

CONGRESSIONAL FORECAST

The Week Slated for a Caucusing Campaign

THE SENATE CHAIRMANSHIPS

As Decided by Seniority or Reportorial Guessing

Nothing Can Be Done in the House Until Czar Reed Announces His Appointments of Committee-men

Associated Press Special Wire.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The probabilities are that the week in the senate next week will be given largely to caucusing by all parties, and senate daily sessions will be brief, with little effort at legislation. The introduction of bills will be continued though no work of consequence can be done until the caucusing is closed. There is nothing on the calendar except two speeches, one by Senator Morgan on the Bering sea question and the other by Senator Culom on his Monroe doctrine resolution. It is understood that Senator Morgan will pay his respects to Ambassador Pannecote and Lord Salisbury.

The Republican caucus committee will hold its first formal meeting on Monday after the adjournment of the senate, for the purpose of considering the question of filling the committee vacancies and selecting chairmen of the various committees. While nothing has been agreed upon finally it looks now as if the chairmanships of the more important committees would be assigned as follows:

Agriculture, Proctor; appropriations, Allison; coast defense, Fryer; census, Chandler; commerce, Fryer, district of Columbia, McMillan; finance, Morrill; fisheries, Perkins; foreign relations, Sherman; immigration, Lodge; Indian affairs, Pettigrew; interstate commerce, O'Connell; judiciary, Hoar; military affairs, Hawley; naval affairs, Cameron; postoffice and post roads, Wolcott; printing, Hale; privileges and elections, Mitchell; Oregon; public buildings and grounds, Quay.

A majority of these assignments go to the senators whose names are mentioned by virtue of seniority, but there are some exceptions made necessary by the probability of senior members receiving other assignments. Senator Platt is, for instance, senior Republican member on Indian affairs and committee on patents and revision of the laws and could have his choice of the chairmanships of these committees, but for the probability of his being given a place on the finance committee, in which event he would surrender his place at the head of Indian affairs to Senator Pettigrew and on territories to Senator Davis and probably become chairman of either patents or revision of the laws. Senator Mitchell will have his choice of the chairmanships of either privileges and elections, postoffice and post roads, but will choose the first and will thus advance Wolcott to the head of postoffice and post roads. On the other hand Senator Teller is at the head of the Republican members on no committee and one of the problems with which the caucus committee has to deal is that of furnishing him with an acceptable committee. Senator Chandler is now a member of the census committee, but as the existing members of the committee all get other chairmanships he is enabled to take the place at the head of the census committee. The chairmanships of the committee on Indian membership is entirely vacant.

Among the important chairmanships concerning which there is no certainty as yet are those of contingent expenses, claims, education and labor, enrolled bills, library, federal railroad, pensions, railroads and revision of the laws. Senator Shoup is the senior Republican on pensions, but it appears probable that he will surrender the chairmanship to Senator Gallinger and accept another assignment. Senator Jones of Nevada will, in all probability, receive the chairmanship of the committee on contingent expenses, notwithstanding his independent proclivities. Mitchell is the only Republican of the committee of claims and it is necessary to reconstruct the committee. Senator Hanrahan could have the chairmanship of this committee but it is understood he has virtually died of it.

There are some committees on which members are as much sought after as the chairmanships of others. These are appropriations, judiciary, finance, foreign relations and commerce. There has been some talk of increasing the last committee from nine members to eleven, but the probabilities are against this. It is not increased and if the Republicans organize the committee, and his place will be filled by a Republican. The aspirants are Senators Quay, Pettigrew and Perkins. It appears probable that the finance committee will be enlarged from eleven to thirteen members. In that event the Republicans have Senators Cameron and Fryer and two places at their disposal, and the Democrats would probably select Senator Daniel as their additional representative.

Senators Wolcott and Lodge are slated for foreign relations. The membership of the judiciary committee has been but slightly discussed. There are two vacancies there, and it is possible they may be given to Senators Davis and Thurston or to Thurston and some new man. There are four places to be filled on commerce, but nothing is certain about the filling of these except that one place will go to a Pacific coast member, probably Senator Squire. Senator Mitchell as chairman of the census committee has been devoting himself to procuring data for the guidance of the committee's deliberations. He finds there are 40 standing and 15 select committees. At present the Democrats control 46 of the committees, the Republicans 9 and the Populists 5. The new Republican senators will have no committee assignment. In the event of the Republicans being allowed to organize they will have a chairmanship for which a public man would be sure to spare, even after the Utah Senators shall have taken their seats.

