

has ever confronted capital. A movement among the masses, more revolutionary than anything seen in the closing years of the eighteenth century, is manifesting itself now and will come to a crisis within five years.

Either employers must support trade unions under conservative leadership, or face an industrial form of organization under the leadership of radical socialists. Strikes will no longer be confined to single crafts, but will be general affecting an entire industry.

Such were the predictions made by Professors Graham Taylor at a luncheon at the City club recently in speaking on "The British Railway Strike and Its Revolutionary Bearings."

Dr. Taylor returned a few days ago from an extended tour through Great Britain and the continent of Europe, during which he made a special study of social conditions and the recent uprisings of the workers in Great Britain, France and Spain.

According to Dr. Taylor, the economic pressure on the masses is not so acute here as in Europe, because wages have more nearly kept pace with the increased cost of living and with the universal demand of labor for a larger share of the wealth it creates, but the pressure here, and the tendency of labor to unite on industrial instead of on craft lines is seen in the present strike of railroad shop employes. The franchise enjoyed by the workers in this country also forms a safety valve, in the opinion of Dr. Taylor, which the European workers do not possess in such full degree.

"The peaceful situation on the British railroads is nothing but an armed truce," said Dr. Taylor. "It is liable to burst forth at any time. The recent strike opened the eyes of the workers themselves, as well as the eyes of the statesmen. No one expected that the workers at a moment's notice could paralyze the nation, but that is what they did."

"Within twenty-four hours the whole kingdom virtually was on its knees before the strikers. In a few days England actually would have begun to starve and the extremists were incensed that the strike was settled so soon."

A Madison, Wis., dispatch, says: The announcement of the engagement of Miss Lola La Follette, to George Middleton, a playwright of New York, was made public here.

A Springfield, Ill., dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, says: Roger C. Sullivan's leadership of the Illinois democracy was denounced in positive language and a demand was made for a "leadership which will battle for democratic principles rather than bi-partisan spoils;" Congressman Henry T. Rainey was indorsed for national committeeman and H. N. Wheeler, editor of the Quincy Journal was roughly handled by half a dozen husky sergeants at arms when he attempted to speak in Mr. Sullivan's defense.

These were some of the features of the conference of the Hearst-Harrison wing of the democratic party held here recently.

In addition, it became generally known that Judge Owen P. Thompson, of Jacksonville, is to receive the support of the Hearst-Harrison faction for the democratic gubernatorial nomination.

The McNamara brothers will be given a separate trial at Los Angeles.

A London cablegram says: The Italian flag floats over Sultania fort, Tripoli, which is occupied by landing parties. Part of the fleet is anchored in the harbor and the other

warships lie a short distance from the dismantled fortifications. Few bodies of Turks have been found among the ruins of the forts, and apparently no great number of Turks were killed by the bombardment.

A Salt Lake City dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, says: President Taft today politely but firmly reproved the president of the young men's republican league of Utah, Fred W. Bryce, when the latter, in introducing him to an immense crowd at the state fair, made a bitterly partisan speech. It was as the prospective republican candidate for the presidency in 1912 that Mr. Bryce presented Mr. Taft, and after predicting that he would be "triumphantly elected," and that November next year would find "the democracy of Utah in its customary place, deep down in the slough of despond," he introduced the chief executive of the nation as "William Howard Taft of Ohio."

"I am here," said the president, emphasizing each word significantly, "as president of the United States."

There was a lusty cheer from the crowd, which was followed by a laugh when Mr. Taft humorously cleared the incident by saying:

"My friend, the president of the young men's republican league, is probably a better republican than he is a prophet."

The president then launched into a discussion of his tariff vetoes, repeating the arguments and explanations he has made at other points on the trip.

A Santa Fe, N. M., dispatch, dated October 5, says: Fusion of the democrats and progressive republicans in the first state campaign seemed assured tonight. The democratic convention concluded its deliberation by indorsing Richard A. Hanna and George Evanstone, both progressive republicans, the former for supreme court justice and the latter for corporation commissioner. A fusion waited only the formal indorsement by the progressive republican state convention tonight of the ticket headed by W. C. McDonald for governor. Previously to indorsing Hanna and Evanstone the democratic convention completed its ticket.

