

BIG TRUST POW WOW BEGINS Less Than Half the Delegates Are in Attendance.

A DELUGE OF ORATORY Mr. Taylor Welcomes the Delegates to Chicago on Behalf of Mayor Harrison—The Attempt to Round Up the Shapeless Mass of Delegates Is Followed by Considerable Disorder—Mr. Gans Declares That His Delegation Is of More Importance Than That of Any State—Mr. Hayes Repudiates the Cradle of Trusts—Speeches Made.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—The conference on the uses and abuses of trusts and combinations began here today with less than half the delegates appointed by the various states in attendance. New York, headed by W. Bourke Cochrane, and Wisconsin were most numerous represented. The meeting took place in Central Music hall and was called to order at 10:30 o'clock by Francis H. Head, the temporary chairman appointed by the Civic Federation, and whose call the conference was arranged for. The delegates listened to an address of welcome to Illinois by Attorney General Akin on behalf of Governor Tanner, who had just been presented from appearing in person. Mr. Akin was followed by Dr. Taylor, who welcomed the delegates to Chicago on behalf of Mayor Harrison.

With the progress of the speaking it became evident that many of the delegates came with firm convictions for or against trust combinations. The speech of Mr. Wooten, of Texas, delivered during the afternoon and hampering trusts in a meretricious manner, aroused the wildest enthusiasm in the ranks of the labor representatives and the delegations from many western and southern states, while the easterners generally smiled critically and kept their arms folded.

The attempt to round the somewhat shapeless mass of delegates into working order resulted in considerable disorder. Suggestions for the make-up of a committee to arrange a program to be followed the next three days of the conference popped from every part of the house with such rapidity that it was a severe trial to the temporary chairman, who extracted the basis for resolutions which were finally adopted. This was not accomplished till W. Bourke Cochrane and August Gans, a delegate representing the Knights of Labor, had become the center of a scene which evoked unstrained laughter. Mr. Cochrane, the head of the New York contingent in an endeavor to bring a little order out of chaos, arose while Mr. Gans in a very loud tone of oratory was declaring that his delegation was of more importance than that of any state. When the New Yorker began speaking the labor delegate flashed from his hip pocket a pair of opera glasses and at a short range contemplated the speaker, commenting occasionally in such a way that the movement attracted volume which drowned the voice of the eastern orator.

It was resolved finally that the Civic Federation, through its chairman, Mr. Head, should conduct the meeting to program consisting of one man from each state delegation, and one from each organization national in its scope, should be appointed. Local organizations in attendance were given a voice in the committee by being allowed to vote for the committee members. The labor organizations did not secure recognition until vigorous speeches had been made by Mr. Gans and John W. Hayes, also a Knight of Labor delegate. Mr. Hayes created a sensation of a sensation by declaring something of a sensation as it was vigorous that he did not intend to be classed with the New Jersey delegation even if he did vote in that "cradle of trusts."

The non-attendance of many delegates was not unexpected and Secretary Gansley announced that more than a hundred of the early ones, including Governor Piore, of Michigan, would be present at tomorrow's session.

Mr. Bryan absent. William Jennings Bryan was absent, but it is believed will appear here in the conference. Chairman Head delivered an address in explanation of the call for the conference. He said in part: "The Civic Federation of Chicago is a non-partisan organization, embracing in its membership a goodly proportion of the active business men of this city. Some months since it realized that no topic seemed so widely discussed as that which was designated by the general title of 'Trusts'—and that, too, upon no current topic was there so widespread and general an ignorance and confusion of ideas. The need to us as a crying need for education upon the subject; of an education which would show the broad distinction between the various trust combinations and trusts, and to promote such education this conference is now in session.

REPLY OF THE INSURGENTS

WHY FILIPINOS DECLINED OFFERS OF AUTONOMY.

They Assert That the Americans Pursued High-Handed Methods and Showed Race Prejudice. Feared for the Future.

Manila, Sept. 12.—(Noon).—The correspondent here of the Associated Press has obtained a copy of the reply adopted by the Filipino congress to the American offer of an autonomous government. The author of the reply was Ambrosio Rianzares Bautista, who took a position in the Supreme court, but who failed to appear and was supposed to be detained by the insurgents. The document repeats the arguments contained in the recent appeal to the powers for recognition and the Filipino assertions that the Americans were the aggressors in the war, and concludes: "Notwithstanding the foregoing, we could have accepted your sovereignty and autonomy if we had not seen by the behavior of the Americans in the beginning that they were strongly opposed to us, through race prejudice, and the high-handed methods of dealing with us made us fear for the future of our hands. Finally, we thank you for your offers of autonomy under sovereignty."

