

THE CHURCH AND THE PRESS.

Topics of Discussion at the Session of the Ecumenical Conference.

FRATERNAL DELEGATIONS RECEIVED.

The President Refuses to Interfere in the Cases of Men Charged With Desertion From the Army—Capital Notes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 12.—The topics discussed by the Ecumenical Methodist Conference to-day were "The Church and Her Agencies," and "The Religious Press and the Religious Uses of the Secular Press." The former topic occupied the morning session, and the latter the afternoon. Bishop R. S. Foster, Methodist Episcopal Church, Roxbury, Mass., was the essayist for the morning session, but not having prepared his essay, discoursed extemporaneously on the qualifications of a preacher.

He was followed by Rev. John Bond, Wesleyan Methodist Church, Soudan, England, on the same subject. Rev. William Hextley, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Harrisburg, Pa., spoke on Church agencies, and was followed by Bishop S. D. Foss, of Philadelphia, and others on the subject under discussion, under the five minute rule.

DOCTORS DISAGREE.

Why the Mississippi Valley Medical Convention May be a Failure.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 12.—From present indications the convention of the Mississippi Valley Medical Association, which is booked here October 14th to 16th, will not be a success. Owing to war between the local practitioners, formal resignations of certain conferred honors were in the past few days addressed to Dr. L. N. Love, chairman of the committee on arrangements, by various physicians who were invited to attend the convention. Fully fifty of the most prominent have stated that they will not only not participate in the proceedings of the convention, but they will not contribute a cent to defray the expenses of the meeting.

On the other hand, the chairman of the committee of arrangements and several other doctors say that the refusal of any number of St. Louis physicians to attend will not detract from the general success of the convention, as the membership embraces medical men from St. Paul to New Orleans. The plans of the convention, including the admission of American physicians, will be royally entertained.

TESTING TYPE-SETTING MACHINES.

A Close Contest Between the Different Patents as to Speed and Endurance.

Chicago, Oct. 12.—The type-setting machine contest under the auspices of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association began in the Chicago Evening Post building this morning. The machines in competition, Mergenthaler Linotype, the Rogers typograph, the McMillan type-setting machine and the St. John typograph, are undergoing a rigid test as to their endurance, speed and availability for daily newspaper use. They are being operated eight hours a day, and careful watch is kept on the work of each. Of every description that a printer is called on to set—manuscript and reprint and telegraph flimsy—is being given to the machines. Their product is carefully read by proof-readers, and the time taken for correction, repairs and stoppages of all kinds is charged up against each machine and reported from letters and orders of inquiry from publishers in every quarter of the United States. The interest felt in this first type-setting machine contest over here.

CRIMINAL REFORMATION.

An Interesting Report Before the National Prison Association at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 12.—This morning's session of the National Prison Association was the beginning of the business session of the Congress. When President Hayes opened the day by a speech, the following report of one hundred and fifty delegates and members were present. President Hayes spoke briefly, congratulating the delegates upon the opportunity to assemble for the purpose of devising means for bettering the respective facilities of prisons and the reclamation of the inmates. The report of the committee on criminal law reform was called for. Judge Francis Wayland, of Yale College, Charles H. Reeve, Indiana; Henderson M. Somerville, Alabama, constituted the committee.

BIG TASK FOR A RAINMAKER.

Melbourne to Water Northwestern Kansas for Ten Cents an Acre.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 12.—A Goodland (Kan.) dispatch says: The contract by which Frank Melbourne agrees to produce crops rains in Northwestern Kansas during June, July and August of 1892 has been signed. A mass meeting of the citizens was called and a committee appointed to confer with Melbourne. The rainmaker stood by his first proposition to furnish rain at ten cents an acre.

EARTHQUAKE IN CALIFORNIA.

Napa Experiences the Severest Shock in Her Existence.

