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COUNTRY IS AROUSED OVER EVILS OF TRUSTS

National Civic Federation to Take Important Action Next Month

GREAT GATHERING OF BUSINESS INTERESTS

Several Members of the President's Cabinet, Delegates Named By the Government of Forty States and Representing Every Line of Trade and Manufacturing and Agricultural Interests Will Assemble at Chicago One Month Hence—The Professions Also to Be Well Represented—Important Subjects That Will Be Discussed—Corporate Reconstruction a Matter of the Greatest Concern to All.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Sept. 21.—The conference of the National Civic Federation to be held in Chicago October 22 to 25, gives promise of being one of the most important gatherings ever held in this country. Delegates have been named by the governors of forty-one states and territories and by national labor, agricultural, manufacturing, financial and trade organizations, Chambers of commerce, boards of trade, bar associations and shippers' organizations will be represented.

At least two members of the cabinet will take part in the proceedings. The delegates appointed by the governors represent the best interests of their respective states and include United States senators, congressmen, merchants, lawyers, clergymen and bankers.

Will Tackle the Trust Question. The convention being held at a time when the whole country is aroused over the trust problem, and the many questions involved in the enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law and the amended interstate commerce act, its deliberations may serve to give direction to public opinion in reaching a final opinion on these important matters.

The first day will be devoted to the problems involved in the controversy between state and federal governments, respecting jurisdiction over interstate commerce, now pending in several western and southern states. The second day will be devoted to a consideration of the corporation. How should it be constructed? Should there be national corporations as well as state? What should be the basis of capitalization of corporations? Their internal control? The provisions looking to the protection of investors and stockholders, as well as fair dealing with the public. Should there be a distinction between public service and other corporations? Should quasi public utilities, like gas, electric lighting, and street railways be considered natural monopolies or to be regulated by the municipality?

Lyman Abbott's Views. Lyman Abbott, editor of The Outlook, "is an every glad that the national civic federation is calling such a conference. It seems to me fundamental."

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TODAY TO KILL COUNT TOLSTOI

(By Cable to The Times.) Moscow, Russia, Sept. 21.—An attempt was made today to assassinate Count Tolstoi. Several rifle shots were fired through a window at his home in the suburb of Tula and it is reported that the great socialist narrowly missed being killed.

Three arrests have been made but Count Tolstoi interfered in the case of one of the prisoners and caused his discharge. The others are held. This was the second attempt made on the country estate of the author. As in the last attempt the assassins fired shots from a rifle through

MORE TIME FOR RATE HEARING

State Cannot Conclude Its Case by 25th

ASHEVILLE GROWS RICH

Three Millions Increase in Taxable Property This Year in Buncombe County—Increase of White and Decrease of Negro Railways—Negro Killed—Date for Pathway Bond Election is Set Back Twelve Days. Important News from the Land of the Sky.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Asheville, N. C., Sept. 21.—It is now believed impossible for the state to secure all its evidence in the railway rate controversy in time for Standing Master Montgomery to make report to the court on September 25 and it is believed that a formal request will shortly be made by the state's attorneys for an extension of time.

James Hoke, a negro employe of the Southern, was run over and instantly killed here Thursday night by a freight train. The negro was attempting to cross the tracks when he was struck by the backing train, knocked down and his body terribly mangled.

The date for the railroad bond elections in Buncombe and other counties in this immediate vicinity has been changed from October 17 to October 29. The postponement of date was due to the failure of giving legal notification of registration for the election. Those interested in the new railroad proposition are very enthusiastic.

The report of County Auditor Stokely of Buncombe, who has just completed the making out of the tax books for this year, shows that the total assessed valuation of all real and personal property in Buncombe county is almost seventeen million dollars as against less than fourteen million last year. This gives an increase this year over last year of about three million dollars. There is an increase in listed polls of 345. The number of colored polls, however, shows a falling off of eleven this year over last. During the past year many townships in the county have voted special school tax and the amount of special tax that these townships will this year pay to prolong the public school terms is over four thousand dollars. The people of Buncombe county are alive to the needs of education and are determined to see to it that their boys and girls are given every advantage.

JOCKEY TOD SLOAN TO MARRY ACTRESS.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Sept. 21.—"Tod" Sloan is to be married. The bride-elect is Miss Julia Sanderson, now playing with "The Dairy Maids" at the Criterion Theatre. She is about 20 years old and by many persons is considered one of the strikingly beautiful women of the American stage.

Sloan admitted last night the correctness of the report of his approaching marriage to the actress. "In a few days," was the nearest he would set the time.