Mr. Wooten's Address. These addresses were received attentively, but it remained for Dudley Wooten, of the Texas delegation, to stir up enthusiasm of the mass meeting variety. He was frequently interrupted by cheering.

Accepting in good faith that amendments which the heroic legions of the south resisted unto death on a thousand battlefields, we believe that "neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as punishment for crime, shall exist within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction" and we confidently assert that the commercial and industrial bondage being rapidly imposed upon the toil and talents of 20,000,000 American citizens by the syndicate wealth of a few great corporate monopolies is more fire and danger than the slavery which bowed the heads and burdened the backs of four million southern black men.

John Brooks, of Cambridge, Mass., in "sticking closely to facts" was received with considerable applause.

Mr. Fortune's Speech. Mr. William Fortune, of Indianapolis, president of the Indiana State Board of Commerce, made an earnest plea for conservative procedure as a more hopeful course than the adoption of resolutions or too radical measures to an evolutionary problem. He indicated a grave doubt of the usefulness of the doctrine in arriving at a rational solution of the question. He guardedly suggested the danger of capital being used by heedless abuse of its power and indicated the importance to it of seeking proper regulations which will make trust methods acceptable rather than obnoxious to the people by whose permission and toleration only can they exist.

The committee on permanent organization met after the afternoon adjournment. The committee consisting of one delegate from each state represented and each organization of general scope, the Pennsylvania member of the committee is H. W. Palmer. William Wirt Howe, of Massachusetts, was selected chairman of the meeting and after a hot discussion was elected permanent chairman of the conference, though three vice chairmen, each to preside during one day, were selected. It was a happy solution of what set one time promised to be a split. No one was willing to allow a permanent chairman to be appointed to preside at all sessions, lest he should favor some faction. It was urged that the chairmanship should change from day to day in sessions. The chairman and vice chairman method of disposing of the question was hailed with applause. The vice chairmen selected were:

Thursday, Dudley Wooten, Texas; Friday, Mayor Harrison, Chicago; Saturday, S. P. Corlies, New York; Ralph M. Easley was selected as permanent secretary.

The following sub-committee on program and rules was appointed: H. W. Blair, New Hampshire; L. D. Sutherland, Nebraska; J. N. Glines, Tennessee; John C. Fahey, Minnesota; A. B. Davidson, Texas. The committee will make special rules to govern points of dispute but ordinary parliamentary rules will generally prevail. After voting trying to solve the question of a committee on resolutions, the committee adjourned until evening.

The opening of the evening session was delayed for some time pending the report of the committee on program and organization. At 8:30 o'clock President Head introduced Governor George W. Atkinson, of West Virginia, as first speaker. He was followed by P. E. Dove, president of the Commercial Travelers' National League, who in a brief speech said commercial travelers are opposed to trusts both from policy and principle and consider them detrimental and demoralizing, and F. B. Thurber, of New York, and Joseph Nimmo, Jr., of Washington.

Funeral of Ambassador Eustis. Louisville, Ky., Sept. 12.—The remains of Hon. James H. Eustis, former ambassador to France, were laid to rest in Cave Hill today beside his wife. The body arrived here from New York, accompanied by the deceased's son and nephew. The remains were taken to the cemetery immediately upon their arrival here. Brief funeral services were held at the grave by Rev. George Grant Smith, of Trinity Episcopal church.

Mrs. Williams' Awful Death. Sedalia, Mo., Sept. 12.—Mrs. J. M. Williams saturated the clothing of herself and two-month-old babe with coal oil today and then set fire to the garments, the child and she were burned to death. She was of unsound mind.

Pennsylvania Pensions. Washington, Sept. 12.—Pension certificates for restoration and increase—Theron B. Dimmock, Uniondale, Susquehanna, \$2 to \$10; Mike Washburn, Lakeview, Susquehanna, \$6 to \$12.

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PHILADELPHIANS HAVE MADE ADMIRAL SAMPTON'S SOJOURN A ROUND OF PLEASURE.

