

Forty-fifth Year

LABOR IN A PALACE

The First Session of the International Conference

HELD IN CONGRESS HALL

Chancellor Von Berlesch Welcomes the Delegates

QUESTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

French and German Diplomats Elected as Officers

WILLIAM WINE THE CONVENTION

The first session of the International Labor Conference was called to order yesterday under most auspicious circumstances in the famous Congress Hall of the Chancellor's palace. The delegates were warmly welcomed by the German Chancellor, Baron von Berlesch.

Berlin, March 15.—Copyright.—Kaiser Wilhelm has spent a week of hard work during the past few days, reviewing reports and listening to the reports of his sailors at sea. To-day His Majesty has had the satisfaction of witnessing the assembling of the labor conference upon which he had so strangely set his heart. The plenipotentiaries made a brave show, numbering nearly 50, and the delegates or technical assistants are almost as numerous. Baron Berlesch, who succeeded Prince Bismarck as Minister of Commerce, and has made a noble speech, and the conference having appointed six committees to do the chief work, forthwith adjourned.

It seems to be intended that the conference in a plenary session shall simply register the decisions of committees, but those best qualified to judge believe that it will not be possible to prevent contentions, and even burning questions, which may cause serious misunderstandings, and possibly protests and withdrawals.

A FEMINIST VIEW.  
Thomas Burt, an able and honest workman, who represents Morpeth in the British Parliament, and who has been selected as one of the English delegates, informed me last night that he did not expect that any practical results will follow from the conference, although indirectly it will be of great advantage to the industrial masses throughout the world. Monsieur Jules Guesde, one of the leaders of the French Socialists, declares: "Nothing good can result from the conference. Van hopes will be raised, but everything will prove a deception."

The conference assembled at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the famous Congress Hall of the Chancellor's palace. The proceedings were of the simplest character and were not attended by any ceremony. Most of the delegates went to the palace on foot. The French members walked over from Kaiserhof and the British delegates from their embassy. An immense crowd outside the palace watched the arrivals in silence.

THEY WANT TO BE PRIVATE.  
There was no demonstration of any kind except slight cheering when the British members passed through the lines kept by the police. It was noticed that the blinds of the hall were kept lowered as significant of the Chancellor's desire to keep the results of the sittings private for the present.

Shortly before the time fixed for the conference to open the Emperor visited Prince Bismarck and had a long interview with the Chancellor. Baron von Berlesch, the Prussian Minister of Commerce, was summoned to the conference, and received instructions before going to the Congress hall. His opening address to the delegates had no distinctive character. He referred to the Swiss proposal for a conference as a prelude to the Emperor's, whose programme would be considered simultaneously with that of Switzerland.

REVEREND WILLIAM'S OPINION.  
In the view of the Emperor, he said, the labor question demanded the attention of all civilized nations, since the peace between the different classes of the populations appeared to be imperiled by the industrial competition. To seek a solution of this question was not only a duty of humanity, but also the duty of statesmen, upon whose sagacity the task devolved of providing for the welfare of the citizens and preserving to them the inextinguishable blessings arising from centuries of Christian civilization.

All the nations of Europe were in a similar situation, hence an attempt was justifiable to bring about an agreement between the governments, in order to meet their common dangers, by combined preventive measures. The programme of the conference will be so framed as to elicit technical discussion. Its decisions will be subject to the approval of the Governments represented.

CHURCHILL KILLED

In a Political Sense, for a Time, at Least, by His Radical Speech—Fresh Signs of Disintegration in the Tory Ranks.

LONDON, March 15.—A Liberal has been elected for Stoke by a larger majority than in 1886. Both sides made prodigious efforts to bring up their man, with the result that the Liberal pole was 902 more than at the previous election, while the Tory total was increased by 833. More important than winning the seat or increasing the majority is the actual accession from the ranks of Mr. Caldwell, a Liberal Unionist member for one of the Glasgow divisions. This gentleman has been wavering for some time past and willing for a decent pretext to return to the fold.

THE SIEGE OF LUCKNOW.

A Famous Recitation Likely to be Spelled by a Military Discussion—The Tradition Has Found Some Defenders, However.

LONDON, March 15.—The elevation of the music hall stage, as attempted in Amy Roselle's recitations at the Empire Theater, threatens to destroy one of the most dramatic incidents of English history, as the Barbara Fritchie incident has been raised in America. Miss Roselle recites a poem called "The Siege of Lucknow," in which is related the story of a Scotch girl, Jessie Brown, who, just as the besieged Englishmen in the last extremity, were about to kill the women to save them from torture by the Sepoys, heard the bagpipes playing, and fled to the relief of the garrison long before any other ears caught the sound.

