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AMENDMENT KILLED

W. C. T. U. YESTERDAY VOTES TO RETAIN SYSTEM OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

CITIES AGAINST THE COUNTRY

Twin City Delegates Vote in Favor of Amendment—Memorial Exercises Held at Afternoon Session.

After a spirited discussion yesterday concerning the proposed constitutional amendment abolishing district organization the majority of the delegates at the W. C. T. U. convention in Minneapolis voted against it and the amendment was killed. In the discussion the St. Poul and Minneapolis delegates lined up against the country delegates, who were in favor of retaining district organization. Mrs. Frances Neal, of Minneapolis, spoke in favor of the proposed amendment. Other speakers were Mrs. Abbie Church, of Indiana; Mrs. M. E. Hoover, Mrs. E. F. Hendrix, of Minneapolis, and Mrs. Ida Thompson. The principal speakers in favor of retaining the districts were Mrs. Julia B. Nelson, of Red Wing; Mrs. A. C. Bayrell, of Argyle, and Miss Ella Cook, of Austin. A series of letters from Nebraska, where the experiment of doing away with districts has been recently made, was read by Mrs. Bayrell. They uniformly reported that the thinly-settled counties seemed to be suffering, although it might be satisfactory to the eastern and other counties. Other speakers laid emphasis on the value of the district conventions in providing inspiration and disciplinary training for workers who seldom attend state conventions. The summing up was that the country needed the districts. Several expressed themselves for the change at a later time when the counties are better organized.

Mrs. E. F. Hendrix and Mrs. Wilcox were appointed yesterday to send out the greetings of the Minnesota W. C. T. U. convention to the absent vice presidents and superintendents of departments, the pioneers unable to be present, Mrs. McKinley, the South Dakota union and the Minnesota Methodist conference now in session.

Late in the morning the second constitutional amendment proposing to abolish county unions and to redistrict the state was brought up. Mrs. Julia B. Nelson, who proposed this amendment, stated that she was not especially keen for it, but had proposed it by request as an alternative for the one defeated. She was entirely willing to withdraw it if the convention was satisfied to make no change and would give consent. This the convention refused to do, ond the debate was taken up on the merits of the question. The argument in its favor was that it would do away with considerable machinery and simplify the work; that in redistricting there would be no obstacle to making large, well organized counties into districts by themselves. Special stress was laid on settling the whole question definitely in order that there might be a stable policy. On motion the amendment was temporarily tabled.

Memorial exercises conducted by Mrs. Excene Bonwell were held in the afternoon. The report of the Loyal Temperance Legion superintendent, Miss Louise E. Hollister, was followed by a demonstration of the principles and two branches. The demonstration was by means of tableaux, and each group of departments was represented by a speaker who told briefly what the work of each department was.

Mrs. Callie H. Howe, of Missouri, an organizer, who has done much work in Minnesota, addressed the convention last evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The most stirring address of the convention was delivered last evening by Mrs. Callie H. Howe, national organizer from Missouri, on "The Duty of the Hour." Mrs. Howe is a trained speaker with considerable personal magnetism. "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way for the Lord," was her text, and the trend of her reasoning was that "ye," to the twentieth century, is an appeal to every individual man and women to make straight the way of the Lord by clearing out the liquor traffic.

In Labor's Field.

The Engineers' union met last night, with President Van Allen in the chair. Dr. Ohage, in a letter, regretted that he was not called to attend the meeting of the international union held in Mozart hall. The committe having in hand the entertainment of the delegates to the international convention held lately in this city reported, and by a rising vote the union thanked the committee for the able manner in which they conducted the affairs entrusted to their care. The report of the delegate to the international union was received and filed. The president was thanked for his presentation of a ballot box. The committee on franchises reported that the matter of granting a city franchise to a private corporation for heating and lighting purposes will come up for consideration next Tuesday evening, when they will attend and oppose the grant. The union decided not to oppose the application of the hoisting engineers for a separate charter. A ball will be given in Federation hall by the union on Thanksgiving eve. Receipts, $20, disbursements, $51.16.

