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## SEE AMERICA MOVEMENT LAUNCHED BY CONFERENCE

"See Europe if You Must, But See America First," is the Slogan of the Delegates to the Salt Lake

Salt Lake City.—At 11 o'clock Friday, January 26, the 200 men assembled in the army in the Commercial club building were called to order by the chairman, ex-Governor Heber M. Wells, and the "See America First" convention became a reality. On the platform were seated, in addition to Chairman Wells, Governor George E. Chamberlain of Oregon, Governor John C. Cutler of Utah and Judge O. W. Powers, who represented Mayor Ezra Thompson and welcomed the visitors on behalf of Salt Lake City. In opening the conference, ex-Governor Wells set forth the aims and objects of the "See America First" movement in a brief and pleasing address.

The results hoped to be achieved by the conference might be expressed in the following language of ex-Governor Wells:

"Speaking personally, I have never been to Europe. But I have bathed in the buoyant waters of both the Atlantic and the Pacific, have gazed through southern mists out upon the Gulf of Mexico and have traversed the great lakes and the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence. I have heard the great Niagara roar and have stood spell-bound upon the brink of the Grand canyon of the Colorado amid that death-like stillness of nature described by Mark Twain as 'so still you can hear the microbes know.' I have stalked elk in Jackson's hole and caught fish in the Yellowstone river and boiled them hard by in a keyser without taking them off the hook. I have floated in the briny surface of the Great Salt Lake and shot the chutes on Sutro Heights. I have looped the loop on Coney island and breathed the fragrant sighs of orange groves in southern California. I have perspired in the humid atmosphere of the Mississippi valley, and thrown snowballs at the altitudes of Pike's peak. I have gazed in rapt wonder at the mighty Missouri rolling down to the sea and have visited the great northwest where rolls the Oregon Short Line. Yet I am not ready for Europe.

"Upon a trip to New York some years ago I became acquainted with a man from Albany—a young druggist—who had acquired a competency and was setting off on a vacation. I asked him where he was going, and wreathed in ecstatic smiles he blurted the one word 'Europe.' I asked him if he had ever visited a place called Niagara Falls, which lay a hundred or two miles to the west of him, and he said: 'It's nothing but a lot of water.' 'Now, gentlemen, I submit that that is the type of fellow we are after. If we can spread the gospel of 'See America First' so that some of these easterners who now spend their good American money at Monte Carlo can be induced to come up and take higher ground and visit some of the suburbs of their home towns I feel that our mission will not have been in vain.'

An address of welcome was made by Judge O. W. Powers, while Governor Chamberlain of Oregon made an address in support of the "See America First" movement.

At the afternoon session the officers were selected and the work for the convention outlined: The officers selected were: Fisher Harris of Salt Lake City as permanent chairman, and permanent vice-chairmen as follows: Judge J. H. Richards, Boise, Ida.; J. A. Runyon, Kansas City, Mo.; L. W. Pratt, Tacoma, Wash.; W. F. R. Mills, Denver, Colo.; H. M. Calk, Portland, Ore.; J. K. Persons, Duluth, Minn.; C. E. Edwards, San Francisco, Cal.; T. J. Nerny, Butte, Mont. E. J. Westlake of Minneapolis, permanent secretary; James A. Metcalf of Missoula, Mont., first assistant secretary; J. A. Runyon of Kansas City, Mo., second assistant secretary; George A. Cordon of Rigby, Ida., sergeant-at-arms.

Salt Lake is Headquarters. A permanent organization of the "See America League," composed of the representatives of western states, municipalities and commercial bodies, was completed Friday afternoon by the election of an executive committee. Fisher S. Harris, secretary of the Salt Lake Commercial club, was made secretary, and in a general way he will have charge of the "See America" campaign. Salt Lake was made the temporary headquarters of the league. The executive committee is empowered to change the permanent location of the headquarters, but in view of the fact that Salt Lake is the executive head of the association, it is probable that the permanent headquarters will be located in Zion, where the "See America First" idea originated.

The executive committee is composed of the following: David Starr Jordan, president Leland Stanford, Jr., university, Palo Alto, Cal.; Robert

L. McCormick, secretary Weyerhaeuser Timber syndicate, Tacoma, Wash.; T. B. Walker, banker and business man, Minneapolis, Minn.; David R. Francis, St. Louis, Mo., former secretary of the interior and former president of the Louisiana Purchase exposition; Irving Howbert, banker and business man, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Nathan C. Schafer, Harrisburg, Pa., president of the National Educational association.

The executive committee will have general charge of the "See America First" campaign. It will map out the publicity plan; will select a seventh member; will select its own officers, except the executive secretary, and will dictate the policy of the entire movement. In selecting the committee special pains were taken to choose men of national reputation, who are not involved in politics or in the railroad business.

Salt Lake City.—Actual work was inaugurated Saturday by the See America league. The last session of the conference was held in the card room of the Commercial club to discuss the ways and means of financing the organization. Complete success attended this important part of the work. It was voted to raise an emergency fund of \$2,500 to pay the expenses of the organization until after the executive committee meets and block out the permanent working plans of the organization. A goodly part of the \$2,500 was subscribed on the ground.

Big men are being discussed for the presidency of the league. President Theodore Roosevelt has been suggested to be named at the close of his presidential term of office. It is thought that with his tremendous prestige, especially in the west, he would give the league an impetus that would mean certain success.

William J. Bryan has also been suggested as the head of the league.

Thirteen States Send Delegates. Salt Lake City.—Seventy-seven delegates representing thirteen states and one province of British Columbia are in attendance upon the "See America First" conference, in addition to the representatives of sixteen railroads. The representation by the states is as follows:

Utah, 18; Colorado, 14; Missouri, 1; Washington, 4; Montana, 3; Idaho, 18; Minnesota, 2; California, 5; Oregon, 4; Wyoming, 1; Pennsylvania, 1; Iowa, 2; New York, 1; British Columbia, 1.

