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EXCITES NO INTEREST

DELEGATES VIEW CITY

Deliberation By Sections Proves to Be a Failure.

OFFICERS ARE NOMINATED

Out of Twelve Hundred Present Not More Than Seventy-five Attend Sectional Meetings—Resolutions Favor Admitting Territories to Statehood.

Portland, Aug. 23.—That the plan of holding the deliberations of the national irrigation congress in sections is a failure seems the consensus of opinion of the delegates to the congress, and the government officials who came here to address the sections, for notwithstanding the fact that about 1,200 delegates at present are in Portland not more than 50 or 75 attended the sectional meetings today.

The work of the congress is being done by the resolutions committee and the only interest excited is over the arguments that take place during the consideration of the resolutions. A large majority of the delegates spend their time viewing the fair or visiting points of interest in the city. Interesting parties read at the different sessions, but it is hard for the speakers to do themselves justice and discussion is at a minimum.

The resolutions committee held three sessions today and two hours and a half were consumed during the sessions in an acrimonious debate on the merits of the resolutions tending to do away with the alleged confusion in the minds of Eastern people, who are unaware that the national irrigation congress and the national irrigation association are entirely different organizations.

Few resolutions have been adopted in the committee so far, the principal ones being the endorsement of separate statehood for Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico and one declaring that the government should not interfere with private enterprise for the constructing of reservoirs for reclamation purposes on the Rio Grande and Colorado rivers.

A resolution introduced by Senator Clark of Montana to the effect that the national irrigation congress will never have any connection with the National Irrigation association was adopted.

The committee on nominations today named the following officers to act for the ensuing year: Governor George C. Pardee of California, president; W. S. Shurtliff of Utah, first vice-president; Congressman J. H. Stevens of Texas, second vice-president; S. Y. E. Smith of Oregon, third vice-president; H. B. Maxon of Nevada, secretary. The committee did not consider the subject of the next meeting place. The rival candidates are Denver, Colorado and Boise, Idaho.

After a session this afternoon and tonight, devoted principally to discussing the advisability of endorsing the different branches of the government service employed in the reclamation work, the

committee adopted a resolution to that effect.

BARK BIDSTON HILL IS REPORTED LOST.

Report from Buenos Ayres Says Bark Foundered—Eighteen Lost.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 23.—A report has been received here of the foundering of the British bark Bidston Hill. The report states that 18 of the crew were drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO RECEIVES STORY OF RACE WAR.

Italian and Chinese Engage in Hostilities at Nuskak, Alaska.

San Francisco, Aug. 23.—News of a race war in the salmon packing camp at Nuskak, Alaska, between Chinese and Italian, workmen last month reached here this morning. A dispute between the Italians and Chinese brought on a general engagement and for days 100 Chinese were besieged in a bunkhouse by a mob of Italians. The riot was finally quelled by troops summoned from the nearest military post after several were killed and wounded on both sides.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Portland, Aug. 23.—Portland 1, Los Angeles 2.

Oakland, Aug. 23.—Seattle 3, Oakland 6.

Tacoma, Aug. 23.—San Francisco 11, Tacoma 2.

FEVER IS SPREADING

Many Towns 'Around New Orleans Are Affected.

While the Situation in the City Is Being Held Under Control the Country Districts Are Struggling With the Disease—Interstate Controversy.

New Orleans, Aug. 23.—While the fever in New Orleans is submitting to control, the situation in the country districts is less promising, and both the state board of health and the Marine Hospital service now have their hands full in trying to send adequate assistance to those settlements which are struggling with the disease. Scarcely a day passes without the report of some newly infected point, and unless doctors and nurses are sent from here there is no assurance that the fever will not spread.

The worst nest thus far discovered is that at Levill, near the mouth of Bayou la Fourche, where nearly two thirds of a settlement of 300 people had been infected, and where a number of deaths have occurred. Only one doctor is on the scene, and his difficulties are increased by the fact that the settlement lies on two banks of a rather wide stream.

Governor Blanchard is again involved in an interstate controversy. This time it is with Governor Jenks, whose officers refuse to permit travelers who have only crossed this state to recross it without abiding by the seven-days' detention regulations.

The official report up to 6 P. M. is as follows:

New cases 54, total 1,556; deaths 5, total 219; under treatment 312.

JAPANNAMES TERMS

OFFERS TO COMPROMISE

Would Withdraw Three Articles if Russia Paid Cost of War.

RUSSIA SPARS FOR TIME

If Russia Pays Bill for Cost of War Japan Will Withdraw Articles Eleven and Twelve and Also Article Five on Certain Conditions.

Portland, Aug. 23.—The Japanese plenipotentiaries at the conclusion of the afternoon session of today's conference threw their cards upon the table. It was a dramatic moment, a moment to which all the previous proceedings of the conference had lead. Protocols involving an agreement upon eight of the 12 conditions originally presented by Japan had been signed. One side or the other must make a move or the plenipotentiaries had reached the parting of the ways. Of course, it was well understood what would happen.