Laundry Workers Will Organize.

A well attended meeting of the Laundry Workers was attended last night in Federation hall for the purpose of forming a union. It was decided by all present that it was desirable to form a union which would work in sympathy with, and would be conducted in such a manner as to receive the support of the diffrent laundry companies in the city.

Plasterers Initiate New Officers.

President Bockius presided at a meeting of the Plasterers' union last night, when J W. Manning was initiated, and two applications for membership were received. Business of the meeting was of a routine character and trade was reported fair. Receipts, $21; disbursements, $19.

LABOR NOTES.

The following Unions hold meetings tonight: Bricklayers, Cigarmakers, Stonecutters and Stonemasons.

The Servant Girls' union holds a meeting this afternoon at 2:30 in Federation hall for the purpose of making arrangements for holding a social.

The Lathers' union held a meeting last night when business was reported good.

Louis Hanson, president of the Trades and Labor council, Minneapolis, has returned from Clinton, Iowa, where he organized a union of woodworkers, with a membership of thirty.

The Federation hall trustees met last night and reported favorably upon the books of the secretary treasurer, which showed receipts for the six months ending July 31 last, $538.07; disbursements, $282.20.

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The necessaries of life at purse-saving prices. Every Schoch item is a good item, both as to quality and price. You'll find it so. Read some samples for today:

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Peaches	½-bushel box Freestone	65c
Peaches	½-bushel basket Michigan Crawford Freestone	$1.00
Pears	Bushel box Bartlett	$2.00
Muscat Grapes	Per basket	20c
Peaches	Michigan Freestone, per basket	20c
Peaches	½-bushel crate clingstone	50c
Pineapples	Extra large, each	25c
Niagara Grapes	10-pound basket	20c
Delaware Grapes	Per basket	20c
Ground Cherries	Per peck	35c
Damson Plums	Fancy, per basket	40c
	Quart boxes each	10c
Apples	Per peck	20c
Jelly Grapes	Minnesota, per pound	2½c
Stewing Oysters	Per can	30c
Tomatoes	Per bushel	40c
Hybrid Melons	Per bushel	25c
Sweet Potatoes	8 pounds, Jerseys	25c
Butter	Country Dairy in 5-lb. jars, per lb	16c & 18c
Minnesota Plums	The last lot, peck	35c
Fresh Bread	Per loaf	2½c

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Made in our own factory by the most expert workmen in the West. Absolutely pure, fresh and wholesome in every way. Assorted Caramels, per pound 22c
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Peanut Taffy, per pound 8c
Chocolate Genessee, per pound 26c

Baking Powder — Schoch's "Highest Quality" pure cream of tartar is best by every test, official and household. It is a guaranteed cream of tartar powder of absolute purity. Price, per can 20c

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Table Syrup — Lyle's, quart can 18c

Coffee — Palmer House Java and Mocha 25c

The Andrew Schoch Grocery Co. THE BIG STORE, Broadway and Seventh, St. Paul.

SUBMIT NEW ORDINANCE

ST. PAUL LIME AND CEMENT COMPANY SEEKS LEASE.

On representations from the legal department that the ordinance was not worth the paper it was written on, despite the fact that the board of aldermen and the assembly committee on license gave it approval, the St. Paul Lime and Cement company, which is asking for a levee lease at the foot of Robert street, yesterday withdrew the strument and introduced another.

The new ordinance came up before the assembly last night and received approval, though it will have to lie over the required ten days. It permits the company to erect a warehouse on the ground designated, for which a rental of $100 a year is provided, but in order to comply with the charter it must be a public warehouse and subject to the 5 per cent gross earnings tax.

Launch owners who hope to appropriate to their use the levee where the warehouse will stand, raised a protest, but the company appeased them by promising to construct a landing and provide shelter for their launches.

Assemblyman Craig could not see the propriety of the city encumbering its levee, and refused to give the instrument his approval. Assemblyman Haas, who has also opposed the warehouse on the same grounds, was not present.

