

LABOR LEADERS CONSIDER CASE

Executive Council of American Federation of Labor Discusses Miller Controversy.

NO STATEMENT REGARDING CONCLUSIONS IS MADE PUBLIC

Prominent Washington Labor Official Urges That Organization Decline to Support Petition to President for Removal of Miller—Memorial Characterized as Blunder.

Washington, Sept. 23.—The case of Assistant Foreman W. A. Miller of the government printing office, who was reinstated in his position by order of President Roosevelt, after he had been dismissed because of his expulsion from the local book-binders' union, came up for informal discussion at the meeting Monday of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor. No statement could be obtained at the conclusion of the day's proceedings, neither of President Gompers or any of the members of the council, in regard to the matter and the usual statement of the day's doings given out after the meeting completely ignored the subject.

Calls It a Blunder.
A new feature of the case occurred when President Whitmore of the stereotypers' union, employed at the government printing office, petitioned President Gompers in favor of Miller, urging him not to give the support of the federation to the petition to President Roosevelt asking for Miller's removal sent out as a memorial from the central labor union of this city, and which, it is said, President Whitmore characterized as a blunder. President Whitmore is a life-long republican and also one of the most prominent union men of the city. It is said that some other strong union men at the government printing office will join Mr. Whitmore in his stand.

Says Opinion Was Individual.
President Whitmore made a statement Tuesday to the effect that his opposition to the Central Labor union's resolutions sent to President Roosevelt in the Miller case was individual and not as representing the union. He said he went to the executive council meeting to protest verbally, but that President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, refused to discuss the case. Mr. Whitmore said that the stereotypers' union is not and will not be involved in the controversy.

President Criticized.
The president's attitude toward union labor came up before Columbia Typographical union, No. 101, in the form of a resolution criticizing his course in the Miller case. The purport of the resolution was very similar to that adopted and sent throughout the country by the Central Labor union. Action on the resolution, however, was indefinitely postponed, following a statement by a member that a conference on the subject was soon to be held between Roosevelt and prominent labor leaders, and that any action in the meantime would be inopportune.

Urges Miller's Dismissal.
The Central Labor union of this city Monday night took supplemental action in the case of W. A. Miller, and adopted strong resolutions which were sent to President Roosevelt, urging Miller's dismissal. The union earnestly requests the president to modify his orders of last July to Secretary Cortelyou, in which the president says there shall be no discrimination between union and nonunion labor, and they further petition that "W. A. Miller, assistant foreman in the bindery of the government printing office, be dismissed, to promote the efficiency of the service, on charges made by the bookbinders' union, which prove his unfitness for a public servant."

Committee Resumes Sessions.
The executive council of the Federation of Labor resumed its sessions Tuesday.

No formal consideration was given the Miller case at the morning's session of executive council, the meeting being devoted mainly to adjusting disputes between subordinate organizations. It is pointed out that while an official copy of the resolutions of the Central Labor union was forwarded by that body to the Federation Monday night, the local Bookbinders' union No. 4, which expelled Miller from its membership, has not reported the matter to the Federation. It was asserted that this is a condition precedent to a formal consideration of the case by the executive council.

Given Two Years.
Philadelphia, Sept. 23.—Annie R. Sharpley, who caused the post office authorities much trouble through her swindling operations in raising the figures on postal money orders in many cities, has been sentenced to the Eastern penitentiary for two years. She came from England several years ago and is said to be connected with a good family there.

Continues Argument.
London, Sept. 23.—Attorney General Finlay devoted the morning session of the Alaskan boundary commission to the examination of the evidence of the Canadian surveyors regarding the mountains bordering on the Alaskan coast. Contrary to expectation he was still speaking when the commission adjourned.

Ten Fishermen Drowned.
Dublin, Sept. 23.—Ten fishermen were drowned Tuesday by the capsizing of a boat in Killin bay near Waterville.

EX-SENATOR FARWELL DEAD

Prominent Illinoisan Passes Away at Lake Forest.

