

THE FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

MR. BLAIR UNABLE TO SECURE LABOR DAY FOR LABOR BILL.

Mr. Padon's Criticism of the Tariff Bill—The West and St. Nicholas Disposed of—Stockholder Smeyer of Mr. Baum's Refrigerator Company Returns from the House Investigation Committee.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—The Senate met at 10 A. M. to-day, but it was half an hour later before any business could be proceeded with owing to the absence of a quorum. In the meantime Mr. Blair (Rep., N. H.) asked whether a motion to adjourn would be in order. This was "Labor Day," he said, and should be observed by observing to do honor to the occasion by an adjournment. Mr. Hoar (Rep., Mass.) gave his opinion that Labor Day would be better honored by legislation in behalf of labor.

"Very well," Mr. Blair said, "I will ask my tariff bill." He thought that the Senate would be in a position to consider the labor bills that have been sent to the House of Representatives. I would very glad to have them acted on by the Senate.

"I desire," said Mr. Hoar, "to spend the day in legislation that will raise the wages of labor." "I give notice to the Senate that I will ask my tariff bill," Mr. Blair said. "I will ask my tariff bill," Mr. Blair said. "I will ask my tariff bill," Mr. Blair said.

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LIVE WASHINGTON TOPICS.

Threats of Interest Happening in and Out of the House of Congress. WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Senator Hale will open the debate on the sugar schedule probably to-morrow with an elaborate speech, giving Mr. Blair's views and explanations of his reciprocity scheme.

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the testimony, that one of the members of the investigating committee—Representative M. L. Smeyer of Ohio—was one of the stockholders. He (Mr. Cooper) therefore offered a resolution discharging Mr. Smeyer from the committee, and directing the Speaker to appoint his successor from the committee.

Mr. Sawyer (Rep., N. Y.) said that the question which the committee was appointed to investigate was whether the Commissioner had promoted employees under him for the reason that they became stockholders in the refrigerator company. There is no reason why the fact that Mr. Smeyer was a stockholder should be a qualification to decide whether Mr. Smeyer's official conduct had been proper.

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DR. PENTECOST'S MISSION.

THE BOARDS TO BRANCH CHRISTIANITY TO HIGH CASTE HINDUS.

The Missionary's Own Story of the Work to be Undertaken by the Company Who Will Go with Him from England. WATERBURY, Conn., Sept. 1.—The Rev. Dr. George F. Pentecost will sail on Saturday for Bombay and thence on Oct. 16 by the steamer Rhodius, with twelve or fifteen English and Scotch friends to India, where he will inaugurate a novel missionary work.

"This mission," said Dr. Pentecost to the reporter, "was suggested to me by some high caste Hindus. Few realize the fact that there are 5,000,000 of the high caste Hindus in India to-day educated in English as well as the average college graduates of America. These people are once lost caste both with their own people and with the British when they accept Christianity. One of them put it to me this way: 'I, a Hindu, do not believe in Jesus Christ, but I cannot do it openly. I know you will say that the Bible teaches that a man should forsake everything and take up his cross; but I can't quite bring myself to do that in India, and there are thousands like me. The moment we partake of the communion—eat with any one of a lower caste of society than ourselves—we at once lose caste and are set down, down until we reach the lowest level of the scale of the street. Then the English, whose peers we may be in every respect, in education, in taste, in wealth if you please, also begin to look upon us as 'low caste.' We have no status or position in life. Not only do we lose caste, but we are despised by the people of our own race. It includes both Hindus and Mohammedans. It is not reached by the ordinary means of work. It is provided that railroad bridges over the river must be twenty-four feet above spring tides, to be equipped with draw-bridges that shall be opened only between the hours of 10 A. M. and 5 P. M.; the bridges to be built by the Government, and the Legislature of New York to enable the railroad to change their grades so as to conform to that rule."

Other principal items in the bill in which changes were made are as follows: A new contract of railway for the route from Point Judith, R. I., to New York, with a route of 100 miles and a capital of \$1,000,000. A new contract of railway for the route from Point Judith, R. I., to New York, with a route of 100 miles and a capital of \$1,000,000.

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IN MAURETT'S LAND.

REMINISCES OF JOHN SWINSON in the Scottish Highlands.