NAPA, CAL., Oct. 12.—The heaviest earthquake shock ever felt here was experienced at 10:34 last night. People rushed into the streets in night clothes in great excitement. Chimneys toppled over, several buildings were shattered and badly shaken up. Druggists' fixtures suffered greatly, bottles being thrown from the shelves to the floor and other damage was done. The Masonic Temple, a fine building, was shattered. At the State Insane Asylum great excitement prevailed, the patients being almost uncontrollable. It is reported that the building cracked and that other damage was done.

THE MCKINLEY BILL AND CANADIAN BARLEY.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 12.—The McKinley bill has caused the export of barley from Canada to the United States during the fiscal year ending June 30th last to decline from 10,000,000 to 4,000,000 bushels. There was an increase of 30 per cent in the export of barley to Great Britain.

A FEMALE JACK SHEPARD.

Helen Forstnad Arrested at Helena, Mont., for Highway Robbery.

HELENA, MONT., Oct. 12.—The "highway lady" arrested here Friday while attempting to leave town in man's attire proves to be a nervous young woman. She is also a versatile preparator. Her name has been discovered from letters in her possession. Instead of being Bertie Miller she is Helen Forstnad, and her parents live not far from Spokane Falls, Washington. Helen was a beauty and beauty of the family, but her waywardness has been a source of deep grief to her relatives. Saturday the city marshal secured a complete outfit of woman's wear and the female convict donned the attire of her sex, in which she presented the striking appearance. She soon tired of the limitations of her woman's skirt and sweater, and again appeared at the cell-door in a cutaway and trousers. The fact that a trail of blood was found along the route of the retreating thug who shot Policeman Grogan, and the man Clark denied that he knew that Clark was a woman, has given rise to the suspicion that she trapped Clark to cover the retreat of a third person, who was probably her sweetheart.

Grogan was confident he had winged the being footpad who shot him, but neither the man Clark nor the woman Forstnad bears a resemblance to the man who shot him. Some of the exploits Helen claims credit for are already discredited, but her description tallies with that of the author of two or three bold acts in Butte. She has been positively identified by the mounted officers by both the victims of her robberies, and a watch belonging to one of them was found on her person. The girl is held as an accomplice, and the only evidence against her is her own confessions and the watch of one of Clark's victims, found on her person.

CASES IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Some Important Suits to be Heard by the Term Just Begun.

MCKINLEY TARIFF BILL TO BE TESTED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 12.—The Supreme Court of the United States convened for its October term at noon to-day. There were three absentees. Chief Justice Fuller, who is in Chicago where his daughter is critically ill; Justice Bradley, who is ill in this city, and Justice Gray, who is convalescing from an attack of typhoid fever at his home in Massachusetts. The contracted space of the courtroom was crowded with attorneys and spectators. The members of the court took their seats, among those present were ex-Attorney-General Garland, ex-Senator Henderson, Attorney-General Miller, Solicitor-General Taft and Hon. John Moon, ex-Assistant Secretary of State. Justice Field presided in the absence of the Chief Justice. He announced that the important cases previously advanced, to be heard to-morrow, would be postponed until the second Monday in November. This is to allow the arguments to be heard by a full bench. The Sayward, or Behring Sea case, will be the first called. Among the other important cases that come under the post-ponement are the cases involving the question of the constitutionality of the McKinley tariff bill, the elevator cases and those to test the constitutionality of the lottery law. After the first announcement made by Justice Field, the court adjourned until to-morrow. This afternoon the justices called on the President of the United States in a body in accordance with the custom on opening day.

IN BEHALF OF THE ANARCHISTS.

