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THE PRESS CONGRESS.

Representatives of the prominent

newspapers of the world are having a

great time at St. Louis, this week. It

is eminently proper that the press

should be in evidence at a world's fair,

for that institution has become a power

for good or for evil, mightier in

some instances than the most absolute

despotism. About 50,000 newspapers

are published throughout the world.

This country sustains a large number

of these. Next in the number of period-

icals published comes Great Britain

and then Germany, France, Japan,

Italy, Austria, Spain, Russia, Switzer-

land, Holland, and Belgium.

Last month occurred the 20th anni-

versary of the establishment of the

first American newspaper, the Boston

News-Letter. The development of our

civilization has been rapid since then.

Steam navigation, railroads, the tele-

graph, the electric light, and hand-

reds of other "marvels" belong to the

period of the newspaper, and no doubt

the latter has been a great factor in the

rapid development of civilization. The

press is an intellectual force in the

world, felt everywhere. It has aided

in the establishment of brotherly rela-

tions between the widely separated na-

tions of the earth.

The gathering of newspaper men at

St. Louis is the largest ever held, as

the fair itself surpasses all previous ex-

positions. Editors from all over the

country have availed themselves of the

opportunity of meeting and exchanging

thoughts and ideas. Thousands of

newspapermen from the country at

large and from Europe, Canada, Asia

and Australia are in St. Louis this

week. As a congress of journalists

this reunion is notable in the annals of

the press.

A special feature of the session of the

National Editorial association was the

address by the president, Mr. P. V.

Collins, of Minneapolis. He referred to

the American press as the most poten-

tial power in the preservation of good

government, and said that upon it de-

volves the infinite responsibility of

directing the destiny of the people of

this country. At the same time he

charged the portion of the press gener-

ally known as "yellow" with a large

part of the responsibility for increase

in crime, and said he believed the much

boasted freedom of the press should be

curbed, for the welfare of the public.

These truths are being realized by the

thoughtful public, and they cannot be

too much emphasized.

JAPANESE REVERSES.

The latest advices from the seat of

war are different from former war

news. The Japanese seem to have suf-

fered reverses this time.

Only a few days ago the impression

prevailed that the Russians had been

forced to evacuate Newchwang, and

that Moukden, the ancient capital of

Manchuria was threatened. Port Ar-

thur was supposed to be isolated and

doomed to fall into the hands of the

enemy, shortly, while Vladivostok

caused no little anxiety at St. Peters-

burg, owing to rumors that it had been,

practically, invested as securely as

Port Arthur.

The situation now appears entirely

different. It is claimed that the Rus-

sians still hold Newchwang, and that

the Japanese army on the Yalu has

suffered defeat and been driven back to

Pengwangcheng. It is further reported

that 70,000 Russians are marching to-

ward Port Arthur, to relieve that

place. On the other hand, great naval

disasters are said to have weakened

the Japanese sea power, and almost

equalized the Russian chances. At

least two large vessels were lost off

Port Arthur last Sunday, and two other

ships are also reported lost. The Ja-

panese have evidently sustained severe

losses, and the Russians are again

hopeful. They believe that the arrival

of the Baltic fleet will give the Russians

another chance on the sea, and that

Japan without her undisputed naval su-

periority will be unable to pursue the

land operations.

The fortunes of war are always shift-

ing. The Japanese could not expect to

have everything their own way all the

time. They are now reminded of the

fact that they can only gain final vic-

tory by continual vigilance, and heroic

work.

MISS BARTON RETIRES.

The Red Cross society has for a long

time been torn with dissensions. The

president, Miss Barton, has been ac-

cused of autocratic methods, and a

committee was appointed to investigate

her business transactions. We do not

believe any serious fault was found

with the lady, who for years has de-

voted her time and means to the phil-

anthropic work of the society. But

now Miss Barton has retired, and her

place has been taken by Mrs. John A.

