

CABLE DISPATCHES.

Women Protest Against Patronizing Establishments Which Overwork Women. Comments on the Armenian Massacre - Amsterdam Bakers Out on Strike.

London, Nov. 27.-Delegates from nearly 50 women's societies in different parts of the country assembled yesterday in national convention at the Holborn town hall in response to a call issued by the Women's Trade Union Association for the purpose of considering the feasibility of a federation on the lines of the Men's Trade Congress of this country and the American Federation of Labor. Miss Frances Hicks, who delivered the opening address, criticized the well-meaning and benignant women who were wasting energy in endeavoring to place female labor into channels already overflowing while continuing to patronize high-toned stores in which gross scandals and hardships, as well as open defiance of the law were permitted. She scored the so-called philanthropic ladies who patronized the milliners and dry goods shops and bought their bonnets and mantles from jaded girls in their teens and who were compelled to stand on their feet from twelve to fifteen hours a day not daring to protest as the result would be their dismissal to the street at an hour's notice.

A committee appointed yesterday to draw up a programme reported this morning on the basis upon which such federation should be organized and it was unanimously adopted. This basis is as follows: A central council, composed of representatives of various societies, and possibly of individuals possessing special experience. A finance committee, to obtain funds for work approved for the central council; to inspect accounts periodically and to report. An investigation committee, to obtain and schedule information concerning conditions of women's employment. Among the subjects which this committee might investigate are: women's and children's employment in shops, in season trades, in unhealthy trades, in trades where women compete with men, the sanitation of workshops, etc. An educational committee, to arrange debates, discussions and lectures to working women's clubs and societies; and to draft leaflets and pamphlets embodying information on special legal and industrial points. A statistical committee, to collect and tabulate information already existing in government blue books, foreign publications and the local press. An organization committee, to assist and promote trade organizations, technical and other classes, social clubs, etc. A parliamentary and legal committee, to watch parliamentary proceedings, to note special and test cases in the law courts, and to promote such legislative action as the central council may consider desirable. This committee should also take an active part in the election of women to various public bodies, and in securing their appointment to public bodies. An executive committee was appointed to perfect the legal details connected with the incorporation of the new federation under the laws relating thereto.

Lord Ripon, colonial secretary, received today a deputation from the chamber of commerce and the allied sections known as the Society of Authors, the Copyright Association and the Print Sellers' Association. Lord Ripon said he intended to discuss the matter fully with Sir John Thompson, the Canadian premier, at the first opportunity, but was anxious to learn first the opinion of such bodies as he had the honor to be receiving. The desires of one of the great colonies were entitled to his most serious consideration.

If the house of magnates rejects the religious liberty bill again the Hungarian cabinet will probably resign. In religious circles it is regarded as much more pernicious than their civil marriage bill. Repeated earthquakes shocked Reggia and Messina, Italy, to-day. The terror of the inhabitants increases. Many families are destitute of shelter and have only the clothes on their backs. Relief committees are organizing rapidly, and a special relief bill is in preparation for parliament. Since yesterday morning the journeyman bakers of Amsterdam have been out on strike. Bread has been scarce and the master bakers have sold it today only under police protection. Forty master bakers yielded to-night, but the rest refuse to treat with the men.

The Daily Telegraph will mention tomorrow the rumors that more gold will be shipped to New York on account of the treasury loan and that the Bank of England directors have decided to invest a large sum in subscriptions. A Russian 3-1/2 per cent. loan of twenty million pounds will be launched here and in other capitals shortly. The Daily Chronicle's St. Petersburg correspondent says: "There was no banquet owing to the mourning. The absence of decorations was greatly remarked as something unprecedented. There were no illuminations. The amnesty manifesto is extremely long and breathes benevolence in every line. It is the greatest amnesty accorded in half a century and is a fitting accompaniment of the royal wedding."

The escort with the French residents of Antananarivo, Madagascar, arrived at Majunga on November 21, without having lost a man. A Berlin dispatch to the Times says the semi-official North German Gazette states that the anti-revolutionary bills, which were referred yesterday by the Bundesrath to a committee will probably have precedence over all other bills in the reichstag.

In every division except one the progressives headed the poll for the new school board. The total progressive vote was 768,206, the total clerical vote

612,622. The Rev. Joseph R. Diggle, president of the retiring board, and Atholstan Riley, clerical champions, were returned. Mr. Riley had the lowest vote of all the candidates returned from his division. Canadian residents interested in the cattle trade criticized severely the letter received by Sir John Long from Rt. Hon. Herbert Gardner, president of the board of agriculture, and published yesterday evening. They say Mr. Gardner merely exposes the weakness of his position, and asks how Canada can watch and report cases of pleuro-pneumonia when none such can be found in the Dominion. The board of agriculture is well aware, they contend, that the strictest enquiries in Canada as to the Mongolian and oxen reported cases failed to give grounds for suspicion. It is understood that Sir Charles Tupper, the Canadian high commissioner, is preparing a reply to Mr. Gardner. The Armenian Catholics have written to the London Society of Friends commending the efforts of the Armenian colonies in Europe to expose the wretchedness of the Christians in Armenia.

