



IMPENDING REFORMS

Opposition of Reactionary Elements to Demands.

ALLIANCE WITH JEWS

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WILL BE LEFT TO PARLIAMENT

Election of a Stronger Faction of Radicals is Conceded and the Socialists Intend to Participate in The Election.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 23.—The announcement of the impending Jewish reforms has aroused, as expected, the opposition of the reactionary elements. Telegrams of protests are reaching the Emperor and Premier Stolypin from all parts of the Empire. The Party of Legal Order, which formed the extreme right of the constitutionalist parties at the last elections, has joined the openly reactionary leagues. It is stated on good authority that the reforms already contemplated will not be abandoned, although it is the intention of the ministry to leave the main Jewish question to parliament for settlement.

The constitutional Democrats have entered into an active alliance with the Jews in the western provinces. The former will nominate a joint parliamentary ticket with the League of Jewish Equality and expect the support of the Jewish bund.

The party leaders are not willing to commit themselves to definite predictions regarding the results of the elections, but the general impression is that the new parliament will contain a much stronger conservative wing than its predecessor and that it will be ranked around Count Heydon, Michael Stackovitch, and other regenerationists, and be disposed to compromise with the administration instead of exhibiting the unbending opposition displayed by the Constitutional Democrats in the last Parliament.

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the distrust inspired by the supposed intentions underlying his recent return to Russia, has taken the form of an active campaign to counteract his influence. A former official of the ministry of the interior, who is now private secretary to Premier Stolypin has been sent to Berlin to start a press campaign against Witte for the purpose of undermining the prestige still enjoyed by him in Europe, and the United States. A further manifestation of personal enmity is to be seen in the report that steps are being taken to cut off the big stipend, in addition to his regular salary of \$6,000 a year as a member of the Council of the Empire, which Witte has been receiving since his retirement from the Ministry of Finance.

Reports from the famine districts of Russia show that the distress is steadily growing acute. The peasantry in the government of Kazan have been driven to desperation and are selling their daughters into slavery to Mohammedans or the Caucasus. Girls from 12 to 17 years of age have been sold for \$50 to \$75.

TROUBLED CONSCIENCE.

Stole Three Hundred Dollars and Mind Became Unbalanced.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 23.—Milton H. Fountain, whose mind is believed to be unbalanced as a result of his efforts to evade arrest for a crime committed in Chicago two years ago, was yesterday taken into custody by a Riverside constable to whom he made unsolicited confession. Fountain stated that he robbed the R. S. Keeler company of Chicago of \$300 in 1904.

PERISHED IN FLAMES

Prairie Fire Sweeps Through Texas and New Mexico.

CATTLE WITHOUT GRAZING

Texas Ranchmen Are Preparing to Ship Their Cattle to the Nearest Market and to Other Ranges in the State.

SANTA FE, Nov. 23.—Reports are coming in of a prairie fire which swept western Texas in Palmer, Deaf Smith and Oldham counties, and burned for from thirty to forty miles to Pecos road in New Mexico. A northerly wind arose after the fire had swept the district and turned the fire back into its own track, otherwise a much larger area would have been burned over, but after being turned back it soon burned out.

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VERDICT IS GUILTY

Enrico Caruso Guilty of Insulting Hannah Graham.

FINED TEN DOLLARS

Petty Case Which Has Occupied Attention of the Press Dispatches.

DECIDED ON IT'S MERITS

An Appeal Will Be Taken to Higher Court and Caruso is Confident of Reversal of Judgment of Lower Court.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Enrico Caruso, the famous tenor singer, who has been on trial the past week on a charge of insulting Hannah Graham, was found guilty today. He was arrested last week for alleged insult to Hannah Graham in the monkey house in Central Park. The court imposed a fine of \$10. Caruso's counsel immediately announced that an appeal would be taken.

Tonight Director Conried of the Metropolitan Opera company announced that the conviction would not interfere with Caruso's engagement with that company at next Wednesday's performance. When asked if he would write an extended opinion of his decision, Magistrate Baker said: "My verdict is confined to just four words: 'Guilty, fine ten dollars.'" Caruso said tonight: "I am naturally pained and amazed at the verdict. After all the evidence has been presented I took it for granted I would be discharged instantly and honorably. I do not doubt the verdict will be reversed on the appeal."