In the Supreme Court of the United States to-morrow the Solicitor-General, Mr. Salomon, is to argue in behalf of the anarchists who were committed to the Joliet penitentiary for life at the time Spies and Lang were condemned to death for the Haymarket riot in Chicago, will file papers in two cases to secure the release of the two convicts and he will then move that the case be advanced. This matter, it is believed, will be granted. Field's case comes to the Federal Supreme Court by an allowance of a writ of error by the Supreme Court of Illinois. Mr. Salomon contends in his brief that the Illinois Supreme Court violated the constitutional right of Field when it refused to amend the record of the case, having Mr. Field present when the sentence was affirmed, and that the sentence of the Illinois court, therefore, is void, the court having no power to sentence him to death in his absence. The case of Schwab is brought to the Federal Supreme Court as an appeal from the denial of rehearing by Judge Graham, of the Illinois Supreme Court. Schwab's release is asked on the ground that he is confined in a penitentiary on a commutation by the Governor, and that the Governor's warrant has no authority whatever for the confinement of any person in a penitentiary. General F. L. Hunter is associated with Mr. Salomon in these cases.

GOLD SPOON FOR BABY RUTH.

She is to be the Object of Attention at the Clover Club Dinner.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 12.—The young daughter of ex-President Grover Cleveland is to be the object of attention at the dinner of the Clover Club next Thursday night. It is expected that the young lady will be regaled with a "gold spoon" which is supposed to be considerably larger than the ordinary teaspoon but not quite so large as a table spoon. The handle of the spoon will be a four-leaved clover made of solid beaten gold. Along the stem will be elegant filigree work. On the inside of the bowl of the spoon will be the following inscription: "To Ruth Cleveland, from the Clover Club." It is supposed that Mr. Lamont will start in to make a speech acknowledging the beautiful gift, but it has been likewise declined. It is expected that the old president offered that Mr. Lamont will not get through his speech without breaking down a few times, as the members are busily engaged in preparing a few questions on the subject which Mr. Cleveland is undoubtedly the only man who can answer correctly.

CHAMPIONS OF THE WORLD.

Why the Association Team in Boston is Entitled to the Honor.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Oct. 12.—The following letter from President Phelps to the Boston Association club declares that team to be champions of the world, and is self-explanatory. Louisville, Oct. 12.—The Boston Association Ball Club, Boston, Mass., Gentlemen: I have in your behalf formally challenged the League pennant winners through the League president, Mr. Young, for a series of games for the world's championship, but as he has declined, you have made a like challenge direct to the club and it has been likewise declined. I therefore in refusing the old pretext of "Can't because of the national agreement" is offered. But this is so apparently a mere dodge that it deserves no one. There can, of course, be no agreement except there be at least two parties to it, and the League alone is now a party to what they are pleased to call the national agreement. It is true, as said by Mr. Young, we are invited to come, make confessions of our sins and be permitted to live under it, but if that instrument is to be in the future as it has in the past, a mere cloak to the League or its domination and oppression of clubs and players, we cannot, nor can any other association or league, submit to it. In view of these refusals and because you have won your pennant upon your merits by honest play, I feel justified in saying that during the coming season the association club of Boston is entitled to the honor of bearing the world's championship flag during the season of 1892. Proper provisions will be made to deliver the flag. With best wishes. Very truly yours, ZACH. PHILIPS, President.

EXPRESS PRESIDENT REMOVED.

John Hoey, of the Adams Express Company, Charged With Malfeasance.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—John Hoey, president of the Adams Express Company, was to-day removed from his position as president and trustee by the unanimous vote of the board of managers. Mr. Hoey was charged with malfeasance in office. The trouble which overtook Mr. Hoey to-day was fore-shadowed last spring in a suit brought by Henry C. Sherman against him (Clapp Spooner and Edward A. Taft were co-defendants). The action was brought to recover a sum of money approximating a half million dollars. Mr. Hoey then admitted, under oath, that he had been a party to a transaction by which a syndicate of three men sold property which had brought them about \$150,000 to William B. Dismore, then the president of Adams Express Company.

DASTARDLY ASSAULT.

Mr. Meadows, of Hinton, W. Va., Robbed and Shot.

