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In Addition There Will be a Wonderful and Very Unusual Display of Harvest Scenes by Foreign Born Children—Old Country Scenes.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—At the second annual congress of the playground Association of America, which is to be held here September 8 to 12 inclusive, Governor Hughes, Dr. Wm. H. Maxwell, city superintendent of schools, Dr. Luther H. Gulick, president of the association, and others will speak. The purpose of this congress, which will be attended by leading men and women of many cities is to give educators, philanthropists, municipal authorities and others interested in the welfare of children to consult on ways and means for introducing increasing play grounds in their respective localities. The gala days of the congress will be Friday and Saturday, September 11 and 12 when reports of the boys' and girls' branches of the public school Athlete League will give exhibitions of class athletics and folk dancing, and the children of the public school ground of Newark, N. J., will participate in a military drill. Following there will be an elaborate harvest festival in which representatives of New York's foreign population will demonstrate on American soil national dances of their respective countries. In addition costumed groups of workmen and women will assemble on the green in one of the parks and pantomime, in dances, the part each has played in the gathering of the harvest. These groups will include Italian fruit gatherers, Hungarian and French wine growers, German farmers, Dutch dairymen, colored cotton and tobacco pickers, Russian wheat harvesters, Slavic lumbermen, Swedish fishermen and Celtic shepherds and flax growers. The purpose of this harvest festival is to give the people of this country or opportunity to see how the people of other countries express and present the traditions of the agricultural pursuits and harvest dances of their respective nations.

**MARRY OR STAY AFLOAT.**

Thirty Japanese Women to Make Good on Proxy Contracts.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 6.—There will be many marriages when the steamer Tosa Maru which arrived today reaches Seattle, for there are over 30 Japanese women, mostly married by proxy under the old photograph ceremony who will have to be claimed by husbands before immigration officers will let them land. The immigrants for Victoria was the smallest landed here for years, 13 in all. The Tosa Maru lost by two days in a race with the Montague with silk. Owing to the boycott organized in South China against Japan there were no Chinese passengers and but little freight from China, the steamer was one-third full.

News was brought by the steamer of the murder of two Hong Kong engineers, M. Fearby and M. Sutherland in Trai Mai district Tonkin by Chinese pirates, who, armed with rifles, attacked the camp of the mining engineers and shot them down. Both men had been working the pipes before going into Tonkin.

Count Okuma has been attacking the new Katsura Cabinet according to advices received by the Tosa Maru. He says the continuance in office of Viscount Terauchi, minister

of war and Baron Saito, minister of the navy can be regarded as clear proof that no postponement of military or naval expenditures is anticipated.

**CANT OFFEND BUSINESS MEN**

Bryan Replies to Circulars Issued by Manufacturers' Association.

LINCOLN, Aug. 6.—W. J. Bryan today issued a statement replying to the circulars issued some weeks ago by the National Association of Manufacturers and signed by James W. Van Cleave. Bryan declares the pamphlet raises two questions:—1st, Is there anything in the labor plank of the democratic platform to which business men can take exception? 2nd, Is the labor question so important to business men as to justify them in ignoring all other issues?

Bryan says that the provision in the democratic platform for the creation of a labor department with cabinet officer at its head cannot possibly offend the business men.

**CUMMINGS CONFERS.**

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—Gov. Albert B. Cummings of Iowa who was a guest of his brother B. F. Cummings at Lake Forest left last night for Des Moines, from where he will go to Dubuque to attend the funeral of the late Senator Allison tomorrow. The governor will have a conference in Des Moines today with his political advisors, at which time his course with regard to the senatorship will be discussed.

**GOOD TIMES COMING.**

Harriman Says a More Radical Feeling Prevails Over Country.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—E. H. Harriman who is en route to Klamath Lake, Oregon, said today that a more rational feeling prevails throughout the country in the matter of the financial conditions and believes the conditions will continue to improve. He says the crops this year will be of greater magnitude.

This, he said, is the basis of prosperity for when the farmers can sell crops they will be in the market to buy and thus help the merchant and the manufacturer. He discussed the railroad conditions but said little or nothing additional to the other statements given out during the past few days.

**WILL MOURNE AIRSHIP.**

DEMAREST, Aug. 6.—The government of Hesse decided to erect a commemorative stone at the scene of the disaster to Count Zeppelin's airship.

**SPAULINGS ENTER ALBANY.**

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 6.—The C. K. Spaulding people, of Newberg and Salem, have at last become identified with Albany, through the purchase of the C. W. Spink lumber yard. The new owners will take charge at once and the business will be conducted on a much larger scale.

**WILL NOT AMALGAMATE.**

DETROIT, Aug. 6.—The International Brotherhood of Teamsters has rejected the overtures of the United Teamsters of America to amalgamate the two organizations. It had been reported that a resolution would be submitted indorsing Bryan on the anti-injunction issue, but the time for adopting the resolution expired at 8 o'clock last night, and no such resolution had appeared.

**HOBOS BUSY AT HUNTINGTON**

HUNTINGTON, Or., Aug. 6.—A car of general merchandise was pilfered in the yards here Tuesday night, the thieves getting several pairs of shoes and other articles of wearing apparel. It is laid to the hobos, as the yards are full of them now.

**ADDRESSES LAWYERS**

Judge Taft Delivers "Law's Delays" at Hot Springs

**MEETS EXPRESSED APPROVAL**

Taft is Delighted With the Southern Hospitality Shown Him and His Address is Greatly Applauded by Members of the Bar Association.

