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CONGER WILL RETIRE

Ambassador to Mexico Tenders His Resignation to Take Effect October 18.

PERSONAL BUSINESS GIVEN AS REASON

Will Probably Not Go to China as Special Commissioner.

PRESIDENT EXPRESSES HIS REGRETS

Pays Compliment to Iowa Man's Service i Diplomatic Posts.

GOSSIP AS TO HIS SUCCESSO(

David E. Thompson of Nebraska W Probably Be Appointed—Assistant Secretary Loomis Appointed for the Place.

OYSTER BAY, Aug. 22.—Edwin H. Conger of Iowa has resigned his post as American ambassador to Mexico, to take effect October 18 next, and President Roosevelt has accepted the resignation.

Mr. Conger's retirement from the diplomatic service was foreshadowed in these dispatches last week. It was indicated then that he might be sent to Peking as a special commissioner of the president to adjust, if possible, the differences which have arisen between this country and China over the boycott of American goods by some of the Chinese commercial guilds. While no official statement is obtainable here regarding the mission, there are reasons for the statement that it has either been abandoned by the president or declined by Mr. Conger. At any rate, it is believed Mr. Conger will not go to China. It has not been determined definitely yet who will succeed Mr. Conger as ambassador to Mexico, but, as heretofore stated, it probably will be David E. Thompson of Nebraska, now American ambassador to Brazil. It is known that Ambassador Thompson desires the Mexico post.

In connection with the appointment the name of Francis B. Loomis, assistant secretary of state, has been mentioned, but it can be said pretty definitely that Mr. Loomis will not be appointed. His resignation as assistant secretary of state may be expected at any time. It is certain that he is to retire from the State department, but whether he will receive an appointment in the diplomatic service, as has been suggested, is thought to be somewhat problematical.

Correspondence in the Case.

The president tonight authorized the publication of the correspondence which passed between him and Ambassador Conger with regard to the latter's resignation. The letters follow:

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The President: For reasons pertaining to my private business and personal affairs, I have the honor to tender, herewith my resignation as ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Mexico, to take effect on the expiration of my leave of absence which will terminate October 18, 1905, or at such a date as will suit your convenience.

It is with feelings of regret that I leave a service the duties of which I have found so interesting and in which I have received so many evidences of your confidence, and such invariable courtesy and kindness at your hands, of which I shall always cherish most valuable and pleasant recollections, for all of which I thank you, Mr. President, with all my heart, and I have the honor to remain, Your obedient servant, E. H. CONGER.

OYSTER BAY, Aug. 19.—"My Dear Mr. Conger: I have received your resignation to take effect October 18, 1905, and accept it for that date. In thus accepting it I desire to express to you my cordial appreciation of the work that you have performed in China, as previously in Brazil. In zeal, efficiency and single-minded devotion to public duty you have been the kind of official of whom Americans have a right to feel proud, and I congratulate the country upon having had your services.

With all good wishes for your future, believe me, sincerely yours,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

GLADDEN TO MISSION BOARD

Congregational Divine Files Protest Against Statement by Prudential Board on Receiving Donation.

BOSTON, Aug. 22.—Dr. Washington Gladden of Columbus, O., moderator of the national council of Congregational churches, has sent to the officers of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, whose headquarters are in this city, a criticism of the statement of principles issued by the prudential committee of the board in relation to the acceptance of so-called "tainted money." Dr. Gladden also forwarded a resolution on the acceptance of gifts by the board, which he intends to offer at the annual meeting of the board in Seattle, Wash., September 14 to 18.

Dr. Gladden characterizes the statement of the prudential committee as being radically defective in three particulars:

That it does not recognize the fact that the board is simply agent and representative for the Congregational churches; that the statement of irresponsibility for the sources from which donations come is far too sweeping and that the real question of soliciting funds from doubtful sources is evaded.

Following is the Gladden resolution:

Resolved, That the officers of this society should neither solicit nor invite donations to its funds from persons whose gains are generally believed to be made by methods morally reprehensible and socially injurious.

RECLAMATION OF ARID LANDS

Irrigation Congress Discusses Many Phases of This Subject in Sectional Meetings.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 22.—The National Irrigation Congress today considered subjects kindred to reclamation of arid lands, in sectional meetings.

There was an apparently wide difference of opinion between the officials of the reclamation service and the delegates on the effectiveness of the present law. The resolutions committee, before whom the actual work of the congress is proceeding, emphatically set its foot down today on the foreign emigration resolutions introduced at the general session. The subject has been disposed of temporarily.

