

LABOR MEN CONFERENCE

Union Leaders Meet in Washington to Discuss Legislation.

SAMUEL GOMPERS PRESIDES Practically All National International Bodies Represented.

COURT DECISIONS TAKE UP Recent Findings Class Labor Organizations With Trusts.

WILL PROPOSE NEW LAWS Congress Will Be Asked to Make Changes in Anti-Trust Act and Acts Regulating Injunctions.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—A conference of far-reaching importance to labor began here today. Participating are President Gompers and the members of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, together with the executive officers of the international trades union of America, who met pursuant to a call issued by President Gompers.

After calling attention to the significance of these decisions, Mr. Gompers stated that the conference was for the purpose of "taking such action as the importance and merits of the subject dealt with may be considered and the members settling forth the position and demands of labor."

To Make Laws and Decisions Agree. The subject of the conference, therefore, was to consider proposed amendments to the Sherman anti-trust act which are being drafted with a view not of exempting labor organizations from their obligations to the public but rather to prevent any injustice being done through the operation of law to organizations of laboring men.

ACCOUNTANTS ARE ORGANIZED Association Will Assist in Keeping Competent Auditors for Business Houses.

Public accountants and auditors of Nebraska have organized an association for the purpose of giving better standing to all members and maintaining an organization which will assist in insuring against new and incompetent accountants and auditors.

ST. LOUIS BREWERS STRIKE Thirty-five Hundred Men Are Out and Nearly All Plants Are Idle.

ST. LOUIS, March 18.—Twenty-four breweries in St. Louis and East St. Louis went almost completely idle today by the walkout of nearly 2,500 union brewers, malsters, bottlers, firemen and freight handlers allied with the brewing interests.

OKLAHOMA POPULISTS EXTINCT Call for State Convention Brings Almost No One to Meeting at Guthrie.

GUTHRIE, Okla., March 18.—Only a few delegates of the populist party were on hand here today in response to Chairman Jacobs' call for a state convention to select delegates to the national convention at St. Louis.

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SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Thursday, March 19, 1908.

Table with columns for days of the week and numbers 1 through 31, representing a calendar or summary of events.

THE WEATHER. FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICINITY.—Probably snow during Thursday, slightly colder.

Table showing weather forecast for Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity, including temperature and wind direction.

DOMESTIC. Judge Wood sentences Harry Orchard and Smirnov to death for the confessed murder of ex-Governor Steiwer.

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FINISHING UP RUSSIAN WAR

General Fock Seriously Wounded General Smirnov in Duel.

MEETING HAS OFFICIAL CONSENT National Authority on Dueling Gives Word to Fire—Cause Grows Out of Port Arthur's Siege.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—Lieutenant General Smirnov was probably fatally wounded in a duel fought here this morning with Lieutenant General Fock.

Shortly before 10 o'clock General Fock and Smirnov appeared at the school. Without saluting, they took the places assigned by their seconds.

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BIG BRIDGE NEARLY READY

Pedestrians Cross Blackwell Island Cantilever Structure for First Time.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The great cantilever structure over East river, known as the Blackwell island bridge, which was constructed at a cost of nearly \$25,000,000, was traversed in its entire length by pedestrians today for the first time.

On the lower deck, projecting beyond the trusses, there will be a roadway wide enough for four three-horse teams to pass abreast.

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WOOD SENTENCES ORCHARD

Idaho Judge Finds Death His Due, but Recommends Commutation.

BELIEVES STORY OF MURDERER Court Says Man Who Killed Ex-Governor Steiwer Told the Truth About His Many Misdemeanors.

CALDWELL, Idaho, March 18.—Saying that he believed that Harry Orchard, in his testimony in the trials of William D. Hayward and George A. Pettibone, of the murder of ex-Governor Frank Steiwer, told the exact truth, attempting to conceal nothing, Judge Fremont Wood, in the district court, today recommended that the State Board of Pardons commute Orchard's sentence of death to imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

In sentencing Orchard and recommending the commutation of his sentence, Judge Wood reviewed the case from the time of the killing of Frank Steiwer to the present, including the arrest of Orchard, his confession, the arrest of Charles E. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, William D. Hayward, the re-arrest of Orchard, and the trial of Orchard and Pettibone and the plea of guilty entered by Orchard to the charge of murder in the first degree, the punishment for which under the Idaho statutes is death.

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GENERAL HORNE ON TRIAL

Kansas City Editor Who Shot H. J. Groves, and O. D. Woodward Charged With Murder.

KANSAS CITY, March 18.—The trial of Richard C. Horne, former vice president of the Kansas City Post Publishing company, charged with the murder of H. J. Groves, managing editor of that paper, was resumed in the criminal court here today.

Louis C. Boyle, formerly attorney general of Kansas, leading counsel for General Horne, in outlining the case of the defense said the defendant had not been treated fairly by O. D. Woodward, president of the company that publishes the Post.

In regard to the part of Orchard in the trial Judge Wood said that he was not more than satisfied that the defendant was not only acting in good faith in making the disclosures that he did, but that he also testified fully and fairly to the whole truth, withholding nothing that was material and declaring nothing which had not actually taken place.

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IOWA IS FOR TAFT

Republican State Convention Instructs Delegates-at-Large for Him.

ALLISON IS ALSO ENDORSED Vote for Resolution for Senator is 672 to 507.

OHIO TARIFF PLANK APPROVED Standpats Do Not Make Fight on Convention Floor.

PERSONNEL OF DELEGATION George D. Perkins, Lafayette Young, J. R. Lane and Frank W. Simmons Will Represent Iowa at National Convention.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 18.—The republican state convention today elected four delegates-at-large to the national convention, instructed them to vote for William H. Taft, endorsed Senator William E. Allison by a vote of 672 to 507 and approved the plank of the Ohio platform calling for a revision of the tariff at a special session of congress.

When the chairman of the committee on resolutions read the plank declaring that Senator Allison had served his party and his country well, a delegate from Polk, the home county of Cummins, interrupted with: "— and the railroads."

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