

MIKADO TALKS FOR PEACE

Speech from Throne at Opening of Japanese Diet.

EMIGRATION TO BE RESTRAINED

All Contentions Raised by the United States and Canadian Governments Will Be Agreed To.

The Mikado of Japan is a man of peace. This he emphasized in his brief address to the house of peers in opening the twenty-fourth Diet. The emperor, in his speech from the throne, laid stress on the increasingly cordial relations with foreign powers and the important bearing on peace in the Far East of the entente cordiale conducted with Russia and France by Japan. This was followed by a semi-official announcement that all the demands made by the United States and Canada for the restriction of Japanese immigration have been virtually granted by the Mikado's government.

A discussion of the Japanese government's program and method of limitation of immigration has commenced between the foreign office and American Ambassador O'Brien. Immediately after the departure of Canadian Minister of Labor Lemieux, Baron Chinda, vice minister of foreign affairs, drove to the American embassy from the station and discussed the American proposals and suggestions offered by Ambassador O'Brien for the help of the Japanese government.

It was understood that the discussion was eminently satisfactory and that a memorandum of the subject in the shape of a reply will soon be forthcoming. It is quite evident now that the Japanese government recognizes that the mistake of a minister on the part of a mine official in the past created the present difficult situation, and is determined that the future restriction of immigration will make complaints from the American government and people impossible. The difficulty of dealing with the possibility of emigrants going over the borders of Canada and Mexico is now occupying much attention because it is recognized that while the possibility continues it will be impossible to prevent a recurrence of complaints.

TO EXPLORE VAST REGION

Expedition Organizing to Open Country South of the Amazon.

The exploration of the vast unknown regions in the southern watershed of the Amazon river, between the fourth and tenth parallels, is the object of an expedition which is being organized in Boston, under the supervision of George M. Boynton. It is expected to begin operations at Pernambuco next July, and through five relay expeditions in five successive years, to open the region, which is known to contain great commercial resources. The co-operation of the Brazilian government and the Royal Geographical Society of London has been obtained and good progress in getting donations of a financial nature is announced.

Mr. Boynton, the leader of the expedition, has spent ten years in the Amazon basin. The party, which will number 35, will be composed mostly of Americans.

PICTURES BY WIRELESS

French Inventor Exhibits New Telephotography Apparatus.

Pascal Berjonneau, an inventor, exhibited before the French postmaster general and a number of persons interested in scientific invention, a new telephotography apparatus, which can be adapted to the wireless system or to the ordinary telegraph wire system. He transmitted the picture of the postmaster general without the aid of wires from one end of the hall to the other. The inventor claims that distance does not interfere with the effectiveness of his method.

Photographs, he says, can be sent by it between New York and Paris.

HOSTILE UTES INVADE UTAH

One Band Imprisons Cowboys and Herd in a Canyon.

Colorado Ute Indians are traveling in bands in Southern Utah, attacking sheep and cattle owners, according to a report received today by Governor John C. Cutter. A small band of Indians attacked three cowboys in San Juan county, and at the points of rifles compelled the herders to drive their cattle back into the canyon, whence they were trailing to the winter range. Cowboys and cattle are still confined to the canyon.

Governor Cutter will take up the case with the authorities at Washington, as, according to a ruling of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, the Colorado or Southern Utes are forbidden to enter Utah.

The hemp growers of Yucatan have organized a combine. It has a capital of \$15,000,000 and its particular purpose is to maintain prices of the hemp product and to wage a fight against what is known as the "blender trust of the United States."

Oldest Living Yale Graduate.
The much disputed question of who is the oldest living Yale graduate has been decided by an official statement made by Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, secretary of the Yale corporation. He gives the honor to William Davis Ely, a retired lawyer living in Providence. He was a member of the class of 1836 and was born in 1815.

American warships sailed from Port of Spain for Rio Janeiro, 3,000 miles distant, on the second lap of their voyage to Magdalena bay.

WOULD ABOLISH DAMS

Ohio Man Has \$100,000,000 Project for Providing Constant Stage in Ohio River.

The plan for the canalization of the Ohio river to a depth of nine feet by a system of fifty-two locks and dams, to cost \$64,000,000, sinks into financial and commercial insignificance beside another plan which has been worked out by Marshall O. Leighton, hydrographer of the reclamation service, and which will be appended to the forthcoming report of the Inland Waterways commission.

