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NEGRO CONGRESS IN LONDON.

Mea of African Descent Met to Discuss Ways of Improving the Colored Race.

London, July 24.—Representative Africans from a dozen nations and colonies have assembled in London for a three days' conference on the social, industrial and intellectual condition of the negro.

United States Represented. Delegates are in attendance from the United States, Lagos, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Abyssinia, Haiti, the Danish West Indies, Trinidad, Martinique, Guiana and Canada.

Some of Those Present. The following gentlemen were present: Alfred E. Rose, Lowell, Mass.; J. H. McKinnon, Toronto; G. E. Gibbard, Toronto; G. C. Hawkins, Toronto; E. D. Howe, Toronto; W. H. Sperry, Hamilton; R. S. McLeod, Brockton, N. S. W.; H. Woodley, Montreal; M. J. Henry, Montreal; J. W. Jones, Toronto; J. H. Good, Toronto; C. Patterson, Toronto; W. J. Fraser, Toronto; J. A. Gibbons, Toronto; David Bull, Philadelphia, Pa.; Chas. Smith, Toronto; J. H. J. Jurey, Downsview, Ont.; C. Norris, Toronto; T. Milburn, Toronto; D. E. Thomson, Toronto; W. J. Douglas, Toronto; J. H. J. Jurey, Downsview, Ont.; M. H. Taylor, Toronto; W. F. Maclean, M.P., Toronto; E. L. Leves, Toronto; E. L. Sheppard, Toronto.

TURNED HIS HAIR GREY.

Thrilling Experience of Painter Speer in Mid-Air, 125 Feet From the Ground.

Bloomfield, N. J., July 24.—Joseph Henry Speer, a boys painter, was engaged by the town to climb a flagstaff in the park to replace a rope broken during a recent storm.

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MUST THE BRIDGE BE TAXED?

Niagara Township Claims Queenston-Lewiston Bridge a Public Toll on Sixty,000.

Niagara Falls, Ont., July 24.—This morning a judicial commission, composed of Judge Carman of Lincoln (chairman), Judge Snider of Wentworth and Judge Fitzgerald of Welland, commenced the hearing of the appeal entered by the Queenston and Lewiston Bridge against the assessment of the bridge for taxes to \$100,000, made by the Township of Niagara.

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MEETING OF MEDICINE MEN CHINESE REFORMERS

Proprietary Articles Trade Association of Canada is in Annual Session.

PATENT MEDICINE LEGISLATION OF ALL WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE

Earnestly Discussed - Officers for the Year - Banquet at McConkey's in the Evening.

The Proprietary Articles Trade Association of Canada opened their annual meeting in the Queen's Hotel yesterday, with President J. H. McKinnon in the chair.

Recent legislation affecting the manufacture of patent medicines was discussed at length, without a conclusion being reached. It is understood that the tax of \$1000, which has been imposed on manufacturers for each patent medicine placed on the market, under Mr. Gorman's bill, is unsatisfactory, and legislation will probably be introduced to amend the bill.

Officers for the Year. The following officers and committees were elected yesterday: Hon. president, Hon. G. T. Purford, Brockville; president, J. A. McKee, Toronto; vice-president, Henry Miles, Montreal; secretary-treasurer, L. S. Leves, Toronto.

Board of Control - G. C. Hawkins, E. H. Woolley, C. D. Dechow, E. D. Howe, all of Toronto.

Enfranchisement Committee - Messrs. Emerson and J. A. Gibbons, Toronto.

Membership Committee - Messrs. J. H. McKinnon and Bolt, Toronto.

Banquet at McConkey's. The fourth annual banquet of the association was held in the evening in McConkey's superb assembly hall, and was a revelation of what can be done in the way of sumptuous catering and artistic surroundings.

The association, which is international in character, includes in its membership also several leading firms of Great Britain.

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The Proprietary Association of America found an eloquent advocate in J. H. McKinnon, Toronto, who responded to the toast proposed by Messrs. E. H. Woodley of Montreal, T. Milburn and E. H. Woodley of Toronto, respectively. The latter two gentlemen for the association under its very capable officers and management.

