

OSCAR S. STRAUS VISITS GOVERNOR

Head of Department of Commerce and Labor Makes Some Calls

HE CANNOT BE A PESSIMIST

He Says in the Face of the Prosperous Conditions of

Most Serious Handicap He Has Encountered On His Trip is the Universal Shortage of Labor.

For the third time within the summer Salt Lake is entertaining one of the men whom Roosevelt has chosen to be his nearest personal affiliates in carrying out his administrative views on the conduct of government business.

The man who follows Secy. Garfield, a young man who was unknown until the president took an interest in him a few years ago, and Gen. Bell, who was only a captain when the Philis-

by Col. T. G. Webber, who said in an interview that the Z. C. M. I. had done business with Mr. Straus for many years, and with his father before him, while he was receiving his early business training. Col. Webber added, however, that on receiving his cabinet place Mr. Straus had resigned from all private business connections and given his entire time to the government.

PURPOSE OF VISIT.

The real purpose of the visits to the west by cabinet members is explained by Mr. Straus, who gives the typically Roosevelt explanation that any administrative officer can better administer his work when he knows a great deal about it, from practical observation.

"I am out here in the west on a trip

"of inspection," says Mr. Straus, "and now on my way back to the east after a brief visit to the islands of Honolulu. At this latter place I investigated the merits of Pearl harbor as a place to accommodate war vessels and merchant vessels, as well as the light house facilities of the coast and the islands."

Mr. Straus is therefore eliminating many social affairs, and remaining mostly at his room in the Knutsford. With him, and his private secretary, are also the other members of the party—the interior minister, the Hon. A. K. Lowstone on his way east, and they will leave for that point tomorrow evening. This afternoon Gov. Cutler will be host for Mr. Straus for a short drive over the city, beginning at 4 o'clock.

PAY THEIR RESPECTS.

Secretary Garfield reached Salt Lake during a rainstorm that lasted a week. He said he had come west to see the needs of the arid section, and had decided it needed most a good sized boat. Secretary Straus has looked over the country, sized up its needs, and declares that the greatest is more la-

PROSPERITY OF WEST.

cellent condition—but you need more labor. A shortage of the labor market is your most serious handicap.”

When asked if he knew of any possible remedy for this condition, Mr. Powell said that the new immigration law ought to help some, as under it is established a department of information with Terence Powderly at its head. Powderly was formerly the head of the Knights of Labor, and is known to the public as a peculiarly efficient and broad minded man. Under his direction Mr. Strauss expects the department of information to develop until it is able to inform immigrants as to the conditions of the market when they return for their labor, by filling the market wherever it is under supplied. “It is really,” he said, “a bureau of distribution as well as of information.”

IMMIGRATION LAWS.
Asked if he regarded the situation as grave enough to call for a revision of the immigration laws, Mr. Straus said that he thought they were all right, just as they stood, and would give satisfactory results under proper administration. They went into effect July 1, and the department is just being organized to fully carry out their intent.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR.
Speaking of the Nobel Peace prize, which President Roosevelt received from Norway, Mr. Straus says that the greatest guarantee of peace abroad is based on a settled conviction that the greatest guarantee of peace abroad is industrial prosperity and peace at

home, and that on his return he will take up the matter of organizing an executive committee on labor problems, to handle matters connected with industrial conditions in America, following out the president's gift of this prize as a fund to secure peace within the nation.

Secy. Strauss and party will rest here until tomorrow evening in order to allow for a night's rest before leaving. Secy. Strauss says that all she needs is rest, and that her indisposition comes from fatigue due to too much traveling.

READY FOR ENCAMPMENT.

Adj. Gen. Wedgewood and Capt. Smith Return from American Fork.

Adj. Gen. Wedgewood and Capt. Quartermaster E. V. Smith have

turned from the American South, where they are intent to look over the progress of the coming national guard encampment. They were hospitably received by the citizens of the town, and given assurance that every courtesy possible would be extended to the guard. Both officers are confident that the encampment will be successful. One, Owning, said that the limited size of the guard at Fort Douglas at present, no carriage could be sent to camp with the militia this year. At the 1908 encampment the Fifteenth infantry may be drawn on for a couple of companies.