The railroads represented at the conference might be experienced conference were the Denver & Rio Grande; Colorado & Southern; Illinois Central; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; Santa Fe; Erie; Rock Island; Canadian Pacific; Colorado Midland; San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake; Oregon Railway & Navigation company; Pacific & Idaho Northern; Southern Pacific; Missouri Pacific and Salt Lake and Ogden.

PACIFICATION OF THE BALTIC. Nearly Two Hundred and Fifty Revolutionists Shot and Many Arrested.

Wender, Livonia.—The pacification of the Baltic provinces is reaching the final stage so far as the agrarian movement is concerned. Nearly 250 revolutionists have been shot, several hundred arrested and five thousand rifles have been captured.

General Orloff, Melnhardt and Wendt are now operating in the Wender district with 10,000 troops, completing a circle in which the revolutionists are being gathered. The generals have the names of the leaders of the revolutionists who will be tried by court martial when caught and either shot or imprisoned. The majority of those already executed were Lettish teachers of students.

Brokers Must Pay Taxes.

New York.—The constitutionality of the stock transfer tax law of New York was affirmed Friday by a decision of the appellate division of the supreme court. About \$5,000,000 annual taxes are added to the state revenues by the decision. The case decided was a test action, brought against Albert Hatch, a stock broker, who was charged with having sold and delivered shares of railroad stock without paying the tax required by this law.

Irish Nationalist Succumbs to Excitement of Campaign.

London.—Thomas Higgins, Irish Nationalist, who on Thursday successfully contested North Galway against Col. John Philip Nolan, Irish Nationalist, was found dead in bed at his hotel at Tuam Friday. The tragic occurrence is attributed to the excitement of Thursday's polling acting on a weak heart. Mr. Higgins was one of the most militant Nationalists in the west of Ireland and had many conflicts with the police.

Judge Abolishes Use of Bible.

New York.—Justice John M. Tierney of a municipal court in the Bronx, has abolished the use of the bible in his court. Explaining his action, he said: "I have removed the bible from use in my court. It was a desecration to use it there. Lying words from the mouths of witnesses made its use a mockery, a travesty. I now swear or affirm a witness with uplifting hand, but it really has no significance to my mind."

## DENMARK'S KING DIES SUDDENLY

Aged Monarch Retires After Giving an Audience and Peacefully Expires.

Family at the Bedside When the End Came.—Prince Frederick, the Eldest Son, Will Succeed to the Throne.

Copenhagen.—The king of Denmark died at 3:30 Monday afternoon.

The king's death was quite sudden. Although for some time past he had showed evidences that the weight of his years was beginning to tell upon him, there was no indication of his approaching end. His majesty gave long audiences Monday morning, lasting three hours. At luncheon afterwards the king showed signs of great fatigue, and almost collapsed. Physicians were hastily summoned, but they were unable to rally the aged monarch's strength and, at 3:30 p. m., he died in his bed room, to which he had retired. The Crown Prince Frederick, the Crown Princess Louisa, and the children, and the dowager empress of Russia, Marie Dagmar, were present at the king's bedside when he passed away.

The news of the king's death was conveyed to the Danish lower house, which immediately suspended its sittings.

Prince Frederick, the eldest son of the late King Christian, who succeeds to the throne, was born June 3, 1843, and was married July 28, 1869, to Princess Louisa, daughter of King Charles XV of Sweden and Norway.

The late King Christian's eldest daughter is Queen Alexandra of England, and his second son, Prince William, was elected King of Greece, under the title of George I, in 1863.

Another daughter of the late King Christian, Marie Dagmar, is the dowager empress of Russia, Maria Feodorovna, who married Alexander III of Russia. He died November 1, 1894, and his son Nicholas is now emperor of Russia.

STOCK GROWERS CONSOLIDATE.

Amalgamation of Two Great Associations Decided Upon.

Denver.—All the details for consolidating the National Livestock association and the American Cattle Growers' association, even to the selection of a name for the new organization, were agreed upon Monday night at a meeting of representatives of the two associations held at the Brown Palace hotel. The name decided upon is the American National Livestock association.

The plan outlined at the joint meeting of the executive committees of the two associations held in this city in October of last year was ratified and additional changes in the constitution and by-laws were agreed to, the important of which is the future representation at conventions and the arrangements to admit associations, state and otherwise, to membership in the body. Under the new plan of representation no proxies will be allowed, only delegates who present themselves at meetings being allowed to vote.

TRIES TO SHOOT MINISTER.

Denmark Official Grapples With and Disarms Assailant.

Copenhagen.—An attempt to shoot M. Alberti, the minister of justice, was frustrated by the bravery of the minister, who grappled with his assailant and wrested the revolver from him before it could be discharged.

The minister's assailant, who was promptly arrested, was a former insurance agent named Boye, who had been sentenced to a term of imprisonment for burglary, in spite of his protests that he was innocent. Boye called at the ministry Monday and drew a revolver immediately he had been admitted to the presence of the minister.

Friends of the prisoner say he had become mentally unbalanced by his alleged wrongful imprisonment.

Ex-Policeman Knocked Down and Out by Officers.

Peoria, Ill.—After holding a large number of police officers at bay all night, Charles Harwood, a former policeman and insane, was captured Monday morning. At the city hall Harwood demanded that all the policemen walk ahead of him into a back room, and as Sergeant Welch and Officer Couch passed close to him they wielded their blisses with good effect, knocking Harwood down and out before he could fire a shot.

After being disarmed he begged the officers for mercy and asked them not to use him roughly. He threatens to kill Captain Wilson as soon as he gets out for betraying him.

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