

DEVELOPING THE SOUTH

Perfecting Arrangements for a Permanent Exhibit at Washington.

WILL MEET AGAIN FOR ORGANIZATION

Numerous Interesting Papers Read Yesterday Before the Convention at Washington—Free Cotton Machinery Voted.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The second day's meeting of the southern development committee was begun with a large attendance.

Mr. W. G. Vinson, of Arkansas, the state commissioner of mining of Arkansas, the first speaker, presented a conservative view of the resources of that state.

It was no longer a race problem, public schools were educating negroes to the duties of citizenship and he had become reconciled to the fact that the white man, who paid most of the taxes, must rule.

The report of the committee on plan and scope was read. It provides for a permanent bureau in Washington for the exhibition of the resources of the southern states and for the general information of capital and labor; the expenses of the bureau to be paid by pro rata contributions from the states.

Also a sub-bureau in each state, through which exhibits should be forwarded to Washington, to be in charge of the commissioners of agriculture, labor or immigration, who should verify all information filed with the bureau.

A committee of one member from each state and the District of Columbia was provided for to be appointed by the chair, and a meeting to be held in Washington, to which the governors of each state would appoint delegates, and to which the governors would be invited, to perfect details of the organization.

A general discussion was precipitated. Charles Catlett of Virginia declared that the southern states had taken little advantage of the great opportunities afforded by the world's fair.

Mr. B. F. Clayton of Florida held that the plan to confer an authority upon the governors of the states to give the political character to the organization.

Mr. Robert W. Hunter of Virginia sustained the report. When he said that the south did not expect to build herself up in a day; that she not care for what was called the "tide of immigration, for Poles, Hungarians and others were coming in.

OPPOSED TO THE BOOMER. The afternoon session yesterday was devoted to papers and addresses on the resources and progress of the south.

Dr. B. E. Fawcett, of the forestry division of the Agricultural department, spoke on the "Geographical Conditions and Timber Resources of the South." Incidentally he advised the planting of cypresses, and asserted that scientific investigation had clearly shown that bird turpentine timber was not inferior.

Colonel J. H. Vanoy of Florida, speaking in the same line, deprecated exaggeration, saying that the south could stand on the feet. The late Senator Vanoy, who had been predicted, he predicted, would compel the lumbering men to fall back upon the south.

Mr. H. Moore of the Dubuque, Ia., Board of Trade, spoke on the "Resources of the South." He said that the course of his speech had been interrupted himself two years ago in the Nicaragua canal project, and that he had been faulted in the near future, if not by the United States, by England.

Grisham Thomas of Atlanta spoke of the weakness of the relations between the colored races in the south, and said that a few northern missionaries, ignorant of the conditions, who had attempted to mix the blacks against the whites, had been expelled so that the races could dwell together in peace. Ignorance of each other was the weakness of the relations between the races.

There were different classes in negroes, as there was in whites, some respectable, law-abiding, intelligent, others absolutely depraved.

Dr. M. Saville of Tennessee spoke on the resources of that state.

Mr. Heasley of Carolina, in supporting the report, said that the work done must be done on an honest and sound basis; there must be an institution upon which capitalists and private enterprise could rely.

Colonel Yancey of Florida prophesied that more of the southern states would make an appropriation for the support of an expedition.

Mr. L. C. Irvine of Mobile opposed the machinery proposed by the committee because dependent upon the action of governors and legislatures.

Mr. L. Q. C. Lamar of Mississippi favored the report, saying that the meeting was not a representative one, and that the color of the south, the people and governors, who could send their representatives, otherwise the convention would be regarded with suspicion.

Mr. Barrett of West Virginia suggested that delegates be elected by the grange and trade organizations.

Mr. Irvine proposed an amendment a fee of \$10 should be paid by all organizations of the south, to be paid when \$5,000 had been subscribed. The amendment was lost.