The latter plan proposes to do away altogether with locks and dams on the Ohio and its tributaries and make them navigable at all seasons of the year by a gigantic system of reservoirs, about 100 in number, to be located in the valley of the Youghiozheny, Monongahela, Big and Little Kanawha, Kentucky, Licking, Tennessee, Cumberland and Big Sandy coming into the Ohio from the south, and the Allegheny, Beaver and Miami coming in from the north. The estimated cost of these reservoirs is given at approximately \$100,000,000, or 40 per cent more than the canalization scheme recommended by the special board of army engineers that made the survey of the Ohio, and whose report is now held up in the War department.

FIVE TRAINMEN KILLED

One Engine Plows Its Way Under Those of Double-Header.

Speeding through dense fog at forty miles an hour, a Grand Trunk passenger train collided head-on with a double-header freight train half a mile north of Lenox, Mich. Five trainmen met death, four being killed instantly, the fifth dying three hours later. All of the passengers escaped injury except a baby, who was only slightly hurt by being thrown out of its mother's arms and over a seat when the train crashed.

The dead are: James Bennett, passenger engineer, Detroit; August Bhowolski, freight engineer, Detroit; George Bouchner, freight fireman, Detroit; Willard G. Tyler, freight switchman, Detroit; Albert McCall, passenger fireman, Port Huron, Mich. The passenger locomotive plowed under the engines of the double-header, and the trainmen were buried in the wreckage. Their bodies were terribly mangled and scalded by escaping steam. The freight train had switched from the main track to a siding to allow the passenger to pass.

NO ARRESTS FOR "PLAIN JAGS."

Cleveland Police Chief Tries New Plan for Removing Victims of the Flowing Bowl.

Chief of Police Kohler has aroused a storm among sociologists by his order making each Cleveland policeman a trial judge in case of minor offenses.

No more will the man with the merry, early morning jag be thrown into a cell. The policeman will tell him the evils of strong drink and lead him gently homeward.

The violator of the city ordinances will be admonished, told to go his way and sin no more. Of course, if he insists on sinning he will finally find his way before a police justice. If the patrolman is in doubt, he will take the offender before the police lieutenant, who is also expected to use judicial powers.

Chief Kohler's new move has the indorsement of Mayor Johnson, who believes the submerged tenth are more sinned against than sinning.

BOOKS FULL OF ORDERS

Union Switch and Signal Has Little Time for Making Repairs.

So full are the order books of the Union Switch and Signal Company that its big plant at Swissvale could be shut down for only a few days this year for the annual repairing.

The plant, which has been closed a few days for repairs, is expected to start up in full, summoning hundreds of men back to work. Some big orders have been received from railroads. The company has a running contract with the Pennsylvania, which has amounted to a huge sum this year.

NEW EDDY SUIT

Trustees Ordered Not to Give \$1,000,000 for Charity.

Disputing the power of Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, head of the Christian Science church, to make disposition of so large a part of her fortune formal notices have been served upon Trustees McLellan, Fernald and Baker, having in charge Mrs. Eddy's estate, ordering them not to make the \$1,000,000 gift to found a charitable institution, recently announced, or any other appropriation from Mrs. Eddy's estate, pending the outcome of litigation.

According to former United States Senator William E. Chandler this action is to be followed by a new suit involving the Christian Science head and her trustees, brought by the "next friends," Mrs. Eddy's son, George W. Glover; his daughter, Mary Baker Glover; and Mrs. Eddy's adopted son, Dr. Ebenezer J. Foster of Waterbury, Vt.

At a special sitting, the French senate passed the budget, the estimates of which amount to a total of \$770,800,000, an increase of \$4,000,000 over the budget estimates of 1907.

Three Dead in Wreck.

Three persons were killed and seven injured in a collision on the elevated tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad just outside the station at Camden, N. J., when a Pemberton accommodation train ran into the rear of an Atlantic City express. A heavy fog was the principal contributory cause of the accident. The dead are: C. H. Brown, Moorestown, N. J.; J. L. Garbarini, Mount Holly, N. J.; and T. L. Webster, Merchantville, N. J.