HINTON, W. VA., Oct. 12.—[Special.]—This morning at 9 o'clock two men named Gill and Long asked Mr. Meadows to walk to the reservoir with them. When they reached the spot they forced him to give up all the money he had, which was about \$7, and told him to get over the fence, as he had to die. When he was on top of the fence one of the men threw a stone at him, which fell into the reservoir. Meadows managed to get away, however, and ran down to town, giving the alarm. Both the robbers were in jail in a short time. They were found to be two of the three who robbed Mrs. Scott and son at Alcott last week. Miss Annie Brown, from Nelson county, Va., is visiting with Miss Cannon at Hinton. The tobacco crop is better than it has been for several years.

CONSPIRING AGAINST THE CZAR.

By Cable to The Times.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—A telegram from St. Petersburg says a conspiracy to assassinate the Czar has been discovered at Kieff. A printing press used for seditious matter has been seized. The students of the university have broken out in revolt and the agitation is spreading.

TURF EVENTS.

Opening of the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' Meeting—The Running Races.

LEXINGTON, KY., Oct. 12, 1891.

BEAUTIFUL WEATHER

marked the opening day of the Kentucky trotting horse breeders' meeting.

The two-year-old race was about the greatest ever trotted. Monahan breaking the race record for that age by trotting the last mile in 2:19, the first half being made in 1:07. Lady Wilton won the three-year-old race with ease. The only outsider winning was Valentine, who took the two-twenty-five class.

JEROME PARK, N. Y.

First race, fourteen hundred yards—Major Domo first, Oraguse second, Belwood third. Time, 1:22.

Second race, five furlongs—Temple first, Cottonade second, Vernon third. Time, 1:00.

Third race, one mile and an eighth—Senobia first, Kirkwood second, Beany third. Time, 1:54.

Fourth race, Broadway stakes, five furlongs—Ignite first, Crochet second, Fleurette third. Time, 1:09.

Fifth race, six furlongs—Russell first, Sir George second, Woodcutter third. Time, 1:14.

Sixth race, one mile and an eighth—John Cavanaugh first, Watterson second, Castaway third. Time, 1:59 1/2.

The entries for to-day's Jerome Park races are:

First race, seven furlongs—Bellwood, Gertrude D. 115; Glenmont, 112; Leonawell, 114; Versatile, 122; Redfield, 127; Raceland, 142; Lillian, Knapsack, 92.

Second race, one mile and an eighth, handicap—Lemuth, 115; Masterlode, 102; Peter, Carroll, All, 100; Virgie, 95.

Third race, three-quarters of a mile, handicap—Leonawell, 120; Zorling, 111; Harlem, 101; Kilkenny, 106; Dr. Wilcox, 105; Moonraker, 102; Monoplist, 100; Necromancer, 97; Hiester, 83; Heffester, 92.

Fourth race, Sea and Sound stakes, three-quarters of a mile—Alicia (colt), 104; Dagonet, 111; Coxswain, Candelabra, 113; Shell-bark, 104; Mars, 125; Vendelva, 118; Actor, 110.

Fifth race, Jerome stakes, mile and five furlongs—Hoodlum, 115; Bermuda, 127; Roy Del Rey, 129; Kildee, 122; Pelling, 125.

Sixth race, 1,400 yards, seknicker—Knapsack, 99; John A. Oakland, 105; Rousquet, 102; Silver Prince, Baylor, 97; Coronet, 84; Busted, 118; Gold Wave, 86; Bismarck, 87.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

First race, six and a half furlongs—Roger first, Grafton second, Lannes, third. Time, 1:27.

Second race, three-quarters of a mile—Markstone first, Marbleheart second, Vulpina third. Time, 1:21.

Third race, seven furlongs—Flettington first, Maggie B. second, Passmore third. Time, 1:32.

Fourth race, four and a half furlongs—Flattery first, Krikina second, Lucre third. Time, 50.

Fifth race, one mile and a quarter—Sir Rae first, Glendale second, Jim Clare third. Time, 2:13 1/2.

Sixth race, three-quarters of a mile—Black-bear first, John second, John Atwood third. Time, 1:18 1/2.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

First race, three-quarters of a mile—American Lady first, Great Hope second, Income third. Time, 1:18.

