

LABOR NEWS

A delegate convention of union labor men will be held in Memphis, Tenn., on August 19, to nominate candidates for the legislature. The convention will consist of delegates from the labor unions of Memphis and the farmers' unions of Shelby county.

It is expected that the Australian commonwealth old age pension scheme will cost \$9,000,000 yearly. All indigent persons over 65 years of age who have resided in the Commonwealth for twenty years, will be entitled to a pension of \$2.40 a week.

The Indianapolis labor organizations have recently leased a farm of thirty acres west of the city, which they intend to improve and use for picnics and outings. A park committee has been formed, with a view of raising funds for the purchase of the beautiful natural park.

The International Brotherhood of Seamsters will hold its annual convention in Detroit the week beginning August 3. At the same time the United Seamsters of America will hold their annual convention in St. Louis. An effort will be made to bring about the consolidation of the two organizations.

The annual report of Ernest Mills, secretary and treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, which was submitted to the convention of that organization recently, showed that the organization had lost more than five thousand members during the past year. An effort will be made to ascertain the cause of the decline and to stop it.

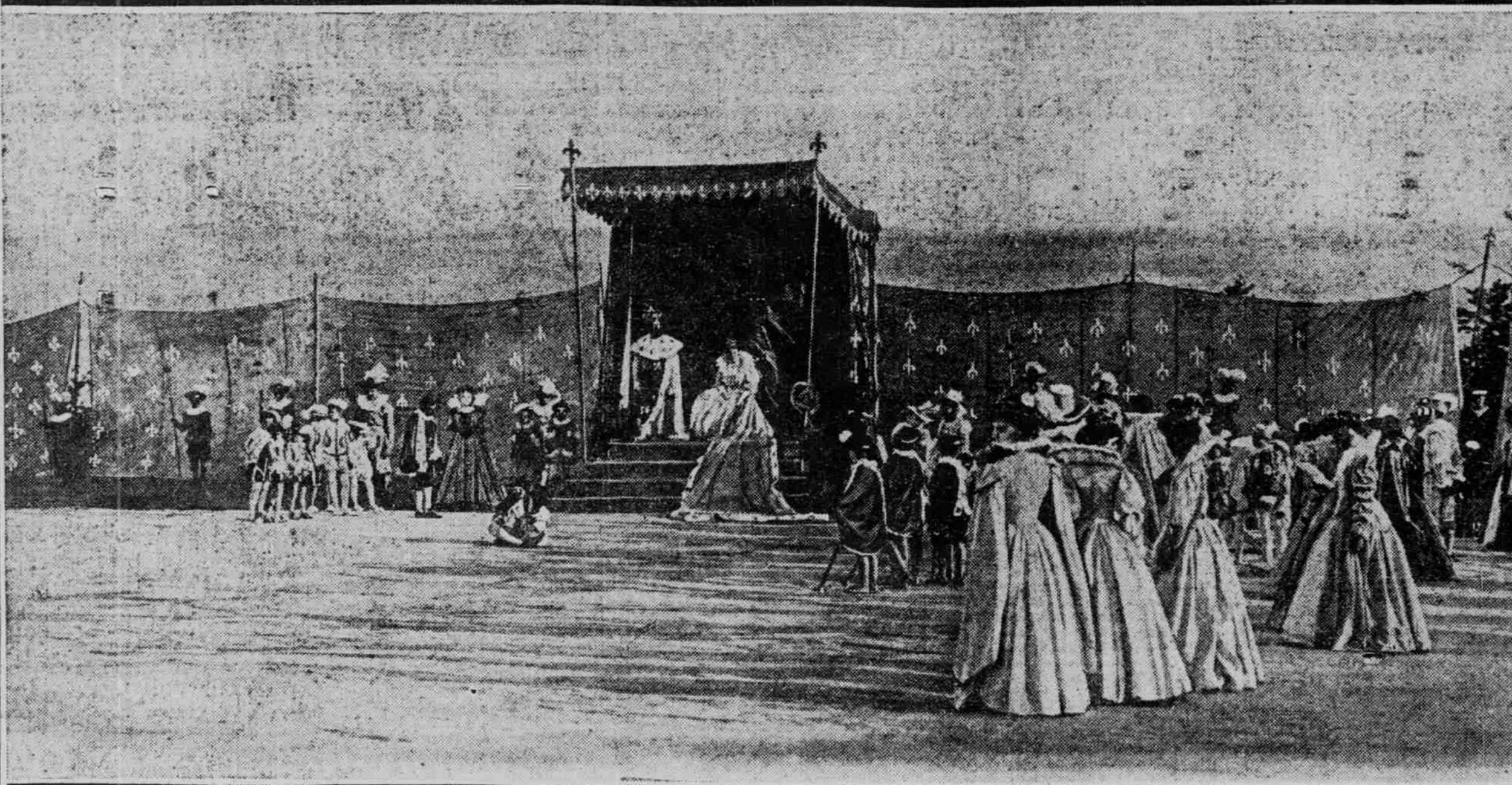
A settlement, affecting fully 10,000 men in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri and Illinois has recently been reached between the Western Bar Iron association and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Tin and Steel Workers, and the wage scale was signed for the year ending June 30, 1909. By its terms the puddlers are given a cut of about 8 per cent in wages and the finishers an average reduction of about 2 per cent.

