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TEN CENTS A WEEK

CRUSADE HAS BEGUN

Against Humanity's Most Deadly Foe—the White Plague.

MEETING AT WASHINGTON

With Triennial International Congress on Tuberculosis—Practically Every Civilized Nation is Represented—Many Distinguished Scientists.

Washington, Sept. 29.—A remarkable educational campaign has been formally inaugurated here. It was humanity's crusade against a most deadly foe—the white plague.

The occasion was the official opening of the sixth triennial international congress on tuberculosis at the new national museum. A more distinguished gathering perhaps has never before met in the national capitol. Scientists of international fame, members of the diplomatic corps, philanthropists and representatives of practically every civilized nation were present.

The first day of congress was marked by simple but unique ceremonies. Preliminary to the formal opening, the diplomatic corps, the spokesmen of the various countries, the officers of the congress, the honorary presidents and the section presidents met in the office of Dr. Henry G. Beyer, chairman of the committee on exhibits, in the museum building shortly before 11 o'clock and accompanied by Dr. Beyer and John S. Fulton, the secretary general, proceeded to the stage in the great auditorium. There, Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou, the presiding officer, and other representatives, the president of the United States, extended the official welcome on behalf of the government of the United States.

A welcome to the national capitol was then extended by District Commissioner Macfarland, followed by a brief response by representatives of about thirty foreign countries. At the conclusion of this feature Secretary Cortelyou closed the meeting, the delegates dispersed and will reassemble in the general session next Saturday morning, Oct. 3.

MACK CALLED TO NEW YORK.

Democratic Chairman is Prevented from Going to Chicago.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 29.—Unexpected developments in the political situation in the east necessitated a change Sunday in the plans of National Chairman Mack, and instead of departing for headquarters in Chicago he took a train Sunday night for New York.

Mr. Mack left New York for Chicago, where he is expected to remain about two weeks. On his arrival there he received a message asking him to return to New York. The chairman would not indicate the nature of the development that caused him to suddenly defer his western trip.

Mr. Mack denied that his return to New York was due to any hesitancy on the part of Herman Ridder to accept the chairmanship of the national committee.

Oppose Rate Increase.

St. Louis, Sept. 29.—The interstate commerce commission has begun a series of hearings in this city to determine the reasonableness of an increase in freight rates which has been proposed by southwestern lines. The proposed increase applies to traffic between points in Texas and points in Missouri and Illinois. The complaint against the increase in freight rates was filed by the Texas railroad commission and intervening petitions have been filed by shippers of St. Louis, Chicago and other western points. They stand with the Texas commission in opposing the rate increase.

Summer Season Broken.

New Orleans, Sept. 29.—The summer season here was broken Monday when the temperature dropped well below the 70 mark. The official temperature at 7 a. m. was 64.

GRIPPED BY DEVIL FISH.

Diver's Fearful Fight With Monster of the Deep.

San Francisco, Sept. 29.—Wrapped in the tentacles of a giant devil fish Martin Lund, a diver employed by the Coast Wrecking company, fought for his life in the hold of the wrecked steamer Pomona, which lies in thirty feet of water in Fort Ross Cove, off the Marion county coast.

The devil fish had evidently entered the vessel's hold during the night and Lund was at work some time before he became aware of its presence. A giant tentacle, four inches in diameter first gripped one leg. Before Lund could realize what had happened another encircled his thigh. The diver began to chop frantically at the rubber-like bands and at the same time signalled to the barge above that he wished to ascend.

Unable to free himself in time, two more tentacles squirmed out of the darkness and one twined about his neck. The efforts of the men on the surface to comply with his signal threatened to pull his helmet off and he was forced to signal them to desist.

With only his left arm free, he hacked at the tentacles until they were partially crippled; but he was being drawn toward the deadly beak when he saw the outline of the devil fish's body. Plunging suddenly toward it, he drove the knife with all his force into the head, repeating the blow until he had slashed it into sections. In its death throes the octopus tightened its tentacles until the diver was almost crushed in its embrace. Lund then cut himself free and was brought to the surface in a fainting condition.

EXTRAORDINARY GATHERING.

First National Convention of the Unemployed Meets.

New York, Sept. 29.—An extraordinary gathering began here Monday, made up of delegates from various parts of the country to take part in a four days' conference.

They came on the brake beams of freight cars, on the "blind baggage" of the swift express, or straggled in over dusty roads. They profess to represent the country's workless and to constitute the "first national convention of the unemployed."

"The national committee of the unemployed," is the official name of the organization at the head of which is J. Eds How, of St. Louis, known as the "millionaire hobo." It was through How's efforts that the plans for the convention were completed and it was How who welcomed the delegates when they straggled in by ones and twos to the committee headquarters in Duane street.