Second race, one mile—Helen N. first, Wadsworth second, Gayesa third. Time, 1:40.

Third race, mile and seventy yards—Milo first, Van Landt second, Jugertha third. Time, 1:50.

Fourth race, mile and 100 yards—Little Annie first, Melanie second, Patrick third. Time, 1:52.

Fifth race, mile and a sixteenth—Vortex first, Dr. Nave second, Philora third. Time, 1:51 1/2.

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LOYAL TO THEIR DEAD LEADER

Mr. Parnell's Followers Will Carry on the Policy He Advocated.

INDIGNANT AT A WARNING LETTER.

Mrs. Parnell Still Very Ill—Parnellite Press Comments—Thomas P. O'Connor on the Future of Irish Politics.

(By Cable to The Times.)

LOOKED ON THE HOLY COAT.

Two Million Pilgrims Have Gazed Upon the Historic Garment.

(By Cable to The Times.)

LONDON, Oct. 12.—The holy coat exhibition at Treves has not been closed, as a large number of French pilgrims are expected in a day or two. The number of pilgrims has been increasing, instead of diminishing, as the close of the exhibition approaches. The total now is about 2,000,000. About a dozen miracles are reported through touching the holy coat, but authorities are careful not to endorse any one. They propose to content themselves and satisfy the faithful by simply publishing the certificates of attending physicians to the condition of the patient before and after touching the relic.

A part from these certificates the cathedral ecclesiastics will have nothing to say, leaving all to judge for themselves. The cathedral has profited greatly by the contributions of the pilgrims that a new and splendid shrine has been prepared as a place of deposit for the holy coat. This shrine has been made at Stuttgart. The Pope's share of the donations is also very large, although no public account of the sum has been given.

THE DARDANELLES QUESTION.

England Explains to the Porte Her Position in the Matter.

(By Cable to The Times.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 12.—The British Ambassador here, Sir William White, has delivered to the Porte England's reply to the latter's note in regard to the recent passage through the Dardanelles of vessels of the Russian volunteer fleet and as to the action taken by the Sultan in that matter. England's answer to the note is that the Russian fleet was not to be admitted after the occurrence of the latest volunteer ship incident differs essentially from the replies sent by the other powers. The note sent to the Porte through the British Ambassador enters into a full explanation of England's position in the matter and clearly defines the ground she takes.

EXPLORER STANLEY'S PERIL.

His Train Completely Wrecked Near Brindisi in a Collision.

(By Cable to The Times.)

ROME, Oct. 12.—The Brindisi express, on board of which train were Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Stanley and Mrs. Tennant, mother of Mrs. Stanley, has been completely wrecked at Carovigno, nineteen miles from Brindisi. The Stanley party was on its way to Australia, where the explorer is to lecture. They, with all other passengers on the train, escaped without injury, though they had a narrow escape from death. The express derailed into a baggage train that was on a track near Carovigno. The railway officials have ordered the usual investigation to be made into the affair, with the view of affixing the blame where it properly belongs.

STORMS ON THE ATLANTIC.

Experiences of the Passengers on the Umbria and Augusta Victoria.

(By Cable to The Times.)

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The special correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle, Mr. Alfred Kinnear, gives the following account of the extraordinary experiences of the Umbria upon her last voyage. Five hours after passing fastest light we struck a first-class gale, which, by noon on Monday, had attained hurricane force, the wind velocity being from forty-five to fifty miles an hour. The ship was having veered to north-west, blew with greater violence, and during the night the ship rolled heavily in a terrific gale, but about 5 o'clock on Wednesday morning we steamed into fine weather and passengers were able to go on deck for the first time since our departure. The gale, however, fell all that day and about 6 o'clock we entered another storm centre, through a ridge of hurricane squalls, and were speedily in the thick of it all again. At 10 o'clock wind and sea thundering upon the ship, a "hurricane" party was on its way to Australia, where the explorer is to lecture. They, with all other passengers on the train, escaped without injury, though they had a narrow escape from death.