Another resolution on which the committee acted adversely was one which favored amending the reclamation law in the interests of large land holders.

WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL

New National Bank is Authorized to Open at Shelby, Neb.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The comptroller of the currency today approved the application to organize the First National bank of Shelby, Neb., capital $25,000. Mr. Fred Anderson, Alfred P. Anderson, Charles Krumbach, Frank E. Smith, George M. Smith and Edward L. Anderson are the organizers.

LONG FIGHT AGAINST WAVES

Chicago Couple Carried Out Into Lake in Small Boat Rescued by Life Savers.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—After being afloat on Lake Michigan since Sunday evening in a small rowboat, John Chartres and Miss Zella Stewart, of Ravenswood were rescued late this afternoon. Both of them are in a precarious condition because of exposure and lack of nourishment.

Sunday afternoon, Chartres called at the residence of Miss Stewart and asked her to go boat riding on the lake. They rented a small skiff from a fisherman and went out to the lake. About two hours after they departed a squall swept over the lake and then nothing was heard from the couple. It was thought they had been either lost or blown out to the middle of the lake and were picked up by some passing steamer. This afternoon while the life saving crew of Ravenswood was patrolling the lake in the effort to find some trace of them, the boat was discovered about ten miles off shore.

Chartres explained that during the squall one of his oars was broken, and that being unable to propel the boat after that, he had devoted all his energies to keeping it afloat and out of the trough of the sea, which at times was exceedingly rough.

His strength was about gone when he and Miss Stewart were discovered, and he declared that he could not have held out for another night.

SUIT AGAINST STANDARD CO.

Widow of Inventor of Refining Process Asks Judgment for Fifty Million Dollars.

BOSTON, Aug. 22.—A motion was made in the supreme court today for the appointment of a commission to take the testimony of John D. Rockefeller and other officers of the Standard Oil company in the $50,000,000 suit brought by Mrs. Elizabeth F. Greenough of this city, who alleges that amount to be due her as royalty on the oil refined by the company since 1874.

The suit is based on an alleged contract made with the late Benjamin F. Greenough, the inventor of a refining process, by the terms of which Greenough was to receive one-quarter of a cent on every gallon of oil sold by the Standard Oil company.

H. H. Rogers, who is made the chief defendant, in his reply to the suit says an agreement was made, but Mr. Greenough himself vacated it on January 1, 1875.

SECRETARY TAFT IS AT CEBU

Party Will Proceed from There to China with Relief for Legation Guards.

CEBU, P. I., Aug. 22.—Secretary Taft and party arrived at 9 o'clock this morning on the transport Logan. The Logan was met outside and escorted into the harbor by scores of launches and boats. The entire city is decorated. The program of entertainment includes a parade, a race meeting and a visit to Magellan's monument. A banquet and ball will conclude a picturesque and interesting day.

The Logan will sail for Tacloban at daybreak tomorrow. The Logan will take Secretary Taft's entire party and a company of marines to relieve the legation guards at Peking by Hong Kong, proceeding from there to Tien Tsin with those of the party who will visit Peking. General Corbin will accompany the party to Peking to arrange the transfer of the legation guard and the Logan will return to Manila.

WHITE EARTH INDIANS OBJECT

Protest Filed with Interior Department Against Proposed Sale of Timber on Reservation.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 22.—The Indians on the White Earth reservation as well as people in northern Minnesota generally, and the members of the Minnesota delegation in congress, are up in arms over the proposed sale in one lump of approximately 275,000,000 feet of reservation timber variously estimated in value at $2,000,000.

Congressman Stevens of St. Paul, has addressed letters to Secretary Hitchcock of the department of interior and Indian Commissioner Leupp vigorously protesting against the proposed sale on the ground that the interval between the first publication of the notice, August 14, and the date of the sale, September 5, is too short to afford lumbermen generally an opportunity to ascertain the quantity and quality of timber with a view of making an intelligent bid, and on the further ground that the rights of the Indians, who own the land are not properly safeguarded.

TWO DETROIT PAPERS MERGED

Daily Tribune, After an Existence of Seventy Years, is Absorbed by the Evening News.

DETROIT, Aug. 22.—After an existence of nearly seventy years, during part of which time it has been a morning paper, during another part an evening paper, and published for fifteen years both morning and evening, the Detroit Tribune will tomorrow morning announce its consolidation with the Evening News under the title of the Detroit News.

According to the announcement the amalgamation has been under consideration from the time of the purchase of the Tribune by the Evening News proprietors in 1891. The Sunday edition will continue to be known as the Detroit News-Tribune.

