

CONGRESS GETS ROYAL WELCOME TO OLD QUEBEC

Trades And Labor Congress In Opening Session At Ancient City Are Given Rousing Reception—Many Present.

SMALL CROOKS SOUND WARNING.

Special to The Standard. Quebec, Sept. 20.—The twenty-fifth annual convention of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress opened in Quebec this morning. One hundred and fifty delegates from all the cities and towns of Canada in which organized labor exists are now here taking part in the deliberations of the congress.

He then vacated the chair in favor of Mr. Alphonse Verreille, president of the congress who after a introductory remarks introduced to the convention Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier of Quebec who he said would no doubt make some important pronouncement with regard to his policy in the administration of the department of labor.

Among those present at the opening of the convention this morning were Sir Lomer Gouin, Sir J. Geo. Garneau, Mayor of Quebec, the Hon. Mackenzie King, Minister of Labor, Parliament from Woodville, England and Mr. Allan Studholme, labor member of the Ontario legislature from the city of Hamilton. Sir Lomer Gouin bade a cheerful welcome to the delegates and expressed the hope that they would have a pleasant and fruitful sojourn in Quebec.

City Pleasur. Sir George Gouin also greeted the convention declaring that the city was pleased to welcome such an important body and hoped he said to support have the opportunity of extending its hospitality to them again. The Hon. Mackenzie King pointed out the amazing progress which had been made by the congress since its origin in Canada. He also touched on the important matters of strikes and declared that what was wanted for the interest of organized labor, immigration he assured them that the government had received no request to have the Grand Trunk Pacific constructed by Asiatic labor and that should such a request be received it would be ample time given for all representations to be made. Loud cheers were given when Mr. Small Crooks entered. He said that labor organizations had not yet reached that stage in England when the Premier and the Mayor extended welcome.

He warned the congress not to rely too much on labor departments in governments, saying that he did not believe in placing too much confidence in paternal governments.

The delegates of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress had no meeting this evening, but devoted the time to sight-seeing. The delegates proceeded in a body to the "Citadel" where they were shown around. This evening there was an informal meeting at the auditorium when Hon. Mackenzie King, minister of labor, and others addressed the meeting.

WEST INDIAN TRADE COMMISSIONERS READY

Work Of Investigation Will Be Commenced Today At Ottawa Where Everything Is In Readiness For Opening.

Ottawa, Sept. 20.—All the members of the Canadian West Indian Trade Commission are in Ottawa, with the exception of Lord Balfour of Burleigh, who will come tomorrow for the first Canadian meeting of the commission. Sir Daniel Morris and Sir John Dickson Poynder were the two Canadian commissioners, Hon. Wm. Fielding and Hon. Wm. Patterson. At the meeting of the commission tomorrow a programme of meetings will be arranged. Evidence will first be taken in Ottawa, chiefly from officials of the Government who are in touch with the trade relations of the West Indies and Toronto, where meetings will be held, and the Board of Trade and any one else who desires will express views and give evidence on the question with which the commission was appointed to deal.

After Toronto, there will be meetings in Montreal, St. John and Halifax. These meetings will all be open to the press and the public. It is expected that the Canadian settlements will be concluded during the first week in October. It is probable that the sitting of the commission will be resumed in the West Indies some time during the winter or next spring.

COOK IN SIGHT OF HOME DREAMS COWING OR DEAL

Explorer Is Glad To Return To The United States But Is Fearful Of The Rigors Of His Reception.

DECLINES TO DISCUSS PEARY.

New York, Sept. 20.—"It's good to be an American; it seems that I have been gone ten years." Gazing towards the lights of New York after an absence since July 4, 1907, these were the first sentiments expressed tonight by Dr. Frederick A. Cook of Brooklyn, as he paced the deck of the steamship Oscar II, waiting for daylight and the actual arrival in his native land. Dr. Cook is virtually at home tonight, for the Oscar II is anchored off Fire Island, marking time, as it were, in order that there may be no hitch in the homecoming reception for the explorer who reported via the Shetland Islands on September 1 that he had unfurled the American flag at the North Pole on April 21, 1908.

Though sixty miles from the city proper, the Oscar II was in wireless communication with New York during the day and night. Dr. Cook was on deck almost constantly and as sunset approached he gazed at the brilliant panorama, breathed the sea air and conversed with newspaper men with a brief halloo in reply to their greetings through a megaphone. "I feel anxious to get ashore," he said to those who were grouped around him on the deck. "Cooking seems about ten years since I left, instead of only two and a half, but I dread the ordeal of landing tomorrow. I would much prefer landing quickly and quietly without a repetition of the scenes at Copenhagen. I hope I shall be left in peace with my family by tomorrow night at least."