IN THE HOUSE
Nothing Can Be Done Until the Committees are Appointed
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The house program this week is a dreary waste. Until the committees are appointed the machinery of the house is blocked and nothing can be done save by unanimous consent. Any resolution that might be presented, and it is in this form that the resolutions that agitate the lower branch of congress are usually sprung, would go down before a single objection. For this reason no attempt may be made to do anything until Speaker Reed announces his committees, which he now expects to be ready at the end of the week. There

probably will be but three brief sessions this week. When the house meets tomorrow an adjournment will be taken until Wednesday or Thursday, when the committee will be announced. The indications are that practically nothing can be done in the way of the consideration of actual legislation until after the adjournment. However, the congressional boppers are filling up preparatory to the grinding that will follow later. Last week several hundred bills were introduced, and it is probable that fully as many will be started on their journey to the statute books this week.

As the president is absent on his business trip, there is no probability that the reply of Lord Salisbury to Secretary Olney's note regarding the Venezuelan boundary dispute will be sent to the house this week. There may be an attempt, through a resolution, to procure from Secretary Olney the letter sent by him to the English premier last July and Lord Salisbury's reply, received yesterday, but should an attempt be made it will unquestionably prove abortive. The opinion of the cabinet would be required to require unanimous consent, and there is no doubt some friend of the administration would object to it as lacking in respect to the premier in his absence, and the fact that Mr. Cleveland in his message advised congress that he would send the reply to congress with the understanding that it would be acted upon by a committee, and it is probable that an additional reason why it would not be good taste to make a demand on the executive department, and the cabinet, to send to congress the correspondence.

Considering the Campaign
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Senator Elkins gave a dinner tonight to a number of members of the Republican national committee. There were also present several prominent politicians of the party. Among others were Chairman Carter, J. S. Clarkson of Iowa, J. H. Manley of Maine, Powell Clayton of Arkansas, W. J. Campbell of Illinois, G. A. Hobart of New Jersey, Samuel Fessenden of Connecticut and Senator Quay of Pennsylvania.

While no particular object was stated for the gathering, it is known the meeting developed into a discussion of a party policy and what was best to be done during the next campaign. It was not intended that the meeting should be in the nature of a caucus, and in fact, among the gentlemen present there were friends of all candidates. Chairman Carter took occasion to say that he did not wish it to be said that the Republicans were too confident. Although it was apparent that victory was in the air he said there were reasons why he was not optimistic.

He said that the Republicans were to a degree carelessness. He thought the grave questions before the country might well cause the Republicans to pause and reflect. He had placed himself squarely in favor of retiring the credit money of the country. It was possible the financial panic of the country might be averted. There was no doubt that a course of that kind would make Populist votes. Mr. Carter called attention to the fact that the Populist growth of the Populist vote. He said it had increased 240 per cent during the past three years. This great growth had not been due to the legislative since the 1892 congress, but in the different elections showed a Populist increase which was well for the Republicans to take into consideration.

Mr. Carter was charged with being a pessimist and different members of the committee said that with a platform of sound money, sound currency, and sound trade there could be no doubt of victory with any of the excellent men mentioned for the nomination at the head of the ticket.

TO TRANSMIT INTELLIGENCE

The Best Equipped Telegraph Office in the World

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company Opens Its New Chicago Office—Brief Notes of Apparatus to be Used

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—What is said to be the finest equipped telegraph office in the world was put into active service for the first time today. It is the new quarters of the Postal Telegraph-Cable company, located on the first and thirteenth floors of the new Chicago Exchange building, corner of La Salle and Washington streets, directly across from the city hall and the Chamber of Commerce building. The operating department and the executive offices occupy the entire top floor of the building. The operating department occupies the first and thirteenth floors, space provided to double the capacity in the future. The fixtures are in cherry, with marble and aluminum used generously in decorating the interior. The accommodation for eight typewriters, pen and pencil being banished by the machine.

