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RICH SOCIALISTS FAIL TO FOUND NEW PARTY.

NO TWO REFORM PLANS ARE ALIKE

Every Panacea Offered to Save the Masses Grates on Some Nerve.

Millionaires and Reformers Without a Cent Meet and Fall Out.

New York, March 5.—The three-day congress of political reformers at the country residence of J. G. Phelps Stokes at Noroton Point, Conn., broke up last night, a failure in its intended purpose.

The primary object, to hit upon some way to "deliver the masses from the grasp of political culture," fell through because there were too many divergent ideas as to how things ought to be worked.

Those responsible for the conference, of whom Mr. Stokes was one of the most conservative, had an inkling before the reformers came together that a new party could be put in the field that would come closer to the masses.

So as to afford a wide scope of opinion, great latitude was exercised in the sending of invited reformers of all kinds, single taxers, half-way socialists and just plain reformers of the every-day type were invited. Beside these, a few cards were sent to well-known writers on political topics whose opinions, it was inferred, might be of some value.

The socialists were represented by several of the most ardent leaders among them Morris Hilquit, Leonard Abbott, Victor Berger and Gaylord Wilshire, editor of Wilshire's Socialist Magazine. There were some who had municipal ownership ideas, conspicuously, ex-Senator John Ford and Arthur Brisbane. Others in the throng were Corporation Counsel George Record of Jersey City, John Spargo, Professor Franklin D. Rowland of Columbia, David Graham Phillips, Ray Stannard Baker, State Senator Everett Colby of New Jersey, George Fred Williams of Williamsport, Pa., J. H. Riggeway of Everybody's Magazine, Ernest Poole, John Dewitt Warner, A. J. Bonington, Joseph Medill Patterson, Chicago millionaire, and Robert Hunter.

The deliberations were presided over by Mr. Stokes, who told the guests that the plan of the conference was to fairly scream for deliverance from political bondage. He gave the trusts some hard rap and said it is evident that something must be done to check the spread of political tyranny.

One of the socialists said he agreed with Mr. Stokes about the trusts, but he added with spirit that the socialist party had been fighting them ever since socialism and trusts had met face to face. He thought the only way to arrive at the end of the road was to have a useful thing for the whole country. He was not at all enthusiastic about casting his lot with the socialist party, but was willing to do all he could to help spread the Jersey brand of reform.

Then a municipal ownership man, who did not like the kind of things, took the floor. He said he thought some kind of an amalgamation of the independent parties, with a sort of temperate dash of socialism thrown in, would do the trick. He did not feel like committing himself to socialism, but was willing to take a chance on a mild degree of socialistic doctrine.

Things went from bad to worse. Mr. Berger, the socialist leader, who has a most energetic way of talking, said: "If the people want to be delivered out of bondage, they don't have to look far to find the way out. The socialist party is at their command."

"That is all very good," said Mr. Colby, "but the way to accomplish anything is to get the votes. We might talk all the rest of our lives about what course we thought the people ought to take, but the test is whether we can get the vote. That is what counts."

Small Chance of Agreement. It was getting painfully evident that there was small chance of locating a common ground. Each speaker had a decided idea about how to proceed in the work and none of them agreed.

MORE DELAY FOR THE OIL OCTOPUS

CLARK VICTOR IN LAND FRAUD CASE

Government Fails to Have Patents Issued to the Senator Canceled.

Washington, March 5.—United States Senator Clark of Montana won the case against him in the supreme court of the United States in which the government sought to have canceled patents to 11,400 acres of public lands in Montana, which were alleged to have been fraudulently secured.

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Justice Gildersleeve adjourned the hearing before him until March 26, saying that in the meantime the final decision of the Missouri court would have been handed down, and if this decision should come before the 23d and be against Mr. Rogers, the latter would answer without any order of the supreme court of this state.

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Paris, March 5.—Minister of the Colonies Clementel has received a cable message confirming the news reports to the effect that the French establishment Oceania was devastated by a cyclone and tidal wave Feb. 7 and 8. Tahiti was particularly affected. Three hundred and twenty-seven houses at Papeete were destroyed. Two relief ships sent to the scene of the disaster from the Tuamotu islands have not returned. The governor of the colony has asked for aid.

Indianapolis, March 5.—The trial of David E. Sherrick, former auditor of state, who is charged in eleven indictments with embezzling \$145,000 of the state funds, began today in the Marion county criminal court. Mr. Sherrick resigned his office Sept. 14, 1905, on demand of the governor. He had failed to make a settlement on Sept. 1, required by law. It was found on investigation that Sherrick had invested heavily in stocks of different concerns and had loaned his money to friends out of the state treasury. All of this money has since been paid back.

Washington, March 5.—Representative Longworth (Ohio) returned to his duties in the house today. He brought with him to the capitol and presented to Speaker Cannon, in his room, a huge cigar, at least 18 inches long, a product of Havana, Cuba.

Chicago, March 5.—A call was made at the opening of the packers' case to the list of 200 witnesses turned over for the department of justice by Commissioner Garfield.

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Washington, March 5.—The supreme court of the United States today decided the case of Louisiana vs. Mississippi, involving the water boundary line between the two states, in favor of Louisiana. The dispute involved the peninsula of St. Bernard.

Springfield, Ohio, March 5.—Four companies of the Ohio national guard from Columbus, two from Springfield and one each from Xenia and Urbana, were withdrawn from duty today, the danger from further rioting having passed. Fourteen men and boys were arraigned in police court today for rioting.

WALSH HAD TOOL FOR BANK LOANS

FRANCE IS OPEN TO A COMPROMISE

St. Petersburg, March 5.—Information received in diplomatic circles here today confirms previous reports to the effect that France is prepared to make concessions on the question of the Bank of Morocco if Germany will yield on the question of the Moroccan police.

Algeiras, Spain, March 5.—Intense activity prevails here. The German delegates show discontent with the decision to take up the police question before the bank question is completed.

Portland, Me., March 5.—A distinct earthquake was felt here yesterday. In several places the city street was accompanied by rumbling which lasted several minutes.

Chicago, March 5.—Light has been thrown for the first time upon the exact nature of the basis for the charges against John R. Walsh. It is known that all of the so-called "memorandum" notes which it is said he used to deceive the national bank examiners, while they bear many different names, were signed by one man, an assistant or employee of the banker's.

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SLUMP IN STOCKS ON WALL STREET

CHINESE COMMISSION SEEING FLOUR CITY

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PRINCE TAI TSEH BOWS TO TSI AN

Says Empress Dowager Would "Show Him" Should He Become Emperor.

Centuries of ancestor worship and a lifetime of subservience to the iron will of hereditary old Tsi An, emperor dowager of China, are seen in the complacency with which Prince Tai Tseh accepts the respect of her domination should he gain the throne.

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GRIGGS TO HEAD CAMPAIGN AGAIN

WOMEN'S DRESS TO BE CHEAPER THIS YEAR

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ATTEMPTS TO DELAY CHICAGO MURDER TRIAL

MIZNERS TO STOP IN CHICAGO

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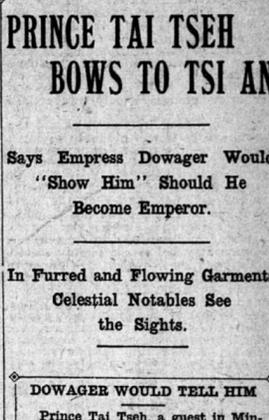
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