The Massachusetts democratic state convention met at Boston. Concerning its proceeding the Associated Press report says: The platform adopted by the democrats praises Governor Foss' administration, supports the abolition of party enrollment in primaries, favors the submission of a woman's suffrage amendment to popular vote, indorses the initiative and referendum and the direct election of United States senators and declares that reciprocity still is possible.

Sherman L. Whipple, who was the party candidate against Senator Lodge last winter, sounded the keynote; George Fred Williams, one of the original Bryan supporters, presented the platform, while Governor Foss, who seeks re-election, and David I. Walsh, nominee for lieutenant governor, indorsed everything said in the speeches and platform and declared they were ready for the fray.

The convention with the delegates bearing flags, was enthusiastic, cheering all the speakers.

The convention was practically a ratification meeting for the state ticket and for the formulating of the leading issues of the campaign.

The ticket which the convention ratified was headed by Eugene N. Foss, nominated to succeed himself as governor.

Conspicuous on the stage when the convention assembled was a delegation of suffragettes who had appeared before the platform com-

mittee of both parties and who announced their intention of participating actively in the coming campaign.

A dispatch from Philadelphia says: William E. Curtis of Washington, the traveler, journalist and writer on political topics, died suddenly in his room at a hotel here. Mr. Curtis arrived at noon from New York, accompanied by his wife. In the evening he was stricken with apoplexy and although medical assistance was immediately summoned it was impossible to save his life. He was sixty-one years old.

Mr. Curtis was born in Akron, O., in 1850, and was educated at Western Reserve college. He turned at once to journalism and was connected for several years with the Chicago Inter-Ocean and then with the Chicago Record-Herald, whose traveling correspondent he remained until his death.

The Woodrow Wilson bulletin from Ohio gives this information: In the voting which took place at the Jefferson club-Bryan meeting and barbecue, Woodrow Wilson was more than four to one a favorite over Harmon. In fact, the New Jerseyan got more votes than Harmon and Champ Clark combined. The figures were Wilson, 1987; Harmon, 428; Clark, 428. There were in all 2765 votes cast by men at the meeting, and only 41 by women. The counting of the tickets showed that 377 scratched out another presidential candidate and inserted the name of William Jennings Bryan. Of the republican votes 114 were for Taft, 51 for Roosevelt, 14 for La Follette, 6 for Pinchot.

In some quarters Harvey C. Garber is given the credit for the voting scheme. But friends of Mr. Garber deny the allegation. Many give credit for the voting plan to Clark C. Doughty of the Jefferson club. The voting was done on mock ballots printed in white for men and in pink for women.

Federal Judge Joseph V. Quarles died at his home in Milwaukee. He was 68 years old and was appointed to the federal bench in 1905 after he had served a term as United States senator.

Speaking at Seattle, Wash., President Taft said that the Panama canal may be opened two years ahead of time and that the first ship may go through in July, 1913.

Cornelius N. Bliss of New York, capitalist and long a republican leader (having been treasurer of the republican national committee from 1892 to 1908) is dead.

INTERIOR OF MR. BALFOUR'S HEAD

Mr. A. J. Balfour, ex-prime minister and leader of the opposition in the house of commons, is a gentleman of fine education, of long experience in public affairs and of brilliant ability as a writer on philosophical themes. In moving his vote of censure on the cabinet he expressed his feeling that it was a horrid outrage that the ministry should coerce the house of lords in order to put through the veto bill curtailing the lords' powers. Apparently it did not occur to him that the house of lords, representing 631 peers, was at all culpable in attempting to block the expressed will of 8 million voters.

The author of "A Defense of Philosophic Doubt" and "The Foundations of Belief" is one of those persons who inspire an almost irresistible curiosity to take off the tops of their heads to see how their brains work.—Kansas City Star.

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