Figuratively speaking, President Roosevelt suddenly entered the conference room, where sat Witte silent and unmoved. The great diplomatic game had passed to Japan, and Baron Komura, in a few words, explained that Japan in a desire for peace was ready to make certain "modifications" of the original articles in the hope that Russia could see her way possible to accept them. He presented in writing a compromise proposition which President Roosevelt had suggested. It offered to withdraw Article 9, providing for the payment by Russia of Japan's bill of the cost of the war, on condition that Russia would accept Article 5, which provides for the cession of the Island of Sakhalin. It being somewhat modified as to include an arrangement for the repurchase by Russia of the northern half of the island for 1,200,000,000 yen. In addition, it offered to withdraw entirely Articles 11 and 12 (surrender of the interned warships and a limitation upon Russia's sea power in the Far East).

It was Roosevelt's compromise and Witte knew the contents as well as Komura. The question of whether he had been "bluffing" was put to test. Without a moment's hesitation, Witte explained that the modifications proposed was merely a sham, a change of phraseology, a diplomatic attempt to "doer the pilule"—to ask Russia to pay war tribute under another name. He could not accept it, he told Komura. Russia wanted peace, but could fight, and money for tribute she would not pay. He asked Komura to withdraw all demands for tribute. And so the plenipotentiaries separated, ostensibly to permit Witte to place in writing his reply to Japan's compromise proposition. In reality, the adjournment was to give each side an opportunity to hear from its government for the last time.

The outlook is black. Many believe it was never so black as tonight. The only possible line of further Japanese concession is considered to lie in the diminution of the amount of purchase money demanded for the north half of Sakhalin. The decision rests, therefore, as from the first, with Russia. Unless the emperor agrees to yield between now and Saturday the end is likely to come on that day. Indications from Peterhoff, instead of raising the chances, indicate even a firmer determination to yield neither territory nor indemnity.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—American

Ambassador Meyer had an audience with the emperor at Peterhoff this afternoon which lasted three hours. Presumably the matter of peace was discussed at length. Long cablegrams have been sent to Washington giving the result of the conference.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 23.—President Roosevelt's final effort to induce a cessation of hostilities in the Far East is almost dramatic in its extraordinary interest. Through George Von L. Meyer, the American ambassador to St. Petersburg, he has made a direct appeal to Emperor Nicholas to permit the adoption of such supreme measures in the pending peace conference as will terminate the war.

A long cablegram was sent to Ambassador Meyer by the president today. It contained instructions for representations on behalf of the president to be made directly to the Russian emperor. As a result of the president's instructions, Ambassador Meyer had a special audience with Emperor Nicholas. What conclusion was reached is not known here as no intimation is given of the receipt by the president of Meyer's cabled reply. Thus far the president has gained one point after another.

TRAIN COLLISION INJURES MANY.

Caused by Train Entering Terminal, Striking One About to Leave.

New York, Aug. 23.—Twenty persons were injured, some of them very seriously, in a collision between two trains in one of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit terminals at Coney Island early today. The injured were hastily removed to the reception hospital and after their wounds had been dressed most of them were able to go home.

The wreck was caused by a train entering the terminal and striking a crowded one about to leave for the city. Windows were broken. Falling wires coming in contact with the tracks sent up thick masses of sparks and there was a wild panic among the passengers, during which many women were trampled under foot.

REFUSES TO PERFORM CEREMONY

Seattle, Aug. 23.—Announcing he did not believe it right for an old man to marry a mere child, Justice Dennis today refused absolutely to perform a ceremony to make O. L. Lander, aged 63, and Elizabeth Alexander, aged 16, husband and wife.

DEMANDS ENFORCEMENT OF EXCLUSION LAWS.

Also Denounce Officials for Harsh Treatment of Exempt Classes.

Seattle, Aug. 23.—The chamber of commerce, by an unanimous vote, adopted the report of a special committee relative to Chinese exclusion laws resolutions, and favor a strict and literal enforcement of the laws insofar as they provide for the shutting out of all Chinese coolies or laborers. The department of commerce and labor, however, is emphatically denounced for the alleged harsh treatment of members of the exempted classes, such as students, merchants and travelers, applying for admission into this country.

F. A. PECKHAM ARRESTED.

Accused of Complicity in Cotton Report Scandal.

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 23.—F. A. Peckham, indicted for complicity in the department of agriculture cotton report scandal, was arrested here today and arraigned before United States Commissioner Davidson, who ordered an adjournment of the examination until tomorrow morning.

CONVICT IS RECAPTURED

Escaped Convict From Penitentiary at Boise Is Recaptured at Huntington.

Boise, Ida., Aug. 23.—Joseph Lawrence, who escaped from the penitentiary on Aug. 18 was today recaptured by the chief of police of Huntington, Ore. He was sentenced for burglary in Washington county.

TO PROTECT LABORERS

INVESTIGATION ORDERED

State Labor Commissioners Inspecting Saw-mills.