Logan. Miss Barton commenced her work during the Civil War, and became the good angel of the wounded soldiers. It is 23 years ago since she accepted the position of president of the Red Cross. She has been active during all these years, wherever her services have been needed, and her name has become familiar throughout the civilized world. Mrs. Logan, in accepting the presidency, declared that she would faithfully carry out the plans of Miss Barton. But notwithstanding this fragrant bouquet to the retiring president, her friends feel that an injustice has been done to her, especially in the accusations and insinuations that funds have been misappropriated. They claim that Miss Barton has been very much wronged, and the general public will feel inclined to take this view. Miss Barton's business methods may not have been most modern, but if charity covers a multitude of sins, her charity certainly will cover some errors of bookkeeping, if there are any. We regret the retirement of Miss Barton under such circumstances, though otherwise she has certainly earned rest, and we can but hope that she has not fallen the victim of ambitious hunters for offices and honor.

"THE EDITORIAL PAGE."

That was a fine address on this subject that Colonel Henry Waterson delivered before the National Editorial association at St. Louis yesterday. On this subject he speaks as one having authority, for it is very doubtful if there is in all the country so eminent an editor as he. He may almost be called the last of the great editors, of the race of Raymond, Greeley, Bowles and Godkin.

The editorial page, it cannot be denied, is not what it once was. There is but too much truth in what the Colonel says that "under a certain spell which has crept upon the modern news paper it is becoming, if it has not already become, a rather useless appendage—not even ornamental." Why this is so is not readily explainable. European critics of the American press account for it by saying that the reporter department dominates the editorial, that it in large measure usurps its functions by incorporating in what should be strictly news items editorial comments and opinions. There is some truth in the criticism. In America the explanation given for the decay of influence of the editorial page is that it is subordinate to the counting room of the newspaper; that the rule has got to be, "Dollars first, independence second." In this case there is a grain of truth, perhaps several.

But beyond all these there is a better and truer reason for the decline of influence of the editorial page. The country over, it is not only as strong today as it ever was but it is stronger; there has been a leveling up instead of a leveling down. At one time the newspaper was looked upon as a veritable Sir Oracle. When that was the case, as it was, and is to some extent yet, what the paper said had a currency and authority that nothing else had. In the popular mind it was the decision of the court of last resort, and from it of course there could be no appeal. All that is changed. People realize that newspapers are the product of human beings, and that those beings are not infallible. Nor do they depend so much on the papers to do their thinking for them as once they did; they do it themselves; but that they do it for themselves is due in large measure to the newspapers, which have taught them to do it. While the editorial page is not the great feature it once was this is true: that a weak editorial page gives to a paper a weak reputation no matter how excellent it may be in every other department; it is still the keystone of the journalistic arch. Though not always in evidence and self asserting it is still the power behind the throne.

All newspaper people should read Col. Waterson's address; from it much may be learned, for he himself is a prince of editors.

AS TO DANCING.

The Methodists, who are looking into the particulars of dancing should make a note of the proceedings of the dancers' congress, recently held in Berlin. That "congress" condemned the cake walk, and any other "vulgar" dance, "deficient in gracefulness." But it accepted the statement of the president in his address that, "The dance is the only exercise for young people that refines and polishes manners, raises the aesthetic sense, and, while calling forth the tender sentiments, teaches restraint. The dancer has to submit to rules, to accept the mastery of music—whose some conditions so long as the composer keeps in an ideal world and ignores the base passions which he can excite." Perhaps the way out of the dancing dilemma is to draw a distinction between dances, and permit some, while proscribing others.

THE OLD SLAVERY LINE.

Some of our colored brethren are blamed for advocating a negro exodus to Africa. The proposed remedy is, perhaps, unpractical, but what practical plan is there? The negroes are ostracized, disfranchised, mobbed, and generally crowded to the wall, and they naturally look about for a refuge. The latest restriction on the negro is laid by "the hotel and restaurant employees' international league." This body, meeting at Rochester, N. Y., directs that no charter be granted hereafter in any city to the colored bartenders in the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma territory and Indiana unless by permission of a majority of the "locals." The roll, says the Springfield Republican, "is but a slight modification of the old Mason and Dixon's line—the dear old times of slavery are coming back, sure enough, when lines of social equality are drawn by waiters, porters and bartenders. By and by we shall have leagues of newbays, bootblacks and streetsweepers passing regulations of tabu. This wicked folly has got to stop somewhere." But, if it

does not stop, the negro cannot be blamed for refusing to sing America, or for looking to the "dark continent" for the liberty denied him under the flag of liberty.