ASKS FOR LEVEE LEASE

PROPOSED TO PUT UP FACTORY FOR BUILDING LAUNCHES.

The assembly committee on streets next week will consider an application from Charles Kohlman and John Christenson for a West side levee lease.

They intend to erect a factory at a point below State street for the building of launches and gasoline engines, and desire a twenty-five-year lease. They promise to have the factory complete in twelve months. A rental of $1 a year is proposed.

GROCER'S TILL TAPPED

TWO YOUNG BOYS ARE ARRESTED FOR LARCENY.

Charles Lindquist, thirteen years old, and Anton Ritten, twelve years old, were arrested by Officer Sullivan, of the Margaret police station, last night for the alleged larceny of $5 from the till in Peter Mueller's grocery store, at Case street and Walsh avenue. The police say the boys entered the store about 6 o'clock last evening while Mr. Mueller was out in the back yard and took the money out of the till.

They are also said to have helped themselves to some tobacco and a few other little articles and started away with their plunder. Mr. Mueller happened to see the lads as they were emerging from the store and gave chase. On the way he met Officer Sullivan and told him to arrest the boys, which he did. All of the money and all of the articles stolen were recovered. The boys admitted their guilt to the police. They were locked up and charged with petit larceny.

Both of the lads live in what is known as "Paradise Alley."

TO BAR HUCKSTERS

NEW CITY MARKET WILL PROBABLY BE CLOSED TO THEM

WILL CLOSE AT 2 O'CLOCK

The Growers' and Grocers' Associations Protested That All Day Opening Would Harm Them.

If the efforts of the Ramsey County Growers' association bear fruit, the seductive huckster, in other words the middle man, will be barred from holding forth in the new market when it is completed.

With this object in view, and also the securing of reforms in respect to the opening and closing hours of the institution, a number of the members of the growers' association, including representatives from the Retail Grocers' association, appeared before the joint committee on markets yesterday afternoon.

As against the hucksters, A. Van Osterhout, secretary of the Growers' association, held that as the market space was limited, no one but farmers and growers should be admitted. They will be of no value to those who will patronize the market, he said, and if they want to do business, let them rent some place near the market. Those who will contribute to the maintenance of the institution can get along well enough without them.

Other members aired their views in this respect, and the general trend of opinion was that the presence of the huckster was undesirable. The representatives from the Grocers' association, while refraining from actually protesting against the huckster, held with the growers that the farmers and growers should be first provided for, as in their attendance and protection lay the success of the market.

NO ALL DAY MARKET.

An all day market did not at all meet with the approval of the two associations, especially the grocers, who protested that it was not fair to them, inasmuch as a farmer paying only 10 cents a day competed with men who were paying many times that amount for rent, and also contributing to the general maintenance of the city.

As a compromise, Secretary Mason, of the Grocers' association, recommended that the hours be from 6 o'clock in the morning until 2 in the afternoon. This was acceptable to all present, and the ordinance was so changed. This will allow the entrance of teams and wagons at any hour, but will prohibit the exposing of goods for sale before 6 o'clock or after 2 o'clock.

As a precautionary measure, it was decided to restrict goods to be offered for sale to farm produce, fish and meat, the latter in wholesale quantities.

The ordinance as amended was approved by the assembly last night. It provides rules for the governing of the market place, and the market committee as the channel through which applications for space must pass.

FINISH THEIR WORK

RATHBONE SISTERS CONCLUDED THEIR CONVENTION WITH YESTERDAY'S SESSION

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Mrs. Sarah Cheney, of Appleton, Is Grand Chief—No Changes Are Made to the Constitution.