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION ADOPTED. The resolutions from the committee on plan and organization were adopted with amendments. A committee of one member from each southern state and the District of Columbia be appointed by the chair to perfect the details of the plan of organization, and to call the convention at another meeting, to be called by the committee, to which governors be requested to appoint ten delegates from each state, and the board of trade, business and agricultural associations, to be requested to send reports. Also that the vote of each state in the adjourned convention shall be equal.

At the afternoon and evening sessions several interesting papers were read and speeches made.

A resolution endorsing the bill for the free admission of cotton machinery, introduced in the house of representatives by Mr. Kyle of Mississippi, was adopted. Then the convention adjourned.

The committee on permanent organization has been announced. It consists of Messrs. C. L. Little of Arkansas, C. H. Mansur of Missouri and L. E. Lipscombe of Texas.

CONSTRUCTING THE SUGAR SCHEDULE. Sixty Thousand Dollars Due Nebraska Manufacturers Under the Old Law.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Senator Manderson today called on the commissioner of internal revenue and also upon the secretary of the treasury, accompanied by Mr. Oxward and others, and discussed with them the intent of the new tariff as to paying a bounty on sugar. Senator Manderson called attention to section 182 of the sugar schedule which repeals the sugar bounty, and contended that the word "hereafter" in the section meant that the bounty was to be paid after the bill became a law, August 27, but that all sugar manufactured prior to that date was entitled to the bounty under the McKinley law. Senator Manderson said he would give the matter consideration and tender an opinion as soon as possible.

Dr. C. P. Fall has been appointed a member of the Board of Examining Surgeons at Beattie.

WERE ON THE WRONG TACK

San Francisco Woman is Not the One Mixed Up in the Vanderbilt Scandal.

IS AT PRESENT IN NEW YORK CITY

Says She Has Troubles Enough Without Having Others Thrust Upon Her—Story of Vanderbilt's Married Infidelity a Long One.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—The father of Mrs. Nettie Neustader, who has been connected with the scandal in the family of W. K. Vanderbilt, comes out today with an emphatic denial of the story that his daughter and the gay Parisienne, Nellie Neustader, are one and the same person.

Mrs. Neustader's father is Benjamin Cohen of this city. He said in an interview: "It is absurd to say that this notorious woman and my daughter, Nellie, are one and the same person. I have been receiving letters from her for the last two years at regular intervals of twelve days. They have all been dated New York. Only once to my knowledge did she visit Europe and that was two years ago. Then she remained in Paris for a month. All these stories to the effect that my daughter was one of the most notorious women of Paris are untrue. Nettie did not speak French, and she never posed as a French woman so far as I know. If she were the heroine of the sensational escapades charged to her I think I would have known of it."

The Cohens have been receiving letters from Mrs. Neustader at regular intervals ever since her departure from this city. The last letter was received on Tuesday and was dated New York. She wrote in an intimate friendly way, but she never mentioned that she will be in this city during the latter part of September.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The World says: In the crush at the Casino was a handsome woman who complained bitterly because the newspapers had published telegrams from San Francisco accusing her of intimacy with William K. Vanderbilt. Her name before she was married was Nettie Cohen. Her husband procured a divorce from her under the name Nellie Neustader, the latter name as Mrs. Nita Allen, almost opposite the home of Chauncey M. Depew.

"These women people have mixed me up with some other woman," she said to a reporter. "I never saw William K. Vanderbilt in my life. I do not want to see him. I have no trouble about the big scandal, but because of a letter which had been received compromising her character. The governor's request that she be removed from the grounds of the Casino, but when I presented it, the chief said he did not have the letter, and sent me the name of the man who had written it. Mr. Vanderbilt called on me, then somebody will have to suffer for it."

This explanation, says the World, straightens out one tangle in the Vanderbilt separation case.

