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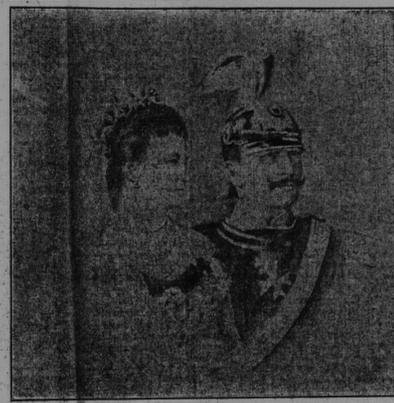
MAYOR SEARS MADE HIT WITH CONGRESS

His Address of Welcome to Trades and Labor Congress, Read This Morning, was Received with Cheers--Delegates Decide he is "Jolly Good Fellow."

The fourth annual convention of the National Trades and Labor Congress of Canada opened this morning in the C. M. B. A. hall, on Union street. President Mee occupied the chair, and in opening the meeting introduced Mayor Sears, who was greeted with cheers. The mayor said that he did not intend to treat those present as strangers, and read the following address:-- Delegates of Trades and Labor Congress of Canada: It has been my pleasure to have greeted many representatives during my civic career, but I assure you to none have I ever extended a warmer hand or offered a more sincere welcome than I now do to you Knights of Labor, as you gather together from many distant points in our Loyalist city to confer over matters material to your mutual interests and pertaining to the establishing of such understanding between labor and capital as shall promote harmony and provide for the reduction of friction in the machinery of our commonwealth. You have come, my friends, to a city, born, as it were, upon the battlefield--used to dangers and to privations--that has undergone many conflicts. It has unlearned out of many conflicts, it has had to learn its lessons under severe discipline and to measure its rewards as re-

INSURGENTS PLANNING CONCENTRATED ATTACK UPON CITY OF HAVANA

HAVANA, Sept. 12. -- It is reported that the rebels near Genfuegos are planning a concentrated attack on the city. They claim to be several thousand strong. The government is taking precautions. Insurgents Driven Back. HAVANA, Sept. 12. -- Col. Avalos' report of the capture of Consolacion Del Sur, Sept. 9, which was effected in General W. B. Steam's performance, was received last night by Rodriguez, commander of the rural guards. It is the first report of one of the liveliest fights of the present war. Col. Avalos with 200 cavalry and infantry approached the town at eight o'clock Sunday morning. The cavalry advanced first, the infantry entering the town from both sides and steadily driving back the insurgents, whose force is estimated at 1,500. The insurgents were entrenched in the quarters of the rural guards and occupied positions in the church and city hall and behind pillars and porches. The insurgents were slowly dislodged. Col. Avalos says that the triumph of the government forces was due partly to the disorganized condition of the insurgents. Seventy wounded and nine bodies were found after the fight. Two lieutenants and four rural guards were wounded. The government forces captured 150 horses and many accoutrements.



Emperor and Empress of Germany

MCGRATH IS FINED \$20 FOR ASSAULT

Judging from Evidence at His Trial Today, There Were Lively Times in the Brussels Street Chateau--Many Conflicting Stories Told in Court.

John H. McGrath, charged with brutally assaulting Miss Delay, was again brought into court today, and Miss Delay was first sworn. She stated that she lived at No. 2 Brussels street, with her grandmother, Mrs. Sullivan. She then identified the prisoner. Witness said she was going along the street that day when Mrs. McGrath spat on her out of the window, saying nothing and witness said nothing to her. The defendant was in the window with his wife when she spat on her. In reply to a question from his honor witness said she and her grandmother had lived up stairs four months, and the McGraths had lived down stairs for a year. She repeated that she had not anything to do with the defendant previously. In reply to a question from McGrath witness said that neither she nor Mrs. Sullivan had told Mrs. McGrath they would have them up and make them say \$20; nor did they say Mrs. McGrath was the talk of the town, nor had she ever thrown slurs at either of them. She reported to the defendant the story of the choking. She had never spoken to him on the street and would not recognize him. To Mr. Mullin the witness said her grandmother was out at the time of the choking. She was not sure who spat on her the first time, but knew it was Mrs. McGrath the second time. Dr. Berryman was next examined, and swore that he saw Miss Delay at 9.30 or 10 o'clock Monday evening. She was the choking. She stated further that Dr.