WANT NEW BLOOD IN DIRECTORATE

Effort to Secure Harmony at Jintown Expo.

TAR HEELS INTERESTED

The State Commissioners Meet and Arrange to Ask For Representation in the Government of the Exposition—Object is to Put a Stop to the Worse Than Foolish Internal Dissensions That Are Hurting the Big Show—Hinsaw and Dunn From North Carolina on the Committee.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Norfolk, Va., Sept. 21.—At a meeting held last night in the Rhode Island building, the centennial state commissioners' association named a committee to wait on the exposition board of directors Tuesday for the purpose of asking for representation in the government of the exposition. The directors will also be asked to give the United States government representation.

It is contended that with new blood in the directorate the present internal strife in the exposition's official family can be stopped and all litigation prevented.

The state commissioners say they represent an investment of \$1,500,000 by twenty-one states; that the government is interested to the amount of nearly \$3,000,000, or in the aggregate 75 per cent. of the value of the entire exposition and should be accorded representation. The committee named to attend Tuesday's meeting is composed of Colonel J. P. Givens, Ohio; Judge Bloodett, Rhode Island; Colonel G. W. Hinsaw, North Carolina; Colonel J. W. Baughman, Maryland; Stuart R. Bollin, Ohio, and Thomas B. Dunn, North Carolina.

GROVER CLEVELAND SUDDENLY ILL

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Princeton, N. J., Sept. 21.—As a result of a dispatch between the physicians, former President Grover Cleveland, who is believed to be in a serious condition at his home near here, has been put in the hands of a new specialist, Dr. Banks of New York and Larchmont.

Dr. Banks, who had been hurriedly summoned, reached here this forenoon.

On the same train with him came Mrs. Cleveland's mother, Mrs. Perrine Folson, accompanied by a maid. All three were rapidly driven from the station in a closed carriage to the Cleveland place.

Dr. Carochian and Dr. Bryant, who have been attending Mr. Cleveland, are said to have disagreed as to who was properly in authority in the case. It is said the clash reached such an acute stage that both decided to retire, uniting in a request to the family of their distinguished patient that another physician be retained. Both of them refused today to make any statements.

The head nurse also left yesterday. Her departure created some surprise as she had stated no longer ago than the day before that she would be here at least for a month, adding that Mr. Cleveland could not possibly recover under that time and that he would have to have extraordinarily careful attention to be sure of getting up and about in a month.

Callers at Westlands today were met at the door by a nurse. She merely said that Mr. Cleveland was doing very well, and refused all other information regarding the former president's condition. Later it was announced on behalf of the family that Mr. Cleveland had been out riding this morning for an hour. A man who was on duty just outside the gates during the entire day said he had not seen Mr. Cleveland either going or returning.

Fireman From Reidsville Killed. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Paducah, Ky., Sept. 21.—In a wreck on the Illinois Central at Fulton, Ky., this morning, Pat Grogan, engineer, and R. A. Robertson, fireman, of Reidsville, N. C., were killed. None of the passengers were seriously injured, although they were severely shaken up.

BROKERS HAVE LOST MILLIONS

And Many are Losing Thousands Every Day

BY TELEGRAPH STRIKE

So Declare Grain Brokers in New York—L. A. Morey Makes Statement in Which He Says That on Account of the Delay in Sending and Receiving Messages, Because of the Inadequate Force of Operators the Business Interests of the Country Are Still Suffering Badly.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Sept. 21.—Branding as false the claims of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies that conditions now are just the same as they were before the operators went on strike, L. A. Morey, member of the firm of Jones & Morey, grain brokers, with offices in the Produce Exchange building, declared today that members of the Produce Exchange have lost many millions of dollars and are still losing thousands each day as the result of the delay in sending and receiving messages.

"Our company alone is losing thousands of dollars daily as the result of this delay," Mr. Morey declared to a Herald News Service reporter, "and this is also true of other houses. It can be safely said that Produce Exchange members have lost many millions of dollars since the beginning of the strike."

Since the strike was declared officials of both companies have maintained that they were not affected in any way. The "subject to delay" notice which has prevailed since the beginning of the strike was withdrawn Thursday. It being said that messages were now being sent through without delay.

False Pretence is Alleged. "Any claims by either company that there is no delay in sending or receiving messages are absolutely false," declared Mr. Morey. "Both the Western Union and Postal companies are giving miserable service, and existing conditions cost the members of the Produce Exchange many thousands of dollars a day."

"Both companies have cut down their office staff and now there are only two operators left. I have never known the telegraph service to be so bad."