VESSEL LOST LAST JUNE

Captain and Wife of Schooner Drowned Off Cape Horn.

COAL SHIP'S EXPERIENCES.

Encounters Death, Disease and Mutiny on Voyage From Baltimore to Frisco.

When the American ship Atlas dropped anchor at San Francisco December 24, 275 days out from Baltimore, it ended a voyage made tragic by a collision off Cape Horn, the drowning of another vessel, the sinking of the fated craft's captain and the captain's wife, mutiny on its decks and death among its crew.

One June 6, at 6 p. m., the Atlas struck the Norwegian bark Viking, Captain Petersen, bound from Hamburg to Callao. Both were badly damaged by the contact, but the bark fared worst. In the terror of the night of the fated craft's captain and the captain's wife, mutiny on its decks and death among its crew.

The Atlas put into Rio de Janeiro for repairs, leaking badly. On the way to this port a mutiny took place among the crew over some trouble with the mate, but it was easily quelled.

Before the collision off Cape Horn three of the ship's company met death. On May 23 J. Schumacher and Charles Nolan, seamen, fell from the jibboom and were drowned. On June 15 John Hook, sailmaker, died, and was buried at sea.

When the ship arrived yesterday the captain's son and the third officer were ill, and the vessel was ordered into quarantine.

The Atlas had a cargo of coal for the United States Government. The vessel had been 120 days out from Rio de Janeiro and was overdue. Re-insurance had been ordered at 10 per cent.

The Viking was a new bark of 2,541 tons. Nothing had been heard of it after it began its last voyage until the Atlas brought in the tidings last night.

MILLS WILL RESUME.

Reports That the New Year Will Show Renewed Activity.

By January 6, 1908, it is asserted, every one of the thousands of wheels of industry in the mills of McKeesport, Glassport, Duquesne and up the Monongahela Valley as far as Monessen and down to Pittsburgh will be in operation, and more than 40,000 men, who have been idle for several weeks, will have returned to work. There, also, are reports that every mill in Pittsburgh—in fact, every mill in the Pittsburgh district—will be in full operation soon after the new year. One report even goes so far as to include the statement that the forces of men at some of the plants will have to be doubled.

SUIT BY GLASS WORKERS.

Judge Says Association Illegal if Allegations Are True.

In Common Pleas Court at Cleveland, O., Judge Phillips held that, if the allegations of the glass cutters and flateners are true, the Amalgamated Association of Window Glass Workers of America is an organization in restraint of trade and contrary to law.

The cutters and flateners brought suit to enjoin the association for expelling them for accepting employment in glass factories where machinery is used in their work. They assert that the expulsion clause deprives them of an occupation and that only members of the union are allowed by the association to work at the trade, and that the use of machinery is prohibited. Machinery is used almost exclusively by the so-called trust factories.

A demurrer filed in court today by the association was overruled, and the suit for an injunction will go to trial upon its merits at the next term of court.

BANKS' GOOD SHOWING.

Controller Makes Public Totals From December Call.

A statement showing the condition of the national banks of the United States at the close of business December 3 was made public by the Comptroller of the Currency. It shows that the total loans and discounts of the banks aggregate \$4,583,337,094; individual deposits, \$4,176,873,717; cash resources, \$660,784,736; capital stock, \$901,681,682; United States deposits, \$223,117,082. The net balances of clearing house certificates in the banks on the date named was \$64,344,128. The percentage of legal reserve to deposits is 21.31 per cent.

To Arrange for National Gathering.

Chairman Thomas Taggart, of the Democratic National Committee, announced the following special committee on arrangement for the national convention: Roger C. Sullivan, Chicago, Ill.; James C. Dahlman, Omaha, Neb.; Norman E. Mack, Buffalo, N. Y.; R. M. Johnston, Houston, Tex.; John T. McGraw, Grafton, W. Va.; John M. Osborne, Rawlins, Wyo., and Clark Howell, Atlanta, Ga.

CONSPIRACY IN ECUADOR.

Plot Unearthed to Assassinate President and Overthrow Government.

A new conspiracy to overthrow the Ecuadorian Government has been discovered at Quito, and General Emilio Maria Teran, the leader in the conspiracy, and several others have been arrested.