Had Been Ill for Many Months—Short Sketch of His Busy Career.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—Charles B. Farwell, former senator, merchant and public man who had been a resident of Chicago since 1844, passed away at his country home in Lake Forest at 6:45 o'clock Wednesday morning. Mr. Farwell was 80 years old and the immediate cause of his death was pneumonia, which developed on Monday. He had been in failing strength for several months, and when attacked by pneumonia his condition was so impaired that it was impossible to check the disease.



CHARLES B. FARWELL.

Charles Benjamin Farwell was born at Painted Post, a little village of Steuben county, N. Y., in 1823. When he was still a young man he came to Illinois with his father and occupied himself with farming and land surveying until 1844, when he came to Chicago. There he at different times engaged in the real estate, banking and dry goods business, always taking more or less interest in politics. In 1864 he joined his brother, J. V. Farwell, in the dry goods trade. Together they developed a large and profitable business throughout the territory tributary to Chicago and the house of J. V. Farwell & Co. speedily became known throughout the entire west. In 1870 he received the first nomination for congress at the hands of the republican party, and after a warm campaign Mr. Farwell was elected by some 5,000 majority. He was reelected to the Forty-third congress in 1872, and again in 1874. While in the house of representatives Mr. Farwell saw five years' service as chairman of the committees on manufactures and on banking and currency. He retired from politics for a season, but in 1880 he was again nominated for congress. He served through the Forty-seventh congress and then declined a reelection. On the death of John A. Logan he was elected in 1887 to the United States senate and served as a member of that body until March 4, 1891.

TRAIN HELD UP.

Four Masked Men Stop Burlington Express Near St. Joseph, Mo., and Blow Open Safe.

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 24.—Four masked men held up Burlington train No. 41 five miles north of this city at ten o'clock Tuesday night, blew open the express safe and are said to have secured from \$5,000 to \$10,000, although company officials declare they got no booty. None of the passengers was molested. Railroad officials say the bandits secured little that was valuable. One of the robbers flagged the train with a red light. As soon as the engineer stopped he and his fireman were covered by one of the men, while the others proceeded to the express car and demanded that the door be opened. The express messenger refused to comply. After shooting at the car the robbers pried off the door of the car and climbed in. The messenger opened fire, but was quickly overpowered, after which the robbers turned their attention to the safe. A charge of dynamite was placed against the door and exploded. The safe door was blown off, but in the explosion one of the robbers was badly hurt. Passengers on the cars, hearing the noise, rushed out of the day coaches and to the express car. The robbers seeing that there were too many men to attack fled into the fields along the track and escaped. It is believed that one of them was badly hurt by the explosion. A farmer living near by witnessed the robbery and telephoned to the nearest town.

The officials of the Burlington Railway company in St. Joseph announce that a suitable reward will be offered by that body to the Federation Monday night, the local Bookbinders' union No. 4, which expelled Miller from its membership, has not reported the matter to the Federation. It was asserted that this is a condition precedent to a formal consideration of the case by the executive council.

Murder Suspected.
St. Louis, Sept. 24.—A coat, undershirt and a pair of gold buttons engraved "McC." believed to have been the property of James P. McCann, for whose supposed murder Frederick S. Barrington is being held, were found Tuesday about two miles from where the body, supposedly McCann's, was found some months ago. Further search will be instituted by the police.

Poisoned by Canned Beef.
La Crosse, Wis., Sept. 24.—Mrs. Mary Rusk, Mrs. George Williams and two others were taken violently ill Tuesday night as the result of eating canned beef. All have recovered except Mrs. Rusk, who is still in a serious condition. This is the second family in this vicinity poisoned by eating canned beef during the past two weeks.

NEW MEMBERS FOR BRITISH CABINET

King Said to Have Approved Appointments to Vacancies Caused by the Resignations.

LORD SELBORNE TO BECOME SECRETARY OF THE COLONIES

Austen Chamberlain to Succeed Ritchie as Chancellor of Exchequer—Mr. Arnold-Forster Becomes Secretary of War and Mr. Brodric Is Made Secretary for India.