INVESTIGATE IMMIGRATION

President Roosevelt Has Commissioner on Ellis Island Investigating Conditions.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. -- The Herald says today: Jas. D. Reynolds who was one of the President's commissioners to investigate conditions in the packing houses in Chicago, is at work on Ellis Island, under personal instructions of Mr. Roosevelt, inquiring into conditions there. Just why Mr. Reynolds is sent there is not known at this time, but it is known that charges reflecting on the treatment and complaint also has been made as to the manner in which some of the contracts have been administered. Mr. Reynolds arrived at the island last Friday accompanied by a Mr. Patton, during the absence of Robert Watchorn, commissioner of immigration, and has been busy ever since.

NEWS FROM CAPE BRETON

Glace Bay Thinks of Repealing Scott Act--Fire at Sydney.

SYDNEY, N. S., Sept. 12. -- (Special). -- The Christie Block at North Sydney was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is \$1,000 and little insurance. The town council of Glace Bay last night decided on dividing the town into two and to circulate the petitions asking for a repeal of the Scott Act. There has been much opposition to the latter proposal. The four-maned schooner Albert C. Hunt left Boston on August 16th for Cape Breton to load apparel and has not been heard from since. She is believed to have foundered with all hands. Thomas Lavoie, a young lad recently arrived from England, was drowned at Glace Bay yesterday evening by falling off the ledge at the burnt mines. Wallace Davis, a machine runner at No. 2 colliery and a native of Guysboro, died at the hospital at Glace Bay last evening as a result of injuries sustained in the pit yesterday by the falling of coal.

DID THEY CATCH THE LION ASLEEP?

German Torpedo Boat Destroyers Said to Have Reached British Coast and Returned Without Detection.

LONDON, Sept. 12. -- According to the correspondent at Hamburg of the Daily Mail, during the German naval manoeuvres the night of September 10, thirty-six torpedo boat destroyers accomplished the sensational feat of dashing for and reaching the British coast, retreating without having been detected. The non-detection of the raid across the North Sea was to carry out the search for the German fleet, which, however, the torpedo boat officers knew was lying off Heligoland.

THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

New Lodge in North End Will be Organized Early in October.

The members of the proposed new lodge of the Knights of Pythias to be formed in the north end will meet for organization purposes probably next week. The requisition for a charter has been prepared and will be sent to Grand Chancellor F. A. Marr, of Halifax, within a few days. The names of twenty-five prominent north end men are attached which, together with a number of members from New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, and Union Lodge, No. 2, who reside in that district, and will apply for transfer cards, will bring the total charter membership to about thirty-five. At the organization meeting arrangements will be made for renting a hall for meeting purposes, and it is understood that the Orange Hall, on Simonds street, can be secured for their nights of meeting. The question of deciding on a suitable name will also be considered and it is expected that the institution of the new lodge will take place early in October.

MORE INVESTIGATION OF HOME LIFE AFFAIRS

TORONTO, Sept. 12 (special). -- The disposition made by Mr. Pattison of the \$80,000 which he received as consideration for surrendering his contract with the Home Life was disclosed before insurance commission yesterday. Mr. Pattison testified that in accordance with his arrangement with Hon. J. R. Stratton he had paid the directors named in the schedule the maximum price quoted for the Home Life stock at any time, although he admitted there had been considerable impairment of capital, and in addition they received out of the \$80,000 sums varying in amount up to \$1,200 because they had received no dividends and had given years of service without fees. The stock of W. J. Firstbrook, brother of John Firstbrook, the permanent chairman of the directors, was included in the small transaction and he, too, received a small

POLAR EXPEDITIONS

BRUSSELS, Sept. 12. -- At the session of the Polar Congress here today, Dr. Jean Charcot announced that he was organizing an expedition to the South Pole, and Charles Benard, president of the Belgian Oceanographic Society, stated that his society was organizing an expedition to the North Pole. The two expeditions will operate in concert.