The Government captured a quantity of arms in the house of the conspirators. The officials here state that the conspirators planned to assassinate President Alfaro.

BULLETS POSSIBLY ARMY-MADE.

At Least, According to Recent Developments, They Easily Might Have Been.

The administration is getting ready to spring a Brownsville surprise on Senator Foraker, but is not ready to divulge its plans, which were supposed to be a secret between President Roosevelt and Brigadier-General William Crozier, chief of the ordnance bureau of the army. The secret went the usual way.

The surprise is this: It has been found that bullets of the ammunition issued to negro troops at Brownsville may have contained antimony after all, in spite of the fact that the Government formula prescribes their manufacture without this harder-than-lead composition.

The discovery will offset the disclosures made by Senator Foraker when the Senate committee, which is investigating the discharge of a battalion of negro soldiers, last met. Senator Foraker at that time produced the analysis made of bullets which had been picked out of the walls of houses at Brownsville after the night raid on the Texas town.

The analysis showed that the bullets contained antimony, and as Government bullets were not supposed to possess this composition, it was assumed by the anti-administration Senators that the bullets could not have been fired by soldiers.

General Crozier had a large number of Government bullets analyzed. It was found that in a number of instances the product of the private plants were not made in accordance with the Government formula, showing that they contained antimony. The manufacturers found that, by using the harder substance in a small proportion, the process of molding was easier, and the necessary point to the bullets attained with less trouble.

FORECLOSE CHICAGO ROADS.

Two Street Railways Will Be Bought by the Third Company.

Judge Grosscup of the United States Circuit Court entered a decree of foreclosure on the properties of the Union Traction Company, which operates the street car systems on the North and West Sides of the city of Chicago and ordered them sold. The property will be bought in by the Chicago Railways Company.

The sale was ordered under the consolidated foreclosure suits of the Central Trust Company and the Guaranty Trust Company of New York and the Fidelity Trust Company of Philadelphia.

VICTIM BEAUTIFUL AND REFINED

Denuded Body Found Twelve Hours After the Tragedy.

About 2 o'clock in the morning a beautiful and richly gowned woman, accompanied by a stout and well-dressed man, passed over the Hackensack meadows near the town of Harrison, N. J., and the following afternoon the nude body of the woman was found in a shallow pond, with all the marks of a deliberate and cruel murder defacing it. Beyond this complete mystery shrouds the murder.

The body is that of a woman probably 30 years old, with fine features and perfect figure.

MOSQUITO FLEET NEXT.

Torpedo Boats, Destroyers and Submarines to Be Mobilized.

The mobilization of the largest fleet of torpedo boats, torpedo boat destroyers and submarine torpedo boats in the history of the American navy will take place in Narragansett Bay in the spring and summer of 1908, according to information gained here today. The fleet will be in command of Commander Charles G. Marsh, who will have under his direction about fifty craft besides the first and second flotillas of submarines.

The little vessels will go through an elaborate series of drills, both day and night.

Postmaster C. E. Lovely, of the Ocean Park (Cal.) postoffice, was arrested by postal authorities on a warrant charging him with stealing \$1,800 from the Government. Lovely's accounts were found to be \$1,800 short.

MILLIONS OF GIFTS SENT.

Ships by Express and Mail 3,840,000 Parcels This Season.

It is estimated that during the Christmas rush 3,840,000 parcels were shipped out of New York City by mail express. These figures are based on estimates made at the postoffice and the express offices. The value of the packages sent by express, where values were given, is said to be about \$7,400,000. The number of packages sent out of the city this year is about 8 per cent greater than last year, while it is estimated the value is 15 per cent less. This decrease in value is said to be due to the fact that goods are cheaper this year. It is estimated that not more than 1,900,000 parcels have been received in the city.

Almost Entire Block Burns.

Fire destroyed nearly the entire block bounded by Mission, Jessie, First and Second streets, San Francisco, Cal. Several factories and stores were burned out, and the loss will amount to more than \$200,000. Most of the buildings destroyed were only temporary affairs, so that the loss was principally in stocks carried by the firms involved.

Santa Claus' Mail Robbed.