INVERNESS, Scotland, Aug. 17.—It is a quiet, rainy Sunday forenoon, and here I am in the old Royal Scotch city of Inverness, which has now a population of about 20,000. At this moment the church bells are ringing in the streets, and the people are sending their way to the various sanctuaries, which belong mostly to the sundry sects of Presbyterianism, and they proceed thither with steady tread and solemn mien. There are many gray beards, and many white-haired grandams among them; there are hale burghers with their families; there are swains and lassies; there are nobles and snobs, not alarmingly in style. I am told that everybody here goes to some Kirk at least once every Sunday, that the more devout folks go twice, and that bad things would be told of anybody who failed to take in a sermon from the pulpit with regularity. As I look out of my window I see the throngs passing by. Here comes, in addition to the gentry and other denizens of the town, rugged-faced cottagers or crofters, shepherds or tillers of the soil, from the adjacent rural regions, wearing their best clothes. Now come a few fishermen and their wives, and a crowd of the Highland army, marching to the sermon. Here is a peasant or laborer in corduroy trousers and fustian jacket; and I am told that even the mud-sills of the aqueduct, who were reeling in sottishness yesterday and last night, are to be found in their places to-day. Here in the middle of the street comes striding along a kilted and haughty clansman of giant frame and Samsonian legs, who looks like a Thane or chieftain of the olden times. If not like Rob Roy himself, here are withered and tottering patriarchs. Here are devotees whose faces appear to be highly reverenced, and whose rude kirks in which they will hear preaching in their native Erse tongues that is still spoken by many of the Gaels here and around. When that big-paunched old growler and lexiographer, Dr. Sam Johnson, was here over a hundred years ago, under the guidance of his faithful Boswell, he found, as he writes in his diary, that Erse was preached, and if he were now back at Inverness, he could hear it preached as it was then. In tones both bluff and mellifluous. Yes, everybody here goes to church, and if I may judge by the look of liquor shops (which are called "tubs," nearly all of them drink whisky) and by the high and narrow streets, as for the sermons at the various churches, I am assured that they are the real Scriptural gospel, such as was preached here in the days of the fathers, though it is admitted that certain new religious ideas are rapidly working their way into the popular mind. The ministers appear to be highly reverenced, and to possess much influence.

I am assured here in Inverness, as I was assured in Edinburgh and other parts of Scotland, I have recently visited, that there is far less sectarian bigotry nowadays than there was some forty or fifty years ago. This liberalism is shown so far as the Highlanders are concerned, who once suffered hardships on account of their creed. I have heard a dialogue to-day with a hoary old man, who stood on the steps of the Hill, once a stronghold of royalty, where we could see another hill top, from which the ancient king of the Scots, Kenneth MacAlpin, is said to have pointed out the little Catholic church, the site of which was the site of the old kirks with which, he rejoiced over the fact that religionists of all creeds can now live together in peace and harmony. He said that the marked relaxation of the ecclesiastical rigor that once made itself felt all over Presbyterian Scotland, was due to the fact that the Highlanders, who have grown in size, wealth, and commercial importance, as have many of the other parts of the British Empire, have been transformed and improved in appearance since the time when it was a remote and primitive people. The Highlanders, who have grown in size, wealth, and commercial importance, as have many of the other parts of the British Empire, have been transformed and improved in appearance since the time when it was a remote and primitive people.

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LABOR DAY PICTNIO.

Up Town for the C. E. U. Parade and Over in Jersey for the Socialists.

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TRYING TO SHUT OFF BRICK.

SIX MANUFACTURERS READY TO BREAK THEIR CONTRACTS.

It Two More Agree 16,000,000 More Brick a Month Will Be Kept from New York—Circular to Outside Manufacturers. The brick manufacturers held their latest and most important meeting at the Astor Hotel yesterday, and took a vote in the battle of the bricks which they think will bring matters to a crisis. This was the adoption of a resolution declaring it to be the sense of the meeting that even the shipment of all "contract brick" should be deferred until the present trouble is over. Eight firms and companies were present in the association, which is seeking to boycott the New York market, have contracts calling for between 16,000,000 and 20,000,000 brick to be supplied in this market each month. Six of these firms and companies agreed yesterday to defer the fulfillment of their contracts provided the other two will agree to do so. Representatives of the other two were present, but did not feel authorized to bind their concerns to such an agreement, although they expressed their own personal willingness. One of these two concerns is in telegraphic communication with the other two as to the advisability of making a definite result. The Executive Committee will labor with the two concerns whose consent has not already been obtained, and is confident of success. The association voted to assume all damages resulting from the non-fulfillment of contracts by members. Scarcely two contracts read alike, some being for the total output of the manufacturer and others for so much brick a month.

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