W. R. HEARST IS FAVORED MAN

Independence League will Probably Nominate Him for Governor of New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. -- The advocates for a complete ticket were jubilant today because the convention of the independence league last night put itself on record as favoring the nomination of a straight ticket and instructed the committee on resolutions to so inform W. J. Conners and other delegates to the democratic state convention. The convention will meet again at eight o'clock tonight, when a full ticket will be nominated. From talks with many of the delegates and with the leaders of the movement, it appeared today that the following ticket is preferred: For Governor -- William Randolph Hearst, of New York. For Lieutenant Governor -- Lewis Sayvosen Chalmers of Dutchess. For Secretary of State -- Reuben R. Lyon, of Steuben. For Controller -- Isaac Rosenbloom, of Oneida. For Attorney General -- John Ford, of New York. For State Treasurer -- Dr. C. H. Axel, of Erie. For State Engineer and Surveyor -- No candidate decided on.

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

W. H. Thorne and D. C. Clinch Gave a Birthday Party Today--They Had a Cake

A very interesting and enjoyable function took place today at 12 o'clock at the residence of W. H. Thorne, 140 Marlborough street, when Mr. Thorne and D. C. Clinch celebrated their birthdays, which happen to be on the same date. A very dainty repast was served and a birthday cake of generous proportions and a very inviting appearance was partaken of. The guests were: Chief Justice Tuck, Judge Barker, J. R. Stone, Hon. Samuel Adams, of New York; Col. Armstrong, Col. Markham, W. E. Vroom and Chief John Kerr. Both gentlemen received hearty congratulations, and best wishes for continued health and prosperity.

HE WAS OUT OF IT

At the meeting of the National Trades and Labor Congress this morning, the French language was spoken and it was very amusing to watch the expression on the face of a local man, who tried his best to learn the French language in a few minutes.

COMBINE IN STEEL TUBES

GLASGOW, Sept. 12. -- It is announced that a combination of Scotch and English steel tube manufacturers to regulate the home and export business has been formed with a view to abolishing the present keen competition. The industry has suffered incalculably since the previous agreement between the firms in this line was cancelled 18 months ago. It is understood that the new combine is wider in its scope than the old, taking in all the firms in the United Kingdom except one Clyde-side concern. It is stated that the American producers are supporting the combine. It is expected that an advance in prices will soon be announced as it is believed an agreement carries permanency with it.

HARMLESS POET CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING A GIRL

FREDERICTON, N. B., Sept. 12 (special). -- George Pierce, of Harvey, acknowledged an offence under the Scott Act at the police court this morning and was fined fifty dollars. Cases against Roy Veysay and W. H. Foster, of North Lakes, are being tried this afternoon. The complaints were all laid by Rev. J. J. Colter. A North Shore man of poetic instincts was before the court this morning charged with assaulting a young girl on Northumberland street last evening by catching hold of her clothing. He said he was drunk at the time and knew nothing about the affair. As the fellow seems to be harmless, it is probable he will be let off, although the case was postponed until tomorrow for further investigation. Dr. W. L. Ellis, of the geological survey, was here last evening and went to St. John this morning. The doctor is preparing a report on the mineral resources of New Brunswick for the interior department. He is much impressed with

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(Special). -- We are having a fine spell of weather here now and the thrashing machine can be heard in the barns. Haystacks are nearly over. Mice is plenty and we expect a lot of sports from town next week. Bill Hornbeam swapped horses with Hen. Jones last week and says he would not swap back for \$10 Good boy. Bill. Outs is a fair crop, but points as small. The brooks is very low this fall, but have patience people for rain will come. Miss Angelina Jane Hornbeam has gone to Poolside for a spell to visit her aunt. Maybe that is why a certain young man stays home every night now--hey, Ben? Well, no more at present. --From Your Own Correspondent. Miss Berlie McWatt paid an early visit to the millinery stores this morning, and it is understood that a number of patterns have from Paris and New York, costing from \$35 to \$70 each, have been marked for Berlie. Owing to the condition of her health, for Berlie had had trouble with her new teeth again lately, she was unable to go to New York this season, and will therefore buy her hats in St. John. No doubt the example of this popular young lady will be followed quite generally in select circles.

Tenders will be received by the street department up to October 1st, for the purchase of the rust on the street rollers at the exhibition grounds. The crop has been good this summer and about amount expected. It is estimated that the civic departments of St. John can produce more road in proportion to surface of plant exposed than any other city in the country. HORNBEAM SETTLEMENT. HORNBEAM SETTLEMENT, Sept. 11.