"Many times clients in western cities have sent us orders to buy grain at certain figures. We did not get their messages until two or three hours after they had been sent. Prices in the meantime changed and we were unable to execute the orders. This means a loss of thousands of dollars to us as well as to other members of the exchange."

Suffering More Than the Strikers. "As an instance of this I will cite a case that occurred yesterday. A western client sent us an order to buy corn at a certain figure. The telegram was sent at 9:45, but we did not get it until nearly noon. The market was very active and the prices had changed, making it necessary for us to countermand the order."

"The produce market is very active and this is a time when we could do a big business. As it is, our business is falling off. We are the chief sufferers, and if this strike keeps up I don't know what will become of us."

"Conditions are the same everywhere and millions of dollars have been lost since the beginning of the strike. The companies are trying to make the public believe that conditions are normal, but I can state positively that this is untrue. The small force is incapable of handling the business, and it now takes two hours to send a message which before the strike could be sent in two minutes."

NEW AUTO WORLD'S RECORD IS 2:01:09

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 21.—William Drusch, driving a four-cylinder, forty-five horse-power car in a twenty-four hour endurance contest for automobiles, which started yesterday afternoon at the state fair park, captured the first 100 miles in 2:01:09, which, it is claimed, is a world's record, the previous record for the distance having been 2:03:36.

THE GOVERNOR HAS RETURNED

Reached Raleigh on Early Morning Train

IMPROVED BY HIS TRIP

As a Sneaker the Governor is Sought in Many States—Has Accepted Invitation to Speak in Connection With Conference With Attorneys Yesterday—Finds it Necessary to Decline More Than 25 Invitations to Make Addresses.

Governor Glenn arrived in the city this morning from Washington, having stopped over there on his return home from Atlanta City. At his usual hour this morning he was at his office and ready for work.

North Carolina's chief executive was greatly improved by his trip to the famous resort. The governor says he spent his time in surf bathing, sleeping and walking and as near as it was possible to do so, threw aside all cares. He looks much improved but, of course, was a little tired from his trip, as he arrived in Raleigh at a very unreasonable hour—about 2 a. m.

The governor says that good progress is being made in the rate case hearing, but nothing will be given out in regard to the same until all the books have been examined and the attorneys decide what they desire put to evidence. It will be decided today when the examination of the state's witnesses is to begin, and they will be examined here.

Upon the governor's return he found a number of letters from other states inviting him to speak. He says that he receives as many letters from outside of the state inviting him to speak as from points within the state. He had letters this morning inviting him to speak at Waco, Texas, Manchester, Hartford, and New Haven, Conn., Lynchburg and Norfolk, Va., Rochester, New York, and Knoxville, Tenn.

The governor has accepted the invitation to speak at Manchester on January 9th and at Hartford on the 10th. He has been requested to speak at "The South" and the governor says much of his address will be on the state of North Carolina.

In addition to the above invitations he has letters from more than twenty-five places in the state inviting him to speak. It is very probable that the governor will visit Savannah during October and speak at the laying of the corner stone of Y. M. C. A. building at that place. Governor Glenn is one of the most sought after orators in the whole country, and no matter where he goes he never fails to "make good."

THE CASE OF MRS. BLAIR

(Special to The Evening Times.) Columbia, S. C., Sept. 21.—After seven and one-half hours hearing affidavits and argument for a new trial for Mrs. Ethel Blair, Judge Johnston announced that he would render his decision some time today (Saturday), and file his reasons later, this being the last day of the term.

He said he had not made up his own mind as to what the decision would be. He stayed up all last night thinking over the points and authorities submitted by each side. He intimated a doubt about the correctness of his act in sending the jury to the hotel, saying he had not taken into consideration at the moment conditions that might exist in a hotel.

He will either grant the new trial asked for (which is regarded as probable), or sentence the woman who killed her husband, Conductor Blair, this evening.

SEC. ROOT A NEW MAN, PHYSICALLY.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Sept. 21.—"I am able to look at life from the natural aspect at last," was the response Secretary of State Root made when he was welcomed back to his office today. Thoroughly Muldooned, the secretary has a clear eye, a ready face and a firm grip, but there is one subject which he diplomatically evaded, and that was what Muldoon put him through at the sanitarium at White Plains during the last six weeks to get his body in fettle and his mind refreshed.