Mr. Ralph H. Booth, who has been publisher of the Tribune during the past nine months, retires with the consolidation. The announcement intimates that he will shortly become the head of another newspaper property.

ASK FOR JOINT STATEHOOD

Indian Chiefs Declare in Favor of Admission of Territory and Oklahoma as One State.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Aug. 22.—Resolutions declaring for immediate statehood for Oklahoma and Indian Territory as on state were adopted today by the statehood and constitutional convention of the Indians of the Five Civilized tribes.

Then after the appointment of a committee of fifty-one, which is to draft a constitution for presentation to the convention, the gathering adjourned to await the work of the committee. The committee will meet daily to await the work of drafting the constitution among sub-committees. This, is believed, will consume two or three weeks time.

The prohibitionists apparently have won their fight and will be permitted to prepare a strong prohibition plank.

STORTHING ADOPTS PROPOSAL

Formal Negotiations for Dissolution of Swedish-Norwegian Union Begin Soon.

ALL ANXIOUS FOR AMICABLE SETTLEMENT

Indications that Sweden Will Consent to Have Bernadotte Prince Accept Throne of Norway.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Aug. 22.—The Storthing today adopted by a vote of 104 to 11 the proposals of the government for the formal opening of negotiations with Sweden for the dissolution of the union.

The passage of the resolution relating to the opening of negotiations with Sweden for the dissolution of the union was not secured without obstinate resistance on the part of the radical and socialist factions, whose program is to prevent negotiations with Sweden. The crushing majority of the government, however, shows that the Storthing and the people are anxious to secure an amicable settlement. The government is firmly opposed to any change in its proposals, evidently wishing to meet the Riksdag half way.

The committee on negotiations probably will be appointed at once and will consist of Foreign Minister Loevland, C. C. Berner, president of the Storthing, and former Minister of the Interior Voghti It is understood in authoritative circles that Sweden is now inclined to concede the candidacy of a prince of the house of Bernadotte.

Attitude of Sweden.

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 22.—The members of the cabinet are not willing to express an opinion until the full report of the action of the Storthing is reached. A prominent member, however, said to the Associated Press today:

It appears that the Storthing's decision embraces the approval of the primary principles in which the Riksdag founded its action.

We understand that the Storthing's decision coincides with the view held by the Riksdag that negotiations on the principal conditions shall precede the Riksdag's consent to a dissolution of the union and cancelation of the Riksakt. The broad lines of settlement once reached, however, there is every reason to hope for a satisfactory solution of the question.

FRANCE DEMANDS INDEMNITY

Sultan of Morocco Asked to Pay for Arrest of French Subject.

TANGIER, Morocco, Aug. 2.—The French minister, St. Rene Taillander, has presented to the sultan, Mulai Abd El Aziz, an energetic demand for an indemnity of $2,000 for the recent arrest of a Franco-Algerian citizen. The minister also demands the punishment of the official responsible for the arrest and an additional indemnity of $100 daily until the prisoner is released.

It is believed that the sultan will promptly grant the demands of the minister, as it is definitely known that the French minister is determined to adopt forcible means to bring the sultan to terms should satisfaction not be immediately given, including, if necessary, the occupation of a Moroccan port.

This incident is independent of the Franco-German controversy regarding the proposed international conference. Indeed, it is known that Germany approves the course of France in resenting the unwarranted arrest of one of its citizens. This German approval goes even beyond the desire of France, as the German government has given official notification of its intention to support the action of the French government, whereas the latter has not sought, directly or indirectly, any support in maintaining the rights of French citizens.

Moroccan officials recently arrested the chief of the Algerian settlement at Gharb because of local troubles. The demand of the French minister for the release of the Algerian was refused, the sultan claiming that all Mussulmen the moment they entered Moorish territory came under his jurisdiction as caliph of Islam.

RUSSIANS KILL WRECKED MEN

Survivors of Foundered Schooner Are Shot When Trying to Secure Help.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 22.—News was received by the steamer Shawmut of the return to Hakodate of the Japanese sealing schooner Tora with four dead and four wounded, and with news of the murder of fourteen other sealers of the schooner Matsu Moto by Russians off the Kamtchatka coast. The Tora was hunting seals off the Kuriles when it picked up a boat of the Matsu Moto containing four men. They reported that while hunting off Copper island their schooner had foundered during a storm, nine of their crew drowning with the vessel. The remaining eighteen in three boats managed to reach the Kamtchatkan coast, about fifty miles northeast of Cape Loopatka. The four men picked up by the Tora had left the survivors on the beach to seek a coast settlement where provisions could be obtained. The Tora returned to succor the shipwrecked sealers, but when the landing place was reached the Russians opened fire on the Tora's boats. It was learned that the fourteen shipwrecked sealers had been killed and the Tora's sealers were driven back to their vessels with four dead and four wounded. The Tora then returned to Hakodate with the dead and wounded.

