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WASHINGTON, 18.—Hugh J. Mohan, ex-Deputy Labor Commissioner of California, and for some time past special Washington correspondent for several Western newspapers, was today appointed special agent of the Labor Bureau.

Chief clerk Nash of the Postoffice Department left to-day for a month's visit to his home in Wisconsin.

WHEAT CROP.

A cablegram was received from London to-day by Dodge, the statistician of the Department of Agriculture stating that the shortage of wheat in Great Britain for the present year was estimated at 60,000,000 bushels.

Geronimo Treating with the Mexican Authorities.

HUACHUCA, Arizona, 18.—Antonio Gonzales, a mexican employed by the government to carry dispatches to Captain Lawton and who left here August 4th, returned to-day. He reports that on his way back, when nine miles south of Frontierez, he was met be Geronimo, Natchez and three Mexicans, who mistook him for a resident of Mexico. In a conversation which took place he learned that Geronimo was on his way to Frontirez to try and make terms of peace with the Mexican authorities in order to make Sonora his base of operations for raiding into New Mexico and Arizona.

A later dispatch received by heliograph signal states that Geronimo and a band of 40 indians are at Frontirez seeking to make peace with the Mexican authorities. General Miles has ordered Lieutenant Wilder, with two troops of cavalry to proceed to Frontirez to demand Geronimo's unconditional surrender. Lieut. Lockett, with his command of Pima Indians, follows to occupy such positions in the mountains as will prevent the possibility of Geronimo's escape.

Fifteen Tanks of Coal Oil Explode With Heavy Loss.

EASTON, Pa., 18.—While an oil train, consisting of 24 cars, was descending the grade on the Jersey Central railroad, below White House Station, New Jersey, this morning, the car parted, by the breaking of a coupling, and a few minutes later separated into parts and collided. The concussion made by the collision caused one of the tanks to explode, and immediately afterward 110,000 gallons of oil were on fire. Eleven oil tanks were scattered about the track and all were soon ablaze. One explosion followed another until all the oil in the lower cars estimated at 100,000 gallons were burning, illuminating the country for miles around. The loss will not fall short of $50,000. After the uninjured oil cars in the fore part of the train were removed from the wreck, the engine started with them towards Somerville. The last car in the lot caught fire and the tank exploded. The cause seems a mystery. All the tanks (13) that exploded are burned beyond repair.

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THE CUTTING CASE.

Medina's Letter.

DENVER, 18.—An El Paso special reports that the Cutting case is in *statu quo*. General Sedgewick has not arrived.

Medina, the person who had Cutting incarcerated, sent to day the following letter to the El Paso *Times*:

PASO DEL NORTE, Aug. 18, 1886.

To the Editor of the El Paso Times:

Esteemed Sir:—Perhaps abusing the deference with which you offered me the use of your illustrious daily for all matter connected with the Cutting case, I again call your attention to the enclosed document, a copy of one remitted by me four days ago to the second charge of the Supreme Tribunal of Chihuahua in regard to the civil suit granted me for damages caused by the defamation of which Cutting is guilty. The facts in the trial of Cutting have been contorted in such a cruel manner that there has been much unjust criticism against the acts of the judicial authorities, my country and humble self by many North American periodicals, that I have believed it my duty to direct myself, through the efficacious means afforded by your paper to your numerous readers, to demonstrate these propositions—that it is not money that influences the conscience of a Mexican when his honor is involved, and that it is not solely to satisfy ignoble passions. Hoping you will give publicity to these few lines as well as the accompanying document, in addition to obligations, I have the honor to sign myself, as always,

E. MEDINA.

THE CIVIL SUIT.

The document enclosed, translated, reads as follows: "*To the Magistrate of the Second Chamber of the Supreme Tribunal of the State*:—Eugedio Medina of age, and a citizen of this place, before you appears, and respectfully declares, that having been notified by the second judge of this locality, of a decree given by your honorable court on the 4th inst., by attorney, and should appear to institute a civil action granted me in the tribunal for defamation now in progress against the American, A. K. Cutting, and realizing that the material damages which Cutting has caused me, and caring more for the dignity of my native country and my own delicacy almost united by the fire. Eleven oil tanks were scattered about the track and all were soon ablaze. One explosion followed another until all the oil in the lower cars estimated at 100,000 gallons were burning, illuminating the country for miles around. The loss will not fall short of $50,000. After the uninjured oil cars in the fore part of the train were removed from the wreck, the engine started with them towards Somerville. The last car in the lot caught fire and the tank exploded. The cause seems a mystery. All the tanks (13) that exploded are burned beyond repair.

