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LABOR CONGRESS WEST SIDE MATTERS FORM CHIEF TOPIC OF CONVERSATION TODAY

Convention of National Trades and Labor Congress Was Concluded This Morning --- Hugh Beck Chosen Vice-President--Next Convention at Glace Bay, N. S.

The fourth annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress, which has been held in this city during the past four days, was concluded this morning and the meeting adjourned until the second Tuesday in September, 1907, when the fifth convention will be held in Glace Bay, N. S.

STEAMER OREGON IS A TOTAL LOSS Big Pacific Coaster Went on the Rocks on Thursday Night--Her Bottom Was Torn off and She Partly Filled--Passengers in Perilous Position Unless Help Comes Soon.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 15. -- A despatch to the Post-Intelligencer from Valdez says: The steamer Oregon hit the rocks on the beach of Hinchenbrook Island, at the entrance to Prince William Sound, at 12 o'clock Thursday night. She was trying to find the entrance in the darkness, when the headland loomed up, and although she reversed the engine, the vessel struck hard enough to tear the bottom off. The Oregon struck at low tide and water soon filled the engine room to the second grating. A crew of five men left immediately for Valdez to get assistance. The revenue cutter Rosh and McCullough left to take off the passengers. There was no sea running at the time of the wreck, but the bottom of the steamer is exposed to the full force of the swell, and if the wind rises she is in a precarious position. The wreck occurred seven miles from Valdez and thirty-five miles from Nudich. The passengers are all safe. The vessel will be a total loss.

RIVER VERY LOW; ELAINE STRUCK SAINT JOHN RIVER LOWEST FOR YEARS --- Steamer Elaine Struck This Morning.

Never in years has the river been so low as it is at present, is the statement that was made today by many men who sail on the St. John river. They state that the bottom looms up in places like the banks and captains of steamers have to be very cautious when sailing in certain places on the river. The rain that fell recently was greatly appreciated, but there was not a sufficient quantity of it to render any material assistance to the men who have occasion to be at the wharf.

GENERAL STRIKE ON WABASH R. R. CHICAGO, Sept. 15. (Special) -- A general strike of all shop employees on the Wabash Railroad system has been ordered to take effect Monday.

CUBAN REBELS BADLY BEATEN HAVANA, Sept. 15. -- Government forces have won a victory over the rebels at a point close to Havana.

ELOPING PASTOR CALLS GIRL HIS DIVINE BRIDE NEW YORK, Sept. 15. -- Rev. C. T. Coombs, the Pittsburg pastor, who eloped with Miss Lillian Myckum, a deaconess of his church, and who was overthrown in Mount Vernon and forced to give up the girl, is very angry. He calls Miss Myckum his divine bride and hints at a reunion.

FUNERALS The funeral of the late Miss Amelia Duvall was held this afternoon at three o'clock from her late residence at Cross-street. The burial services were conducted at the house by Rev. Mr. McKinnon and internment took place in Fernhill cemetery.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER MR. BINKS IN THE DUMPS. The Times new reporter discovered Mr. Peter Binks this morning in the Canadian Pacific ticket office, asking the price of tickets to various points in the north-west.

TOURIST PARTY COMES TODAY FREDERICTON, Sept. 15. (Special) -- The New England Railway agents, who arrived here by late train last night on the arrival of their excursion, left for St. John by steamer Victoria at eight o'clock this morning.

MASKED MEN IN KEPT OUT OF THE STATES CONDUCTOR PUT GAME FIGHT AND ROBBERY FIRED WITHOUT BOOTY.

PEORIA, Ill., Sept. 15. -- Four masked men attempted to hold up a west-bound passenger train on the Rock Island Railroad two miles north of here late last night. Conductor Robert Murray, armed with a .38 calibre revolver, fired at the robbers, and the train backed yesterday at the American boat. Pitts says he is a native of Nova Scotia, and left Boston in May last to visit his father, who was ill, at his home in the neighboring province. On Wednesday last, he came to St. John, having purchased a through ticket to Boston, and, as stated above, was stopped yesterday at Glace Bay.

FIRE SPREAD WITH AWFUL SWIFTHNESS GUESTS AT GILMORE HOTEL IN OTTAWA LOST EVERYTHING Save What They Wore.

OTTAWA, Sept. 15. (Special) -- There is no instance in Ottawa of a fire which has done so much damage in so short a time as that which destroyed the Gilmore Hotel early this morning. The fire alarm was given at 11.15 p. m. and by 11.30 the whole building was enveloped in flames. Men who were in their rooms at the time were ordered to get out as soon as possible. The guests lost everything save what they wore. There is nothing to add to the list of injuries. The fire alarm was given at 11.15 p. m. and by 11.30 the whole building was enveloped in flames.

SEVERE TEST OF HER NERVE CUMBERLAND, Md., Sept. 15. -- Miss Jane Shroll, a nurse in the hospital here, responded to a call to assist in an operation in the emergency ward, and as she proceeded the ward was horrified to see her brother, Henry Shroll, of Pittsburg, lying upon the operating table with both legs cut on their bones. The girls lost everything save what they wore.

FARMERS LOST ON POTATOES Hon. Wm. Pugsley, K. C., attorney-general of New Brunswick, whose visit to the city was recently chronicled, was called back to the east yesterday on business.

HON. WM. PUGSLEY TALKS OF THE CANADIAN WEST (Winnipeg Free Press.) A very great addition of trade is expected. "It is very important for the west to have the cheapest possible means of transporting their products to the European markets, and by the construction of the C. P. R. the new transcontinental, the whole of Canada is contributing towards its prosperity.

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LATEST FROM CUBA. PINAR DEL RIO, Cuba, Sept. 15. (Special) -- When Senor Caparro de Scazo, President Roosevelt's letter this morning he twirled his mustache, rolled a fresh cigarette, and said: "Americano mosho alanza. Quim ebe!"

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FOUR DROWNED WHEN LAUNCH CAPSIZED Steam Launch Collides With Scow in New York Bay and Four Lives are Lost.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15. -- Four persons were drowned when a launch in the lower bay last night, when the launch was overturned in a collision with a scow. Four other members of the party in the launch, three men and a woman, clung to the bottom of the craft until they were rescued and brought to Stapleton, Staten Island, at Quantico station; they refused to give their names or to tell those of the persons drowned.

OVERDUE SCHOONER SAFE SYDNEY, N. S. W., Sept. 15. (Special) -- Schooner Edw. R. Hunt, from Boston to St. Anne, to load gypsum, and which was nearly a month overdue, was reported all safe yesterday morning at Sydney. The schooner C. W. Mills, from Madiera to North Sydney.

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