TALK FAVORS WILLIAM. There is some change in the talk about the trouble in the Vanderbilt family. Mr. Vanderbilt's friends are now saying, much so far, but they do not hesitate to say that when the truth is known he will be amply vindicated. So far as can be ascertained from the reports of the persons in the confidence of the Vanderbilts, their sympathies are all with the husband. They hope the matter will be cleared up by the action of the courts. Mr. Vanderbilt is willing, it is said, to give his wife all the money she wants, but he insists upon retaining charge of the children.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, as the eldest son of the late William H., is assumed to be the head of the family. His judgment in almost everything affecting the Vanderbilt properties. He watches almost jealously the movements of William K. Ever since the voyage of the Valiant was brought to such an abrupt termination he has been worried. The divorce suit of the Vanderbilts and the Vanderbilt family was about to become public property and he seemed powerless to prevent it.

While the Cornelius Vanderbilt went to Chicago on Monday he talked with several friends here. He appeared to be very much annoyed at the reports of the divorce, but he did not go, but to allow Mr. Webb, his brother-in-law, to represent the Vanderbilt interests at the Newell funeral. There was a rumor that he had been to the funeral, but it is not true. He is now in New York, and it is believed that he will be in New York for some time.

Mr. Webb took another special which left immediately after the funeral. His family was waiting for him at the depot. Mr. Vanderbilt went to a drug store and telegraphed to Thomas L. James at the Lincoln National Bank, New York, to call on the confidential friends of the Vanderbilts. It is ascertained by friends of William K. that he is in no way responsible for the interruption of the voyage of the Valiant, but that circumstances made it necessary for him to either leave the vessel or to leave the vessel. He consulted friends, and was advised to discuss the voyage. Since that time Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt have lived apart.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—The Herald says: Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt has been unpopular socially for a long period. Two summers ago at Newport, the comment on a flirtation between Mrs. Vanderbilt and C. H. P. Belmont was general and unfavorable, and only the immense wealth of the family kept her from being more severely punished. She was constantly together, and he was one of the few visitors admitted to the marble house. Once at least every day Mrs. Vanderbilt appeared on the floor of the court-room. A committee was appointed during the session to recommend a new method of ventilation for the hall of the house, but no action resulted. The work began by the next session. A committee was appointed during the session to recommend a new method of ventilation for the hall of the house, but no action resulted. The work began by the next session.

ONE ELEVATOR AND SOME PAINT. Spirit of Economy Cuts Down Changes in the Capitol to Bed Rock.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—There is rarely a time when some changes and alterations are not being made in the capitol building. There will be fewer than usual this recess, owing to the strict retrenchment of expenses practiced by the session just closed. The supreme court is to have a new elevator from the basement to the floor of the court-room. A committee was appointed during the session to recommend a new method of ventilation for the hall of the house, but no action resulted. The work began by the next session.

WILL GET TWO HOLIDAYS. Labor Day Will Be Doubly Observed by the Workingmen in Some States.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The conflict of the dates of observance of Labor day in several instances will result in a double holiday for postmasters in those states where the state proclamation prescribes September 1. A large number of telegrams have been received from the Postoffice department, inquiring which day to observe, that date or September 3, as provided in the act of congress setting apart the first Monday in the month. Acting Postmaster General Orange has advised that holiday hours are to be observed on the date assigned by the act, and under the postal laws and regulations all days apart by late authorities legal holidays may be observed.

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PORT ARTHUR ASSAILED

Combined Land and Naval Assault on that Strategic Point.

AFORDS A REFUGE FOR CHINESE SHIPS

Foreigners in Tien-Tsin Arming to Protect Themselves from the Chinese—European and American Naval Vessels Sent to Protect Their Countrymen.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 31.—Advices from Cheong state that the Japanese fleet has again attacked Port Arthur. Chinese junks from New Cheung report passing many corpses of Japanese soldiers at the mouth of the Lating river. This is taken as a confirmation of the reported Japanese defeat on that river.