The Rathbone Sisters concluded a two days' session yesterday at Bowlby hall with the election of the following officers:

Grand chief, Mrs. Sarah Cheney, of Appleton, Minn; grand senior, Mrs. J. C. McCall, of St. Paul; grand junior, Mrs. Mamie Cooper, of Sauk Center; grand mistress, Mrs. Margaret Weston, of Minneapolis; grand mistress of finance, Mrs. M. Stock, of Melrose; grand mistress of records and correspondence, Mrs. A. G. Barstrand, of Brainerd; grand protector, Mrs. M. Kiern, of Winona; grand guard, Mrs. A. Washburn, of Austin; grand representative, Mrs Emma J Wicks, of Duluth; grand trustees, Mrs Celia A. Rostram, Mrs. E. Davis, of Minneapolis, and Mrs. Addie Upright, of Rush City.

The installing officers yesterday afternoon were Mrs. A. Schrack and Mrs. A. Towne, of Minneapolis, past grand chiefs. Mrs. Sloggy, of St. Paul, retiring grand chief, was presented with a ring set with pearls and opals.

The report of the grand chief was adopted, its recommendations acted upon and its decisions sustained. No changes were made in the by-laws or in the constitution. The report of the committee on insurance was accepted and the grand lodge of Minnesota will now insure its members for the sums of $1,000, $500 or $250.

A resolution of thanks to the newspapers of the city was voted. The session adjourned to meet next year in Minneapolis.

Ejected From Street Car.

Esther M. Barrett and Jacob Bachman have begun two separate suits against the street railway company to recover $5,000 damages for false arrest and forcible ejection from a State street car on the evening of July 3 last. Both claimed that their destination was the southern terminus of the line but that the conductor put them off at Seventh and Wabasha and then called an officer, who arrested them. They were held on some trivial charge and discharged in the police court upon their hearing.

A MOUNTAIN CLIMBER

Gains Twelve Pounds on Change of Food.

When a change in food can rebuild a man seventy-seven years of age, it is evidence that there is some value in a knowledge that can discriminate in the selection of proper food to rebuild the body. A few months ago the physician attending Warren S. Johnson, of Colfax, Cal., seventy-seven years old, told him that death from old age would soon claim him. He suffered from general weakness and debility.

An old lady advised him to quit coffee and drink Postum Cereal Food Coffee and to eat Grape-Nuts breakfast food every morning. He took the advice, and has gained twelve pounds. Says he is as well as he ever was, and can take long trips in the mountains, which he has been unable to do for a long time.

There is a reason for this; in the first place, coffee acts as a direct nerve destroyer on many highly organized people, both young and old, and many people haven't the knowledge to select nourishing, healthful, rebuilding food.

Both Postum Food Coffee and Grape-Nuts breakfast food are made from selected parts of the field grains that contoin delicate particles of phosphate of potash and albumen. These two elements combine in the human body to quickly rebuild the gray matter in the brain and in the nerve centers throughout the body.

Direct, sure, and certain results come from their use and can be proven by any person that cares to make the trial. Both the Postum Food Coffee and Grape-Nuts are kept by all first-class grocers.

UNCLE RUSSELL WINS

URI L. LAMPREY LOSES SUIT FOR LAND IN OTTER TAIL COUNTY

WILL GO TO SUPREME COURT

Lamprey Fails to Pay $62,262 Necessary for Securing a Clear Title to Disputed Property.

By an order filed by Judge Bunn yesterday, upon affidavits of Clerk of the Court Edward G. Rogers and Land Commissioner Owen Morris, of the St. Paul & Chicago Railway company, Uri L. Lamprey loses his rights to 28,000 acres of land in Otter Tail county.

Under the judgment in the case in which the railway company, Russel Sage and the Farmers' Loan and Trust company were the defendants, Lamprey was adjudged owner of the lands in question, if within thirty days he should pay to Land Commissioner Morris or Clerk of the Court Rogers $62,262.

Lamprey gained a stay of ninety days and it was generally supposed that he would have raised the amount and made his title secure. Now, however, the case will go to the supreme courtr, where the validity of Judge Bunn's ruling will be tested.

HAD TO CUT RATES.

Agent Sues Company for a Fine Inflicted on Him.

A peculiar state of affairs in insurance circles is brought to light by the suit of J. Q. Haas & Co., insurance agents of this city, against the Agricultural Insurance Company of Watertown, N. Y., for damages to business and reputation amounting to $10,000.