In a leader on the eastern Armenian outrages the Daily News will say tomorrow: "The foreign office needs some spitting in the matter of the Armenian massacres. Under the Berlin treaty the responsibility for the delay of the reforms in Armenia lies at our own door. The government ought to insist upon them or at least should tell the Sublime Porte that the harranging of the Armenians must end."

TOOK HIS OWN LIFE. Suicide of a Swindling Bank Teller in New York.

New York, Nov. 26.-The paying teller of the National Shoe and Leather bank to-day positively identified the alleged suicide Baker as the man who acted in collusion with Bookkeeper Seely in robbing the bank. He declared that he had known Baker for eight years and during that time had cashed cheques presented by the dead man as often as three times a week. The bank was opened for business to-day as usual. There is not the slightest sign of a run on the institution. Matters are going on in the usual routine. Nothing has been heard from the absconding bookkeeper Seely. It is learned that as far back as fifteen years ago Lawyer Baker, implicated in the National Shoe and Leather bank robbery, began his speculations and his stealings from a number of estates of which he was executor, and which he aggregated a sum far above that taken from the bank. Persons who trusted him are alleging this morning that he appropriated large sums of money belonging to them. His own books will be the only means of showing the amount of his stealings. They are in the custody of his son Frederick. It is believed the money he took from the bank went to pay the heirs of those estates whose funds he had misappropriated. One man named Kagel discovered yesterday that Baker had transferred fifteen years ago sixty-five shares of the Chatham National bank, which was part of the estate of Kagel's father, and during all these years he had been paying the Kagel heirs the dividends thereon. According to the story of the counsel for the absconding bookkeeper Seely, Baker at one time overdid his account at the National Shoe and Leather bank and prevailed upon Seely to keep the matter quiet, and from that time on had him in his power. It is stated that the New York agent of the Connecticut Indemnity Life Insurance Company, of Waterbury, Conn., wrote a ten thousand dollar policy for Frederick Baker last Monday. Baker objected to the suicide clause. Baker had two policies amounting to twenty-five thousand dollars on his life in favor of his wife.

MARRIED, NOT MATED. The Queer Story Told by an Applicant for Divorce.

New York, Nov. 27.-The marriage of Miss Frances E. Barcle to Mr. E. M. Schuester, in Brooklyn on June 30th, 1890, had some peculiarly novel features. The bride was not quite fifteen years of age at the time, and according to her sworn statement before Justice Wm. J. Gaynor of the supreme court, to whom she has applied for divorce, had never for a moment contemplated such a thing as matrimony with Mr. Schuester. It seems that Miss Nellie Noole and John Barton had arranged to get married and were accompanied to the house of Rev. Mr. Wilson in Cedar street, by Miss Barcle and Mr. Schuester in the capacity of bridesmaid and best man respectively. Miss Barcle and Mr. Schuester stood up at one side of the real bride and groom while the ceremony was in progress. Miss Barcle signed some paper which was handed to her by the minister, and when she was going away he rolled up a paper and handed it to her. She supposed it had some bearing on the marriage of Miss Noole and Mr. Barton, and was surprised greatly soon afterwards when she found it was a certificate of her own alleged marriage with Mr. Schuester. "It was a double wedding," the young woman explained to Justice Gaynor, "although I did not know it at the time Mr. Schuester went as I understood, to stand as witness to the marriage of Nellie Noole and John Barton, afterwards I was told that I had been married at the same time, but I never dreamed of such a thing. I never lived with Mr. Schuester and he never contributed a cent toward my support." Justice Gaynor adjourned the hearing for a further testimony. Three weeks ago young Schuester disappeared.

Trivet-Young Spuds takes Miss Munn's refusal very much to heart. "Dicer-Well, it's a very serious matter with him. He'll have to try to earn his own living now."

DEATH OF PRINCESS BISMARCK

The Aged Wife of the Great German Chancellor Dead - Earthquakes.

French-Canadian Treaty Ratified by French Chamber of Deputies.

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THE SEAL FISHERY.

Minister Tupper Discredits the Close Season Rumor.

New York, Nov. 27.-A special to the World from Ottawa says: "Sir Chas. Tupper, minister of marine and fisheries, who was Canada's agent at the Paris arbitration, discredits the report that the United States entertained the idea of the seal fishery. He said that he had no objection to the United States prohibiting the killing of seals next season. Had the United States entertained a proposal, he said, that if the States would give our sealers a good summer's work we would agree to prohibit sealing during the winter and spring months when the seals are gravid, and when the great damage is done by slaughtering them. His statement is in direct opposition to the story of the counsel for the absconding bookkeeper Seely, Baker at one time overdid his account at the National Shoe and Leather bank and prevailed upon Seely to keep the matter quiet, and from that time on had him in his power. It is stated that the New York agent of the Connecticut Indemnity Life Insurance Company, of Waterbury, Conn., wrote a ten thousand dollar policy for Frederick Baker last Monday. Baker objected to the suicide clause. Baker had two policies amounting to twenty-five thousand dollars on his life in favor of his wife."

THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

The Agitation to Restore Queen Lil Somewhat Formidable.

San Francisco, Nov. 27.-Latest Honolulu dispatches per Oceanic to-day, referring to the alleged conspiracy to restore Queen Lil, say the government possess evidence to prove that it is somewhat formidable, but not enough to justify arrests. No danger of any actual outbreak is now apprehended. It is not believed possible that any hostile expedition can or will be procured at San Francisco to aid the royalists. Any such force abroad would not doubt be summarily dealt with by any American warship in port. What the British warship Hyacinth would do is not clear. It is believed she was detained from her intended cruise to the South Pacific by the apprehension of trouble here. The United States ship Yorktown arrived yesterday in less than eight days from San Francisco. She is expected to sail for Corea on the 22nd. It is hoped that the Bennington may arrive soon to give a sense of protection.

Since his return the president has received the British and French commissioners, who presented recognitions of this republic by their respective governments, and received their exequators.

SALES OF SEALSKINS

Take Place in London on Thursday and Friday.

The great fall sales of sealskins in London will take place on Thursday and Friday of this week. Lamson & Co., Culverwell, Brooks & Co., and the Higginson's Bay company will all offer all of their holdings in the usual way. Arrangements have been made by R. P. Rithet & Co. for advices early on Thursday afternoon as to the prices realized at that day's sale. There is a little better feeling now than there was sixty or ninety days ago, but owners are feeling by no means secure. A London estimate says prices will run from \$8 to 12 per skin. The former would mean a loss and the latter a very fair profit. The owners will be satisfied with a narrow margin of profit, and many will be thankful if they get it. They have made

very few arrangements for next season yet, pending the result of the sales. There will very likely be more Indians out this year than last, and therefore many more than ever before. One owner stated yesterday that he did not believe in giving the work to the Indians, and proposed taking whites if he could get them at a reasonable advance over the wages asked by Indians.

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CANADA-FRANCO TREATY.

Discussed at Length in the French Chamber of Deputies.

Paris, Nov. 27.-The opponents of the Canadian commercial arrangement called attention to the advantage accorded Canadian timber and apples and how hurtful these advantages were to the producers of Northern France. They contended that Canada's concession did not compensate for the injury done to the northern part of the republic. M. Berger replied that the Canadian convention would export French wines and general French products which could go to the Orient by way of the new direct lines of steamers from France to Canada. Foreign Minister Hanotaux contended that the convention will be advantageous to French commerce. "This is the first time," he said, "that Canada had concluded a treaty by virtue of the powers recently concluded to the Dominion by the imperial government, and recollecting her origin, Canada had decided to conclude the first treaty with France." M. Hemon said "the treaty would be harmful to the agriculturalists of Western France."

CANADIAN DISPATCHES.

Major Jarvis of the N. W. Mounted Police Dies at Calgary Yesterday.

The Drocher Ballot System is Sold to the Dominion Government.

Toronto, Nov. 27.-The Canadian Printer and Publisher states that some important changes are taking place in the affairs of the Toronto Empire. The ownership of the paper is passing from the hands of about six hundred and odd shareholders into a financially strong syndicate composed of Senator Sanford, W. R. Brock, Lieut.-Col. John I. Davidson, Sir Frank Smith, Thomas Long and Warring Kennedy of Toronto; R. A. Lucas, of Hamilton; A. F. Gault and D. Morrice, Montreal; Captain Murray, St. Catharines, and other prominent Conservatives. As they are taking over the unpaid stock and paying up the balance of the calls, the syndicate came to an understanding with Sir John Thompson and other members of the government, who are paying up and transferring their own stock and using their influence to get the other shareholders to do the same. Creighton, the managing director, will be given a freer hand than in the past.

William Luce and his alleged wife were committed by the magistrate on a charge of manslaughter in causing the death of a child left at their baby farm. Calgary, Nov. 27.-Major Jarvis of the mounted police, died here yesterday morning.

Kingston, Nov. 27.-Rev. Dr. Jackson, of the First Congregational church, announced his resignation to the congregation last evening. He has accepted a call to a new English church. His most intimate friends were not aware that he had any intention of leaving the city, therefore his resignation causes great surprise.

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BOARD OF TRADE.

Transacted at a Council Meeting To-day.

was a special meeting this morning of the council of the board of trade. Mr. Flumerfelt was in the chair. The members of the council present were E. Renouf, T. S. Fitcher, Robert H. E. Connors and Gus Lett. Secretary Elworthy was at his desk and several members of the board were present as spectators. A letter was read from Frank B. Gregory, also present, in regard to the proposed opium resolution. Mr. Flumerfelt wrote that he believed the action of the board to have been rather ill-considered. He expressed his regret that he had not been able to attend the meeting at which the resolution was passed, and asked that the matter be reconsidered. After a brief discussion it was decided that the secretary should hold back the resolution and not already be forwarded to the board to go into the matter. The resolution was not beyond reconsideration.

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