After rendering his decision Magistrate Baker said: "I have decided the case on its merits. Nothing guided me but the evidence. The position of the defendant cut no figure. I handled it as I would have handled any ordinary disorderly charge. I am perfectly willing they should appeal on the evidence." Considerable importance has been attached to this case, not so much as to the gravity of the offense, which is a simple misdemeanor, but on account of the high standing of the defendant. Had a dozen similar cases of ordinary men been tried on a similar charge, they would not have received local notice in the metropolitan dailies.

LUMBER ADVANCES.

Horizontal Raise of \$2 Per Thousand in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—Local lumber dealers yesterday made a horizontal raise of \$2 per 1,000 feet on rough fir, common lumber fir flooring, redwood, rough common and \$1 per 1,000 feet on redwood, rough clear and clear stock patterns. Cedar shingles were raised 25 cents a thousand. The dealers ascribe the increase to a similar action on the part of the northern mills.

SPRAYING FRUIT.

Willamette Valley Farmers Pleased With the Law.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Nov. 23.—Nothing recently has given the conscientious fruit-raisers of this county more real joy than the decision of the courts giving to fruit raisers the right to compel spraying. Yamhill has many

fine orchards that are kept in excellent condition, but the old-time moss covered orchard is also here in great numbers and the wormy product of the latter spoils the good name of the former. The big red apple will grow to perfection in the rich soil of Yamhill if only given a chance.

Fruit Inspector A. C. Goodrich of North Yamhill, says the fruit industry in this part is taking a new lease of life and that a few years will reveal the fact that the Willamette Valley, as well as Hood River, can raise perfect fruit.

Mr. Wallace and Mr. Van Dorn of this locality have demonstrated that it pays big to raise good apples. Mr. Wallace last year sold \$300 worth of Baldwins from one acre of land.

NEGROES DISSATISFIED.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Two thousand negroes in Bethel African Methodist Episcopal severely criticised President Roosevelt for discharging the three companies of colored troops involved in the Brownsville, Texas, riots. In a personal letter to the President and in resolutions addressed to the War Department the mass meeting urged the rescinding of the action.

As an illustration of the depth of their feeling in the matter the spokesman of the negroes declared that Chicago would take one of the companies and support it here until the President comes to see the injustice of his course.

Resolutions were adopted deploring the forthcoming visit of Senator Benjamin Tillman to Chicago, but calling upon Chicago negroes to control themselves during the event.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS

Three Days Session of Trans-Mississippi Congress Ends.

RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED

Introduced by W. J. Bryan, Including an Indorsement of the Proposition Submitted by Secretary Root on Merchant Marine.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 23.—After selecting H. D. Loveland of San Francisco as president for the ensuing year, and adopting two resolutions offered by W. J. Bryan, after they had been voted down in the committee, and after adopting a set of resolutions including an indorsement of the propositions submitted by Secretary Root for encouraging our merchant marine, and for increasing our intercourse with South America, Trans-Mississippi congress adjourned late today to meet in Muskogee, I. T. The resolutions submitted by W. J. Bryan related to the settlement of all international questions by form of arbitration and placing the congress on record as being opposed to private monopolies. Bryan was not present at the time, having gone to Columbia, Mo., to deliver an address.

CHURCH INVENTORIES.

PARIS, Nov. 23.—There remain very few church inventories still to be taken. Inventories in six departments were completed today. In most cases no restrictions were placed on the churches, but in several instances troops were stoned by peasants. There were thirty arrests during the day. In one instance the soldiers fired over the heads of the rioters, dispersing the mob.

FIRE IN FRISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO Nov. 23.—A fire which started late last night at 18th and Kentucky streets destroyed a number of dwellings. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

POLITICAL ASCENDENCY

U. S. Judge Grosscup Delivers an Address.

KNIFE AND FORK CLUB

Attitud of Corporations in the Country Responsible for Feeling.

