

MR. GOMPERS' BID For Election Again as President of the Federation of Labor.

WHAT HE HAS BEEN DOING Seth Forth in an Address in the Shape of an Annual Report.

CHICAGO DELEGATES HUSTLING To Remind Everybody of the World's Columbian Exposition.

THE PERSONNEL OF THE CONVENTION

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 14.—Over 100 delegates compose the American Federation of Labor, which met here this morning and they represent nearly every State in the Union.

The committee on Credentials had only three adverse reports. William C. Pomeroy, representing the Illinois State Federation and the St. Louis Waiters and Bartenders, was ruled out, after debate.

The case of Pacific Coast delegates was referred to the convention itself. They represent the Coast Trade Council, and the objection is that it harbors the Brewers' Union of San Francisco, an organization not in harmony with its national association.

President Gompers, Secretary Evans and Treasurer Leonard reported, which were referred to appropriate committees. The convention adjourned till tomorrow without taking action on any of the recommendations.

One colored delegate is present, hailing from Arkansas. He signified himself this morning by proposing to add the delegate from Chicago, who was in arrears, and offering to subscribe \$1 to help him pay up.

Mrs. Eva McDonald is the only woman delegate. She represents the Minnesota Farmers' Alliance and has opened her door to all.

Points of President Gompers' Report. President Gompers says that during the year the Federation of Labor has been reconstituted, the Electrical Workers have been organized into a national union, the carriage and wagon makers have organized, and also have the various organizations working in the same line.

The Federation has issued 246 charters to local unions and National Trade Unions have issued charters to 1,040 local unions.

Although discouraged by the action of the miners, a large number of workers secured reductions in their working hours, notably the building, iron and clothing trades and the street railway employees.

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NOT CRAZY ENOUGH TO ESCAPE. Inspector Byrnes' Detectives Get Him With a Little Delay.

THE DOCTOR WANTED TO RETAIN HIM

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Edward M. Field, senior partner of the broker firm of Field, Lindley, Wiechers & Co., was compelled today to leave the city retreat to which his friends had committed two weeks ago.

In relation to assessments and dues he said that it was false economy to suppose that success results from small initiation fees. It might be true that a union might be organized on a cry of low dues, but history would show that such an union was only a transitory character.

Within the past few years there has been a direct purpose and what appears to be a tacit understanding among the authorities of our several States and municipal offices to violate one of the fundamental principles and rights guaranteed to the people.

Mr. Gompers favored the placing of the permanent census bureau in charge of the Department of Labor. His idea was that the work could be done better that way than independently.

He urged the passage of a law by Congress declaring that Monday in September as a legal holiday, and called a tention to the union label which had been issued, but not largely used.

Upon the question of boycotts I desire to impress upon your mind the resolution adopted at the St. Louis Convention upon the report of the committee having that subject under consideration.

Then again, organizations entirely foreign and antagonistic to the trade unions and the American Federation of Labor have depended in a large degree in carrying out their boycotts to successful termination upon the trade unions affiliated to the American Federation of Labor.

He concluded by urging all the unions to be on the alert and forward the interests of the cause of labor, and to be prepared to make sacrifices whenever necessary toward the attainment of the common objects.

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RUSHING IN THE BILLS. New Senators Not Behind in the Introduction of Legislation.

A TAX ON FUTURES AND OPTIONS Proposed by Senator Washburn, Who Also Defines What They Are.

A BUSY WEEK BEGUN IN THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Among the departmental and other communications laid before the Senate by the Vice President today and referred were the following: Report of the Government directors of the Union Pacific Railroad; awards of the Court of Claims on French spoliation claims.

By Mr. Harris.—To repeal all laws discriminating against the circulation of State banks.

By Mr. Hale.—To establish a permanent census office, and to provide for taking the tenth and subsequent censuses.

By Mr. Mitchell.—To prohibit absolutely the coming of Chinese into the United States, whether they are Chinese subjects or others; also, to amend the Pacific Railway acts.

By Mr. Sherman.—For a uniform classification of wheat, oats, rye, etc.

River Obstructions and Their Removal. Mr. Dolph offered a resolution calling on the War Department for a report as to whether the provisions of the last river and harbor bill to prevent the unlawful obstruction of the navigable waters of the United States have been enforced, and if not, why not.

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KEELY CURE IN COURT. AN OLD MAN DIES SUDDENLY AFTER ONE TREATMENT. His Relatives to Test the Matter Legally—H. S. Johnson, Treated for Drunkenness, Steps His Life—A Verdict of Lunacy Compulsion Rendered.

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Last Friday evening he was taken by his wife and male friends to Hot Springs. They stopped at the Sumpter House on the corner of Springs, having breakfast, of which Johnson was sparingly. He and a friend then walked out and chanced to come to the Keely Institute. They stepped inside and were met by two men. One was addressed as Dr. Kaminigton, the other as Dr. Stephens. Johnson's friend explained their mission to the Springs, which was to cure Mr. Johnson of the drink disease.

The doctor proposed to begin at once. Johnson said to him: "If you cure me I will give you \$1,000." The doctor had no doubt a cure would be effected. He would allow Johnson to drink whiskey until he got tired of it, while he treated him. A glass of whiskey was ordered, and Johnson drank. Stephens then gave him a dose of something, and the doctor injected something into his arm.

The patient was then led to a room and laid on a cot. A few minutes he turned to his friend who sat near him and said: "I feel that all of my exterior is contracting. Is that the way a fellow feels when he is dying?"

Johnson told that it was not, he turned his face away and was soon fast asleep. His friend left him and went first to the post-office and then to the hotel for dinner. In a few minutes word was brought to him by Johnson's wife that he had died. A coroner's jury was summoned, a post mortem held, and a verdict that he died of lung congestion was given. This verdict is not satisfactory, as it is known the deceased was not affected with lung trouble, and in all probability a judicial investigation will be instituted.

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DESPERATE COAL MINERS. PREFER STARVATION AND DEATH TO THEIR OLD CONDITION. They Are Already Living on One Ounce Meal a Day—They Claim They Were Starved Into Making an Unjust Contract—A Gleam of Hope.

BRAZIL, Ind., Dec. 14.—The situation in the bituminous coal regions of Indiana, in which some 20,000 miners are on a strike, is a desperate one for the strike. The mine operators say that the strike is in violation of an agreement made by the men last spring not to ask for an advance in wages for one year, and that, in view of that fact, they will not negotiate.

A REPUBLICAN VICTORY. The Democratic Candidate for State Senator in the Fought Keely District Won—Get His Credentials—A New York Political Middle Being Cleared Up.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Dec. 14.—[Special.]—This morning William H. Wood, attorney for the Dutchess county Board of Canvassers, went to General Term, Brooklyn, to ask for a stay of Judge Barnard's order, issued last Saturday, directing that Gilbert A. Deane (Republican), candidate for Senator, be given a certificate of election, and that it be forwarded to the State Board of Canvassers at Albany at General Term.

There has been a decision. Here is an election for Senator and the question turns on 100 votes on which there are ink marks. The supervisors concluded not to count them. The law says they must, and a mandamus was issued compelling them to count. Not a single voter of the whole State has come forward to swear he voted any one of them, therefore the writ was allowed compulsion on the board to count them because of evidence against such a course was wholly insufficient.

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