The new general office is the center for 150 branch offices throughout the city. The wires to these branches, as well as to the hundreds of offices in other cities and towns, were cut today and thousands of new connections made, but so perfect were the plans for the transfer that not the slightest interruption of service took place. Every bit of apparatus now used in the new office is brand new and of the most approved designs, none of the old-fashioned appliances now used for the first time.

One of the special features is the electric lighting arrangement. Not a shadow is cast by any of the tables, the lighting being of a unique overhead kind, doing away with the necessity of lights attached to the tables and preventing the annoying glare of the usual type writer keys. The whole effect is practically that of the brightest daylight.

Two hundred and five miles of wire connect the building with the underground conduits built to connect the terminal room in the basement of the Board of Trade building with the cables in the main conduits running east and south. From the board of trade terminal room to the terminal room in the basement of the Chicago stock exchange the conduits afford space for many large 125-wire cables with an aggregate mileage of 510 miles. It was necessary to put in the conduits running from the board of trade terminal room to the stock exchange terminal room for 125-wire cables, equal to more than 150 miles of wire. There are more than 1100 miles of wire in the Postal cable office, and a new office with the Union Stock Yards, where its pole lines begin.

The transfer was made under the general direction of Assistant General Superintendent E. J. Nally. J. F. Butterfield, assistant electrical engineer of Chicago, under the supervision of F. W. Jones, electrical engineer of New York, planned and carried out the details of the many mechanical and electrical features which contribute to the excellence of this most complete of modern telegraph offices.

An Editor's Experience
RIVERSIDE, Cal., Dec. 8.—A. E. Hering, editor of the Riverside Press, gives the following version of a recent experience: "I take pleasure in recommending Tip Top Cough Syrup as the best remedy for colds that I have ever used. It was rightly named when called 'Tip Top.' Everyone who uses Tip Top has this same experience."

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LORD DUNRAVEN'S CHARGES

In the Matter of Defender's Management

THEY WILL BE INVESTIGATED

The Earl Will Arrive on the Germanic On Wednesday

Hon. E. J. Phelps and Capt. A. T. Mahan, U. S. N. Will Assist the Committee in Its Labors

Associated Press Special Wire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—George L. Rives, member of the committee appointed by the New York Yacht club to investigate the charges made by Lord Dunraven against the management of the yacht Defender, made public the following correspondence today:

The committee, upon careful consideration of the subject referred to them, decided to request the following communications from Mr. Maitland Kersey, Lord Dunraven's representative in America, and the secretary of the Royal Yacht Squadron:

To H. Maitland Kersey—Dear Sir: Your letter of the 18th inst., addressed to Commodore Brown, was laid by him before the meeting of the New York Yacht club, held this evening. At the meeting the undersigned were appointed a committee to represent the club in the matter of charges purporting to have been made by the Earl of Dunraven.

We have to request that in accordance with the offer contained in your letter, you will communicate with Lord Dunraven and inform him that it is the desire of the New York Yacht club and our intention to begin immediately an investigation of the facts connected with the race of September 7th and the charges made against the representatives of the yacht club.

They will be prepared to enter upon this investigation immediately upon the arrival of Lord Dunraven, of the probable date of which we would be glad to be advised. (Signed)

J. PIERREPONT MORGAN, New York City.

G. L. RIVES, November 23.

To Richard Grant, secretary Royal Yacht Squadron, New York City: As a special meeting of the New York Yacht club, held on Monday, November 18th, the undersigned were appointed a committee to represent the club in the matter of charges made by the Earl of Dunraven in reference to the recent America's cup races and published in the London Field of the 10th inst. The article in question expressly charges that after being measured for the cup races in September last the yacht Defender was tampered with so as to sink her four inches deeper in the water; that she sailed in that condition in the first day's race, and immediately after the race the hull was loaded with lead, so that when measured the next day no discrepancy was found to exist between the two measurements. While Lord Dunraven intimates that the owners of the yacht were not personally cognizant of the fraud, the charge is none the less explicit.

It appears from Lord Dunraven's article that this statement as published in the Field is "mainly extracted from a letter which was sent to the secretary of the Royal Yacht squadron on September 24th last."