London, Sept. 22.—King Edward is reported to have approved the appointment of Austen Chamberlain, the postmaster general, to be chancellor of the exchequer, in succession to Charles T. Ritchie; Mr. Arnold-Forster, secretary to the admiralty, to be secretary for war, in succession to Mr. Brodric; Mr. Brodric, the secretary for war, to be secretary for India, in succession to Lord George Hamilton, and Lord Selborne, the first lord of the admiralty, to be secretary for the colonies, in succession to Joseph Chamberlain. No official confirmation of the appointments has yet been forthcoming. It is known that Lord Milner, the British high commissioner of South Africa, was offered the colonial secretaryship. Cabinet appointments not yet made. Premier Balfour's private secretary informed the press later that the reported cabinet appointments had not yet been made, adding that Mr. Balfour hardly expected to be in a position to give out the list of new ministers Monday afternoon.

THE WASHBURN RIFLE TROPHY.



This handsome bronze trophy, presented by Senator Washburn, of Minnesota, is being contested for on the Minnesota state rifle range at Lake City by teams of picked men from the National guard of Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota. It is now in possession of the Illinois soldiers, and has been won twice by them. If they are successful in the present contest, it will become the property of Illinois, and be placed in the capitol building at Springfield.

WILL NOT RESIGN.

Senator Hanna Not Ready to Give Up Chairmanship of the Republican National Committee.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 22.—Senator Hanna stated Monday that there was no truth in the report, printed in some of the eastern papers, that he would resign the chairmanship of the national republican committee on account of ill health. Mr. Hanna's duties as chairman, it is pointed out, are extremely light at present, and will continue so until the national republican convention meets, when a new chairman may be named. Mr. Hanna declined to state whether or not he would again accept the chairmanship if offered to him.

WASMAKER WINS SUIT.

Beaver, Pa., Sept. 22.—The slander suit brought against ex-Postmaster General Wanamaker by Former State Printer Robinson has ended in a victory for the defendant. The sealed verdict was read Monday morning and found for the defendant.

ORDERED TO FEET.

Cologne, Sept. 22.—The correspondent of the Gazette at Fez telegraphs that the sultan of Morocco has requested the French military mission, which, since 1887, has been training the Sherifian troops, to leave the capital.

ODD FELLOWS IN SESSION

The Sovereign Grand Lodge Gathers at Baltimore.

Reports Show a Membership of 1,329,956 and Receipts of \$11,553,906 for the Year.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 22.—The opening exercises of the annual convention of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows began here Monday morning at nine o'clock in Ford's Opera house. The sovereign grand lodge previously assembled at Kennert's hotel and marched to the opera house under command of Grand Marshal John B. Cockburn, of Indiana, escorted by the patriarchs militant.

At the opera house Grand Master Edward Rosman, of the grand lodge of Maryland, delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to by Gov. John Walter Smith, on the part of Maryland, and Mayor Robert M. McLane, for Baltimore.

Grand Sire John B. Goodwin, of Georgia, then made an address, after which the sovereign grand lodge proceeded to Odd Fellows' temple and began its secret deliberations.

The annual report of Grand Sire and Commander-in-chief John B. Goodwin, which was read, shows the order to be in a flourishing condition.

The total membership of the order, which includes the subordinate lodge membership and the sisters only of the

CORN RECEIVES LITTLE DAMAGE

Notwithstanding Recent Frosts the Crop as a Whole Escapes Serious Injury.

LOW TEMPERATURES PREVENT RAPID RIPENING OF GRAIN

Government Weather Bureau Issues Weekly Summary of Conditions—Everything Favorable for Completion of Spring Wheat Harvest—Cotton Crop Being Gathered.