HOT SPRINGS, Aug. 6.—There is no reservation in the Southern hospitality accorded to William H. Taft by the Virginia State Bar Association today on the occasion of his address on "Law's Delay."

His presence and introductory and pleasantries were applauded by an audience representative of the social life of the Old Dominion and the burden of his speech met the expressed approval of the lawyers present. At the conclusion Taft was surrounded by members of the audiences who presented themselves for personal acquaintance. At the banquet tonight which brought the meeting of the association to a close, Taft responded to the toast of "The President." Tomorrow Judge and Mrs. Taft and a party will be driven to the Green River, Hot Springs to attend a horse fair.

Judge Taft presented his subject by stating that the end sought in the administration of justice was to promote tranquility and contentment among the people. It had he said long been established that the supreme court of the United States was the ultimate arbitrator of the great political and legal issues, deciding upon the limitation of both the legislative and executive branches of government which had carried the usefulness of the courts beyond anything attempted in other countries. Notwithstanding this desirable situation, Mr. Taft expressed a doubt that our present administration of justice insured general popular satisfaction with its results.

"There are," he said, "abundant evidences that the prosecution of criminals have not been certain and thorough to the point of preventing popular protest. The existence of lynching in all parts of the country is directly traceable to this lack of uniformity and thoroughness in the enforcement of our criminal laws. \* \* \* The present is a time when all our institutions are being subjected to a close scrutiny with a view of a determination what we have not tried the institutions upon which modern society rest to the point of proving that some of them should be radically changed. The chief attack is on the institution of private property which is based upon the inequalities of the distribution of wealth and human happiness that are apparent in our present system."

"I believe that the institution of private property, next to that of personal liberty, has most to do with the uplifting and physical end moral improvement of the whole human race but that it is not inconsistent with the rights of private property to impose limitations upon its uses for unlawful purposes, and that this is the remedy for reform rather than the abolition of the institution itself. But this scrutiny of our institutions this increasing disposition to try experiments to see whether there is not some method by which human happiness may be more equally distributed than it is, ought to make those of us who really believe in our institutions as essential to further progress anxious to remove real and just grounds for criticism in our present system. I venture to think that one evil which has not attracted the attention of the community at large, but which is likely to grow in importance as the inequality between the poor and the rich in our civilization is studied, is the delay in the administration of justice between individuals. As between two wealthy corporations, or two wealthy individual litigants and where the subject matter of the litigation reaches tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars our present system, while not perfect, is not so far from proper results as to call for anxiety. The judges of the country both state and national are average good men. Venality in our judges is very rare."

"The inequality that exists in our present administration of justice and that sooner or later is certain to rise and trouble us and to call for popular condemnation and reform, is in the unequal burden which the delays and expense of litigation under our system imposes on the poor litigant."

One remedy, Mr. Taft said, must be reformed in our judicial procedure which is now too cumbersome. Another would be more expedition on the part of judges in rendering their opinion.

Delay he said always worked to the detriment of the poor and benefit of the wealthy litigant. As to appeals Mr. Taft gives that question the court of first instance and the intermediate appellate courts should be for the purpose of finally disposing in a just and prompt way of contentions between litigants. The appellate jurisdiction of the court of last resort should be limited to those cases which are typical and which give to it in its judgment, an opportunity to cover the whole field of the law.

I believe that a great reform might be effected certainly in the federal courts and I think too in the state courts, by a mandatory reduction of the court costs and fees. The salaries of the court officers should be fixed and should be paid out of the treasury of the county, state or national government as the case may be, and fees should be reduced to as low a figure as possible.

I think another step in the direction of the despatch of litigation would be the requirement of higher qualifications for these judges who sit on the cases involving a small pecuniary amount.

"Another method by which irritation in inequality of our justice may be reduced is by the introduction of a system for the settling of damage suits brought by employes against public service corporations through official arbitration and without resort to jury trials. Such a system is working in England as I am informed, and was successfully inaugurated

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in Massachusetts. No one can have sat on a federal bench as I did for 8 or 9 years and not realize how defective the administration of justice in these cases must have seemed to the defeated plaintiffs, whether he was the legless or armless employe himself or his personal representative."

As to the jury system, Mr. Taft said: "We cannot, of course, dispense with the jury system. It is that which makes the people a part of the administration of justice but every means by which in civil cases litigants may be induced voluntarily to avoid the expense, delay and burden of jury trials ought to be encouraged, because in this way the general administration of justice can be greatly facilitated and the expense incident to delay in litigation can be greatly reduced."

Mr. Taft closed with a tribute to the legal profession and cautioned that conservatism ought not to be allowed to prevent reforms which are in the interest of equalizing the administration of justice as far as possible between the poor and the rich.

**BOGOTAN REVOLT.**

PANAMA, Aug. 6.—Notwithstanding the strict censorship of news over the newspapers and telegraph lines, news has leaked out concerning the recent conspiracy against President Reis, in Bogota, as a result of which many prominent Colombians are prisoners. The Associated Press has received reports that on July 17 last the prominent conservatives and liberals resolved at all hazards to cease their connection with the regime, which according to them is ruining Colombia. Among the conspirators are various members of the superior court and cabinet and veteran generals, many of whom were joined by their sons.

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