We therefore do to inquire whether the charges last mentioned have been laid before the Royal Yacht squadron, and whether any and what action has been taken by the squadron upon the receipt of the charges. The Royal Yacht squadron is an international race between the two great yachts, the Defender and the Defender, and the most searching and complete investigation should be promptly begun. It is our purpose to conduct an investigation of the charges, and every air-minded man on each side of the Atlantic, and, to that end, we have already communicated with the Defender and the Defender, and have been in accordance with the offer made by him. The result of the investigation with all testimony will be transmitted to you. (Signed)

J. PIERREPONT MORGAN, New York City.

On Tuesday, December 3d, the committee received the following cablegram from Mr. Grant:

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Committee thank you for your cable of the 1st inst. The Defender and the Defender has not taken and can take no action, it being purely a personal matter. Lord Dunraven does not request the squadron to interfere. Mr. writing. (Signed)

On the following day, the committee received through the cable the following message from Lord Dunraven sent by cable dated respectively 3d and 4th. The first of these messages was as follows: "Kindly inform committee that I will at the earliest possible moment, sail at 11th, probably former. Regret delay, but must have statements of skippers, etc., sent."

The second message read thus: "I shall come by Germanic 11th, certain. Kindly inform committee."

The committee, after receiving the foregoing reply from Lord Dunraven and the secretary of the Royal Yacht Squadron, decided to add to their numbers, as they have power to do so, and they have accordingly invited Hon. E. J. Phelps and Capt. A. T. Mahan, U. S. N., to act with them. Both of these gentlemen have consented to serve.

VENEZUELAN EXCITED

Over the Boundary Question—Preparations for Defense of Harbors

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Word comes from Venezuela as to the excitement and patriotic enthusiasm over the boundary controversy with England. At Puerto Cabello a public meeting has been held and subscriptions opened for the purchase of a torpedo boat for the defense of the harbor. At the city of Bolivar another subscription is being received, citizens in all parts of the republic agreeing to contribute a stated sum weekly. At Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, a convention is to be held to consider the question of defense. In the big street parade which will be a feature of the meeting, each state delegation will carry the coat of arms of the state, and at the head of the parade the coat of arms of Venezuela will be borne.

The movement was started by the central society for the propagation of the defense of Venezuelan territory, but has apparently secured official approval, as members of President Gomez's cabinet and the governors of several states give it full endorsement. The minister of the interior has written a letter congratulating the promoters of the movement on their patriotism, but adding that the steps taken.

The London Markets
LONDON, Dec. 8.—With the bank reserve again at the record amount, money rates have been the easiest. The stock market has passed an exceedingly quiet week. The fact that the Paris government was gotten over without trouble has given a better feeling in foreign securities and mines. Other departments

have been practically lifeless. Against the heavy gold exports, President Cleveland's message had no effect in supporting railroads, which together with Canadians, were all lower on the week. Turks were fairly supported on official assurance that the troubles in Armenia would have no effect on the gold market. The week's declines were as follows: Illinois Central and Louisville and Nashville, 1; Atchafalpa and Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, 1; Atchafalpa Central Pacific, Union Pacific and Wabash shares, 1; Denver and Rio Grande, Lake Shore, New York Central and Reading shares, 1; per cent. The advances were Pennsylvania and Reading, 1/2 per cent.

Magnates Moving
SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 8.—H. E. Huntington, assistant to the president, and Julius Kruttschnitt, general manager of the Southern Pacific road, passed through this city at noon today in a private car on the Rio Grande Western road, en route to San Francisco.

A Printer Killed
EMPORIA, Kan., Dec. 8.—"Jack" Harris, a printer employed in the state printing office, was murdered last night in the outskirts of town. He is supposed to have been killed and robbed by tramps.

GOES UNDER THE DAISIES
Harrisman's Great Brood Mare Gives Up the Ghost

Bob Fitzsimmons Grows Avaricious or Something and Declines to Fleet Fisher for the Purse Offered

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—A special to the Republic from Pilot Grove, Mo., says: The great brood mare Daisy B., the property of Dr. W. F. Harrisman, owner of the Mount Vernon stock farm, died this morning from a rot disease caused by running a sapling into her side.