Some New York papers were brought on board this evening, containing long reports concerning Commander Peary's achievements. Dr. Cook read them carefully, then said: "There is nothing new here, and I shall wait until something more definite is published before saying anything further on the matter."

FAREWELL GIVEN TO DEPARTING MINISTER

Chas. R. Crane Of Chicago On Eve Of Departure As Minister To China Is Tendered Impressive Farewell.

New York, Sept. 20.—An impressive farewell was given here to Charles R. Crane of Chicago, on the eve of his departure as Minister to China. With Seth Low, former president of Columbia University as toastmaster; Wu Ting Fang, the retiring Chinese Minister as principal guest, a cordial and enthusiastic reception was given to the contribution and a long list of the nation's leaders in attendance, there was nothing lacking at the dinner given by the American-Asiatic Association at Delmonico's.

PREMIER MURRAY HAS DISAPPOINTED STRIKERS

Failure Of Delegation Interviewing Him To Bring About A Cessation Of The Trouble Is Causing Regret.

Special to The Standard. Glace Bay, N. S., Sept. 20.—The delegation which waited upon Premier Murray to ask that gentleman to use his influence to try and arrange a settlement of the strike, has failed in its effort. The interview lasted over three hours and the whole history of the strike was gone into, as also the causes leading up to the trouble. Mr. Murray conceded the right of the men to join the organization that could do them the most good, but said that the coal company had also a right to refuse to recognize that organization.

Could Not Interfere. Mr. Murray practically told the delegation that President Ross would do nothing in the matter and that he, the Government could not interfere, excepting by way of suggestion to the coal company president. The delegation was greatly disappointed in the result of their interview.

The report that General Manager Dugan would shortly leave Glace Bay is again revived. It is known that the general manager has broken up house keeping at Sydney, where he has lived for many years and has taken apartments in Montreal. The removal of Mr. Dugan is denied here by those who claim to be close to the company's secrets, but many people believe that the report of a change has some foundation.

SOUTHERN UNITED STATES IN GRIP OF TERRIFIC STORM

New Orleans is Isolated but Reports Trickling Through Tell of Great Damage.

Waters of Gulf Are Rising and Serious Floods Are Feared Throughout Country.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 20.—With the city of New Orleans entirely stripped of wire communication with the world and reports trickling in from points along the gulf between Pascagoula, Miss., and Pensacola, Fla., of high tides and winds of hurricane velocity, it is apparent from the meagre information thus far received that the gulf storm which struck that section of the United States has scored heavily in property damage if not in loss of life.

New Orleans Isolated. Interest settles in New Orleans, because of the absence of advices from that city since 3 o'clock this afternoon. At that time the Associated Press was informed by the weather bureau that the piling up of the gulf waters at the mouth of the Mississippi river had already caused a rise of three feet in the waters at New Orleans, a rise unprecedented at that point from such a source. The present stage of the river and the height at the levee will admit of a much greater rise than much damage to the city proper, but the report bodies ill for the large number of villages scattered about the twilvery by the city and gulf and the gulf coast.

From Pensacola. The most threatening of the definite advices thus far received came from Pensacola, where the wind at dark had attained a velocity of 60 miles an hour and was apparently increasing. This taken in connection with reports from the Mississippi coast stating that the gale there indicated about 40 miles an hour would indicate that the storm is heading northeast across Florida and Alabama and northward into Louisiana.

Reports of increasing gales toward Hatteras also seem to indicate that the hurricane heading in that direction will coast, damaging ship communications, and that the storm at nightfall had done no great damage but later despatches showed that it was blowing up again and that the waters of the bay were beginning to pile up along the waterfront at an alarming rate. Up to 11 o'clock nothing had been heard from New Orleans except a brief message which received about 10 o'clock telling of the unroofing of some buildings by the gale. Rail communication with New Orleans by way of Mobile is entirely cut off.

From Memphis. Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 20.—Fragmentary reports from points in southern Louisiana and Mississippi show that a severe tropical hurricane is sweeping along the Mississippi and cutting across the Gulf coast, damaging ship communications, and that the storm at nightfall had done no great damage but later despatches showed that it was blowing up again and that the waters of the bay were beginning to pile up along the waterfront at an alarming rate. Up to 11 o'clock nothing had been heard from New Orleans except a brief message which received about 10 o'clock telling of the unroofing of some buildings by the gale. Rail communication with New Orleans by way of Mobile is entirely cut off.