DENVER BANK MUDDLE GROWS

District Court Removes Assignee Beatty and Supreme Court Orders Stay in the Proceedings.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 22.—Judge Mullins in the district court today removed Henry M. Beatty as assignee of the Western State bank and named the Continental Trust company to act instead. The trust company immediately filed bonds in the sum of $1,395,000. The reasons given by Judge Mullins for his action are that Beatty is a defendant in the suit pending against the bank and that as cashier Beatty paid to the local aerie of Eagles money which they had on deposit after the bank had closed its doors, thereby doing an injustice to other depositors.

Attorneys for Beatty at once applied to the supreme court for a stay of proceedings and Justice Campbell issued an oral order restraining Judge Mullins from further action.

Six complainants appeared before District Attorney Stidger today and requested that information should be filed against the officials of the Denver Savings bank, charging them with having received bank deposits after the institution was insolvent. The official statement of the receiver of the bank shows that its cash on hand and money due from other banks dwindled in one month from $586,334 to $170,868.

NEW SUIT IN WAGGAMAN CASE

Bill Filed by Trustee in Bankruptcy Attacks Validity of Trust to Catholic University.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Attorneys for H. Rosero Dulaney, trustee in bankruptcy for Thomas E. Waggaman, who was treasurer of the Catholic university until his failure in business about a year ago, today filed in the district supreme court a bill in equity against Waggaman and John Ridout, trustees.

The proceeding is brought with a view to securing the sale of what is known as "Woodley park," in which Waggaman has a large interest, and the distribution of the money among creditors and to set aside a preference under the bankruptcy law the deed of trust obtained from Waggaman by the Catholic university in July, 1904, a few weeks prior to his failure. Several persons are named as defendants in the bill. The validity of the trust to the Catholic university, approximately $996,000, is challenged in the bill on the ground that it is a preference under the bankruptcy law and that the university had reasonable ground to believe when the trust was organized that a preference was thereby intended.

The claim is made that the Woodley park property is worth about $1,300,000, against which, according to the attorneys for Trustee Dulaney, there are filed liens to the extent of $360,000, leaving an equity in the property of about $840,000.

If the deed to the university is set aside, the attorneys say, the trustee in bankruptcy should receive about $500,000 from the sale of the property for distribution among the unsecured creditors.

It is understood the university will vigorously resist the efforts to vacate the trust. Some of the notes secured by deeds of trust against the property and which, the holders allege, have not been paid are held by prominent individuals and corporations, among them being the Corcoran Gallery of Arts, $142,700; Georgetown college, $12,500; the Louise Home, $10,000; Admiral John G. Walker, $15,000; Admiral F. M. Ramsay, $1,000; the Catholic university, $3,000, and Cardinal Gibbons, $5,000. No attack is made upon the validity of these incumbrances in the bill filed today.

Prior to his failure Mr. Waggaman had been extensively engaged in real estate operations for many years in Washington.

According to his attorney, Waggaman, who was indicted today by the federal grand jury on a charge of embezzlement, is now in Virginia and can be reached in a few hours' time.

BAR ASSOCIATION MEETS

Section on Legal Education Holds Preliminary Session—Prominent Lawyers Present.

NARRAGANSETT PIER, R. I., Aug. 22.—As a preliminary to the annual meeting of the American Bar association, which is to open here tomorrow, a conference of the association's section of legal education was held today. President Lawrence Maxwell, jr., of Cincinnati presided and addresses, papers and a general discussion occupied the session. Dean Nathan Abbott of the law school of Leland Stanford, jr., university and president of the American Association of Law Schools, was the principal speaker. James P. Hall, dean of the University of Chicago law school, read a paper on "Practice Work and the Elective Studies in Law Schools." A general discussion of law school matters followed.

A meeting of the association of the American law schools, an auxiliary organization, was held this evening. President Abbott presided. Law school subjects and the question of establishing a law school quarterly were discussed, but definite action was deferred.

The first session of the Bar association will be held tomorrow forenoon and will continue throughout Friday. All day prominent men of law have been arriving, especially individuals representing the leading university law schools.