Daisy B. was 21 years old and leaves two valuable colts, one a yearling and the other a weanling.

Fitzsimmons Won't Fight
HOUSTON, Dec. 8.—W. H. Wheelock today saw Martin Jullina, manager of Bob Fitzsimmons and promoter of his fight with Peter Maher, who positively refused to fight, objecting to the date, February 11th, and to the size of the purse.

Ingleside Races
The following is the list of entries and weights of the races to be run at Ingleside today, which are posted at the Los Angeles Turf club, 212 South Spring street. Commissions received on these races will be full description of each event:

First race, five furlongs, maidens, 2-year-olds—Massena 100, Pextito 105, New York 105, and Spines 105. (Formerly Dina, Billy) 100, San Fita 100, Globe 105, Adalant 100, imp. Allen 105, Senator Bland 100, Lucille 105.

Second race, six furlongs, selling—Rice 98, W. L. Munson 98, Ida Sauer 98, P. R. 101, Repeater 90, Schnitz 108, K. 100.

Third race, six furlongs, selling—E. H. Shirley 101, Mamie Scott 93, Realization 101, Minnie Gee 98, Conde 101, Remus 101, and others.

Fourth race, six furlongs, selling—Toano 90, Babe Murphy 90, Chartruse 90, Geo. Miller 101, Olive 102, Gallant 99, 15,000.

Fifth race, one mile and a sixteenth, hurdle handicap, over four hurdles—Circuit 135, All Baba 144, Doc 144, Three 144, and others.

Morgan G. 125, Gold Dust 125, Rob Roy 125.

AN EXPEDITION ABANDONED

The Insurgents Reluctant That Supplies Were Not Captured

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 8.—The long prepared expedition of General Enrique Goizao has temporarily disbanded. It was composed of 110 men and was to have carried to Cuba 400 Remington carbines, 400,000 rounds of ammunition, one two pound rapid fire Hotchkiss gun with 100 rounds of ammunition, many machine guns, dynamite and other powerful explosives. The men who formed the band have been encamped on various keys on the southern coast of Florida for the past ninety days. The cause of disbanding was partly the delay of the steamer they expected on several different occasions, but their whereabouts are not known. They had buried, were betrayed by some one who knew the camp. H. M. Sullivan, a young Mississippi who had been appointed as captain of the expedition, and who was in the latter part of last week. All the munitions were then removed, owing to Sullivan's movements. Shortly after his escape the expedition was disbanded. Key West was informed and cutters left Tampa and Key West simultaneously for Cape Sable, where the camp had been. The expedition was directly on the spot where the arms had been buried.

In Aid of Cuba
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 8.—A special to the Republic from New York says:

A syndicate of American capitalists has been formed in this city to aid the Cuban insurgents in their struggle against the representative of the provisional republic, a proposition to loan the Cuban republic \$150,000,000, contingent upon the recognition of the Cuban republic by the United States. In exchange the syndicate will accept \$150,000,000 in Cuban bonds, the same to be cancelled from customs receipts immediately upon the recognition of the Cuban republic or declaration of peace. The syndicate stipulates that \$100,000,000 be expended in the purchase of arms and other necessities for the Cuban republic, and that the vessels shall immediately proceed to capture and hold, in conjunction with land forces, some Cuban ports, and that they will be the assistance of other men-of-war, whose purchase later may be deemed advisable. They shall pay on Spanish commerce and the syndicate will be a vigorous policy which will bring the war to an early end.

A Rebel Victory
MADRID, Dec. 8.—Rebels under Gomez and Maceo have entered the province of Santa Clara and surprised the Spanish column there, killing nine of the troops. The remainder retreated. Other insurgents have arrived at Matanzas. The Spaniards are advancing to meet them, but the rebels are very near.