At Mobile. Mobile, Ala., Sept. 20.—With hurricane warnings issued tonight by the local weather bureau, with a gradually falling barometer and the waters of Mobile Bay backed up beyond Water street, more than two blocks from the river front, Mobile is thoroughly alarmed. At 11:45 p. m. a gale of 40 miles an hour was sweeping the city. The barometer registered 29.63 and was still falling.

Like New Orleans, Mobile may be cut off from all communication by morning. Thousands of people lined the streets watching the gradually rising waters. The water at 12:30 a. m. was within half a block of Royal street, the highest point reached in the storm of 1906. On the south side of the city the entire river front for several blocks was submerged and the Western Union Telegraph office was two inches in water and flooding fast.

At the meeting of the Strand Guards last night the clerk stated that 400 applications had been received for a position as night porter and firemen at the workhouse, Edmonton, the salary of which is \$36 a week.

GOV. JOHNSON IS REPORTED TO BE DYING

Minnesota's Governor Is In A Precarious Condition And Little Hope Is Held Out For His Recovery.

WAS SINKING FAST EARLY THIS MORNING.



GOVERNOR JOHNSON.

Rochester, Minn., Sept. 20.—Governor Johnson is said to be dying. The condition of Minnesota's governor, who was a prominent candidate for the Democratic nomination for president in 1908, has aroused widespread interest over the country. Governor Johnson was operated on by the famous Drs. Mayo, Minnesota surgeons, whose fame is international.

TO BETTER TRADE RELATIONS WITH SOUTH

Members Of Royal Commission Appointed To Inquire Into Trade Conditions Of West Indies Arrive.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 20.—Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Sir Daniel Morris and Sir John Dickson, Bonyden, the British members of the Royal commission on better trade relations between Canada and the West Indies, have arrived in the capital. The Canadian commissioners are Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. Wm Patterson. The Ottawa sittings will begin tomorrow, after which evidence will be taken in Toronto, Montreal, St. John and Halifax. The commissioners will then separate to meet again in the West Indies during the winter or next spring.

CANADA A FACTOR IN CEMENT INDUSTRY

J. N. Kilburn Points Out That Dominion May Successfully Compete In Many Of The Growing Cement Markets.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Sept. 20.—The announcement that Canada is destined to become an important factor in the cement industry of the world by being able to export to a number of different countries was made today by Mr. J. N. Kilburn, the managing director of the Lakefield Portland Cement Co. Mr. Kilburn stated that among the countries that Canada would be able to export to and meet the competition of the world were Mexico, the West Indies and South Africa, all of which have large and growing markets for cement. The export business would be handled from the monster Vulcan and Lakeside properties at Longue Pointe, outside of Montreal, both of which have deep water facilities.

Mr. John Collins, I. C. R. police officer, returned yesterday from Ottawa, where he spent his vacation.

MANY ATTEND THE RECEPTION AT QUEBEC

Brilliant Function In Connection With First Meeting Of Plenary Council In Canada—Thousands Were Present.

ANOTHER RECEPTION PLANNED FOR TODAY.

Special to The Standard. Quebec, Sept. 20.—The reception tendered by Sir George Garneau, Mayor of this city to the fathers of the plenary council in the City Hall this evening was a grand success and was attended by thousands of citizens. The reception lasted from 8 to 11 p. m. and almost every archbishop and bishop as well as the delegates to the council were present.

The City Hall had been beautifully decorated for the occasion and the reception was held in the council chamber. Mr. Sharrett, papal delegate, Sir George Garneau, Mr. Beign and Mr. Bruchesi, Mgr. Langevin and Mgr. Gauthier remained all the evening in the council chambers, receiving the crowds that passed in and as soon as they had shaken hands with the papal delegate, the guests passed into the Mayor's reception room where they shook hands with all the other fathers of the council. Tomorrow afternoon a reception will be held at Spencerwood.

MARGARER ANGLIN BACK IN NEW YORK

Famous Actress Returns After Long Absence Spent In Australia—New Play Is Beautifully Presented.