RECONSTRUCT CORPORATIONS

William Randolph Hearst Has Obtained His Power and Influence by Attacks Against Corporations, as Has Bryan.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 23.—United States Judge P. Grosscup of Chicago was the guest of honor and the principal speaker at the Knife and Fork Club tonight. In discussing corporations, the judge said:

"Unquestionably, the important position that William Randolph Hearst has obtained in politics in New York and the country, is due more than all other causes combined to the relations the corporations of the country are believed to bear to the people of the country and to Mr. Hearst's attitude on the questions that those relations exercise, and out of this corporation question, Bryan, too, has obtained political power, and from the same causes, President Roosevelt has obtained his political power and position."

Judge Grosscup declared that the remedies advocated by President Roosevelt, Bryan and Hearst were ineffective, and he proposed the reconstruction of the great corporations, so that the people would have their share in them, and favored the regulation and control of all corporations by the government, but not government ownership. He contended that this question would be the paramount issue in the next presidential campaign, overshadowing the tariff and other important questions, and that the Democratic party would be the first to advocate the doctrine, with a good show of success at the election.

GEORGE OF GREECE.

Famous King Arrives at Rome and is Cordially Received.

ROME, Nov. 23.—King George of Greece arrived here this afternoon and was received at the railroad station by King Victor Emanuel and other dignitaries of the state. Accompanied by King Victor Emanuel, King George drove to the palace. The sovereigns were warmly acclaimed by large throngs of people who had assembled to witness the Greek monarch's arrival.

WILL INDICT M'GINN.

District Attorney Manning Will Follow Grand Jury.

PORTLAND, Nov. 23.—District Attorney John Manning today said he would act in accordance with the direction of the county grand jury in proceeding against Henry E. McGinn for contempt in entering the grand jury room November 12, when that body was considering the Oregonian libel suit.

this morning. "In taking this step I am acting on the direction of the grand jury, which requests and directs in its report that such proceedings be instituted. I shall place the matter before the court on a petition setting forth the facts."

LABOR FEDERATION.

Brewery Workers, Engineers and Teamsters Have Separate Union.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 23.—The American Federation of Labor today settled the old fight as to the jurisdiction between the brewery workers, engineers, foremen and teamsters, by allowing each organization to establish itself under a separate charter. The convention refused to adopt the resolution introduced by Victor L. Berger of Milwaukee, instructing all affiliated bodies to hold absolutely aloof from any connection with the militia.

TWENTY HOUSES BURNED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—A fire which broke out at the corner of Minnesota and Mariposa streets at 1 o'clock this morning burned its way through the block to 18th and Kentucky streets. Twenty cottages were destroyed before it was extinguished. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

BARGE TURNS UP.

HURON, Ohio, Nov. 23.—The barge Athens, supposed to have gone down in Lake Erie Wednesday during the severe gale with all on board, is reported safe with all the crew.

DOINGS OF RAILROAD

Government Ownership of Transportation Remote.

SO SAYS E. H. HARRIMAN

The More The Question is Discussed and Agitated, the More Will the People Become Enlightened and Opposition Stronger.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—A special to the Record-Herald from Elkhart, Ind., says:

"Government ownership of the transportation facilities of the country would be incongruous, impracticable and utterly impossible."

This statement was made by Edward H. Harriman yesterday as the Twentieth Century Limited sped toward New York. When first asked to give his opinion regarding government ownership, Mr. Harriman flatly refused, declaring:

"Oh, I couldn't talk about that. Why? Because government ownership is not now an imminent question and in my judgment will never become such."

"Do you not think that the present agitation and the present inquiry into the ownership and operation of railroads in directing the mind of the public into channels which may ultimately lead to government ownership?" he was asked.

"Not at all," said Mr. Harriman, emphatically. "On the contrary, the present agitation is going to have exactly the opposite effect. The more agitation there is, and the greater the discussion on these subjects the more the people will see the incongruity of government ownership. The questions involved in the transportation problems of this country are being more and more understood in their broader sense and significance. This must result in a better understanding by the people generally of the conditions which surround the transportation business and the conditions under which the railroads are operated. When there is a thorough public understanding of these conditions the conclusion on the part of the people will be inevitable and will be such as I have indicated."