A mail pouch with about 1,000 letters, containing holiday presents of money, jewelry, money orders and checks, was stolen at Merrilan Junction, Wis., Christmas eve. The empty pouch was found in a box car by two boys. It is believed the pouch was stolen from a truck at Merrilan.

The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad today declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent, payable January 20, to holders of record January 3.

FINANCIAL HOUSES STRONG

Reports from New State Banks and Trust Companies Make Good Showing.

CASH RESERVES KEPT UP.

Concern Which Withstood a Run of Many Days Makes Brilliant Showing.

Under call of the State banking department for reports of condition on December 19, twenty-one trust companies and twenty-nine State banks of Greater New York have filed their statements. The statements, as a whole, testify to quick recovery and the unwavering confidence of the great body of depositors.

The reports also show certain State banks did their share toward relieving the financial situation in other cities. They accomplished this by accepting from the local national banks a large quantity of Clearing House certificates, leaving the national banks in position to employ their cash in relief of customers and correspondents in the interior.

The twenty-nine State banks of New York, Brooklyn and the other boroughs of Greater New York, which have so far reported, show aggregate deposits of \$225,000,000. Of this enormous sum the net loss in withdrawals since August 22 amounted to only \$3,056,117. The losses were distributed among eighteen of the banks, with total withdrawals of \$13,925,761, while eleven banks showed an aggregate gain of \$10,869,644.

Allowing for all withdrawals and the purchase of Clearing House certificates now held as collateral, the State banks indicated their prosperous condition by maintaining cash reserves by State law. One of the largest holders of the certificates shows a reserve of 24 per cent. A majority of the banks show an increase of cash on hand.

The official statements of the trust companies are, perhaps, fraught with the greatest interest. The institutions were forced to bear the brunt of the financial storm which broke with the suspension of the Knickerbocker Trust Company. The twenty-one companies which have thus far reported show a falling off of deposits from \$278,956,300 on August 22 to \$190,256,500 December 19.

The loss of deposits was accompanied by the calling in of loans, the reduction in the latter instance amounting to \$78,000,000. The market values of stocks, etc., show a decline of about \$20,000,000. In specie the twenty-one trust companies show a loss of less than \$2,000,000, while in legal tenders and bank notes held as reserve they show an increase of nearly \$1,000,000.

The trust companies all were put to a severe test, but their business affairs, according to the reports now submitted, have been so adjusted that many of the officers claim they are in a better position today than ever before.

The report of the Trust Company of America, which withstood a run of many days, was awaited with much interest. It shows a net decline in cash reserve of less than 1 per cent since August 1. The cash reserve of the company now on hand is \$3,354,223, a percentage of 16.77, as against the legal 15 per cent requirement. The reserve of the company last August was something more than \$11,000,000, or 17.52 per cent of the deposits. The capital of the Trust Company of America, as with all the other companies submitting reports, remains unimpaired.

BIG DIVIDENDS DECLARED.

Cotton Industry of New Bedford Is More Prosperous Than Ever Before.

Statistics just compiled show that the dividends paid to stockholders of New Bedford (Mass.) cotton mills in 1907 have been the largest in the history of the city.

The total dividends of 18 corporations are \$2,578,250, on a capital stock of \$18,770,000, an average of 13.73 per cent. Last year the average rate was 8.92 per cent, in 1905 it was 6.6, and in 1904 the percentage was 5.2.

REBEL MOORS LOSE 200 MEN.

Two Victories Are Won by Partisans of Abd-el-Aziz, the Sultan of Morocco.

Recent fighting near Morocco resulted in two victories for partisans of Abd-el-Aziz, the Sultan of Morocco. The Rehamnas, followers of Mulal Hafid, the "Southern Sultan," attacked the Shragna tribesmen, partisans of Abd-el-Aziz, but were repulsed, with a loss of 200 men.

After receiving 800 reinforcements from Mulal Hafid, the Rehamnas attacked a second time, but again suffered defeat.

Secretary Root Buys Old Home.

The old Root homestead, "The Hemlocks," on College hill, Clinton, N. Y., has been purchased by Secretary Root from Anna Day Root, widow of his brother, the late Dr. Oren Root, of Hamilton college. The purchase price was \$10,000.

The Proctor & Gamble Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent on the preferred stock, payable January 15 to stockholders of record December 31.

A Dozen Murders.

