpoint. They interest the people in public affairs, and compactly organize the interest thus excited into controlling political parties. The party to which you belong has never suffered by an intelligent discussion of its history or its principles, and I assure your organization will continue to furnish courageous and well-appointed champions wherever the lists of debate are opened.

I doubt that you will be cordially received by the people of Nashville, and beg to express the hope that your meeting may be both successful and pleasant. Very truly yours, BENJAMIN HARRISON.

COWARDLY ASSASSINATION.

Mrs. Edward Randall Shot Down by an Unseen Enemy at a Prayer-Meeting.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LEBANON, Ind., Feb. 18.—A terrible crime was committed five miles south of this city last night, about 8 o'clock. A prayer-meeting was being held at Edward Randall's house, and while those present were singing the closing hymn, the report of a revolver rang out, and Mrs. Randall fell to the floor, screaming "I am shot." The utmost confusion and excitement prevailed, which gave the assassin an opportunity to escape. The cartridge ball passed through the forehead of the woman, and penetrated the striking Mrs. Randall in the eye. The unfortunate woman is still alive at this writing, but it is highly probable that the wound will prove fatal. A her family has been summoned to her bedside.

Mr. Randall, her husband, is one of the most prominent farmers of this county. Suspicion lies at the door of a young man who has not been on good terms with the family, and has made serious threats against the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Randall. No arrest has been made.

GALLANT WORK OF FIREMEN.

Many Persons Rescued from Burning Tenements—Futile Attempt to Save a Girl.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 18.—Fire early this morning destroyed four frame tenements on Broad street, and caused a loss of \$50,000. The firemen worked gallantly, and fought their way from room to room, and removed in safety the sleeping inmates. When the flames finally drove them from the burning building it was thought that everybody had been removed, but amid the crackling of the flames a terrible cry arose above the roar, and a face was seen for a moment against the pane of one of the upper windows. The firemen bravely dashed into the doomed building, and made their way to the place where the face had been seen, but found that they were too late, as they were able to take back nothing but the dead body of a girl named Mary Jackson, aged twenty-two.

Other Losses by Fire.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Feb. 18.—The Kommer Hotel, a large, three-story frame building, burned to the ground this morning. The inmates escaped. The building was owned by M. Kommer, of Ashland. The value of the hotel was about \$15,000, fully covered by insurance in Eastern companies. The loss on furniture, owned by Mrs. M. McWenny, is about \$3,000.

DELUATH, Minn., Feb. 18.—Fire this morning burned Turner Hall, on the East Side, the dwelling of D. D. Jones, occupied