Washington, Sept. 23.—The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions is as follows:

While the week has been abnormally cool, with general frosts throughout the central valleys and as far south as the northern portion of the central gulf states, the damage has not been serious except in the extreme western portions of Kansas and Nebraska, the Dakotas, Minnesota, Wisconsin and New England. The South Atlantic states have suffered from excessive moisture, while the heavy rains of the previous week over the northern portions of the Missouri and Upper Mississippi valleys delayed threshing of spring wheat and caused grain in shock to sprout. Drought has been largely relieved in the east gulf states, but continues in the Ohio valley, Tennessee and in the central and west gulf states. The Pacific coast states have experienced a very favorable week.

Corn Little Injured by Frost.

Notwithstanding the occurrence of light to heavy frosts generally throughout the corn belt, the corn crop has escaped injury, except in the western portions of Kansas and Nebraska and in the Dakotas, Minnesota and Wisconsin. While low temperatures have prevented rapid ripening, especially over the western districts, the crop as a whole has advanced favorably, although the late planted in the Ohio valley and Tennessee has suffered from drought. A large part of the crop is now safe, but the bulk of the unharvested will require from one to two weeks of favorable weather.

The weather has been favorable for the completion of spring wheat harvest on the North Pacific coast. In the Dakotas and Minnesota spring wheat in shock has been injured, and threshing delayed by wet weather.

Except in portions of the eastern districts of the cotton belt, where cotton picking has been interrupted by rains, the weather conditions have been very favorable for gathering the crop, and this work has progressed rapidly. The prevalence of rust, shedding the boll worms is widespread, and the boll weevil in Texas continues destructive, although premature opening in South Carolina rust in Georgia, and shedding in Alabama have been somewhat checked. Heavy rains have injured the staple in Georgia, South Carolina and Florida. Cotton is opening rapidly in all districts. The outlook for a top crop is not promising.

The reports continue to indicate extensive prevalence of blight and decay in potatoes. Plowing and seeding have advanced satisfactorily except in the Ohio valley and Tennessee, where the soil has been too dry, and in the northern portion of the middle Atlantic states, where there has been too much rain.

To Sell Out Company.

New York, Sept. 23.—Notice of the intention of the syndicate which underwrote the loan of \$5,050,000 to the Consolidated Lake Superior company to sell at auction the assets of the company held by them as collateral for the loan was Tuesday sent by Speyer & Co. to the officers of the company. The details of the sale have not yet been made public.

Report of Ginned Cotton.

Washington, Sept. 23.—A census report of the quantity of cotton ginned in the United States from the growth of 1903 up to and including August 31 gives the following figures: Total commercial bales, 17,587, including 16,991 square bales, 570 round bales of upland crop and 26 bales of sea island crop. The total gins in operation numbered 2,176.

Troops Called to Arms.

Victor, Col., Sept. 23.—The troops in Camp Garfield were called to arms late Monday night. It was said at military headquarters that unknown persons had attempted to break through the guard lines on Bull Hill. Twenty shots were fired by the sentry, but it is not known whether any of them took effect.

Four Section Men Killed.

Geneseo, N. Y., Sept. 24.—Four section men on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad were killed Tuesday near Mount Morris by being struck by a west-bound train from New York to Buffalo. They were on a hand-car and, owing to a heavy fog, were unable to see the approaching train.

Famous Monk Dead.

New York, Sept. 23.—A private dispatch from Prague announces the death of Brother Karl, probably the most famous member of the Benedictine Order of Monks. Before entering the cloister he was Prince Edwin Schoenburg, an officer of the Austrian emperor's guard.

Odd Fellows Elect Gen. Raney.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 23.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Tuesday morning unanimously elected Gen. M. A. Raney, of Marengo, Ia., commanding general of the patriarchs militant for a term of four years.

MANY DELEGATES PRESENT

National Conference of Christian Churches Begun.

Labor Commissioner Wright Addresses Body on Growth of Practical Religion.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 23.—Over 1,000 delegates were in attendance at the opening session of the National Conference of Christian churches Tuesday. An address of welcome was made by Mayor F. P. Stoy and was responded to by President Carroll D. Wright, who spoke on the growth of practical religion. Rev. R. Slicer, chairman of the council, followed Mr. Wright.