Many prominent men were invited to deliver addresses before the convention, among them President Theodore Roosevelt, William J. Bryan, Judge Taft and John E. Redmond, the Irish leader, who is at present in this country. All the gentlemen named have excused themselves on the ground of other engagements. Mr. How said he hoped other well known men who have been asked to speak would attend the convention.

"The health of the unemployed" was the principal subject scheduled for discussion at Monday's session. Speaking of this topic Mr. How said it was the intention to "wake up the local and state boards of health to the danger of a plague in the city." He added that he did not think the authorities realized the danger of the unemployed men in the city spreading diseases.

Twenty Sailors Perish.

Launceston, Tasmania, Sept. 29.—The British ship Loch Finlas, from Port Pirie, South Australia, for Callao, was wrecked off Foster Island at daylight and twenty of the twenty-four of the crew were drowned. The other four men were picked up by a passing steamer.

Negroes Dies at Age of 105.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 29.—Lizzie Beadle, a negro 105 years old, is dead at Belmont, Sumter county. She was raised in Virginia but moved to Alabama many years ago. The claim as to her age was substantiated by three doctors who examined her.

RIDDER IS CHOSEN

Succeeds Gov. Haskell as Treasurer National Committee.

EDITOR OF STAATS ZEITUNG

Was Vice Chairman of the Publicity Bureau of the National Democratic Committee—He Has Accepted the Position.

New York, Sept. 29.—Herman Ridder, editor of the Staats Zeitung, and vice chairman of the publicity bureau of the democratic national committee, has been appointed by National Chairman Mack as treasurer of the national committee, to succeed Governor Charles N. Haskell, of Oklahoma.



HERMAN RIDDER.

who resigned his position Saturday in Chicago, Mr. Ridder accepted the position.

The appointment of Mr. Ridder as treasurer of the committee was made by telephone a few minutes before Chairman Mack's departure for the west. Mr. Mack said:

"I am very much pleased that Mr. Ridder has seen fit to accept the responsibilities of the chairmanship. He is a very high type of the American business man and whose associations and connection will not bring him under charge of suspicion of having to do with those corporations to whom democracy is opposed."

IDENTIFIED BY SHERIFF.

Dunham Easily Picked Out of Crowd of Forty Prisoners.

Sherman, Tex., Sept. 29.—Deputy Sheriff Howard Buffington, of San Jose, Cal., who accompanied Sheriff Arthur Langford to Sherman for the purpose of identifying, if possible, the man held here charged with being the James E. Dunham, who murdered six persons in San Jose twelve years ago, picked the man out of a crowd of forty prisoners.

The prisoners were ranged up in a row and Buffington selected Hatfield, as the man calls himself, the first time. He examined the man closely and when he finished, he seemed satisfied that the man was Dunham.

Dunham killed his wife, his wife's parents, a woman employee of the household and two other men twelve years ago in San Jose. He escaped and had not been heard from since. Hatfield came to this part of the country three months ago and married a rich widow five days after coming here. He stoutly denies that he has ever been in California.

Tried to Enforce Blue Law.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 29.—Fifty store and shopkeepers, representing practically every class of business excepting saloons, were placed under arrest Sunday in this city in an effort to put into effect a blue law which has been resting undisturbed on the statute books of the state since it was enacted some fifty years ago. The storekeepers gave bail in the sum of fifty dollars each and returned to the peaceful pursuit of their business.

HOT GROWS THE CAMPAIGN.

Candidates Swinging Round the Entire Country Making Speeches.

New York, Sept. 29.—While the fierce battle that has raged for a week over Haskell and Foraker in the political campaign has subsided to a certain extent, there are no indications that the coming week will be at all a peaceful or quiet one.

Foraker has hurled his bolt and threatens to have more to say. Haskell's resignation is accompanied by a threat to take legal action against his accusers, one of whom is the president of the United States.

The actual political campaign will be in full action before the week closes. Taft, on his northwestern swing, will be heard in North Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado.

Bryan meets the Taft deft by a flying trip to Wisconsin and North Dakota early in the week, and then returns to Lincoln for rest in preparation for a whirlwind close of the campaign.

The republican vice presidential candidate, too, enters the arena. Because of his health, however, Mr. Sherman's efforts will be confined to six addresses in central Illinois. He will be accompanied by Congressman Longworth.

John W. Kern's expeditions, which began last week, will take him through the northern part of Ohio this week, and thence into Michigan, Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina.