Twenty-five law schools were represented at the convention of the Association of American Law Schools which convened here tonight. An address was delivered by Nathan Abbott, dean of the Leland Stanford university law school. It was decided to establish a new quarterly. These officers were chosen:

President, Henry Wade Rogers, dean of the Yale university law school; secretary treasurer, W. P. Rogers, dean of the University of Cincinnati law school; executive committee, H. B. Beal, Harvard university law school; William E. Mikell, University of Pennsylvania law school and president F. Brooks of Syracuse university law school.

NEW SOCIETY IS ORGANIZED

National Association of Manufacturers Incorporate Under the Laws of New York.

ALBANY, Aug. 22.—Twenty-one prominent manufacturers from different parts of the country are named as directors of the National Association of Manufacturers of the United States of America, which was incorporated here today for the principal purpose of regulating relations between employes and employers and dealing with labor unions.

The certificate states that the organization is formed for the "betterment of relations between employer and employe, the protection of the individual liberty and rights of employer and employe, the education of the public in the principle of individual liberty and ownership of property, the support of legislation in furtherance of these principles and opposition to legislation in degrotation thereof, also to secure freedom from unlawful and unjust exactions." The principal offices are in New York. The directors include D. M. Parry, Indianapolis; J. W. Van Cleave, St. Louis; Elliott Durand, Chicago; C. W. Post and B. T. Skinner, Battle Creek, Mich.; A. B. Farquahr, York, Pa.; F. C. Mumernacher, Louisville, Ky.; John Kirby, jr., Dayton, O.; Richmond C. Jenkinson, Newark, N. J.; Daniel C. Ripley, Pittsburg; H. S. Smith, Menasha, Wis.; H. S. Chamberlain, Chattanooga, Tenn.; D. A. Tompkins, Charlotte, N. C.; Edward H. Dean, Indianapolis.

PROCEEDINGS OF Y. W. C. A.

Three Addresses Before the National Conference Yesterday on Important Phases of Work.

WILLIAMS BAY, Wis., Aug. 22.—At the National Young Women's Christian association conference at Geneva lake today, Mrs. Alice Peloubet Norton of the University of Chicago spoke on the social value of domestic science.

Mrs. Lydia Lord of Oberlin spoke on her personal experiences in China, as a missionary under the American board, carrying on educational work there, declaring the lost ground has been regained since the Boxer troubles, and Christianity has become more powerful than before.

Dr. Frank Bagley, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church of Denver, preached to the delegates today.

FIGHT ON YELLOW FEVER

Progress in New Orleans Encouraging to Marine Hospital Surgeons.

DESPERATE SITUATION IN LEESVILLE

Sixty-Nine Positive and Fifty-Three Suspicious Cases Discovered in Small Village—Inhabitants Panic Stricken.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 22.—Report of yellow fever situation to 6 p. m.:

New cases	57
Total to date	1,503
Deaths	9
Total deaths	214
New foci	21
Total foci	342
Remaining under treatment	319

With the fever checked in the city and plans under way to prevent further reinfection from the country, the local situation is still encouraging. Of the new foci eight are above Canal street, one is in Rosa Park, a fashionable residence park opening into St. Charles avenue, a well known citizen and member of Governor Blanchard's staff being the victim. Another case is at a boy's college, one of the employes being stricken. The Rev. Father Evelihe, pastor of St. Maurice church, is another patient. Of the deaths only one occurred up town, that of a clerk who had been living here nine months.

Many Cases Outside.

The news from outside the city shows the continued seriousness of the situation. Definite information was received from Dr. J. A. Devron, the state board physician sent to Leeville, a few days ago. His report shows that the first news received from there was not exaggerated. During two days of work there he found sixty-nine positive cases of fever, fifty-three suspicious cases and 145 cases of dengue. He adds:

There are about 300 houses and families here and I do not think there is a single house here which has not one or more cases of sickness. The people are completely distracted. All seem to have lost ambition to work. They are completely demoralized.

He asks for more doctors and nurses as the situation is beyond the capacity of one man. He reports two more deaths since his arrival.

Patterson reports fifteen new cases and no deaths.

St. Tammany parish reports a positive case on the road between Mandoville and Lewisburg, which came from New Orleans.

Hanson City reports six new cases, Kenner one and Arph plantation two.

There was one death on Elizabeth plantation in Iberville.

St. Rose, in St. Charles parish, has two cases and one is dead.

Corinne plantation, in St. Bernard parish, below the city, reports one death, an Italian boy.