The plaintiffs allege that they were agents for the above company, and also members of the local Fire Underwriters' association inspection bureau, and that the association entered into a compact fixing the rate, but the defendant company compelled the local agency to cut these rates, and, as a result, the firm of J. Q. Haas & Co. was fined $250 by the association for violation of the compact.

It is also alleged that the defendant company aided and abetted the prosecution before the association.

MARRIAGE TIES GALLING.

Two Applications for Divorce Filed Yesterday.

Fanny Spicer is seeking a divorce from Oscar Spicer on the ground of desertion. The complaint states that they were married in St. Paul in February, 1900, and that April 15 of the same year Mr. Spicer took Ernech leave and has not contributed to the support of Mrs. Spicer in the meantime.

Eugene F. Meiere also would like to have the court free him from the bonds of matrimony, as he alleges that his wife, Mammie Meiere, to whom he was married in August, 1899, left him in November of that same year and has not lived with him since.

SLIPPED ON THE STEPS.

Lizzie Walsh Sues House Agent for $2,650.

Lizzie A. Walsh has commenced an action to recover $2,650 for injuries alleged to have been received by her upon the steps of house leased from Alexander Cathcart. She claims that the agent agreed to keep the house in repair, and that the steps leading down to the basement were in a rotten condition, and that, although she had notified the defendant, they had never been fixed. She stepped upon the top step, which gave way under her weight, and she was thrown down the entire flight to the basement and sustained injuries that rendered her unable to do her housework. The suit is for $2,500 damages and $150 for money expended in doctor's bills and help for her housework.

Fell From a Truck.

John Wolfe began a suit yesterday to recover damages to the amount of $2,500 for injuries received while working for the Minnesota Transfer Railway company. He names the company as defendant and states in the complaint that he was working upon a truck, which broke down and threw him to the ground, fracturing his left leg just above the ankle. He also asks for $250, representing five months time that he has lost by reason of the accident.

Granted a New Trial.

The street railway company will have to stand another trial as defendants in the case of Henry Gray, as administrator for the estate of Charles H. Gray, the five-year-old boy who was killed by a street car at Garfield and Oakland avenues last January. Judge Lewis granted the motion for a new trial on the ground that the evidence did not justify the verdict for the plaintiff. The suit was for $5,000 and the jury fixed the amount at $2,750.

Estate Worth $11,000.

Petition for letters of administration in the estate of Hans Nels Clouse were filed in the probate court yesterday. The estate is valued at $11,000 and there is only one heir, a daughter, aged twenty-one, asks to be made administratrix of the estate. Clouse, who was a former deputy clerk of the municipal court, died in Sweden. The case will be heard Saturday.

TOUCHED A LIVE WIRE

JOHN BENSON RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS BY SEVERE SHOCK.

Contact with a live wire last night sent John Benson, of 618 Magnolia street, to the hospital for repairs. He is employed by the Armour Packing company and was engaged in unloading a car in which a portable electric lamp was hanging when the accident occurred.

A switched engine bumped against the car in which he was working, and in order to prevent the lamp from being broken by the collision he caught hold of the cord. It parted and the live end remained in his hands. Happily the voltage was light, but he received a shock that rendered him unconscious. He will be released from the hospital today, none the worse for his accident.

CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN.

Convention of the National Union Elects Officers.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 25.—The second day's session of the twenty-seventh annual convention of the Catholic Young Men's National union was devoted principally to a discussion of the public press. Thomas J. Cummins, of the International News bureau, read a paper on "American Journalism." He said he deplored the tendency toward sensationalism of the newspapers and declared that the assassination of President McKinley was due in a measure to the inflammatory utterances of the press.

The secretary-treasurer read his report which showed the union to be in a flourishing condition financially.

It was decided to hold the next convention at Hartford, Conn., and the following officers were elected:

President, Bernard M. Bogan, of Boston; first vice president, W. J. Stanley, Hartford; second vice president, Joseph J. Keating, and secretary and treasurer, J. H. Fitzgerald.