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The Convention Assembles in Chicago—Speeches by Fitzgerald, Sullivan and Others.

CHICAGO, 18.—The scene presented in Central Music Hall shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon, was in many respects extraordinary. The beautiful auditorium was crowded to the utmost, the delegates occupying the lobby and seats on the lower floor, while the boxes and galleries had their full quota of ladies.

There was a tremendous outburst of applause on the entry of Michael Davitt, and again there was wild cheering when the presence of Mrs. Parnell was recognized.

The entire audience rose to their feet like one man, and cheered themselves hoarse when Michael Davitt, leaning on the arm of Patrick Egan and followed by the remaining Irish delegates and other officers of the National League, entered the hall.

The visitors and officers made their way to the stage amid shouts and plaudits, and the first move was spontaneously toward Mrs. Parnell. Davitt and others warmly shook her by the hand, while the cheering of the American delegates and the audience seemed to know no bounds. The stage was occupied almost exclusively by officers of the League.

As President Egan arose, another wildburst of cheering rose from the convention, to be renewed again and again, as almost the first words from his lips were an enthusiastic reference to Michael Davitt.

Before President Egan had spoken half a dozen sentences, the lobbies were crowded with delegates and spectators. The applause during Egan's address was so frequent that it seemed to break forth almost at the end of every sentence. Mentions of Gladstone were enthusiastically received, but when near the close of Egan's address came the phrase, "Peaceably if we can, otherwise if we must," the very galleries and roof seemed to shake. Three cheers for Washington, Gladstone and Parnell were given at the close of Egan's address. Then Secretary Sutton read the call for the convention. A telegram from the democratic State convention of Michigan, now in session, wishing the League and Parnell God-speed, called forth signs of warm approval from the audience.

President Egan arose at this point and announced that at the meeting of the national committee last night, Judge James H. Fitzgerald, of Cincinnati had been selected temporary chairman of the convention and John D. Sutton for temporary secretary. Fitzgerald's name seemed to act magically upon the delegates. It scarcely needed the thundering chorus of ayes when Egan put the question for his election. "Contrary, no," said the president. One or two delegates made a motion of dissent, but failed to voice it, Fitzgerald and Sutton were declared unanimously elected.

Judge Fitzgerald spoke as follows:

Ladies and Brother Delegates—A dispatch in the morning papers indicates great hopes on the part of Salisbury and a vagabond set of Orangemen, who, ashamed of their own country and of their race, indulge in the high hope that this convention of Irish hearts and Irishmen will commit political suicide and disgrace themselves. [Cries of no! no!] On the other hand comes flashing over 4,000 miles across the sea the news of trembling fear and anxiety from those that live in old Ireland. [Cheers.] The fear and anxiety of those we left in our childhood; fear and anxiety from those in whose name and in whose interests we are summoned here to-day; fear and anxiety from those whose status in life we desire to make like ourselves—freemen as free as the ocean's wild waves. [Cheers.] In proportion as you smash these hopes on the one hand and dispel the fears on the other hand, in that same proportion shall we have fulfilled our destiny. You have telegraph instruments here in your hall. From them let the electric flash pass from here to the Atlantic and across it with a velocity that it is proverbial for, and let every other word that goes from this hall be a word of disappointment to the enemies of Ireland. [Cheers.] On the other hand let the words be words of cheer and consolation to a people that for seven centuries have waited for freedom. How many of you are thousands of miles away from your happy homes. You came not with any selfish motives in view. You came not for any personal aggrandizement. The highest and holiest purposes and aspirations that could inspire human hearts have inspired yours as you left your wives and hearthstones at home. You came here not paid by the branches or inspired by love of rivalry. You came here as honest, patriotic men, loving the land that gave you birth and hating her oppressors. [Cheers.] You came like freemen in this freest country on earth. [Cheers.] You came here to attend with the truest motives that could permeate an assemblage of pure, honest and determined men. You came here as representatives of the Irish National League of America. That was organized not to disrupt, not to divide, not to suggest a line of policy to those four thousand miles across the Atlantic, for whose happiness, for whose interest we are gathered here to-day; [cheers;] you came here not to dictate them, but rather to follow in their steps. [Cheers.] You came here to-day with hearts full of hope for the future. We cannot forget the past if we would, and we would not if we could [Cheers.] But while that is a fact, we look to the future with the hope that the Irish race throughout the world is concentrated on Charles Stewart Parnell. [Cheers.] You came here to-day to welcome by your cheers and to approve by your actions the honored representatives of the Irish parliamentary party and Charles Stewart Parnell. Parnell has sent you good news and glad tidings by his trusty lieutenants who are now before you. [Applause.] You start up and with your voice give utterance to the sentiments of your hearts with cheer after cheer to the chosen representatives of the Irish people who are present to-day. [Cheers.] The circumstances render it impossible for their leader to be here in person, but, my friends, he is here no less in spirit. [Cheers.] His recognized representatives come here at his request. I intreat all of you, therefore, to pay close attention to what they may say, and let your platform and your resolutions be made after they have spoken. [Cheers.] I regret, and no doubt you, too, regret that for the last day or two you have been in the city, you have read in the public press the suggestion of a terrible fight and disaster in this convention. [Cries of "No!" "No!"] Nothing on earth would give greater aid and comfort to the enemies of our race and to the enemies or free government, than would such a prophecy if it should be confirmed."