Mississippi City reports three new cases and states that the report that the State board has declared the fever epidemic there is unfounded.

Prominent Citizen Arrested.

In spite of all the agitation there has been on the subject, some of the cisterns still remain unscreened and the police have received orders to spare no one who shows an indisposition to obey the law. Failure to screen caused Hart Newman, former president of the New Orleans Base Ball club and a son of Isidor Newman, the millionaire banker, to spend a brief time in a cell today. Mr. Newman is the head of the company which owns Athletic park. Some one discovered that there were three unscreened cisterns on the grounds and made an affidavit against him. When the police appeared in his Carondolet street offices today Mr. Newman ordered them out and then barred the doors. The policemen disappeared and Mr. Newman went to police headquarters. When he reached there he was arrested and locked up. Later he was released by Inspector Whitaker. Mr. Newman was indignant at his arrest. He said he had made large contributions to the citizens' fund and had paid to screen a large number of cisterns that he did not own in his ward and had simply forgotten the cisterns at the park.

Scared in Country Districts.

Some of the country towns are seeking to avoid a clash with the state board of health in the matter of quarantine in a manner calculated to be damaging to New Orleans. Lake Charles is an instance. The fear of fever is so great there that the people refuse to accept any freight whatever from here.

Among today's telegrams to the mayor was one from Democratic Campaign Manager Thomas Taggart, of Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Taggart wrote of his sympathy and offered large contributions of water from French Lick for the hospitals and for the poor patients. The offer was accepted.

The management of the New Orleans base-ball club does not expect that any of the clubs in the Southern league will have to take advantage of the protection offered by the national commission. The New Orleans games have been transferred to Atlanta and the Shreveport games to Chattanooga. The New Orleans players are being kept on the rolls at their full salaries, in spite of heavy losses that the managament is suffering.

More Precautions at Cairo.

CAIRO, Ill., Aug. 22.—The new quarantine order which requires everyone before entering Cairo to secure a permit, will go into effect Saturday morning. These permits must be secured from either the state or city officials, they will be issued by T. A. Fuller, chairman of the Cairo Board of Health or by Secretary Egan of the State Board of Health, requests addressed to them will be acted upon promptly. The health officers were busy today issuing certificates, over 1,000 being taken out, mostly by people going to Chicago and St. Louis on the excursions. The health officers here believe they inspected a steamboat last week that carried the yellow fever to Gregory, Mo. Early one evening they met a small boat a few miles below Cairo and an inspector boarded it. The boat was from Natchez, Miss., and was in a very filthy condition. The boat was unprovided with certificates and was very much dilapidated in appearance. While the inspector was aboard, two men left the boat in a skiff. The captain was asked about the men and he stated that they were sick with malaria and desired to go ashore. The inspector's launch gave chase for the men, but they were not overtaken and succeeded in landing and escaping in the woods. The steamboat was watched, but as it carried no lights, it soon disappeared and it is thought proceeded up the Mississippi and carried the yellow fever into the railroad camp at Gregory, Mo.

Automobile Races Abandoned.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—The Chicago Automobile club today decided to abandon its track meet scheduled for this fall. This action was taken because of the protests against automobile racing on a circular track, caused by the recent accidents to Oldfield, Kiser and Jay on eastern tracks. Chairman E. Myers of the club's racing board stated that the club intends if possible to secure a tract of land near the city large enough to contain a track at least two miles in circumference to be used exclusively for automobile racing.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair Wednesday and Thursday.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	71	1 p. m.	86
6 a. m.	70	2 p. m.	88
7 a. m.	71	3 p. m.	87
8 a. m.	72	4 p. m.	87
9 a. m.	76	5 p. m.	87
10 a. m.	78	6 p. m.	86
11 a. m.	82	7 p. m.	84
12 m.	84	8 p. m.	82
		9 p. m.	80

WRECK NEAR ROSSVILLE, KAN.

Three Trainmen Killed in Head-on Collision Between Freight Trains on Union Pacific.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 22.—Three persons were killed shortly after 1 o'clock this morning in a head-end collision between two Union Pacific freight trains, one and one-half miles of Rossville, a town on the Union Pacific, eighteen miles west of Topeka.

The dead:

WILLIAM H. GIBSON, engineer, Kansas City, Kan.

—— OLESON, fireman.

CLARENCE REESE, conductor.

Nobody was seriously injured. The three men killed were members of the crew of an extra eastbound wheat train, which crashed into the second section of regular westbound 161 at a sharp curve.

The dead will be brought to this city as rapidly as possible. The local Union Pacific people refuse to give out any information about the wreck.

