

COLOR LINE IN TRADES COUNCIL

People of the North Do Not Understand Negro Problem.

COLORED VIRGINIA DELEGATE

Raises a Point That Brings on a Discussion of the Whole Question—The Resolution to Take Negroes in White Unions Was Defeated.

(By Associated Press.) SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 12.—Much life was infused into today's proceedings of the convention of the American Federation of Labor. The negro problem in the South, as far as it relates to unionism, was unexpectedly injected into the proceedings and the long standing conflict between the Socialists and trade unionists promised to monopolize the attention of the delegates.

Max Hays, of the Cleveland Central Labor Union, the well known Socialist, read a long list of decisions rendered by Federal and State courts against organized labor. A motion to have the list printed in the minutes brought President Gompers, who was not in the chair at the time, to his feet, and the delegates were treated to a three-minute passionate speech. He said it was unfair to incorporate the list in the minutes in that way and suggested that a list of the trade union victories should be printed along with it. He concluded by denouncing it as an attempt to show "that trade unionism is a failure," and characterized it as infamous. A wave of enthusiasm swept over the convention as Mr. Gompers took his seat.

THE NEGRO QUESTION. The negro question came up when the Committee on Law reported a resolution compelling all local unions affiliated with the Federation to join the Central Labor Union. It was unfair to incorporate the list in the minutes in that way and suggested that a list of the trade union victories should be printed along with it. He concluded by denouncing it as an attempt to show "that trade unionism is a failure," and characterized it as infamous. A wave of enthusiasm swept over the convention as Mr. Gompers took his seat.

The resolution was debated for more than an hour by many delegates. Charles C. Eckhardt, of the Alabama Trades Council, made the principal speech in opposition to the resolution. He said the proposition would compel white unions to take in negroes, and if adopted by the convention 90 per cent. of the unions south of Mason and Dixon's line would cease to be federated.

He declared that the people of the North did not understand the negro problem. His remarks had some influence on the delegates, and the resolution, on recommendation of the Committee on Law, was defeated.

BLOOD STAINS ON FLOOR.

These Are Found, but No Clue Yet to Mrs. Dennis' Assailant.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The mystery of the assault made upon Mrs. A. G. Dennis, the fashionable dressmaker, Tuesday morning in the building of the hotel at the corner of E and N streets, was today stated to be that if no complications set in Mrs. Dennis will recover. She is conscious at intervals, but so far has not talked rationally.

The police have found blood stains on the floor of the balcony in front of the first floor of Mrs. Dennis' house and many blood stains on the sidewalk on Eleventh Street, around the corner from the scene of the attack. They are disinclined to connect the latter stains with the case, but believe that the stains on the balcony indicate that the one who committed the assault had stepped over the balcony railing on to the front steps, instead of dropping to the pavement below the balcony.

DIRECTOR HILL RESIGNS.

He Will Retire from the Board of the Northern Pacific.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—It was announced today that James J. Hill had resigned from the Board of Directors of the Northern Pacific Railway Company. Mr. Hill's resignation had been contemplated for some time and that it would probably be formally presented about January 1st.

SHAMROCK II. SCORCHED.

Mr. Thomas Lipton's Cup Challenger Has a Narrow Escape.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Sir Thomas Lipton's cup challenger Shamrock II, narrowly escaped being destroyed by fire to-night. Only the strenuous efforts of the firemen saved her. As it was, she was badly scorched on one side.

Berrys for Clothes



"Getting Down to Business."

Here we have the stockings as well as the presents to fill them, and the kind that will fill the boys with joy. Can you think of any little luxury in the way of dress that your boys have wished for? We have it here—welcome things: \$7.50 Russian Blouse Overcoats—Holiday price \$5.00. Norfolk Coats and Blouse Fancy Suits—\$2.50.

Boys' Leather Leggins, 98c up. Boys' Bath Robes, \$2.50 up. Boys' pajamas, \$5c, \$1 and \$1.25. Boys' Gloves, 25c up. Boys' Scarfs, 25c. Boys' Fancy Waists, 50c and 75c. Boys' Walking Sticks, 25c up. Boys' Suspenders, \$1.50 up. Boys' Negligee Shirts, 50c up. Boys' Pants, 48c for grades worth up to \$1.25.

Boys' Tamcos, \$1.25. Boys' Luxe Shanters, 48c up. Boys' Solid Leather Shoes, \$1.50. Boys' Sweaters, 50c up. Boys' White Vests, \$1.75 up. Boys' Gum Coats, \$2.00 and \$2.50. Boys' Mackintoshes, \$3 and \$5.

CHRISTMAS

Boys' Long Heavy Mockings 25c.

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MEN'S & BOYS' OUTFITTERS

GERMAN OFFICER SEES GOVERNOR

Commander Stiege and His Excellency Exchange Courtesies—End of Farmers' Institutes.

Commander Stiege, of the German cruiser Victoria, called on Governor Taylor yesterday morning at the office of the Governor in the Capitol. The call was formal, and the German commander presented himself in all the badges and trappings incident to being a commander in the navy of Kaiser Wilhelm. The 37-year-old German officer was accompanied by Mr. E. Victor, who is dressed as a member of the Kaiser's staff, and who is acting as a substitute for the Kaiser's official visit.

The two came in about 11 o'clock, and were met at the outer office by Secretary Owen, who conducted them into the presence of the Governor. The four gentlemen chatted for a while and then the Governor and Mr. Owen showed the distinguished German how Virginia makes constitutions. The German officer, after listening to Colonel Summers for a while, said he just could not see how the thing was done to save his life. At least two of the other gentlemen agreed with him.