Philadelphia, Sept. 12.—Governor Voorhees, of New Jersey, called on Rear Admiral Sampson on board the flagship New York, now lying in the Delaware river with the other ships of the North Atlantic Squadron. Governor Voorhees' object in calling upon the admiral was to arrange with him a time for the presentation of the sword which the citizens of New Jersey have voted to the admiral. While the details of the presentation were not definitely arranged, it was decided that the gift will be transferred on Oct. 25 at the State House, Trenton. A reception will be arranged to which prominent men will be invited. Governor Voorhees will make the presentation speech. When the governor left the flagship a salute of seventeen guns was fired in his honor.

Admiral Sampson and the officers of the squadron are being royally entertained by the citizens of this city. This afternoon an admiral and the captains of his ships visited the commercial museum and later were driven to Girard college. The cadets at the college gave a dress parade in honor of the visitors and the college band serenaded the officers. Tonight the admiral and the officers of the fleet were guests at a dinner given by Mayor Ashbridge. Many prominent men were in attendance.

WILKES-BARRE'S GUN. Relic of the Spanish-American War Is Received.

Wilkes-Barre, Sept. 12.—The Spanish cannon which was presented to Wilkes-Barre by Governor Stone was formally accepted at a dinner given by Mayor Ashbridge. The cannon was presented by the Spanish-American war veterans and the Ninth regiment, N. G. P. Mayor Nichols and members of the city council rode in carriages at the head of the procession.

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DUG UP TWO SKELETONS. Bones of an Adult and Child Found in Norfolk, Va.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 12.—In excavating for the foundation of a new building on Avon street a coffin and a box were uncovered this afternoon. The coffin contained the skeleton of an adult and the latter that of a child. The color and sex are not known. Detectives are at work on the case.

Tile Works Burned. Philadelphia, Sept. 12.—The Richardson & Hesse asphalt block and tile works at Thirtieth and Race streets were destroyed by fire today, entailing a loss of \$100,000. The blaze was caused by the boiling over of crude oil and asphalt. Albert E. Lewis, a fireman, was severely injured by a falling girder.

Moore V.ants New Trial. New York, Sept. 12.—Application was made to Recorder Goff today for a new trial in the case of William A. E. Moore, who last year was sentenced to nineteen years' imprisonment for blackmailing and assaulting Martin Mahon, a bookkeeper of this city. The application is based upon the alleged discovery of new evidence.

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THE EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD—BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY BOYCOTT OF THE PARIS EXPOSITION—NEITHER WILL THE GERMAN.

London, Sept. 12.—While the papers are full of letters from individuals and several firms announcing their withdrawal from the Paris exposition and urging the government to do likewise, the British government has no intention of taking any such step. It seems also unlikely that the present agitation will result in any general withdrawal of British exhibitors. Max O'Rell (Paul Blouet) has written a letter to the Daily Chronicle stating that a public expression of sympathy will do more harm than good. "For the sake of the universal sympathy shown Dreyfus, whom I personally believe to be innocent, in England and Germany, he would have been acquitted. It is a terrible thing to say, but I say it, and I am not afraid of contradiction."

The Evening News, of which H. Marks is the proprietor, is urging the formation of a British Legion of Honor consisting of persons and firms who have nothing to do with the Paris exposition, and publishes a list of more than forty firms and persons, headed by Sir William Blake Richmond, R. A., who will not exhibit. Berlin, Sept. 12.—The German government organs have been quick to issue a warning against the proposal to boycott the Paris exhibition. "Germany has no occasion to take the lead in the matter says the Cologne Gazette. 'She ought to leave this to other states, which, perhaps, would not consider it desirable that Germany, of all powers, should adopt a hostile attitude toward France in this matter.'"

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: FAIR, COOLER.

- 1 General-Trust Conference Opens at Chicago. England's Ultimatum to the Boers. Foreign Criticism Injurious to Dreyfus. Why the Filipinos Declined Offer of Autonomy.
2 General - Northeastern Pennsylvania News. Financial and Commercial.
3 Local-Serantonian's Editors Indicted for Libel. Anniversary of the Abington Baptist Association.
4 Editorial. News and Comment.
5 Local-Welcome to P. J. Vetter. Programme of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.
6 Local-West Scranton and Suburban.
7 Round About the County.
8 Local-Live Industrial Jottings. Victor Plimley's Description of the Porto Rico Hurricane.

