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SEVEN YEARS' FRANCHISE LAW.

It Is Said Kruger's Government Insists Upon This, But Is Willing to Consider Any Suggestion Made by England Regarding Its Working.

London, Sept. 16.—A special dispatch from Pretoria says: The Transvaal's reply will be on the following lines: The Transvaal adheres to the seven years' franchise law, but is willing to consider, and if necessary, to adopt any suggestions Great Britain may make with regard to the working of the law.

In regard to the other points of Mr. Chamberlain's dispatch the Transvaal boldly stands by the London convention. It is said that the reply is couched in polite terms.

State Secretary Reitz, in the course of an interview yesterday, expressed some doubt as to whether any alteration would be made in the existing franchise law, but said he believed a way should and could be found to establish an arbitration court. As to suzerainty, "the least said the soonest mended," remarked the state secretary.

In the forecasts of President Kruger's reply there is undoubtedly a large basis of truth which seems to bring the dispute within a measureable distance of war.

Last evening the press association issued a curious statement to the effect that as soon as the garrison in Natal had been sufficiently strengthened the Transvaal government would be called upon to accept a new convention, already drafted, which, while guaranteeing the integrity of the Transvaal state, provides for the demolition of the forts and limits the armed force of the Transvaal to a number deemed sufficient to maintain internal order.

According to the press association the convention will demand that the diplomatic agencies be suppressed and the judiciary be made independent of the executive.

This statement, which realizes the extreme demands of the outlanders, must be accepted under reserve at the present stage, but it is not unlikely to be a semi-official hint as to the next move of the government should President Kruger prove obdurate.

The morning paper editorials regard the crisis as having reached its most acute phase. The Daily News says:

"We refuse to believe that President Kruger is so foolish as to reject Mr. Chamberlain's moderate demands."

The Daily Chronicle, which appeals again to Mr. Kruger "to accept while it is yet time and before England's terms become harder," says:

"A refusal of the present terms will involve the ruin of the state over which President Kruger presides. The British government have played their first and second moves in the game, and must perforce play the third, and then the fourth. If Mr. Kruger haggles, the sinister conditions in South Africa will grow worse until a catastrophe is reached."

Other papers talk of the imminence of war, and all the dispatches from South Africa continue to describe the military preparations on both side

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For Cape May, Anglesea, Wildwood, Holly Beach—Express, 9 00 a m, 2 00, 4 00 [100 minutes], 5 00 p m week-days. Sundays, 8 30 a m. For Cape May only, 1 30 p m Saturdays. $1.00 Excursion train, 7 00 a. m. daily.

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Oct. 4.—Welsh Baptist twenty-sixth annual supper in Robbins' opera house.

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Last November Mr. Joseph James, painter, of 325 W. Pearl St., Indianapolis, Ind., was at death's door with quick consumption. Wasted to a skeleton; his lungs a mass of ulceration; his death was hourly awaited by his doctor and family. He was kept in a constant stupor with opium. A friend, thinking to relieve his terrible cough, gave him a bottle of Brazilian Balm. Seeing its wonderful effect, the doctor advised its continued use. Mr. James soon after dismissed his doctor, and depended on the Balm alone. His recovery was rapid and complete, and in February he returned to work. His lungs are sound, and his weight greater than at any time in his life. His recovery is regarded as almost a miracle.

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COCKRAN ON TRUSTS.

The New York Orator Addresses the Chicago Conference.

MR. BRYAN'S SPEECH POSTPONED.

The Nebraskan Did Not Wish to Enter Into a Joint Debate—Mr. Cochran Vigorously Denounces the Secret Management of Trusts.

Chicago, Sept. 16.—The exciting joint debate looked for last night between William J. Bryan and Bourke Cockran on trusts did not take place. Central Music Hall was packed with an eager audience, but the people present had to content themselves without the oratory of the famous Nebraskan, who, however, occupied a seat on the platform.

Mr. Bryan reached Central Music Hall early in the evening. He went direct to a room upstairs, where he was greeted by Chairman Franklin Head, Congressman Gaines, Ralph M. Easley and other members of the program committee of the Civic Federation conference on trusts. Mr. Bryan surprised the committee by declining to speak at the night session with W. Bourke Cockhan, in accordance with the program previously arranged. Mr. Bryan explained that he did not wish to let the impression go out that he was to enter into a debate with Mr. Cockran. For that reason, he said, he would not speak with Mr. Cockran at the same session. Mr. Cockran was sent for and he and Mr. Bryan discussed the situation. The committee withdrew to allow the two oartors to settle the dispute between themselves. Mr. Bryan asserted that he never said he would follow Mr. Cockran with an address on the same evening. If the committeemen got that impression from the conversation he had with them over the long distance telephone Thursday he said they misunderstood him. Mr. Cockran wanted to talk at the same session with the noted Nebraskan, and offered to flip a coin to determine who should have the privilege of delivering the closing address. Mr. Bryan would not accept the proposition. Mr. Cockran agreed to appear at any time the committee desired. The program was then changed to meet Mr. Bryan's wishes. Mr. Bryan said he was anxious to address the conference, and repeated that his only reason for changing the program was to avoid any indication of a public debate with Mr. Cockran. Mr. Bryan will speak at today's session.

Though disappointed in failing to see such a spectacle as Bryan and Cockran pitted against each other, the audience nevertheless enjoyed a rare treat, as Mr. Cockran was at his best, and his speech was punctuated with frequent and prolonged applause. When Mr. Bryan made his appearance at the entrance it was the signal for tumultuous cheering, which lasted until the Nebraskan had taken his seat on the speakers' stand. Mr. Foulke, of Indiana, who was in the middle of an address when the outburst occurred, put the audience in good humor by remarking: "I guess you came here tonight to hear somebody else speak." Mr. Foulke was followed by Hon. Edward Rosewater, of Omaha whose address received notably close attention from his hearers. The chair then introduced Hon. W. Bourke Corkran, of New York.