Governor Hughes, of New York, swings into the west for a brief period. He will be heard at Indianapolis, South Bend, Ind.; Detroit, Baltimore and Buffalo. Senator Beveridge also takes the stump, with speeches at Terre Haute, Ind.; Chicago and Minneapolis.

RUSSIA'S CHOLELA SCOURGE.

Since Epidemic Began There Have Been 7,102 Deaths.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 29.—Since the beginning of the epidemic there have been 15,683 cases of Asiatic cholera reported in Russia, and 7,102 deaths. In St. Petersburg alone, since the presence of the disease was officially admitted, Sept. 8, there have been 4,931 cases and 1,575 deaths reported.

The figures with reference to the invasion of the city by the disease cannot be relied upon, as on a number of occasions private but trustworthy statistics showed the number of cases and deaths in a single day to be far in excess of that announced by the authorities.

The efforts of Premier Stolypin and some of the higher government officials, however, which recently have been directed toward arousing the municipal authorities to action, have resulted in an appreciable betterment of the sanitary conditions and a consequent decrease in the disease, as shown by the figures given out.

LOCAL OPTION FOR INDIANA.

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Bill Passes Despite Opposition of LI.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 29.—Governor J. Frank Hanly Saturday signed the Cox county option bill which passed the house by a vote of 55 to 45. The measure passed the senate several days ago.

Opposition to the measure has been very pronounced by the liquor element which claimed just previous to the vote in the house that it would be defeated.

The Cox county option bill provides that upon 25 per cent of the voting population signifying their desire, a special election shall be held to decide whether that county shall have saloons or not. If it is decided the county shall be "dry" no change can be made for two years, after which time another election can be had.

BRIEF DISPATCHES.

Politics have caused several riots in Cuba in the past week.

The disastrous drought which has prevailed in Ohio for many weeks has been broken.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., will be in service with the Hartford carpet works at Thomastonville on Oct. 1.

7 PROBABLY DROWNED

Pleasure Yacht Capsized From Collision With Bridge.

THE BODIES NOT YET FOUND

Occupants Did Not Realize Their Danger as There Was No Outcry When the Launch Struck the Bridge Piers, Turning Turtle.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—Although seven men are believed to have been drowned in the capsizing of a pleasure launch Sunday night in a collision with the Nickel Plate Railroad bridge across the Calumet river, the police are still unable to determine the identity of the victims and no bodies have been recovered.

The sole survivor of the launch party, Elmer Westergren, owner of the craft, is under arrest in the South Chicago police station and has not yet given a coherent account of the circumstances of the accident.

He is apparently dazed, and a physician is watching him and seeking to revive his faculties so that the extent of the disaster can be learned.

With daylight the force of men dragging the river near the bridge was increased and strenuous efforts were made to find the bodies of the luckless passengers of the wrecked boat.

The gasoline launch containing Westergren and seven friends whom he had invited to take a trip on the lake with him, was going up the Calumet. A high wind was blowing and the darkness added to the danger of the swift current at the bridge piers. Apparently none of the occupants of the boat realized their danger for there was no outcry when the boat struck the bridge support and turned turtle. Westergren swam ashore, but no trace of his companions was found.

RUSTIN MURDER TRIAL.

Fourth Day of the Examination of Mrs. Abbie Rice.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 29.—Attorney Gurley, who is defending Charles B. Davis, charged with the murder of Dr. Frederick Rustin, started the cross-examination of Mrs. Abbie B. Rice, when the fourth day of the preliminary hearing began before Judge Crawford in the police court on Monday. It was the third day Mrs. Rice had been on the stand but she gave no evidence of the nervousness which was apparent in her manner on Saturday.

County Attorney English exhibited an inclination to object to the questions which were intended to lay bare the relations of Mrs. Rice and the dead physician and forced counsel for the defense to show in each case the relevancy of the questions to the case before permitting the witness to answer.

WILL SUE W. H. HEARST.

Governor Haskell Wants to Make Him Prove His Assertions Untrue.

Kansas City, Sept. 29.—A special to the Times from Guthrie, Okla., says:

Governor Haskell announced on his arrival here Sunday night from Chicago that he would bring suit against William H. Hearst next Wednesday.

"The original libel, governor?"

"Well, I don't know what you would call it."

"To make him prove what he said?"

"No, sir, to make him prove that what he has said was not true."

Ohio Lowest in Thirteen Years.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 29.—Before the rain of Monday, which broke a six weeks' drought throughout the Ohio valley, the Ohio river had fallen below three feet at this point, reaching the lowest stage in thirteen years. It is estimated that at least 25,000,000 bushels of coal has been loaded at Pittsburgh and in the Kanawha region ready for shipment just as soon as a rise comes. The last rain here fell on August 17th.