Miss Roselle, who is a powerful eloquent and strong actress, has made a great hit in this recitation, and hundreds of people who had never visited a music hall before have been to the Empire to hear her recite the story of the siege of Lucknow. The recitation is intensified by orchestral music representing faraway bagpipes whose volume gradually increases to a stormy and powerful recitation. It is the best performance ever given in a music hall. However, the fame of Miss Roselle's recitation has brought about a discussion of the siege of Lucknow, and military men declare that the Jessie Brown incident is mere fiction. General Sir John Bull, a member of the House of Commons, in a letter he says: "The relieving column had to fight desperately through the suburbs and city of Lucknow. Many brave men fell, but the relief was not killed, and the fate of the wounded one cannot think without horror. Where such acts of heroic valor and gallantry are playing in the hands of a woman, and her imaginary bagpipes have no place. To stage effect it is permitted, but the realities of war require no such artificial additions."

Archibald Forbes, however, comes to the rescue of Jessie Brown. He says that the Seventy-third Highlanders, who headed the relieving column, and who were the bagpipers as they fought their way into the city, and that there is no reason to doubt that the Scotch girl's quicker ear which has become chronic in her left hip, and probably from the same cause she is much bent. It is reported that when the Duke of Connaught was on his way to Elphinstone's death, the Queen was much overcome and exclaimed: "I shall soon be alone with my children." Sir Howard, as announced to the world by command of the Queen, "enjoyed Her Majesty's entire confidence, esteem and affection." The Duke of Connaught had lost a dear, valued and most devoted friend, to whom the latter would have turned for wise advice and counsel.

ENGLAND'S BIGGEST STRIKE.

It May Affect Two Millions Men Before It is Ended.

LONDON, March 15.—The coal workers in the Mines' Federation have ceased work in order to demand an advance in wages not granted them. The Coal Owners' Association tried to gain time, but the men would not be denied, and declared they would not be increased wages at once or strike. So many individual owners have expressed their willingness to accede to the advance that it is possible the employers as a body will yield, but this is thought to be scarcely likely, as the yielding owners are mostly Lancashire men, who have their mills also in Lancashire, and who are looking forward to a possible strike, as they also the coal merchants, and these have laid in enormous stocks of fuel to meet a possible emergency.

The miners themselves number 350,000, and their strike will be the biggest ever experienced in this country—worse for them than that of 1890. In the last few weeks, they have caused a stoppage of the cotton mills of Lancashire and Yorkshire, and the iron works of the Scotch and the Welsh, and mean the enforced idleness of over 2,000,000 of operatives. The situation is viewed with great uneasiness. The employers meet again on Monday, and the result will mean the enforced idleness of the men are leaving their tools in the pit, but so far as can be seen, the Government will resist the men's demands.

TO PREVENT ASSASSINATION.

The Extraordinary Measures Taken to Guard the Emperor Last Thursday.

LONDON, March 15.—The Emperor is in a bad humor. He sees in the labor conference a triumph for Socialism, and complains that it has encouraged his revolutionary subjects to greater audacity. The nihilists are under, March 15.—George Washington was being honored in the United States by the demonstrations in the United States and in this country against the cruelties in Siberia have greatly comforted them and served them to fresh efforts. What that meant to the Emperor was not clear. The Emperor was implored not to attend a service celebrated on Thursday at the Cathedral within the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul in memory of his murdered father, and that when His Majesty insisted upon going, the entire route from Gatchina to St. Petersburg was searched and held by an enormous force of civil and military.

A COLORED MAN'S CAREER.

He Makes Some Money Off the King of Belgium's Congress.

LONDON, March 15.—George W. Williams, the colored gentleman who wrote "The History of the Colored Race in America," and became engaged to a white English girl on the trip to Europe last summer, at present in Congo Williams, who attended the anti-slavery conference in Brussels, did not leave a good impression there. He represented the King of the Belgians, and was the official representative of the United States to the conference, and used the influence thus obtained to negotiate small loans among the creditors.

He is in Congo under the auspices of the Belgian Government. His engagement was broken off by the Belgian king, who sent General New in London, and learned that it was a crime in America for the colored and white races to intermarry.

THE DOOR OPEN WIDE.

40,000 Contract Laborers Have Passed Through Castle Garden

INSIDE OF A VERY FEW MONTHS.

A Clear Case Against Another Big Lot of Them Yesterday.

WINDOM'S INSPECTORS WERE MISSING.

And No One Else Had Authority to Keep the Immigrants From Landing.

The commissioners at Castle Garden discovered another batch of contract laborers yesterday. It was a clear case, but the inspectors appointed by Windom were not on duty, and no one else had power to act. A commissioner says that 49,000 laborers under contract have passed through in the last few months.