TWO MANY MEN ARE INJURED

Companies Keep Matters Hushed Up for Fear Lawyers Will Take Cases on Contingent Fee—Must Take More Precautions to Protect Men.

Portland, Aug. 23.—State Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff is in the city examining the condition of sawmill plants and other machinery with a view to more safety for the employes.

"Men are being constantly maimed in these works, but the accidents are kept from the public," Mr. Hoff said today. "The companies running saw and planing mills, sash and door factories and other dangerous machinery tell me they keep the matters from the public because they fear so a chyster lawyer will begin suit for damages on a contingent fee. All the same, these companies must be more careful of their men. They must use precautions in protecting their hands from being hurt by circular saws, crushed by falling lumber piles, maimed by 'stickers' or whirled around rapidly revolving shafts.

"I propose to take cognizance of all complaints of negligence and to notify each firm personally of dangerous conditions existing in their machinery. After I have notified them I shall try and keep track of accidents due to negligence, and I shall make a cheerful witness in subsequent damage suits.

"I frequently meet men and boys on the streets of Portland with their arms in slings. I never fail to stop and question them, and the answer usually comes: 'Oh, I had my finger cut off by a 'sticker' in so-and-so's planing mill' or 'a pile of lumber fell on my arm at a lumber yard a few weeks ago. I have been in the hospital and am just able to be around.'

"The number of men and boys needlessly maimed in accidents among the machinery in Oregon is very large, and it is high time the state took cognizance of these serious accidents and made provision against their recurrence."

CITIES DO LARGE BUSINESS.

Washington, Aug. 23.—According to a bulletin issued by the census bureau the aggregate financial transactions of the 175 cities of the United States having a population of over 25,000 equal in magnitude those of the national government, excluding the postal service.

The total corporate receipts for these cities amounted to \$541,624,203 in 1903, and the total corporate expenditures to \$535,804,200. The national debt in 1904 amounted to \$895,157,410; the aggregate debt of the 175 cities, exclusive of sinking fund assets was \$1,134,578,783. The receipts, expenditures and debt of the City of New York represent about one-third of the city total.

FOUR MEN KILLED IN QUARRY EXPLOSION

Pikeville, Ky., Aug. 23.—An explosion killed Joseph Perkins, a contractor, and three helpers, named Coleman, Reynolds and Potter.

WORLD'S HEAVIEST MAN IS NO MORE.

Required Two Tailors to Measure Him for a Suit of Clothes.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Indianapolis, Ind., says:

Philip Krigh, known as "Indiana's 700-pound man," is dead at his home in Stilesville. He had been ill for several months with dropsy and suffered greatly during the hot weather.

For several years Krigh was in the employ of a circus, where he was exhibited as the largest man in the world. His weight often reached 775 pounds. He was over six feet high, but his bones were very small. It required two tailors to take measurements for his clothes as it was impossible for one man to reach around his body. It took seven yards of double width goods to make him a suit.

WAS NOT FORGOTTEN.

Sentenced for Assault on Father Committed a Year Ago.

Corvallis, Aug. 23.—President Taylor was brought over from Philomath yesterday and placed in the county jail to serve a sentence of one month for assault and battery, committed about a year ago, upon his father, at that time city marshal. Young Taylor was drunk. His father attempted to arrest him and received a severe beating. Before a warrant could be served young Taylor left the country and did not return till last week. He was promptly arrested.

STABBED HIM FOR REVENGE

D. N. Miller Seriously Wounded By Discharged Employee.

General Manager of Columbia & Nehalem Valley Railway Is Stabbed by Man Whom He Discharged—Taken to Portland in Dying Condition.

Portland, Aug. 23.—A discharged employe, whose name was not brought to Portland, but who is in custody at Columbia City, stabbed and seriously wounded, at 6:30 this morning, D. N. Miller, general manager of the Columbia & Nehalem Valley railway. Miller had discharged the employe last night, and the man intercepted him this morning and began a quarrel. Mr. Miller received two stab wounds, one penetrating the lung, the other cutting the left arm. A physician was summoned from Portland, and had Mr. Miller brought to this city late this afternoon. He is at the Good Samaritan hospital. He has been operated on, is gradually sinking from loss of blood, and is said to have practically no chance to recover.

RETURN STOLEN GOODS.

Parents Make Restitution for Action of Their Daughter.

North Yakima, Wash., Aug. 23.—The parents of Marien Methven, the young girl for whom a warrant was sworn out several days ago on a charge of stealing clothing from the residence of Mrs. Miles Cannon, were in the city last night from Roslyn, and brought with them most of the stolen goods. They claim the girl ran away from home while the family were on a camping trip in the mountains.

RUSSIAN VICE ADMIRAL IS RECOVERING

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—Vice Admiral Rojstvensky, in a letter to his family, says he expects to be fully recovered

from the wounds he received in the naval battle in the Sea of Japan by the end of September, when he will start for Russia.