Turning to Michael Davitt the speaker proceeded: "We are here today to welcome you, not because you are Michael Davitt, but because you are a true, devoted son of Erin." [Applause.]

Turning to the other members of the Parliamentary Committee — O'Brien, Redmond and Deasy—the speaker said: "The old enemies of our race have long succeeded to the motto, 'Divide and conquer.' Henceforth among true Irishmen at home and abroad there is no division of sentiment on the question of Home Rule for Ireland and the absolute control of their affairs by themselves [loud and continued applause] and Messrs. O'Brien, Redmond and Deasy [applause], we are here today to give you the same generous welcome as we do to the hero and founder of the League, not in your individual capacity, but as representatives of the Irish people, who in that Parliament are day by day and night by night, and month by month, laboring for your own and the land we love. We want you, and doubtless you will tell us, what the wishes, what the hopes and aspirations of the Irish people are. You will doubtless tell us what is the request of us to-day, and on behalf of those who are now before me, and on behalf of those they represent throughout this broad land from the high hills of Maine to the golden slope of California, on behalf of the generous American people, who are with us in sentiment and in heart, I promise you, sirs, that from this convention ther eshall emanate but one sentiment, but one action, but one echo, and that is for Ireland and her chosen representative. To follow in your wake and not to direct, not to dictate, not to suggest is our aim, for the Irish National League wants to cripple you and Charles Stewart Parnell the same as we have been crippling you for the last two years. [Loud applause.] And my friends as you have heard me in your presence name that land where many of you first beheld the light of heaven, in the name of the liberty that is the God given right of that people as of all others, in the name of Charles Stewart Parnell [applause] I beg of you, I entreat you by every act of yours to see that the promise that I have just made is religiously had rigorously fulfilled. [Applause]. If there are any individuals in your great big city, that have grievances to settle, let them be settled by every delegate having a right to enter this hall and they shall have a seat in this convention if I have any say so about it. Every delegate coming here has a right to express his opinions honestly, cordially and patriotically, upon the issues at stake connected with the convention. I beg of you to be sober and earnest, to be forbearing with one another, to grant the rights to your brother that you demand for yourself, and in the discussion of any legitimate matter that comes before us, to look back through the past two months and take an example worthy of emulation, first, from the Parliamentary band of brothers that sat there in that Parliament House and listened day after day and night after night to the most vicious, violent, malignant falsehoods that could emanate from the heart or be given expression by the mouth of man. How did these men behave in that critical moment? Did they jump up and in that irritable manner drive back the slanderer with vituperation? No, they did not; they were under a discipline not equaled in any legislative hall in ancient or modern times. [Applause.] And what, in addition can you say to the five million souls that were looking with anxiety for the work of their representatives? The history of the world fails to point to a grander picture, fails to point to a people, trodden by the reckless hand of a tyrant, who, in these moments of almost bitter despair, were as cool and self-possessed and who, under the most critical trying ordeal, were as calm and as dispassionate with their hopes in heaven and in the fidelity of their representatives. Oh! take a lesson from that race of your home. That race which within the last few months has shown to the world a capacity for self-government and an abstemiousness from vice and vituperation (notwithstanding the amount of vituperation that was given against them) not equalled by any other race on the earth. Under like circumstances,