Although scores of choirs sang "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" and the spirit of Christmas shone in a broader and greater charity than ever before, New York's Christmas bore the marks of passion and tragedy. A dozen murders and as many more tragic deaths marked the day.

The American Rolling Mill Company, of Middletown, O., has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on preferred stock, payable January 15.

MUTINY IN MANCHURIA.

Rebellious Chinese Soldiers Fight Loyal Troops.

News has come of the mutiny of a detachment of Chinese soldiers near Aium, on the Amur River, in Manchuria. The men murdered their officers and started on a march in the direction of Tsitsikhar, pillaging villages and robbing Chinese and Russian caravans on their way.

Five hundred cavalrymen, with some artillery sent in pursuit, yesterday engaged the mutineers, who numbered 900 men, near Morgehen. The encounter was not final, for the insurgents continued toward Tsitsikhar by another route.

Hog Digs Up Bombs.

The curiosity of a straying hog at Akkerman, Russia, has brought to light a store of bombs at that place. The hog wandered into a schoolyard and turned over a half-buried bomb and exploded it. The police then made an investigation and found on the school grounds an extensive store of buried bombs. The hog was blown to pieces. Several arrests have been made.

Bloodless Duel Fought.

The duel between Premier Dr. Werkerle and former Minister of Justice Polony, growing out of a speech made by Dr. Werkerle in the diet, in which the prime minister attacked Polony, was fought Sunday at Budapest. Dr. Werkerle was larger and stronger than his opponent and pressed him from the beginning. The weapons used were swords. Neither was hurt.

Says Dead Will Be 317.

John Tonkay, a Greensburg steamship agent, who conducts a similar business at Jacobs Creek, says the dead in the Darr disaster will total 317. He has made a careful canvass, in company with priests and preachers of the vicinity, and says that 380 men were employed in the slope. Of these less than 40 laid off work the day of the explosion to celebrate St. Nicholas day in the Greek Catholic church.

Holland's Cabinet Resigns.

The Dutch cabinet has resigned because of opposition to its program of military and naval expenditures. These expenditures are always considerably swelled because of the practically perpetual warfare which the Dutch are compelled to wage in their East Indian colonies. There is also some fear that Germany may some day attempt to annex Holland.

BUSINESS BRIEFS.

Statistics show that the railroads in this country have built approximately 7,224 miles of new road this past year, a decrease of 8 per cent over the year previous.

The Erie Railroad has decided to reduce the salaries of its employees in the executive, administrative and clerical departments. The reduction will amount to from 2 per cent to 10 per cent, and will affect about 1,500 men, whose salaries are more than \$60 a month each.

Directors of the Missouri Pacific Railroad declared the usual semi-annual dividend, but it is payable in stock instead of cash, as customary. The stock declined on the announcement.

Gross earnings for Missouri Pacific for the third week in December were \$725,000, a decrease of \$90,000. Since July 1 gross earnings increased \$748,269.

CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

Mine owners of Goldfield will seek to enjoin the miners' union, taking their case into a Federal court at once. They charge that the Western Federation is unlawful in its methods.

Thirty-three railroads reporting gross earnings for the second week in December show a decrease of 5.08 per cent as compared with the same period of 1907.

It is announced that the profit-sharing plan to be brought out by the United States Steel Corporation in the interest of its employees will be ready to be announced early in January.

Many crimes throughout the country marred the celebration of the season of "peace and good will." There were, too, many large charities in every important city in the country.

Mayor McClellan, of New York, demanded resignations of water commissioners, who awarded a contract involving several millions to a high bidder.

The American Locomotive Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on its preferred stock and of 1 1/4 per cent on its common stock.

Five persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the house of John Clark, at Watertown, a suburb of Boston. Every member of the Clark family met death in the flames.

A Great Northern passenger train was boarded by three armed men, who started to hold up the passengers. Some of the passengers knocked the robbers down, disarmed them and turned them over to the sheriff.

John Andrews, former chief clerk in the comptroller's office in Atlantic City, was found guilty on charges of forgery and embezzlement of sums aggregating about \$24,000.

Plans have been completed for the formation of a temporary organization to embrace all the building trades unions in the country in accordance with the proposal made at the last annual meeting of the American Federation of Labor.