Mr. Cockran eulogized the labor representatives who had presented arguments before the conference, declaring that "the laborers who spoke to us understood economic laws better than their employers," declared "that in any assemblage of men honestly endeavoring to discover the truth she always appears," and proceeded:

"The precise question which we have been called to consider is the effect upon the general prosperity of the community of combinations, whether of capital or labor. I hope to establish before I get through that there cannot be abundant production of commodities without an extensive distribution of them in the form of wages in a country wherein prosperity is based upon freedom. But whether this distribution is not as effective and complete as we might wish, we can defer consideration of that question for a moment, and we can all agree that there cannot be any distribution if there is not production, and that there cannot be an extensive distribution unless there is an abundant production. If this definition of prosperity be correct, it is perfectly plain that there is no reason why a sensible man should grow excited either to the approval or resentment at a combination merely as such.

"Any industrial system which operates to swell the volume of production should be commended; anything that operates to restrict it should be suppressed. Whether these great combinations of capital or these combinations of labor operate to raise prices or to reduce them is a subject about which there has been a wide diversity of opinion, not merely in this hall, but wherever economic questions have been discussed. Some contend that the tendency of these combinations of capital is to cheapen the product. Others say that it is to raise the price of the product.

"The test is to ascertain whether the combination of capital flourishes through government or without, for you must see that any industrial enterprise which dominates the market without the aid from the government must do so through cheapening the product, or, as it is commonly called, by underselling competitors. An industry which at one and the same time reduces prices and swells its own profits must accomplish that result by increasing the volume of its production. On the other hand, an industry which dominates the market by the favor of government, direct or indirect, cannot, in the nature of things, be forced to cheapen prices, because, if it should dominate the market by underselling competitors in an open field without favor, it would not need the government favor."

Mr. Cockran then declared there were three ways in which the government interferes in the trade of individuals. One is by patent laws and another by tariff laws. He continued.

"There is still a third and serious question with which I think we can deal and which I believe is vastly more extensive in its results than this tariff in the favor of trusts. And I refer to those favors which are extended to certain industries or great corporations enjoying government franchises, which are none the less government agencies, because their stock is owned by private individuals. The worst feature of this outrage which is perpetrated against a certain class of the community is that it is shrouded in mystery.

"No person can enjoy a favor at the hands of any company enjoying a public franchise except at the expense of another. It is true of every instance where government favors an individual. I have said in many places, and I say here, that government cannot at one and the same time be a fountain of generosity and of justice. Government cannot create anything. Now, if government cannot create anything, it has nothing of its own to bestow. If it undertakes to enrich one individual, the thing that it gives to him it must take from another. That government only is just and beneficent, which has neither favorites nor victims.

"What is the remedy? A simple one, I believe. Some gentlemen have suggested municipal ownership. Ladies and gentlemen, I have no quarrel with the applause of municipal ownership. I concede the principle of it. The government has no right to empower any private agency to perform a function unless it be one which the government would be bound itself to perform if that agency were not to be found. The only excuse for empowering a private corporation to discharge a public function is the excuse that the service will be more efficient. The question, then, of municipal ownership is a mere question of expediency. I won't debate it here, for this reason, that if it be a remedy it is such a remote one that a discussion of it would be a discussion of the interests of our children rather than of ourselves.

"Now, is there any practical remedy that this conference can suggest that can be put in force tomorrow by any legislature that happens to be in session. My friends, it seems to me to be a very simple matter. The fact is, you would not have the task in law to denounce special rates to individuals, that is the law today. The remedy, then, is simply to define a practical penalty, a serious one, and then provide for publicity, and you need not enforce the penalty. An officer of a corporation granting a special favor to any person who has a right to use that possession on equal terms with everybody else, ought to be held guilty of a serious felony."

In the course of his address Mr. Cockran declared that "the management of corporations has been the blackest page in all history. And the public indignation, unfortunately, which ought to be expended on the corporate management which is responsible for this abuse, has too often been visited upon the stockholders and the corporations themselves who have been the victims of that infamy. You have only got to look back to the history of the panic of 1873 and the history of the panic of 1893 and the corporate management that preceded that panic, and you find corporations wrecked and looted by those to whose hands they were entrusted. Now, all this story of infamy and of wrong and of perfidy and of fraud has not brought one hour of shame or humiliation to those who have perpetuted it. They are walking the streets today, their heads high in the world of finance."

At the close of his speech the New Yorker won the hearts of his listeners by paying Mr. Bryan a well chosen compliment, which the Democratic leader blushingly acknoweledged. Mr. Cockran likened Mr. Bryan to a monopoly, and claimed he was a bigger monopoly as the leader of the Democratic party than any financial corporation in the world.

NUGGETS OF NEWS.

Two marines of the cruiser Philadelphia were killed by drinking wood alcohol.

An aerolyte weighing 500 pounds fell near Sycamore, O., making the earth tremble.

William McCaffery, an employe of the Bloomingdale asylum, New York, was tossed and badly injured by an angry bull.

Martin Metzger, Jr., a New York real estate broker, was killed at Far Rockaway by the accidental discharge of a gun which he was using as a bootblack.

A New York bicycle thief, while trying to escape on the stolen wheel, collided with a street car and was caught in the window of the car.

The Chinese government is suppressing telegrams to the German minister at Pekin regarding the destruction of German property by natives in the Hinterland.

B. R. Banning, a Hawaiian capitalist, arrived at San Francisco with a valise containing $30,000. He afterwards missed it, and it is believed to have been sent back to the islands by mistake.

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