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THE CONVENTION CONTEST

Breaks the Sabbath Quiet at Washington

THE LAKE CITY'S CLAIMS

Pushed by a Number of Enthusiastic Citizens

Pittsburg Delegates Say Their City's Chance Is Good—San Francisco Champions Are Steadily Sawing Wood

Associated Press Special Wire.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco, three of the cities competing for the honor of holding within their limits the next National Republican convention, are now all represented here by delegations. Pittsburg, the fourth competing city, has her vanguard in Washington, while the main guard is due in the morning. The quiet here also, the afternoon having arrived, was broken by the presence of so many strangers, all zealous and desirous of securing this much coveted prize for the cities they represent. National committee men also continue to arrive and it is expected that by tomorrow night practically all will be here and prepared for the meeting on Tuesday morning.

Headquarters have been established and everything points to an interesting and spirited contest. Very few claims as to the merits of the respective cities are put out, the only statements advanced being that "we are here to win."

Among the arrivals today were the Hon. Thomas C. Platt of New York, and John Manley of the National committee of Chicago's committee of five arrived here tonight, including George B. Swift, S. W. Allerton, T. C. McMillan, J. Irving Pierce and W. D. Boyce, and with them as the representative of the state is N. C. Johnson of the Republican committee of Illinois. Mr. Boyce is chairman of the newspaper committee and he says Chicago's prospects are of the best. The Lake city, they say, has always been a favorite of the National convention properly and is now in better shape than ever to do so, the fair having left Chicago with a surplus of halls that would easily accommodate the multitude. It is argued that Illinois, having no Republican candidate, and no Republican nomination would give every candidate a fair show.

St. Louis has a good-sized delegation here also, the afternoon having arrived today in addition to those already here. The arrivals today included the Hon. Richard Q. Kerns, a member of the national committee, May W. Spence of St. Louis; ex-representative Frank and S. M. Kennard, a prominent business man. These gentlemen will make the arguments and announce what St. Louis has to offer. Hon. William Warner, who is also a member of the St. Louis delegation, said tonight:

"We feel very much encouraged and think we have an equal show with any other city at present. In the first place, we are on a neutral ground, and the presidential candidates, and it might be said between the sectional feeling of the country. It is a great Republican city and one for the Republican party. We are in a building that is absolutely safe, with an abundance of committee rooms. Our hotel accommodations will equal to the standard and there will be no raising of prices."

Pittsburg, according to the statements of her delegates, there will have a committee of fifty or seventy citizens in the city tomorrow. Those already here include Postmaster McKan and Lieutenant Governor Lyon. Said one of the delegates tonight: "Our prospects are better than those of any other city. We will give the convention as much as any one does and go cards and spades. Our hotel accommodations are ample for the occasion, and we have a check for \$75,000 to show that we are ready to pay the expenses that will be incurred in the convention."

The San Francisco delegation, who are making a hard fight for the convention, held a meeting tonight and decided to send a committee of five to the city tomorrow. There were also present the members of congress from California. The situation was discussed in its entirety. It was agreed that the delegates from San Francisco should make the opening and Mr. George A. Knight of San Francisco the closing addresses in behalf of the Golden Gate city's claims. The members of the delegation say they feel very much encouraged over the outlook; that San Francisco has a bigger following than any other place, and that there are a number of committeemen who favor it for second choice when the prospects are that their first choice is the city of San Francisco. They assert, in making the contest on its merits, not fighting any other city, and not doing anything to pull down or to bring up any other city.

The delegates reiterate the claims heretofore made that the Pacific coast city is amply able to care for the needs of the convention, and that the honor of the whole matter, says:

"We stand ready to do anything that is consistent with the convention's needs and anything that will make it a success."

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A LARGE LABOR CONGRESS

Begins Its Sessions at New York Today

A MILLION WORKING MEN

Send Delegates to Represent the Cause of Labor

English Delegates Arrive Who Will Speak for 100,000 Workers—The Questions Scheduled for Discussion

Associated Press Special Wire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The largest congress of labor leaders ever held in New York, as far as the numbers represented and interests involved are concerned, will begin tomorrow at Madison Square gardens with the opening of the fifteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor.

More than 500,000 organized workmen in the United States are sending their delegates, 115 in number, to represent them. Perhaps a million workmen would be nearer the mark, but the officers of the federation are conservative as to numbers and only reckon those who are in good standing with the subordinate unions.

It is now twelve years since the body was organized, since which time it has been expanding until it is its representatives in every state in the