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THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

AT noon, on July 8, 1894, there was called together, at the ancient European city of Antwerp, the first International Congress of the newspaper press. For nearly a year arrangements for this gathering have been in progress, and it is held with the official cognizance and support of the government, of the municipal authorities and of the national and international

commissions of the Antwerp International Exposition. The chief object of the congress is the discussion of the means whereby the status of the press generally may be raised and that of the journalists may be improved. All discussions regarding race, nationality, religion and politics will be excluded.

The effect of such a congress must indeed be far-reaching, and the report of the proceedings will be gladly welcomed by journalists in all lands. The profession has not, unfortunately, reached so high a grade of excellence that there is nothing beyond. Quite a number of upward steps have yet to be taken.

THE ANARCHIST FANG.

Every thinking man must have seen the dread lesson taught when President Carnot, the man without an enemy, fell a victim to the Anarchist fang. Every lover of society, of peace, of order and of law must have seen that there are yet dragons which threaten the public welfare, because of the ignorance and vice which yet prevails because the lesson taught by the Man of Nazareth is yet unknown to many, "Love One Another." The greatest curse of the nineteenth century civilization is that it creates rather than abolishes classes and class distinctions.

Over Canada passed a deep wave of sympathy for France in her hour of sorrow, and the expressions of that sympathy were many and genuine. The following cablegram was sent to Madame Carnot, Paris, on June 29th:

The syndicate of the French Canadian Press of the Province of Quebec offers its condolence to Madame Carnot, the personification of the woman- of the mother of afflicted France.

(Signed) JOSEPH, President.

FAUCHEUR DE SAINT MAURICE, Vice President.

DID SOMEBODY SMILE?

The following item appeared in a recent issue of the Toronto Mail. It is difficult to know whether it is a joke, or whether the Mail has really reformed. Perhaps it desires a monopoly of trade supplements. This is the item, heading and all:

WORKING A FAKI.

A couple of fakirs from the other side of the line are "working" Ontario towns for illustrated supplements, nominally in the interest of the local publisher, but actually for themselves. They show very nice samples, get good prices, but having no circulation for their sheets, do no good. However, they collect quickly and pass on to the next town.