New York, Sept. 20.—Miss Margaret Anglin appeared in New York for the first time tonight since her long absence in Australia, presenting her new play, "The Awakening of Helena Ritchie." Charlotte Thompson's dramatization of Margaret Deland's novel by that name. The play was beautifully presented and well received. Miss Anglin's personal reception was particularly enthusiastic. The supporting cast was good, including Eugene Ormonde, Charles Wingate, George Probert, John Findlay, Robert Cummings, Miss Sallie Williams, and Miss Gertrude Swiggert. The play was produced at the Savoy Theater.

BEACH ALLOWED TO GO WITH A CAUTION

Ex-C. P. R. Ticket Agent At Fredericton Who Confessed To Stealing \$835 From Company Given Freedom.

George A. Beach, who was charged with stealing \$835 from the C. P. R., was dismissed at the police court today by Col. Marsh.

At 2:30 o'clock Beach was brought into court and placed in the prisoner's bench. Mr. F. R. Taylor, barrister, of St. John, was present to represent the C. P. R., and Mr. P. A. Guthrie appeared for the prisoner. Mr. Taylor stated that the C. P. R. had no evidence to offer against Beach. Mr. Guthrie then asked that the prisoner be dismissed.

The police magistrate stated that he would be obliged to dismiss the prisoner if there was no evidence to offer and in addressing him Col. Marsh said: "You have escaped several years in the penitentiary by the prosecution not being able to produce evidence. You know whether you are guilty or not. You have a wife and children and you should go out into the world and try to be honest. You owe a duty to yourself, to your wife, and to your children. Take up your life again and act so as to merit the esteem, respect and confidence of the public."

The prisoner bowed, and retired from the court room. In speaking to your representative, Beach stated that he expected to get a position in the province, but would leave here for a time. It is understood that Beach's friends raised the amount of his alleged defalcation, and paid it over to the C. P. R. representatives.

OUTLOOK GOOD FOR REMAINING DAYS OF EXHIBITION

All Attendance Figures Will Be Doubled At Fredericton Exhibition This Year—New Attractions Draw Many.

JUDGING IS ALL BUT COMPLETED.

Special to The Standard. Exhibition Ground, Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 20.—The Fredericton exhibition started on its second week today under bright auspices, the weather conditions being all that could be desired. The total attendance for today was 4,407, or a total of 21,952 thus far. Last year on the same date, the attendance was 3,726, with a total of 25,427 for the complete show. The present show has three days to run so that all figures will be smashed.

St. Marys Band Present. The St. Marys band was here from St. John today and their playing on the fair grounds and in the main building was much enjoyed. That tomorrow is to be a big day is evident from the crowds in the city tonight. The hotels are crowded again and excursion trains are coming from St. John and elsewhere.

Robins Wild West Show arrived today and gave a free open air exhibition as well as an enclosure. The Amusement Hall was closed today owing to a heavy rain. The show is running as usual tomorrow afternoon and evening. The Bailios European equilibrist and gymnasts, Marion and Pysier, eccentric acrobats and the Alabama Four will make up the programme.

The judging of all the live stock except some classes of horses is now completed. In the cattle department W. W. Black of Amherst, carried off 5 firsts and three diplomas for Herefords being the only competitor in that class. Sir Wm. Vanhorne carried off many prizes for his Dutch belted cattle and Canadian Jerseys. W. Goring of Chegoogin N. S., and Roper Bros. of Charlottetown, carried off the lion's share of prizes for Guernseys, white W. and Chas. Pinkney of Yarmouth won all the prizes for Devons with their two herds.

The judging of saddle and carriage horses was commenced this morning by Dr. Standish and the many stylish animals shown attracted much attention. Ald. Jewett, of this city, won the best prize for the best saddle horse and second and first for the best military saddle horse. For the best carriage horse shown to halter with foal by her side, Mr. R. A. Snowball of Chatham, was first; Mr. O'Neill of Fredericton, second and Mr. Judson Burdon of Fredericton, third. Mr. Snowball also got first for the best foal of 1909. Mr. Burdon, second and McCoy Bros. third.

Miss Vera Van Buskirk of this city won the prize for the best carriage horse driven by a lady, with Miss Ethel Mullin of St. Marys, second and Miss McCullough of Keswick Ridge, third. Mr. W. J. Parks of McGivneys secured first and second prizes for the best carriage horse, Mr. W. B. Belyea of Woodstock, third. Dr. Gilchrist's stallion, Stampede, won first prize in this class with Mr. Jewett's Omaha, second and McCoy's Bourbon T. third. Ald. Jewett also won first prize for the best tandem team.