Notwithstanding the imperial warnings against assisting Chinese foreigners, an uneasiness is growing at Tien-Tsin owing to the fact that numbers of young and undisciplined recruits are arriving there. The foreign residents are arming and combining for mutual defense. In response to their representations, France, Germany, Great Britain, the United States and other nations each sending a war ship to Tien-Tsin. The United States will send the Monocacy.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—A dispatch to the Times from Shanghai says: A Tien-Tsin dispatch from Chinese sources says fourteen Japanese ships with over 4,000 troops on board, and a large number of Chinese soldiers, numbering 5,000 men, and the Chinese fleet have been ordered to attack the Japanese.

BROKE HER OWN RECORD. Campana Gets Across the Ocean in Less Than Five and a Half Days.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—The Cunard line steamer Campana, which sailed from New York August 26, arrived at Queenstown today, bringing with her another transatlantic record. She passed the Cape of Good Hope at 5:24 a. m., having made the passage to that point in five days ten hours and forty-seven minutes. Heretofore the eastward record has been five days twelve hours and seven minutes, made in November, 1883, by the Campana.

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BURNED ON THEIR BOATS. Thousand Chinamen Meet Death in a Big Blaze on Canton River.

HONG KONG, Aug. 31.—A terrible fire has occurred on the Canton river. A flower boat caught fire and the flames spread until hundreds of other crafts were destroyed. The progress of the fire was so rapid that it was not until the boats were almost completely consumed that the fire was extinguished. The flower boats were moored stern and stern in rows, and large numbers of natives lived upon them. The spread of the conflagration from one boat to another was so rapid that the unfortunate Chinese had no time to get out from their moorings, a strong breeze blowing from the north.

Many hundreds of the persons on board the flower boats leaped overboard and were drowned, while several hundred others were killed by the flames. The fire was extinguished by the Hong Kong fire department.

LIVING IS CHEAPER HERE. Andrew Carnegie Says the American Workman Has the Advantage.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—Andrew Carnegie has said that an American workman could live for less in America than in Great Britain provided that he lives as frugally. Consequently Mr. Carnegie thinks that the argument that was made by the American labor unionists, that the American workman's position was like that of the old Scotch woman, who, when asked if she could live on a certain annuity, replied that she could live on that annuity, "but could spend double."

Will Investigate for Themselves. LONDON, Aug. 31.—The duke of Argyll, Jacob Bright, sr., Edward Russell and the editors of the Daily Chronicle and Daily News have announced that they will investigate for themselves the charges made by the colored woman who recently visited this country, denouncing the missions and simulating the name of Sanford, the colored woman who is said to be backed by Birmingham people. The members of the committee alluded to in the article here, are the duke of Argyll's committee sent three of its members on a tour of the United States in order to investigate the charges made by Mrs. Wells, but for obvious reasons they refused to authorize any colored man to act in their name.

Chinese Murder a French Officer. PARIS, Aug. 31.—The governor of Indochina, M. de Lanus, has ordered the 27th Chinese regiment to murder M. Challet, French collector of customs in Tonkin, and killed his wife and children. Troops pursued the outlaw but failed to capture him. The French government has demanded indemnity from the government at Peking.

Dynamiter with a Blast to His Name. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 31.—Baron Unger Sternberg, who is charged with being implicated in the dynamite outrages at Liege, Belgium, has been arrested here. He is said to be the chief of an international band of anarchists.

Car Off for a Vacation. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 31.—The czar and zarina, with the czaritch and their two youngest children, have started for the forest of Bjelovetz. Prof. Zocharin, the czar's medical attendant, accompanied the party.

Peace Congress and the War. ANTWERP, Aug. 31.—The international peace congress has adopted a resolution instructing the international bureau to approach the various European governments with a view of putting a stop to the war between China and Japan.

Cholera Record in Belgium. BRUSSELS, Aug. 31.—One new case of cholera is reported from Liege. There is also one new case at Neerpelt. At Tilleur, Jeannepe and St. Nicholas there was a total of twenty new cases and six deaths.

Hong Kong Free from the Plague. HONG KONG, Aug. 31.—This city on Monday last was declared free from the plague.

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