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Engineer Roberts Says the Only Way to Render China Respectful is to Chop Off Heads

OF ALL WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE

For the Recent Outbreak in Pekin - Estimates of China's Army Are Absurd.

Chicago, July 24.—John P. Roberts, a civil engineer, who has lived in Shanghai and other cities in China for 38 years, was at the Auditorium Hotel yesterday on his first visit to this country since he left his New York home in 1902. After spending two months in the east he will return to China. Mr. Roberts gives it as his opinion that the fundamental mistake made in dealing with the Chinese Government lies in treating it as a civilized nation. He said: "The only course that will impress the Chinese is to render them respectful to the Chinese or to render them disrespectful to the Chinese. The latter course is to retaliate by chopping off the heads of those responsible for the recent massacre of Ministers, and the higher officials of the government in the Chinese."

"Treaty obligations are unknown or disregarded by Chinamen. The sooner power is given to render this fact the sooner trouble in China will cease. To continue to deal with barbarous heeds as we would with civilized nations is to continue such outrages as we have just experienced."

"Thinks Diplomats Are Dead. There are several good reasons for the belief that Conger and the other Ministers are dead, and that the former did not send the despatch accredited to him. First, it bore no date. Second, it contained no acknowledgment of the receipt of the urgent message from the Chinese. Third, it was never omitted from such communications. It was so important that it would have been sent by a man who knew that outside world was wild for news, and it contained no reference to any ministers. Fourth, there are more avenues for sending news than had Conger. Sir Robert Hart is a man who could have sent news out of the city if any could have been got out, and he has not been heard from since. The message bears every evidence of being a Chinese 'fake.'"

"Before the defeat of the natives at Tien Tsin an army of 20,000 men could have put a stop to the trouble. It is now half that number could do it. Within 30 days there will be plenty of foreigners at Tientsin to supply the government. It is a certain point the government undoubtedly encouraged the Boxers. When it was found that the Boxers were doing so much great lengths the government tried to stop them, but found that the lawless element would not be stopped. The Chinese make good soldiers under foreign officers, but never otherwise. The Chinese regiment at Wei Hai Wei, which I saw recently, has done good service under the British and Japanese flags."

"Methods Used in Cheating. All Chinamen make it a habit to lie and he will help the foreigner if any time is paid for it and not bothered. There is so much corruption in the government that the masses have no respect for the officials. The commandant at an army post where there are supposed to be 1000 men will draw pay and rations for that many and actually keep 25 soldiers on duty. He always advises the natives to desert and discharging them after the inspector has been notified. The inspector knows this and gets a part of the commandant's profit. A captain of a war ship receives a small salary, but by the same system of cheating makes about 25,000 taels, or \$16,000 a year. The Chinese make good soldiers under foreign officers, but never otherwise. The Chinese regiment at Wei Hai Wei, which I saw recently, has done good service under the British and Japanese flags."

"Partition of the country will undoubtedly be followed by the Chinese. In Shanghai there is a native population of 400,000 and 200,000 foreigners. The native foreign system of government, and Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching have large holdings in Shanghai and elsewhere. The Chinese stock to the city to escape from their own people. Outside of the treaty ports not one Chinese in 100 knows English, and if he does he believes China shipped Japan and secured large indemnity."

"Why They Resigned. The news of the resignation of Lord Wemyss from the honorary command of the London Scottish, and the resignation of Colonel Balfour from the active command of the battalion, created a sensation in military circles. The reasons given for Lord Wemyss' resignation are: "1. Because it is due to the existence of the Volunteers that successive Ministers of War have failed to put our military system on its proper footing, and leave the militia, one constitutional army of defence, which they are unable to do without its right reserve."

"2. Because Lord Lansdowne, ignoring the original intention of the Volunteer force, has changed its character and constitution. The Daily Mail is informed on excellent authority that over and above these reasons Lord Wemyss' resignation is the direct result of the fact that the War Office had failed to put our military system on its proper footing, and leave the militia, one constitutional army of defence, which they are unable to do without its right reserve."

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