STRATHCONA TELLS OF CANADA'S PROGRESS

High Commissioner For Canada At Luncheon Tendered Him In Halifax Tells Of What He Saw In West.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., Sept. 20.—Lord Strathcona's flying visit to Halifax terminated at three this afternoon, when his special train left for Montreal. He arrived here at eleven this morning.

No Formal Reception. There was no formal reception to His Lordship, his visit being a private one to Lieut. Governor Fraser. He was the guest of honor at a luncheon attended by many distinguished citizens at which he delivered an eloquent and forceful address. The High Commissioner speaking of his recent visit to the west he said: "I had not been in the Northwest for eighteen years, nor in Winnipeg for thirteen." The progress has been marvellous. Winnipeg less than forty years ago had not more than 200 of a population, now the city has 130,000. Not only this—there was no agriculture except by a few old Selkirk settlers; this year the west will have a wheat crop of 110,000,000 bushels besides cereals and crops of all other kinds.

"Then go to Vancouver." His Lordship went on to say. "In 1855 on the completion of the C. P. R., where the city now stands, there was not a house; today they have at the least a population of 100,000. The same thing can be told of the whole country. Not alone has the increase been in population, but in all the accessories of life the advantages have improved and Canada has all that any growing country can give."

MONTREAL OUT FOR CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT

Citizens Decide By An Overwhelming Majority To Adopt The Board Of Control System Of Administration.

COUNCIL TO BE REDUCED ONE HALF.

Special to The Standard. Montrealers, Sept. 20.—That Montrealers seriously object to the bad methods which have been prevalent in late years at the city hall, as demonstrated by the Royal Commission, was made evident today when the people voted on the proposal to remodel the city administration by reducing the number of aldermen by one-half, and the creation of a board of control to have charge of the work of administration heretofore performed under the surveillance of committees of the council. An alternative to the latter was a board of works, to be composed of leading civic officials. By an overwhelming majority the people voted for the aldermanic reduction, the creation of the board of control and against the board of works, the vote standing: For reduction of aldermen, . . . 19,583 Against . . . 2,413 For board of control, . . . 18,523 Against . . . 2,413 For board of works, . . . 14,509 Against . . . 3,059

Every ward in the city declared for the reduction and board of control and only two polls were in the negative, both located in Ald. Mederic Martin's division. Ald. Martin's name was mentioned on several occasions before the Royal Commission. He worked tooth and nail against the change. That the trades and labor council does not figure largely in shaping the municipal sentiment was seen by the fact that although it came out against the board of control the majorities given it were just about as large in the workmen's wards as in any of the others.

THEATRE SINGER IN GALLANT RESCUE

One Of A Party Of Wedding Guests Dragged From A Horrible Death Before Stunned Crowd.

Special to The Standard. Cornwall, Ont., Sept. 20.—A gallant rescue was made at the Grand Trunk station here this afternoon when about 100 people had gathered to give a send-off to Mr. and Mrs. P. Ryan, who were married at St. Andrews this morning.

As the train was coming, the crowd jostled about with the result that Miss McIntosh, cousin of Mr. W. B. Belyea, fell from the platform prostrate on the tracks in front of the train, which was but 100 feet away and running at about twenty-five miles an hour. The crowd stood powerless, but H. Kippen, pianist and singer at Starland, saw the lady fall and rushed to her aid. He dragged her from the track as the engine passed, the pilot of the train stopping the train. The air brakes had been applied, but the train could not be stopped. Miss McIntosh was able to return to her home unharmed, but very much affected by the nervous shock.

SOUTH AFRICAN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION IN REPORT

Accomplishes All The Work It Set Itself Out To Do And Now Issues First Statement—Details Of The Work.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 20.—The Canadian-South African Memorial Association has issued a final report. Organized in June, 1902, the association's receipts from all sources have been \$14,269. In March last it found that it had a balance of about \$5,000 and had done all the work which it had set out to do in the way of erecting headstones, etc. It accordingly transmitted this sum to the Royal Women's Guild, South Africa, that association agreeing to spend the interest in the up-keeping and maintenance of the graves of Canadian soldiers only. The affairs of the memorial association are now wound up and its records have been deposited in the Canadian Archives.

The association reports that 230 Canadian soldiers were buried in South Africa and that 180 headstones have been erected, some of them as at Paardeberg and Harts River, being of large dimensions. The graves have been marked with railings, trees planted and photographs sent to relatives. The association makes special mention of the services rendered by Col. A. S. Greenwood of the South African railway service.