John L. Harold, of Philadelphia, read an exhaustive paper on "The History of Education in the Philippine Islands," prepared by the archdiocese of Philadelphia. It scored the Taft commission for abolishing religious instruction in the public schools of Manila.

San Francisco and Return, $59.00.

Until Sept. 27th the Soo Line will sell tickets to San Francisco and return for $59.00. Stop-overs allowed. Choice of routes returning. City Ticket Office, 379 Robert street.

PRETTY HATS SHOWN

STRONGE & BRADSHAW'S FALL OPENING DRAWS LARGE CROWDS OF WOMEN

NOVELTIES IN HEADGEAR

Some of the Autumn Designs Are Most Artistic and Tempting to the Feminine Eye.

Even if one had the purse one could not wear all the pretty hats shown this season and that is one reason why a visit to the Stronge & Bradshaw big millinery store on Seventh street is a rather tantalizing pleasure. The big show rooms with their numerous mirrors and handsome cases are attractive in themselves but they simply serve as a suitable background for the many beautiful hats that the firm is exhibiting this season. Not a few of these hats are either made entirely of green or else show touches of green in the trimmings. These soft shades of green are already very popular in the East and bid fair to rival the black and white effect, one of the season's favorites. In a glass case all by itself there is a head covering at Stronge & Bradshaw's that must call forth exclamations of delight from every feminine visitor. It is a pale pink opera bonnet, one of those affairs that rest lightly on the head and fit snugly down over the ears. The bonnet in question is fashioned of an exquisite shade of pink chiffon, accordeon plaited. It is trimmed elaborately with pink brocaded satin and has for an ornament one big pink chrysanthemum placed directly in front. But perhaps the dearest touch to this bonnet is the big strings that tie in a butterfly bow beneath the chin. These strings are also of the pink brocaded satin, finished with a deep pink fringe.

A four-cornered Parisian confection has a brown velvet crown and is trimmed with flat rosettes of brown satin in two shades. These flat rosettes, by the way, are used on many of the best hats and make very effective trimming. An exquisite gray picture hat is made up in black and white velvet and has for trimming two long white ostrich plumes.

A special line of children's hats is shown at Stronge & Bradshaw's. These range all the way in cost and style from the big poke bonnets to modest little straw affairs and all are handsome enough to make picturesque framings for childish faces. The ready to wear hats for grown-up folks are make up for the most part in grays, browns and castor shades and are trimmed with big pom poms of contrasting colors.

Tuesday was opening day at the big millinery store and all day a steady stream of people passed in and out. The Twin City Mandolin club was in attendance both afternoon and evening and played a programme of popular music.

HOME FIRM MAY WIN

ASSEMBLY REFUSES TO GIVE PAINT CONTRACT TO PHILADELPHIA FIRM

SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE

Price of Paint Has Advanced and Rejection of Bids Will Entail Considerable Loss on the City.

The question as to who is entitled to the contract for furnishing about $3,000 worth of paint for the high bridge is still a matter of dispute.

Under the plea of "patronize home industry when you can," influenced by petitions from several of the mercantile associations, an attempt was made in the board of aldermen to give the contract to T. L. Blood, as against the National Paint company, of Philadelphia, whose bid was $30.50 lower, and according to the bids received the lowest. Obstructionists, however, bobbed up, and in order to avoid a long drawn out controversy, the contract was given to the outside firm.

The award came up for consideration as the assembly last night, but the members refused to agree, and sent it to the committee on streets, where it will be threshed over. The assembly has shown an inclination to give the work to the home firm, but as there is an element in the board on the opposite side, it is hardly probable that the contract will ever be let.

In the past two days linseed oil has advanced nearly 15 per cent, and city Engineer Claussen says if the bids are rejected and new ones advertised for, the city will get the worst of the deal. He says the present bids are surprisingly low, and probably will not be duplicated.

MRS. M'KINLEY UNCHANGED.