Two of the members of the crew of No. 161 are missing, but Rossville reports that a search of the wreckage reveals only three bodies. Both locomotives were demolished.

FAIRBANKS AT OGDENSBURG

Vice President Given an Enthusiastic Reception by Veterans in Reunion There.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Aug. 22.—Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks, accompanied by Congressman and Mrs. David J. Foster arrived here tonight in Congressman Foster's private car from Manchester, Vt., and were welcomed at the station by thousands of citizens. Battalions of United States troops and the National Guard escorted the vice president's party to the residence of Senator George R. Maltby, whose guests they are during their visit. A most enthusiastic welcome was given the vice president all along the route. Thousands of old veterans stood near the Maltby residence, Mr. Fairbanks standing uncovered as his carriage passed them.

Tonight the vice president occupied a box at the campfire of the St. Lawrence County Veterans association, now in convention, his presence being the occasion of an enthusiastic demonstration.

Tomorrow evening the party will go to Alexandria bay as guests of William B. Ridgely, comptroller of the currency. A reception will be tendered them in the evening at the Thousand Island house.

MUNICIPAL DEBTS ARE LARGE

Hundred and Seventy-Five Cities Owe Two Hundred Millions More Than Federal Government.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—According to a bulletin issued by the Census bureau the aggregate financial transactions of the 175 cities of the United States, having a population of over 25,000 equal in magnitude those of the national government excluding the postal service. The total corporate receipts from these cities amounted to $541,624,203, in 1903 and the total corporate expenditures to $535,804,200.

The national debt in 1904 amounted to $895,157,410; the aggregate debt of the 175 cities, exclusive of sinking funds assets was $1,134,578,783. The receipts, expenditures, and deft for the city of New York represent about one-third of the city total.

FARMERS KILLED IN FIELD

George Smith and Son of Elmville, N. Y., Murdered While at Work—Neighbor Arrested.

FRANKFORT, N. Y., Aug. 22.—George Smith and James D. Smith, father and son, and well-to-do farmers of Elmville, a little village of this county, were murdered while at work in the field on their farm today by an unknown party. The elder Smith was killed instantly, a charge of shot penetrating his brain. The son received three wounds, one in the face and two in the back. Suspicion turned to Cal Newton, a neighboring farmer of equally good standing and he was arrested. He denies guilt. There was bad blood between the elder Smith and Newton, growing out of a question of a line fence between their farms.

CHICAGO PRINTERS TO STRIKE

Employers' Organization Unanimously Decides Not to Make Contracts on Eight-Hour Basis.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—At a meeting of the Chicago Typotheta today it was decided unanimously not to make any contracts on the eight-hour day basis, and as a result a strike of printers in the job offices represented by the association is expected. If a strike is declared about 600 printers will be directly affected, but if the trouble involves employes in other branches of the job printing trade between 3,000 and 4,000 persons may be thrown out of employment.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSIONS

Report of Secretary Smith Shows Nearly Half Million Dollars in Permanent Fund.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—At today's business session of the convention of the Missionary Societies of the Christian church Benjamin L. Smith, corresponding secretary of the American Christian Missionary society, read his annual report, showing that the society now has a permanent fund of $457,322.

The principal address was made by Rev. R. H. Crossfield of Owensboro, Ky.

Movements of Ocean Vessels Aug. 22.

At New York—Arrived: Kron Prinz Wilhelm, from Bremen. Sailed: Madonna, for Naples; Friederick der Grosse, for Bremen.

At Antwerp—Arrived: Vaderland, from New York.

At St. Johns, N. F.—Arrived: Carthagenian, from Liverpool.

At Glasgow—Arrived: Buenos Ayres, from Montreal.

At Bremen—Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm II, from New York.

At Queenstown—Arrived: Merion, from Philadelphia.

At Liverpool—Sailed: Lake Erie, for Montreal.

At Genoa—Sailed: Romanic, for Boston.

CZAR STANDS PAT

Russian Envoys Receive Long Cipher Cablegram from St. Petersburg.

RUMOR THAT IT IS A REFUSAL

Statement that it Takes Position that More Cannot Be Yielded.

POSITION OF RUSSIA IS REITERATED

Nation Has Shown Desire for Peace and Japanese Should Do Likewise.

OUTLINE OF THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN

It Suggests that Russia Buy Part of Sakhalin Island from the Captors and Pay for Keeping Prisoners.

BULLETIN.