MRS. RONALDS TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES.

New York, July 25.—The announcement that Mrs. Pierre Lorillard Ronalds and her daughter, Mrs. Ritchie, were among the passengers sailing on the Lusitania for this city today, is one of great interest to New York society. Mrs. Ronalds, though an American, has been for many years the acknowledged ruler of London society on its artistic side.

She is a member of King Edward's set and a great friend of Queen Alexandra. Her company visit will be the first she has paid to the United States in over twenty years.

Mrs. Ronalds was Miss Mary Frances Carter, of Boston. Nearly fifty years ago she married Pierre Lorillard Ron-



Quebec, July 24.—Glorious weather attended the military review and the ceremony attending the dedication of the plains of Abraham as a national battlefield's park. The prince of Wales and Lord Roberts rode out to the plains together. They were constantly acclaimed, the commander-in-chief sharing honors with the prince.

At the review 5,000 to 6,000 men from the different ships in the port and 12,000 troops marched past the review stand. First in the line of march were the sailors from the French ships, who were given that position as a compliment to the French founders of the country. The second place was given to men from the United States warship New Hampshire. Then came a number of men from the British ships, after which came the military organizations, including two Canadian regi-

ments, of which Lord Roberts is honorary colonel. The dedication of the battlefields was an informal affair. The prince of Wales handed over a sum of \$450,000 to the governor general, which he said had been entrusted to him through the patriotism of the British citizens of Canada and the empire and the generosity of French and American sympathizers, in order that the historic battlefields might be acquired as pub-

lic possession for all time. In accepting the gift, so made on the three hundredth birthday of Canada, Earl Gray declared he accepted the sacred trust in the name of the government and the people of the dominion. Prince Decorates Monuments. This ended the ceremony and the prince rode to both the Wolfe monument and that erected in honor of Murray and De Levis, commemorating

the fight in which the French arms were successful, and deposited a wreath on each. Another enormous crowd of persons, estimated at 10,000, attended this evening's repetition of the pageant, the smoothness of the performance being greatly admired. Tonight the streets are jammed with people, viewing the illumination of the ships, city, and harbor and going to and from the provincial hall at parliament house.

and infinite tact, have given her a power in London society, the influence of which it is hard to estimate. HAPPIEST ROYAL WIDOW. Madrid, July 25.—Queen Maria Chris-

ina, who successfully guided the destinies of Spain during the sixteen years between the death of her husband and the coming of age of her son, the present king, celebrated her fiftieth birthday this week. The love and esteem in which she is held by all classes was

evidenced by the fact that the anniversary of her birth was kept a general holiday. Maria Christina is perhaps the happiest of all the royal widows in Europe. Her affection for her son and daughter-in-law, as well as her patriotic devo-

tion to the welfare of her adopted country, long ago won the hearts of the impulsive Spaniards, and in fact as well as in the constant performance of acts of charity and benevolence, she finds perfect contentment and enjoyment. The poor are especially attached to her. They love her for her deeds of kindness among them.

From the time she came to Spain in 1878 as the bride of the disreputable Alfonso XII, the conduct of Maria Christina in all things have been worthy of any queen or woman. Gifted with great intelligence and uncommon tact, she escaped all political pitfalls and fulfilled the duties of her high position without partisanship. Aided by a sound judgment and a noble character, she was able to discharge her royal duties as regent in a simple, honorable way that won the praise of all Europe.

When she assumed the functions of queen regent the general impression in Europe was that Spain had again entered an era of revolutionary agitation, but Europe was mistaken. There were some troubles in Madrid and military insurrection broke out at some points in the provinces, and, judging by the previous history of Spain, these might have caused the downfall of the monarchy, had not the queen regent been liberal as well as wise.

Maria Christina has one principal hobby, the collecting of playing cards. She possesses a large number of curious packs, many of which have no little historical interest. One set, made of ivory, is believed to have belonged to Prince Eugene, who fought with the Duke of Marlborough, and to have accompanied him in all his campaigns. The collection also contains some exceedingly rare cards of Egyptian, Arabian, French and Spanish manufacture.

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(Die Lustige Wittve.)

From the Opera "The Merry Widow."

By FRANZ LEHAR.

Musical score for the first part of 'The Merry Widow Waltz'. It includes piano and vocal lines with various musical notations such as 'pp', 'Ped.', 'Simile', 'Last time only', 'Con brto.', and 'FINE. f'.

Musical score for the second part of 'The Merry Widow Waltz'. It includes piano and vocal lines with various musical notations such as 'Grazioso con espressione', 'D.S. al Fine', and 'D.S. al Fine'.