Her Ultimate Recovery Is Now Considered Probable.

CANTON, Sept. 25.—Favorable reports continue to come from Mrs. McKinley. She has not experienced any real change, but for the last week has had no symptoms of relapse and gives every indication of steadily regaining her normal condition.

Dr. Rixey said this evening she remains in practically the same condition. The usual visit was made to the cemetery this morning, and a good part of the afternoon was spent in driving in the country.

Judge William R. Day and others of the funeral committee today took steps looking to a permanent monument organization. Papers were drawn for incorporation under the laws of Ohio of the National McKinley Memorial association. It is to be made national in scope and personal right from the first, and its purpose is to constituae a memorial monument in West Lawn cemetery. The plan is to have the whole country unite in defraying the cost of this tribute.

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THE ISTHMIAN WAR

PRESIDENT CASTRO'S POSITION AS TO THE INSURRECTION ACROSS THE BORDER

STANDS WITH THE LIBERALS

Has No Quarrel With Colombia, but May Have One With the Present Colombian Government.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Monday, Sept. 23, via Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Sept. 25.—The correspondent here of the Associated Press, in conversation today with a cabinet minister, who requested that his name be withheld, discussed the present situation, and was informed authoritatively for publication that Venezuela had no intention whatever of taking aggressive measures against the isthmus, or interfering in any way, especially as the United States is so directly interested.

"Venezuela's differences," added the correspondent's informant, are entirely with the Colombian Liberals and the Colombian government, and in no way with the Colombian people generally. If the Colombian Liberals were to triumph tomorrow, and the Conservatives fall in consequence, the Venezuelan-Colombian imbroglio would immediately cease to exist. The Venezuelan government earnestly desires the downfall of the present Colombian government, which menaces Venezuela. If war comes, one decisive Venezuelan victory on the frontier over the Colombian regulars probably will effect the downfall of this government and so terminate the war.

"President Castro absolutely does not consider the organization of a grand Colombian republic, composed of Colombia, Venezuela and Ecuador. This experiment was tried under Bolivar and failed. Gen. Uribe-Uribe, by his recent decree, is alone responsible for this idea, which is credited to President Castro, and which the latter repudiates. Venezuela and Colombia could never live under the same government. As to the actions of our gunboats before La Hacha during the past month, we were only watching Colombia's movements. We have not once purposely crossed the Colombian frontier. Colombia has continually crossed our frontier. A fortnight ago the Colombian generals, Valencia and Vorti, and the Venezuelan general, Rangel Garbiras, decided to invade Venezuela from Cucuta. We are still awaiting the invasion. Eleven thousand Venezuelan troops and about 8,000 Colombian troops are drawn up in two opposing lines along the frontier awaiting orders. Some trivial incident or unexpected shot may start a bloody conflict.

"When the Colombians invaded Venezuela at San Cristobal in July, we asked the Colombian minister, Senor Rico, who was then here, to explain his country's actions. Senor Rico said he must first communicate with Bogota. The minister thereon proceeded to Colombia, and Venezuela is still awaiting Colombia's explanation. Until this comes, or Colombia fails to respond, Venezuela will not take aggressive action. If, in the meantime, Colombia again assumes the aggressive, we shall retaliate when in readiness.

"The offer of the United States to mediate in the matter was expressed to us verbally by the American minister. Venezuela could not accept the offer because the answer to our request to Senor Rico for an explanation of the invasion has not yet been received, and affairs have not yet reached a condition where mediation is possible. Furthermore, a state of war does not officially exist."

HE HAD NO ACCOMPLICES.

Statement Made by Assassin Czolgosz to Members of His Family.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 25.—Paul, Waldeck and Victoria Czolgosz, father, brother and sister of Leon Czolgosz, the assassin of President McKinley, were granted an interview with the prisoner in the Erie county jail today. Assistant District Attorney Frederick Haller and Assistant Superintendent of Police P. Cusack were present under instructions of District Attorney Penney throughout the interview.