The address by secretary, Mrs. Emily Fifield, of Dorchester, Mass., was full of important information and was attentively listened to. Another report which was of much interest was that of Charles W. Wendte, of Boston, secretary of the International Council of Unitarians.

A deviation from the original programme was made when 30 minutes were devoted to the discussion of the negro educational question in the south. It was participated in by Mr. W. Benson, of Kowaliga, and J. Taylor, of Tuskegee, the latter representing Booker T. Washington. Assistant secretaries were appointed as follows: Rev. C. W. Brown, of Littleton, Mass.; Rev. E. C. Smith, of Hittsdale, N. Y.; Frank H. Burt, of Boston; W. T. Salter, of New York. Ushers named were Rev. W. L. Walsh, of Brookfield, Mass.; Rev. H. S. Mitchell, of Peabody, Mass.; Rev. L. M. Greenman, of Gloucester, Mass.; Rev. W. S. Nichols, of Walpole, N. Y.

At the afternoon session the Women's National Alliance tendered a reception to the delegates. The next meeting will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1905.

GIBBONS HOME AGAIN.

Cardinal Returns from Conclave—Says New Pope is Interested in America.

New York, Sept. 23.—Cardinal Gibbons arrived here Tuesday on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. A delegation of priests and laymen from Baltimore went down the bay on a revenue cutter to greet him and welcome him home. In speaking of the new pontiff, the cardinal said that the choice of the conclave had been most happy from an American viewpoint, as Pius X. was deeply interested in the development of the church in this country, and was singularly familiar with American institutions. The cardinal had several lengthy interviews with the pope regarding church affairs in this country.

The cardinal was not inclined to discuss the probable policy of the new papal regime, but said that no radical changes in American church administration would ensue.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGED.

Management of Wild West Show Accused Cole Younger, the Former Bandit.

Nevada, Mo., Sept. 23.—A charge of embezzlement of \$6,000 has been made against Cole Younger, the ex-bandit, by the management of a wild west show with which Frank James and Younger have been associated since shortly after Younger's pardon from the Minnesota penitentiary, where he was serving a life sentence. James and Younger had previously brought action for damages against the management, because, as they allege, the show proprietor failed to equip the aggregation according to contract and refused to drive away the gambling element that followed the shows. Both James and Younger assert there is nothing in the embezzlement charge, which they say is retaliatory.

Ex-Mayor of Chicago Dead.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Alison S. Sherman, who was mayor of Chicago in 1844, died at 8:50 o'clock Tuesday morning at his home in Waukegan, Ill. He was 92 years old. His death was peaceful, and he passed away with his six children at his bedside. Since 1856 Alison S. Sherman had lived in Waukegan. He had resided for 20 years in Chicago when he left this city.

To Be Placed in Service.

New York, Sept. 23.—After being tied up to a dock for more than two years the triple-screw cruiser Columbia, one of the fleetest ships in the navy, has been replaced as receiving ship at the navy yard here by the Hancock, formerly an army transport. The cruiser is to be overhauled and placed in shape for service with the training squadron.

Continues to Improve.

Colorado Springs, Col., Sept. 23.—Senator Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia, who is now with Mrs. Scott at the home of his sister, Mrs. William Lennox, of this city, sat up an hour Tuesday morning for the first time since he was taken ill ten days ago in Denver and the physicians believe he will be able to be out within a week.

Former Legislator Dead.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 23.—Col. J. M. Underwood, well known as a railroad constructor and formerly a member of the Minnesota state legislature, is dead at his residence in Portland at the age of 61.

Rebel Leader Captured.

Santiago, Cuba, Sept. 23.—Rural guards Monday night surrounded and captured Juan Lopez, the leader of the recent insurrection and another man.

Four Tourists Killed.

London, Sept. 23.—Four tourists who were climbing the Seafall mountain in Cumberland, Tuesday, fell down a precipice and were killed.