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UNIFORM STATE LAWS.

Governors and Civic Federation to Consider Them in Conference.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Many delegates have already arrived for the national conference on uniform State legislation to be held the first four days of the present week, with a joint session, to be addressed by President Taft, at the Belasco Theatre.

The conference is held under the joint auspices of the National Civic Federation and the Conference of Governors. The public is invited to attend the sessions of the Civic Federation, which will be in convention from 10 o'clock tomorrow morning until some time Wednesday evening. Questions of general interest will be discussed by noted men. The conferences of the Governors will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Uniform State legislation will be discussed with a view to securing action by State Legislatures.

Seth Low, president of the National Civic Federation, will open its session at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and explain the inception of the movement, as well as the interest in uniformity of legislation among the States. Both Governors and the federation have the same general object in view—uniformity of State action—and throughout the discussion there will be constant references to that doubtful constitutional region which Mr. Bryan calls the "Twilight Zone."

The opening speech tomorrow will be delivered by President Taft, who will be followed by Judge Alton B. Parker, ex-president of the American Bar Association and former Democratic candidate for President, who is chairman of the program committee for the conference, and Gov. Augustus P. Wilson, of Kentucky, chairman of the committee which has arranged for the conference of governors have been brought together in Washington, the first having been upon the initiative of President Roosevelt, in 1908.

There will be a great difference between the first conference of governors and that which is now about to meet. On this occasion there will be none of the pyrotechnics or spectacular display that accompanied the first gathering, held in the East Room of the White House. The sessions will this time be held at the Willard Hotel. There will be eminent men and "distinguished citizens" here this time, as last, but President Taft has made no attempt to single out the "five most eminent Americans," as was done by President Roosevelt when he invited Grover Cleveland, William Jennings Bryan, Andrew Carnegie, James J. Hill and John Mitchell to attend in that capacity.

Forty-six States and Territories and 60 commercial, manufacturing, shipping, banking, agricultural, labor, professional and reform organizations are to be represented at the Civic Federation convention.

Probably the most important subject to be considered will be the regulation of interstate railways and quasi public utilities. Among those who will take part will be Martin S. Decker, formerly of the Interstate Commerce Commission; William F. McCarroll, president of the New York Board of Trade; Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission; President W. C. Brown, of the New York Central Railroad; former Secretary of the Treasury George B. Cortelyou, president of the Consolidated Gas Company of New York; Dr. Needham, president of George Washington University; Jas. Speyer, banker; Grand Chief Warren S. Stone, of the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; Geo. W. Perkins, banker of New York, and President W. G. Lee, of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

Among the topics that will be discussed are conservation of natural resources, insurance, uniform State laws, banking, corporation control, taxation, pure food, labor legislation, child labor, prison labor, automobile and road regulation, vital statistics,

BOND HOLDERS SEEK TO MAKE FURTHER TROUBLE

If Rhode Island Repeals the Bond-Acceptance Act, One Edward Andrews and Others of Like Ike Will Try to Induce Other States to Bring Legal Action.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 18.—The holders of the repudiated North Carolina bonds will seek to induce other States and some of the South American Republics to sue if Rhode Island repeals the act which makes it compulsory for it to accept a gift of \$511,000 worth of certificates and bring legal action to recover the amount due.

This announcement came from Edward L. Andrews of New York City, representing a large number of bondholders throughout the country, at a hearing before the judiciary committee of the Senate this afternoon on the question of repealing the law and sending back the bonds. A number of prominent citizens spoke in favor of the repeal act.

Governor Kitchin and Governor Pothier Meet at White House.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Governor Kitchin, who is here attending the Governors' conference, had a very interesting meeting today with Governor Pothier of Rhode Island at the White House this afternoon, where they called on the President. They stood side by side in the picture taken of the Governors. Governor Pothier thinks the bill repealing the statute which made possible the acceptance of the old North Carolina carpetbag bonds will be repealed by the Rhode Island Senate just as it has been in the House. Governor Pothier would have refused to sign the bill had he been in possession of the information with reference to their history that he now has.

Tomorrow night Governor and Mrs. Kitchin dine at the White House along with the other executives and their wives.

COOK GIVES LIFE TO SAVE HIS COMRADES.

William Exley Loses His Life on Burning Steamer Which Was Destroyed.

An Elizabeth City special to the Charlotte Observer of the 19th says: "The steamer Estelle Randall of the Farmers and Merchants North Carolina line, was destroyed by fire and William Exley, a white man about 50 years old and cook, was burned to death. The steamer left here yesterday afternoon for Columbia and had unloaded her cargo at that port and was moored at the wharf. When the flames were first discovered the entire forward deck was enveloped and there was no way to check them.

The crew, most of whom had retired, rushed out of berths scantily clad and frightened. All reached safety except Exley, who turned into the cabin to help others and perished. The second engineer had a narrow escape, but jumped overboard and swam ashore. Exley was from Coinjock, Curriek county, and was a highly respected citizen. The steamer was a total loss, but was partially covered by insurance. The Estelle Randall was one of the largest and most magnificent steamers in North Carolina and plied between this port and Norfolk, via Columbia. She had just resumed her route after having undergone extensive repairs on the railways. The loss of the costly steamer falls heavily on the stockholders, most of whom are merchants and farmers of Currituck county.