No other person will be allowed to see the prisoner until after the sentence of death is imposed tomorrow afternoon. The interview between the assassin, his father, brother and sister lasted thirty-five minutes, but no information leading to the implication of anyone else in the anarchist plot to kill the president was given by the prisoner.

"We learned nothing that we did not know before," said Assistant District Attorney Haller, at the conclusion of the conference.

"He talked more than he has at any previous time, but even to his family he was not communicative."

The family returned to Cleveland immediately after the interview. But little of the conversation which passed between the members of the family could be gleaned. The officials said the conversation was only such as would occur at such a meeting and it was better to throw the mantle of privacy over it. However, authoritative announcement was made that Czolgosz denied absolutely that anyone else was concerned in the plot to kill the president. He asserted, as he had from the outset, that he did the deed unaided and alone and that no other person in the world was concerned in the crime. The prisoner asked nothing about the other members of his family or relatives or friends, nor did he give any evidence of sorrow or regret over his act. The brother and father gave no outward evidence of feeling. The sister cried all the time, but the prisoner gave no outward evidence of feeling, except to say he was glad he could see them. At the end of thirty-five minutes he shook hands with his father and brother and his sister tearfully kissed him good-bye.

IS NOW HELD FOR RANSOM.

Story of the Capture of Miss Stone by Bulgarian Brigands.

BOSTON, Sept. 25.—Details of the recent capture of Miss Stone, the American missionary, and one of her helpers by brigands in Turkey, are given in a letter just received here by the American board of commissioners for foreign missions. The facts became known to one of the missionaries of the board at Samokoo, European Turkey, through members of the party with whom Miss Stone and her assistant, Mrs. Tsilka, were traveling, when the capture was made, and who fled on being released by the outlaws. They could give no information as to where Miss Stone and her companion were taken, as the two women disappeared in the night, and the rest of the party were detained under guard for a time. Finally the robbers relieved these captives of watches and other valuables and departed. The missionaries made their way to Samokoo.

According to the story told by these victims, the capture was made at 4 p. m., Sept. 3, while Miss Stone and Mrs. Tsilka, the wife of an Albanian preacher, were traveling with friends from Bansko to Djumao. There were fifteen to eighteen in the party. The bandits confronted them in a narrow valley, surrounded them and compelled them to wade a river and ascend a wooded mountain side for about an hour. There appeared to be about forty brigands dressed like Turks, but speaking good Bulgarian.

At length a stopping place was reached. The next morning Miss Stone and Mrs. Tsilka were missed and it was apparent that the main body of the outlaws had departed, leaving only a guard.

Later this guard compelled the captives to give up their watches, money and jewelry, after which they disappeared up the mountain, leaving the missionaries free.

The authorities did not learn of the capture until nearly twenty-four hours after it had taken place, and it is thought this gave the brigands all the chance they needed to reach a secure hiding place. It is thought that they may have entered Bulgaria and the army has been given special instructions to guard the border closely and follow up any traces of the marauders which they may find.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 25.—In reply to the inquiry from the state department as to whether they would pay the ransom demanded by the Bulgarian brigands who kidnaped Miss Stone, one of its missionaries, the American board of missions has stated that it has charged its representative in Constantinople with the ransoming of the woman, leaving the price to be arranged by him.

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VITAL STATISTICS.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Louis J. Otto, Ida Geissel.
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Albert Ganger, Ella Hansen.
Benjamin F. Warner, Matilda Steimer.
Louis Patterson, Minnie De Bland.
Thomas B. Scott, Rachael A. Mayer.
Jake F. Decker, Fannie E. Williams.

DIED.

ROWE—In St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 25, 1901, at family residence, No. 529 Westminster st., John Rowe, aged 78 years. Funeral 28th inst., at 2:30 p. m. Saturda Funeral Saturday, 28th inst., at 2:30 p. m.

HUNT—In St. Paul, Minn., at family residence, 407 Daly street, Wednesday, Sept. 25th, at 8 p. m., George Hunt, aged twenty-eight years. Funeral notice later.

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