EXPORT EXPOSITION AT PHILADELPHIA

Will Be Formally Opened at Noon Today—Governor Stone to Take Part in Exercises. Philadelphia, Sept. 12.—The National Export Exposition will be formally opened at noon tomorrow, although the gates will be thrown open to the public at 8 o'clock. The arrangements for the opening have been completed. The exercises will take place in the auditorium, which is located in the north pavilion of the main building. All the distinguished visitors who will take part in the opening exercises will gather at the city hall. Among them will be Admiral Sampson and his staff, representatives of the diplomatic corps at Washington, Postmaster General Smith, the president and other officers of the commercial museums, the director general of the exposition and his staff, Mayor Ashbridge and others. The mayor will leave the city hall at 11 o'clock and will be escorted to the exposition grounds in West Philadelphia by 250 mounted soldiers from the North Atlantic squadron, now moored in the Delaware river. The United States marine band will head the procession.

President P. A. B. Widener, of the exposition, will turn the exposition over to the governor of Pennsylvania, who in turn will formally deliver it over to the mayor of this city. Director General Wilson will make an address upon the inception, purpose, plan and scope of the exposition, after which Mayor Ashbridge will officially welcome the visitors. The Hon. W. P. Heburn, of Iowa, will be the orator of the day. While the benediction is being pronounced closing the exercises President McKinley will send a message by direct wire from the White House, which will officially opening the exposition, which message will be read to the assemblage.

Painters on Strike. Philadelphia, Sept. 12.—Fifteen hundred members of the Amalgamated Journeymen House Painters' association went on strike today in consequence of the failure of the master painters to sign an agreement presented to them by the association. The union demands an eight hour work day at 35 cents an hour, time and a half for extra work and double time for Sunday. The agreement is to remain in force until September, 1900. The scale has been signed by 125 master painters, 150 refusing. At a meeting of the journeymen's association last night 140 painters joined in a resolution to-day thirty-four applicants for membership were received. Of the six thousand journeymen painters in the city 5,182 belong to the union. The shops which failed to sign are closely watched to prevent the employment of non-union painters. 150 pickets being sent out.

Share in Election. The exact franchise proposals which Mr. Chamberlain says Great Britain is still prepared to accept with the court of inquiry proviso, are five years' franchise, a share for Outlanders in the election of the president and equal rights and its control of representation for the gold fields to the extent of eight new seats. The concessions were presented by President Kruger Aug. 15, and, later, were withdrawn.

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ENGLAND TO THE BOERS. The Terms Upon Which Peace Can Be Maintained.

CHAMBERLAIN'S MESSAGE. Franchise Concessions to Be Accepted if Court of Inquiry Shows Them to Be Adequate—Outlander Members of the Road Must Be Permitted to Use Their Native Language—An Immediate Reply Requested to Relieve Present Tension. Question of Sovereignty Cannot Be Discussed—Kruger in Conference with Orange Free State.

London, Sept. 12.—In his last message to the Transvaal government the secretary of state for the colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, says he understands that the concessions made in President Kruger's note of Aug. 15 have been withdrawn on account of the British attitude regarding the sovereignty, and adds: "Her majesty's government has also understood the view of the political status of the Transvaal taken by the Transvaal government, claiming the status of a sovereign state, and, therefore, it is unable to consider any proposal made conditionally on the understanding that the British government will be satisfied that the law embodying the proposed alleviating franchise measures for Outlanders is sufficient for immediate and substantial representation, which, it is understood, the Transvaal admits to be reasonable." He then says: "Moreover, the presentation of the proposals in the note of Aug. 15 indicates that the government of the South African republic recognized that its previous offers might with advantage be enlarged and the independence of the republic thereby in no way be impaired."

Will Accept Franchise Proposals. Great Britain is prepared to accept the franchise proposals of Aug. 15, provided a court of inquiry, whether joint or unilateral, shows the new scheme to be unencumbered by nullifying conditions. In that connection the British government will not allow to speak their own language and adds that the acceptance of those terms would at once remove the tension and "would, in all probability, render unnecessary any further interference of her majesty's government in the settlement of grievances which the Transvaal themselves would be able to bring to the notice of the executive council and Volksraad. Her majesty's government is increasingly impressed with the danger of further delay in relieving the strain which has already caused so much injury to the interests of South Africa and it earnestly presses for an immediate reply to the present proposal. If that is accepted it will be ready to make immediate arrangements for a further conference to be held at the residence of the commissioner to settle all details of the proposed tribunal of arbitration and the questions referred to in my note of Aug. 20, which are neither of them of a general nature nor questions of the interpretation of the convention, but which might be readily settled by direct communication between representatives of the two governments. If, however, as it most anxiously hopes will not be the case, the reply of the Transvaal should be negative or conditional, I am to state that her majesty's government must reserve the right to consider the situation de novo and formulate its own proposals for a final settlement."

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