Many friends in this city will be glad to know that the condition of Mrs. Claude Ramseur is somewhat improved.

public accounting, compensation for accidents.

John Hayes Hammond will give a dinner at his residence Tuesday night in honor of the visiting governors, the members of the executive committee of the Civic Federation and the officers of the National Association of Uniform State Commissioners.

ROASTS FOR ROOSEVELT.

The Mighty Hunter Is Denounced in House by New Yorkers.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 18.—Without debate and by a vice voce vote, the House today adopted the conference report on the Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry resolution, and then devoted almost of five hours to further discussion of the urgent deficiency appropriation bill. Consideration of this measure was not concluded.

The session was somewhat enlivened by criticisms of former President Roosevelt by Representatives Harrison and Fitzgerald of New York, the former denouncing him for appointing Representatives to the third maritime conference to be held at Brussels next April without due authority of law, and the latter because of his alleged numerous violations of the civil service law.

After cleaning up the calender by passing about forty bills, the majority of them being of private character the Senate adopted a resolution requesting the Secretary of the Treasury to advise the Senate if newspaper reports were true that the custom house at Newport News, Va., was to be closed tomorrow in observance of the anniversary of General R. E. Lee's birthday.

Warm Fight Ahead.

The effort on the part of the Republican House organization to displace the Democratic caucus nominees for places on the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee, now well under way, promises to precipitate a warm fight either in the Republican caucus which has been called for Wednesday night, or on the floor of the House when the matter comes to a final vote.

The Democrats announce that they will resent any attempt to turn down their selections and a considerable number of insurgent Republicans say they will support them on the ground that the minority has a right to name its own committee members. The insurgents are badly divided on the proposition, and the indications are that a larger number of them will refrain from attending the Republican caucus, as they do not wish to be bound by the result.

Representative Dwight, the Republican whip, put in a large part of today circulating the petition for the caucus among the members and secured a long list of signatures, which included about a half dozen insurgents.

It was generally understood on all sides that the language of the caucus call which provided for the election of the "House members of the committee" meant that the majority would attempt to displace Representatives James and Rainey, the Democratic selections, in addition to choosing the four Republican members.

Several Democratic members interviewed today, declared if Republican caucus choose them instead of Messrs. James and Rainey that they would decline to serve.

The Crumpecker Bill.

Striking a blow at the alleged manipulation of slaughter house products and the effect on the high cost of living, the Crumpecker bill, providing for enumeration at the coming census of all cattle, calves, sheep, lambs, hogs, goats and kids slaughtered was ordered favorably reported today by the House census committee.

The bill provides for a full census of hides to show increases in number and prices and to determine whether these products are under the control of a combination to affect market prices. The small country slaughtering houses as well as the big packing houses, would be affected.

The committee proposes to press the proposed inquiry.

Prejudiced Opinion.

Stray Stories.

"What did the poet mean when he called his country 'the land of the free and the home of the brave'?"

"He was probably referring to bachelors and married men," said old Mr. Smithers sadly.

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POWDER TRUST TO BUILD.

Growth of Business Makes More Room Imperative.

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 18.—A half million dollar deal in real estate, having for its purpose a duplication of the present Dupont-DeNemours Powder Company at an approximate cost of \$750,000, became known today.

It means that the Dupont Powder Company will, in all probability, build a counterpart of its present 12-story office building, thereby doubling the size of the structure in which the company has its headquarters.

The work of acquiring the remainder of the real estate in the block bounded by Market, Orange, Tenth and Eleventh streets, has been under way for some time. As a duplication of the present building will mean an expenditure of about three-quarters of a million, it will be seen that, with all of the present plans consummated, fully \$1,500,000 will be involved in the entire transaction.

It is proposed to extend the building down Market street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets. The only properties in the block, it is stated, which will eventually not be secured by the powder company will be the \$250,000 Young Men's Christian Association structure at Tenth and Orange streets and the Ward Apartment House, owned by George B. Ward.

The approximate value of the Market street properties on which options have been secured is \$250,000. Fully this much additional will be expended in the acquisition of other properties.

The addition will be built by the Manufacturers' Contracting Company which erected the present building. This company is allied with the Duponts, but is separate from the powder corporation.

The growth of the Dupont company has been so great within the past couple of years that the demands for office room have far exceeded the supply. It was at first proposed to erect four additional stories to the present building, the original plans having provided for such an enlargement. It was decided, however, that this would be impracticable because of the necessary rearrangements of the interior of the structure.

MILLS HOLD MEETING.

Wiscasset and Efrid Mills Hold Meeting in This City Yesterday and Declare Dividend of 4 Per Cent.

The annual meeting of the Wiscasset and Efrid mills of Albemarle was held in this city yesterday. The reports showed a very good year for both of these splendid plants and each paid a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. Messrs. W. J. Swink, of China Grove, S. H. Hearne, John S. Efrid and A. J. Groves, of Albemarle were here for the meeting.

And Mother Officiates.

New York Press.

Eddie—Do you have morning prayers at your house?

Freddie—We have some kind of a service when father gets in.

To master the violin it is necessary to play second fiddle first.

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