After getting back from the convention safe, the German friends took their departure to the Westmoreland Club, where, after a few moments, the Governor in truly democratic style, walked up the steps of the hospitality of the Kaiser, as represented by the Kaiser's committee came to no conclusion yesterday. Commander Stiege was in this country just thirty years ago. He was a midshipman then. The intervening years have been good to him. He is now a man of some note in his country, and said to be a skillful naval officer. He impressed the Governor as being a most gentleman.

The Rev. L. W. Irwin, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Radford, of which the Governor's family are members, is a guest of the Governor.

Southern Railway Earnings.

Following is the statement of the estimated earnings of the Southern Railway system for the first week of December. Southern Railway Company, exclusive of St. Louis-Nashville lines—This year, \$871,583; last year, \$862,228; increase, \$9,355. Southern Railway, St. Louis-Nashville lines—This year, \$38,128; last year, \$34,467; increase, \$3,661.

New Orleans Races.

(By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 12.—St. Cuthbert and Dorothy Lee were the only winners favored to-day. Betting on the winners was light. Summary: First race—selling, mile and seventy yards—Private's Queen (8 to 1) first, Star Cotton (9 to 1) third, Time, 1:48. Second race—selling, six furlongs—St. Cuthbert (6 to 5) first, Semicolon (10 to 1) second, Little Jack Horner (8 to 1) third, Time, 1:35. Third race—five furlongs—Lingo (12 to 1) first, Samelson (8 to 1) second, The Boston (4 to 1) third, Time, 1:32 1/2. Fourth race—mile—Malay (5 to 1) first, Henry Bert (6 to 1) second, Menace (4 to 1) third, Time, 1:43. Fifth race—selling, mile and one-eighth—Joe Doughty (10 to 1) first, Swordsman (3 to 2) second, Prince Blazes (6 to 5) third, Time, 1:57. Sixth race—selling, mile—Dorothy Lee (11 to 5) first, Masterful (6 to 1) second, Annie Thompson (10 to 1) third, Time, 1:44.

POWERS AND DUTIES NAMED

What the Corporation Commission Will Do FOR INFANT INDUSTRIES.

Ordinance to Encourage Them Discussed.

Captain Parks to Speak on Suffrage To-Night—Live Gossip.

The Corporation Committee, after protracted discussion, yesterday afternoon, by a vote of seven to two, adopted the ordinance prescribing the duties and powers of a Corporation Commission. This commission, composed of three members to be elected by the people for a term of six years, will have exclusive power to issue charters and amendments or extensions thereof and to grant to foreign corporations licenses to do business in the State under rules and regulations prescribed by law, and shall be the agency for the supervision, control, visitation and regulation of all corporations as may be provided by the Constitution or laws of the State.

It shall perform all duties and have all powers now devolving on the Board of Public Works and the Railroad Commissioner. It shall have general supervision and control of all traffic routes operated by transportation companies and the classification of traffic. It shall have power to prevent unjust and unlawful discrimination against any community or person in the matter of rates, classifications, train schedules, etc.

Full power is given the Commission to execute its order, and an appeal is given to the Supreme Court, but no action or order of the Commission shall be delayed or suspended in its operation pending such appeal, and in the appellate court the action of the Commission shall be final, reasonable and corrected unless clearly illegal or erroneous.

The section adopted covers four typewritten pages of legal cap, but the above synopsis contains the salient features of the ordinance.

Chairman Braxton stated last night that the section as adopted would probably be amended in some particulars of minor importance before the final draft was adopted.

The Committee on Agriculture heard argument yesterday afternoon on the resolution introduced by Mr. Waddill to give to towns, cities and counties the right to exempt new manufacturing plants in the deliberations, and also incorporating as an ordinance in the report of the Agricultural and Industrial Committee to the convention. The Finance Committee sat with the Agricultural Committee during the argument, but did not take part in the vote. In fact, the Finance Committee will not act favorably on the resolution, as a decided majority is opposed to it as unfair to established industries, besides being of no practical benefit to the community.

The committee on Education heard an argument from Mr. Alexander Hamilton yesterday in favor of a retention of the superintendent of the V. M. I. on the State Board of Education. The committee came to no conclusion yesterday. The original report on the composition of the State Board, but will endeavor to decide the matter at a session to be held to-day.

The suffrage conference of the Constitutional Convention will hold a session to-night in the hall of the House of Delegates, and will hear Captain K. S. Parks, of Page, in favor of his plan. Captain Parks is a vigorous and logical speaker, and is expected to strike some sharp blows in favor of his suffrage scheme. He has no understanding or grandfatherly features in his bill, and is violently opposed to both. A full attendance of the members of the conference is expected.

"The best news I have heard to-day," said a Democratic leader from the Tidewater section last night, "is that no permanent understanding clause will be engrained in the new Constitution. This information comes to me from a well-informed member of the convention, and I posted myself with delight, for I should weep for my State were such a provision placed upon the people. We are struggling to extricate ourselves from bad conditions, and such a plan would make them infinitely worse."

SORE NECK

Take Scott's Emulsion for scrofula. Children often have sores on the neck that won't heal up. The sores may come and go. Parents may not know what's the matter nor what to do. Scrofula is the trouble and Scott's Emulsion is the medicine. Scott's Emulsion heals the sores. But that is not all. Scrofula leads to consumption. This is the real danger. Scott's Emulsion is the "ounce of prevention" that keeps off consumption. We'll send you a little to try, if you like. SCOTT & BOWNE, 409 Pearl Street, New York.

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