



The socialists of Germany recently celebrated the triumphant survival of their cause during the last quarter of a century. In recent dispatches from Berlin, it is pointed out that twenty-five years ago the reichstag passed a law planned to suppress socialism in Germany, but this law has proved a failure, and the anniversary of its enactment was observed, by the socialists of Germany generally. In Berlin alone seventeen mass meetings were held.

Some comment is being made on the reported emigration of the Finns from their country to America, caused by the persecution they are forced to undergo by the Russian government. It is said that the emigration from Finland has risen to an average of 40,000 a month.

Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador at Madrid, has been appointed ambassador to the United States to succeed the late Sir Michael Herbert. This appointment is regarded with favor both in England and this country, it being announced that this is the first time the British government has sent an ambassador directly to Washington; it having been the custom heretofore to promote a minister to the embassy to be ambassador at Washington.

It was announced from Manila on October 24 that the board of Philippine commissioners has just issued a proclamation announcing the demonetization of the Mexican dollar on and after January 1, 1904. Until that date the coin will be accepted at all the government offices at the usual rate, which is equivalent to 50 cents in American money.

In his annual report to the secretary of the navy, Rear Admiral Bowles, chief of the bureau of construction and repair, reviewed at length the progress made by this government in naval construction during the past year. It is shown that twenty-five new vessels have been added to the navy equipment, making the total number of vessels fit for service 252, and forty-five more are in process of building.

In a Washington dispatch, under date of October 25, the Associated press says: The annual report of General George L. Gillespie, chief of engineers of the United States army, for the year ended June 30, 1903, dealing with fortifications and river and harbor work, has been made public. At present there are provided for the defense of the United States 105 twelve-inch guns, 133 ten-inch guns, 96 eight-inch guns, 567 rapid fire guns and 375 twelve-inch mortars. General Gillespie submits a total estimate of \$10,366,100 for fortifications for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905.

A movement has been started in this country to give aid to the distressed Macedonians. The Red Cross society has been asked to take immediate action in the matter, and it was recently announced that general contributions from the American people will be asked for.

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of work in Montana by the litigation with the Amalgamated Copper company, resulting in the closing of many copper mines. It was proposed that the miners' union should buy stock in the copper companies, thus getting rid of the disturbing element and resuming work. Opposition was made to this plan, however, and on October 27 it was announced that both sides to the controversy had agreed to leave their differences to a board of arbitration, consisting of United States Senator W. A. Clark and P. Gibson, James J. Hill and Governor J. K. Toole.

What is believed to have been an attempt upon the life of President Diaz of Mexico was made at Guanajuato, Mex., on October 27, when five shots were fired at the president, none of which took effect.

The first session of the thirty-first annual meeting of the American Public Health association was held at Washington, D. C., on October 27. Addresses were made by prominent physicians, including several United States army surgeons.

What is said to be the largest and most influential levee convention yet held in the Mississippi valley convened at New Orleans, La., on October 27. Delegates were present representing eight or ten states of the Mississippi and Ohio valleys. The purpose of the convention is announced to be to appeal to the federal government to aid in leveeing both banks of the Mississippi river, thus making possible the reclamation and protection of the alluvial lands and also the improvement of navigation.

It was reported from London on October 27 that Sagatel Sagouin, president of the Armenian revolutionary society in London, was murdered in a suburb of that city on October 26. The crime has created a sensation as it is believed to be of a political character, and has been preceded by the assassinations of other officials of the same society.

Serious charges were recently made against James L. Blair, who is prominent in the affairs of the World's fair commission at St. Louis. These charges are being investigated by the grand jury. Mr. Blair is in a state of physical collapse as the result of an accident.

Another revolution is in progress in Hayti. On October 25 it was reported that the town of Santiago, in the Dominican republic, had been taken by the insurgent troops. It is believed that the present revolution is in favor of former President Jimenez, and that if the revolution is successful he will be elected president of the republic. On October 27 it was reported that the town of Las Vegas had been captured by the insurgents.

The report on the postoffice scandals, prepared by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, was placed in the hands of President Roosevelt on October 24. The report is very long, and it may be some time before it will be given to the public. The president will be assisted by Postmaster General Payne and Attorney General Knox in reviewing the report.

It was reported from St. Louis, Mo., on October 28 that drivers of the various express companies doing business in that city had gone on a strike in

sympathy with the employes of the Pacific Express company, who are demanding a wage increase. The strike involved about 400 drivers.

On account of the disturbances at Santo Domingo, the secretary of the navy on October 28 ordered the cruiser Baltimore to proceed to that point to look after American interests, particularly at Puerto Plata, which city is being blockaded.

The bureau of insular affairs has just completed a statement showing the amount of Philippine coinage, the cost of making and shipping the currency to the Philippines, etc. According to a dispatch carried by the Associated press, "up to and including September 30, there had been coined pesos and subsidiary silver coins to the value of 15,060,300 pesos, the bullion for which cost \$6,309,675. During the same period there had been coined and shipped miner coinage to the face value of 249,260 pesos, the nickel and bronze metal for which cost \$86,402. The charges of San Francisco and Philadelphia mints for this coinage, its packing and express and steamship charges to Manila, including insurance to protect the insular government from a loss, aggregated \$206,224. The net credit to the coinage account to September 30 is \$1,176,342."

The threat of a national strike by the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron workers in New York city, culminated on October 29 when, at a meeting held in that city, a strike all over the country was ordered. According to the Associated press, the cities which will be affected include New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Easton, Chicago, St. Louis, Cleveland and Cincinnati. The international executive committee estimates that 10,000 iron workers will be directly affected. This will mean the throwing out of work of from 100,000 to 150,000 and possibly more workmen in other grades.

At the session of the American Public Health association held on October 29, which association is in progress at Washington, D. C., a resolution favorable to the re-establishment of the army canteen system at the earliest possible date was adopted. The place

for holding the next convention is said to be Havana, Cuba.

An effort was made to establish an organization of employers' associations of a national character in Chicago on October 29, and after some discussion as to the name of the new organization, it was decided to call it the "Citizens' Industrial Association of America," and to include in the organization both employers and alliances. The objects of the new organization are set forth as follows: First, to assist by all lawful and practical means the properly constituted authorities of the state and nation in maintaining and defending the supremacy of the law and the rights of the citizen. Second, to assist all the people of America in resisting encroachments on their constitutional rights. Third, to promote and encourage harmonious relations between employers and their employes on a basis of equal justice to both. Fourth, to assist local, state and national associations of manufacturers and employers in their efforts to establish and maintain industrial peace and to create and direct a public sentiment in opposition to all forms of violence, coercion and intimidation. Fifth, to foster and encourage by legitimate means enterprise and freedom in management of industry. Sixth, to establish a bureau of organization for the formation of associations favorable to the objects of this association and federating them with the association. Seventh, to establish a bureau of education for the publication and distribution of literature tending to foster the objects of the association. Eighth, to create and maintain a fund for such purposes in harmony with and promote the objects of this association.

A serious riot took place in the streets of Paris on October 29, the trouble growing out of the establishment of a municipal employment bureau. Several were seriously injured during the riot, which was finally subdued.

The new Hungarian cabinet recently formed, according to a cablegram from Budapest, Hungary, will be composed as follows: Count Stephen Tisza, premier and minister of the inter-

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