HORRIBLE CONFESSION OF TORTURER MITCHELL

STOLE ANOTHER MAN'S WIFE

Millionaire Peavy Elopes With Mrs. Eugene Field

SCANDAL IN RICH SET

George W. Peavy, Head of the Big Western Grain Firm, is Charged With Having Eloped With the Wife of Eugene Field, Son of the Late Eugene Field, the Prominent Newspaper Man and Author—Relatives Hunting the Pair to Prevent Desertion of Peavy's Wife.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 21.—George W. Peavy, head of the firm of Peavy & Company, son of the late Frank Peavy, millionaire grain man, and brother of the Peavy & Company, one of the largest grain and elevator firms in the country, is said to have eloped with Mrs. Eugene Field, wife of the son of the late Eugene Field of Chicago.

It was thought for some time that Peavy had jumped from Minneapolis, bound for Japan, but later developments point to the fact that he is in New York, after having been travelling for some weeks through the east, and that Mrs. Field is with him. Frank T. Hofflinger, his brother-in-law, has, it is said, been pursuing Peavy in an effort to prevent him from deserting his wife and family.

Young Peavy is thirty-five years old. He is president of Frank H. Peavy & Company, grain dealers, of this city. Frank T. Hofflinger, brother-in-law, is vice-president; Fred B. Wells, another brother-in-law, is second vice-president, and Charles F. Denver, secretary and treasurer.

SEC. SLATTERY DIED TODAY

(Special to The Evening Times.) Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 21.—J. M. Slattery, twenty-two years of age, chief clerk to Col. W. B. Rodman, division counsel of the Southern, died here this morning at 4 o'clock of typhoid fever.

He had been in ill health for some time on account of white swelling in one of his ankles, but this trouble was partially cured, and he contracted fever while in the mountain recuperating. Funeral and interment will be at Flat Rock, this state.

THE JONES BOYS ARE GUILTY.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Eaton, Ga., Sept. 21.—After being out some hours the jury in the case of the Jones boys, Albert and Posey, charged with the murder of Adams, returned a verdict of guilty.

Sentence has not been passed.

TILLMAN PRECIPITATES BIG ROW AT SACRAMENTO

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 21.—Senator Benjamin Tillman participated in the most turbulent meeting of his lecture tour last night and the row was all over his insistence to speak on the race question. The lecture was under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., and that organization, responding to the intimation of the large colored population, demanded that the South Carolina senator refrain from talking about the race question.

When the meeting opened the president of the Y. M. C. A. informed Tillman that the subject of the lecture would be "The Trend of American Politics." Tillman got hopping mad in an instant and said he would not be gagged by a parcel of mules. Then

When Demons Seize Him He Is Irresistably Impelled to do Murder

MANY STRANGE DEATHS ARE NOW ACCOUNTED FOR

The Jail Today is Surrounded by a Great Crowd, Some of the Members of Which Want to Lynch the Religious Fanatics Who Torture and Murder Their Own Sect—Horrible Death of Mrs. Greenhaugh Yesterday Described by Her Daughter—Sacreligious Story by Mitchell's Wife of How the Holy Ghost Engaged the Devil in Battle and Lost.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Sept. 21.—Harold Mitchell, chief torturer in the gruesome and tragic death of Mrs. Letitia Greenhaugh at Zion City, today made the most remarkable and sensational confession ever made in a murder case in this part of the United States.

He confessed that when the demons seize upon him he must grip the throat of a human being, crush it until life has left it until the bones crack and crumble beneath his mighty grip.

Today he was locked in a cell at the Waukegan jail with Walter and Jennie Greenhaugh, son and daughter of the murdered woman, Mitchell's wife, a high priestess in the order of Parmanites to which they all belong, and a Mrs. Louise Smith, another adherent.

The jail is constantly surrounded by a crowd. Threats of lynching have been made. The police are carefully guarding the prisoners from violence from the public and from self-destruction by themselves. They all now claim to have had more revelations in which they see the error of their ways.

Many Strange Deaths Explained. This astounding confession of Mitchell's brutal instincts has aided the police in their investigation of many strange deaths and strangulation cases in Zion City. Another startling revelation came from undertaker J. Hopkins, who embalmed the body of Mrs. Greenhaugh without reporting the death. "It has not been our custom to report such deaths," he said.

That statement is the basis for the probable exhumation of dozens of bodies. The police believe that the Parmanite rites have been administered to many and that Mitchell's cruel fingers may be found to be the agency of death in many cases.

Coroner Taylor and State's Attorney Hannah both declared today that they are getting evidence that dying persons have been tortured and their bodies kept for days in the hope that prayers, chanting, "the gift of tongues" and incantations would restore them to life.

The Devil Succeeded the Holy Ghost. Mrs. Mitchell, wife of this remarkable man, today made this statement:

"When we started for Mrs. Greenhaugh's home a radiant light, as of the Holy Ghost led us. We got there and the devil himself came and

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