A leading Russian tenor, Sobinoff, has joined the reserves. This will give them tone.

So far as sinking ships is concerned, honors between Russia and Japan are about even.

Colonel Clowry of the Western Union does not propose that the race shall be to anybody.

Blowing up battleships with submarine mines appears to be a game at which two can play.

Neither Japan nor Russia, but old Neptune, has command of the sea around Port Arthur.

It was Brooks of Natrona and not Brooks of Sheffield who was successful at Laramie yesterday.

The Russian army surgeons are praising the Japanese bullets. Especially those that never touch them.

Just imagine Colonel Waterson saying to Mr. Cleveland's face all that he has said about him in his paper.

"What will Judge Parker say when he does begin to talk?" is a popular question of the day. "Rais!" in all likelihood.

When a place in a public institution is "tendered" anyone only that person knows how much rustling and anxiety it represents.

The scientists are still insisting that people eat too much. Still people are cautious enough not to swallow all that the scientists say.

So the Moors of Morocco have kidnapped an American citizen and a British subject. It now behooves the Sultan to forthwith secure their release.

General Miles has bought the farm where he was born. It shows a fine feeling but a log cabin campaign cannot be successfully conducted in the twentieth century.

New York City has determined that the milk sold there shall be pure; any found that is not pure will be emptied into the gutter. It will be useless for crooked dealers to cry over spilt milk.

Springfield and Madison are both offering first class attractions, but it would have been better for the reading public if they had not been simultaneous.

Friends of Mr. Harold Orlob, the gifted son of Mr. Christian Orlob of the Z. C. M. I., are pleased to hear of his success as a composer of music. Detroit papers tell of his latest work in that line and predict success for it. It is a comic opera, "The Merry Grifters," the libretto of which has been written by a Detroit professor.

WHAT AILS COLORADO.

Pueblo Chieftain.
Another tragedy in the long series of Colorado's industrial disturbances is the murder of Detective Gregory. Nothing can excuse such a crime, and the machinery of the law should be set to work and kept at it until the cowardly assassins are captured and properly punished for their crime. And similar vigilance should be exerted to detect and to punish the assailants of Organized Wardon, whoever they were. Colorado cannot afford to tolerate private warfare or murderous conspiracies, no

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matter by whom organized or for what purpose. Every crime of this character is certain to bring a train of terrible evils after it, and public safety, as well as the honor of the state, demand that assassination and murder as means of promoting industrial strife or private vengeance shall be immediately and sternly stamped out, at whatever cost is necessary to accomplish the desired result.

Los Angeles Express.
For many months past peaceful Americans who have been disturbed by a political "rough house" in Santo Domingo have been discussing the advisability of establishing a protectorate over the miserable and ill-favored republic. The proposal is not without merit, but it might be suggested that the country first try its hand at "settling" Colorado. The Centennial state of the Union seems to be drifting into Santo Domingo-Hayti class. Labor organizations, citizens' alliances and troops have presented a spectacle to outsiders strongly suggestive of the revolutionary happenings in the Antilles.

KNOX AND TRUSTS.

Denver Republican.
Democrats who have been trying to make capital out of the alleged indifference of Attorney-General Knox to unwise combinations known as trusts find no comfort in the answer returned by him to the two house resolutions asking information concerning the action of the department of justice. The answer shows that the attorney-general and his assistants were engaged in investigating the relations existing between the anthracite coal companies and the railroad companies when a suit was introduced to disclose the facts concerning those relations. In other words, the Hearst suit was a needless proceeding by which Mr. Hearst hoped to gain applause. It was unnecessary, because the department of justice was already working along the same lines.

Kansas City Star.
President Roosevelt and Attorney-General Knox have demonstrated that there is much virtue in the Sherman law, which was regarded largely as a dead letter before these men put it into effect, and they have brought about new legislation, greatly strengthening the government in dealing with the trusts. In the matter of the anthracite coal trust, Mr. Knox has given a thoroughly satisfactory answer.

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