PORTSMOUTH, Aug. 23.—2 a. m.—It is stated that Baron Komura has agreed to offer at the session at 9:30 this morning the president's compromise proposition. A high authority believes it impossible that a final rupture can come today, no matter what the character of the emperor's final instructions to M. Witte may be.

"If the negotiations can be prolonged into next week," he said, "so much pressure will be brought to bear upon the emperor that he will not be able to resist."

PORTSMOUTH, Aug. 22.—A long cable message from St. Petersburg, which is believed to be the Russian reply, arrived about 10 o'clock tonight and M. Witte's secretaries, M. Nabukoff and M. Plancon immediately began deciphering it.

Considerable excitement was apparent in the annex where the Russian headquarters are located. Sheet by sheet the translation was taken to M. Witte's room. The rumor is that it is a refusal—a non possimus—a reiteration of the Russian position that it has given ample proof of its desires for peace in the articles already accepted and more it could not accept with dignity and honor.

No confirmation of the rumor that Russia's reply is a negative one can be obtained and it must be accepted with all reserve. The lights in the rooms of M. Witte and Baron Rosen were burning long after midnight.

Proposal of the President.

The Associated Press is now in a position to reveal substantially the suggestion of President Roosevelt for breaking the existing deadlock in the peace negotiations and rescuing the conference from failure. His solution would ingeniously permit the satisfaction of the Japanese demands for reimbursement for the cost of the war and at the same time enable Russia to face the world with the declaration that it had not ceded a foot of territory or paid a kopec of war tribute to the victor. The solution is the one which has heretofore been described in the Associated Press dispatches as the natural and logical compromise. Tersely stated it consists in an agreement by Russia to repurchase possession of either all or half of the island of Sakhalin, now in the military occupation of Japan, for a sum, the amount of which if the two countries cannot agree, shall be decided by some method of arbitration hereafter to be determined. The purchase money, together with the sum Japan would obtain from the cesion of the Chinese Eastern railroad and the maintenance of the Russian prisoners in Japan, would, it is estimated, about equal the amount claimed by Japan as its bill for the cost of the war. Possibly, therefore, the solution offered by the president involves recession by Japan upon article v (the cession of Sakhalin) and recession by Russia upon article ix (indemnity). It seems practically certain, though this cannot be affirmed positively, that the president was able to give M. Witte substantial assurance that Japan would be willing to accept such a compromise. This is apparently supported by the authoritative Japanese statement made to the Associated Press tonight as to whether Japan had decided to make substantial concessions:

"It all depends upon Russia."

Meeting is Postponed.

It was the president's message to M. Witte which caused the sensation of the day. Early in the morning had come the official announcement that the meeting of the conference, which was to have been held today, was postponed until tomorrow at 9:30 o'clock. To the public, the reason assigned was that the protocols for the meeting had not been completed. But a few hours later the true reason leaked out. J. L. McGrew, one of the stenographers attached to the executive offices at Oyster Bay had arrived with a communication from the president for the Russian plenipotentiaries. M. Witte and Baron de Rosen had left the hotel ostensibly for a ride in an autocar to York Beach, but instead had quietly slipped over to the conference building at the navy yard to receive the message from Assistant Secretary Peirce. The most elaborate precautions had been taken to insure secrecy, but it leaked out through a "tip" from New York, which reached the Associated Press.

From 10:30 until 1:20 M. Witte and Baron de Rosen remained at the conference building with M. Peirce. All those present decline to make any statement regarding what transpired at the navy yard, even refusing to admit that any importance attached to the matter. M. Witte would only admit that he had gone to the building "to send a message," and Baron de Rosen and M. Peirce absolutely refused to make any statements.

Mr. McGrew took the 3:25 train to Boston. He carried a dress suit case which probably contained the reply to the president. This reply, it is believed, was prepared by M. Witte and Baron de Rosen after Mr. Peirce had delivered to them the president's message. A suggestion is made that during the stay at the navy yard the Russian plenipotentiaries were in direct communication with the president by telegraph, but there is nothing to substantiate this and under the circumstance it appears unlikely.

President Sees Kaneko.

Mr. Roosevelt's message to M. Witte and Baron de Rosen is believed to have been the result of his interview yesterday at Oyster Bay with Baron Kaneko, one of Marquis Ito's close friends who has acted as the president's medium of communication with the Tokio government.

It is asserted that in addition to the president's communication to M. Witte through Baron de Rosen last Sunday and by messenger today, messages directly to Emperor Nicholas have been delivered by Ambassador Meyer at St. Petersburg, but no official confirmation is obtainable. The