

FEDERATION OF LABOR MEETS

Wage Earners Assemble at Philadelphia in National Assembly.

NOTABLE PEOPLE WHO ARE PRESENT

President Gompers Makes His Annual Report—Strikes and Other Labor Questions Exhaustively Discussed—First Day's Proceedings of the Convention.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 12.—President Gompers opened the twentieth annual session of the American Federation of Labor in Independence hall this morning. An address of welcome on behalf of the Union Labor league of this city was delivered by George Chance of Typographical union No. 2. A committee on credentials was announced and the convention took a recess until 2 o'clock. Among the prominent labor men in the convention, besides President Gompers and Treasurer John H. Lannon of New York were Secretary Evans, New York; Samuel Goodwater, president of the Cigar-makers' union of Detroit; Charles Dold of the same union, Chicago; P. H. Penna, vice president of the United Mineworkers of Linton, Ind.; J. A. Crawford, state president of the United Mineworkers and a member of the federation executive board; Bryant H. W. ...

TWO SIDES TO THE MATTER

Rock Island Officials and Operators Don't Agree in Their Stories.

CERTAIN THE STRIKE IS STILL ON

Claims on Both Sides Supported by Statements of the Interested Parties—What the Company and the Bulletin Say.

That same wide variance between the statements of the interested parties to the Rock Island telegraphers' strike marked the situation yesterday. At the company's office here the claim was made that everything was working smoothly, and that no important offices were without operators. ...

FATHER CORRIGAN ON TRIAL

One of Hoboken's Popular Priests Charged with Ecclesiastical Discipline.

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DOMESTIC

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FOREIGN

Venezuelan authorities will resist to the utmost the overtures of the British on the territory of that country.

FENDERS FOR STREET CARS

Experimenting with Devices to Save Lives of Pedestrians.

The Engineering Record describes the subject of fenders for street cars, based on a report made by a committee representing the West End Street railway company of Boston. The report deals especially with the matter of fenders for electric cars, but it is of interest in this city, where the introduction of the cable has also brought an increase in the speed of street cars and a consequent increase in the danger of accidents. ...

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PRICE OF BILLIARD BALLS

Owing to the Scarcity of Elephants' Tusks

"Never in the history of the game were billiard balls so expensive as at present," said Oliver Brown, manager of the Astor house billiard room to the New York Advertiser reporter. "A set of those ivory balls now costs \$84. Fifteen years ago they were made of wood and cost \$15. The increased cost is due to the scarcity of ivory. ...

PLUNGING INTO THE DARK CONTINENT

Four well-to-do young Englishmen, aged from 22 to 28, recently left England for the purpose of exploring East Africa. They intend to ascend the Jubra river 300 miles to a large affluent which flows north to the Indian ocean. ...

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