Special telegrams to the dispatch: NEW YORK, March 15.—The steamship Aller landed this afternoon 735 immigrants. The Commissioners of Emigration say that it is not their business to look out for foreign laborers imported in violation of the alien contract labor law. Secretary Windom declared the offer of the commissioners to do this work and appointed four Federal contract labor inspectors for the purpose.

The Castle Garden Registry Clerk reported to the board, all the same, that there were contract laborers in the crowd. He had noted that great bodies of the immigrants were being questioned by a few men who were theoretically spotted upon him. He asked and knew what this meant. It was the business of Secretary Windom's inspectors, the commissioners humbly think, to be on hand. The Aller was expected, but not one of them was there.

LEAVES BREAKING.

Crevasse Allow the Rivers to Flood the Back Country—People Preparing to Move—Governor Nichols' Reply to a Lottery Company's Offer.

ARKANSAS CITY, March 15.—The gauge reads to-night 48.2 feet and rising rapidly. Weather clear and cold. Every-day the levees are being broken, and water with sandbars to hold out. In front of town the water stands about 18 inches above the tracks here. The crevasse at Sappington Hoop grows no wider and the other levees are all intact.

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HUNTING MAD CATS.

A Kentucky Neighborhood Overrun by Felices With Hydrophobia—A Dozen Persons Killed—The Schools Closed.

HARRISBURG, KY., March 15.—There is a great scare in the Mt. Moriah neighborhood, near Burgin, Ky. It appears that some of the delegates from this city to the Democratic State Convention, representing wards outside of those which are under the control of Governor Pattison, are in control as regarded as possessing sufficient political sagacity to enable them to take advantage of the Democratic proper time, and for that reason the city delegation will remain unpledged until, in the judgment of the local party leaders, the proper time has arrived for a showing of hands.

IT WAS DANGEROUS TO SMILE.

Why Commander McCalla Threatened to Kill a Seaman.

NEW YORK, March 15.—At today's session of the McCalla inquiry G. R. Graham, a seaman on the Enterprise, told how he had been confined in irons for five days on a charge of deserting his post. At the expiration of the five days he was released, but he was held in irons for five days on a charge of deserting his post. At the expiration of the five days he was released, but he was held in irons for five days on a charge of deserting his post.

DROUTH IN TEXAS.

Cattlemen Driving Their Stock Ten Miles For Water.

ST. LOUIS, March 15.—Advices from the lower Rio Grande country in Texas say that live stock of all kinds are suffering severely from a lack of water. Nearly all of the water holes, streams and tanks in the country of Starr, Hidalgo, Zapata and Duval are dry, and in many places cattle have to be driven ten miles to water. There is so lack of grass, and the scarcity of water has been a very serious drawback and cattle are in very poor condition. Some of the cattlemen are so desperate that they are turning to the Government for aid. It is feared that if the drouth continues much longer the loss will be very heavy. Since the last of September last year there has been no rain to amount to anything.

HUSBAND AND WIFE KILLED.

A Farmer's Team Struck by a Train at Bridgeport, Pa.

READING, Pa., March 15.—While Lemuel Eastburn, aged 65 years, a farmer of Upper Merion, was crossing the Reading Railroad at Bridgeport this morning with his wife and son, the team was struck by a south-bound passenger train, and Mr. and Mrs. Eastburn were killed. Both bodies were terribly mangled.

FIGURING FOR 1892.

The Real Fight in the Democratic Ranks in This State

FOR THE NATIONAL DELEGATES.

And Not Who Shall be Nominated for Governor This Year.

ONE CANDIDATE FOR SECOND PLACE.

And a Scott Lieutenant Wants to be Secretary of Internal Affairs.

The real contest between the Democratic leaders over the choice of delegates to the next National Democratic Convention. The present fight for the gubernatorial nomination is merely a feature of the struggle. Philadelphia delegates believe that they will have great influence in making the decision.

EVADING THE ALIEN LABOR LAW.

A Peculiar Phase of This Question Arises in Chattanooga.

CHATTANOOGA, March 15.—The Southern Iron Works, which is to be opened on Monday in Chattanooga, is causing a good deal of interest. Not the least interest is in the new manager, Mr. T. Talbot, whom the corporation has imported from England. There is considerable speculation as to whether the engagement of Talbot is not a direct violation of the contract labor law.

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Startling Sequel to a Sudden Death in Allegheny.

TROUBLE FOR A HUSBAND

Made by Relatives in Canada Who Believed it Wife-Murder.

A POST MORTEM CLEARS IT UP

The sudden death of Mrs. Emily Rodgers in Allegheny yesterday alarmed her relatives at Hamilton, Ont., and led them to make some reckless charges against the woman's husband. They attempted to secure his arrest pending an investigation as to whether or not he had poisoned her. A post mortem showed no evidence of a crime.