[Irishmen] with Irish blood coursing in your veins, sit down on every attempted dissension in this hall. Be men, be forbearing, be united. In proportion as you say unqualifiedly here, that no matter what me may think of one policy or another, we have no policy here to discuss or to act upon, except the policy presented by Davitt and by the representatives of the Parliamentary party, who are the mouthpieces of Charles Stewart Parnell." [Applause.]

At the conclusion of Judge Fitzgerald's address

ALEXANDER SULLIVAN,

from his place in about the centre of the convention, arose and offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the delegates from each State and Territory, from the District of Columbia and from Canada be, and they are hereby instructed to report to the convention as soon as practicable, a representative on each of the following committees: Credentials, resolutions, finances, constitution and permanent organization.

Resolved, That Hon. John, Wm. O'Brien, Hon. John Redmond, M. P., Hon. John Deasy, M. P., and the father of the Irish Land League, Michael Davitt, are hereby appointed members of the committee on resolutions, as representatives of Ireland. The purpose of the appointment of our brothers from Ireland is two-fold; first, that their counsel may make it impossible to give expression to a word which could embarrass the Irish leader; second, that the world may behold the perfect unity of Irish and Irish-American sentiment.

The resolutions were seconded by Rev. Father O'Brien, of Toledo, and unanimously adopted.

Lewis Kelly, of Minnesota, moved a substitute—the immediate appointment of a committee on credentials, each delegation to at once decide on its own representative, and then the convention to adjourn till 8 p.m.

The previous question was ordered and the substitute was adopted unanimously.

All the delegations were instructed to come into the convention upon the reassembling, prepared to submit the names of members for the various committees yet to be selected.

The convention was then declared adjourned until 8 p.m.

At 8:30 o'clock but an hour after the time set for the beginning of the night session, the Committee on Credentials were still in session at the Grand Pacific Hotel, with closed doors, and the proceedings in the Central Music Hall had not yet commenced. At 8:30 the hall was filled to overflowing, and as Judge Fitzgerald let fall the gavel a hush came over the convention, while the tall form of Michael Davitt was seen making its way to the stage. Davitt was called upon almost as soon as he entered the hall, and despite the protest of the audience rising to say that he had been heard often, and that he would simply introduce his friend, Mr. O'Brien, the editor of *United Ireland*. Davitt spoke of O'Brien in unstinted terms of praise as a patriot. "I know that you will be delighted to hear from this friend of Ireland—Wm. O'Brien."

O'BRIEN'S SPEECH.

In his speech O'Brien said: "This day's proceedings have, thank God, shown that they did not exaggerate your patriotism and self-sacrifice in the cause of Ireland. I thank you again and again. I thank this great assembly of the Irish National League of America for what has happened today, and I thank you all for the Irish labor and noble and generous work in the cause of Ireland accomplished by you. I thank you not merely on our humble part, but because we are here as embassadors of Ireland, and of Charles Stewart Parnell. [Cheers.] And it is hardly necessary for me to tell you that whatever favor is extended to us in this hall and during our short visit in this county, we will accept it not as tendered for our obscure selves, but as intended for the leader of our cause, under whose banner it is our pride and our privilege to carry a musket to the ranks." [Cheers.]

After Mr. O'Brien had concluded, the committee reported with the exception of the committee on credentials, and the convention adjourned until to-morrow at 10 a.m. The committee on resolutions was subdivided into seven committees. The report of the committee will be unanimous, and will be the shortest declaration ever made by a League convention. The resolutions will endorse Parnell and his party and pledge future support to whatever extent necessary; express appreciation of the forbearance of the Irish people under the most annoying and oppressive treatment of the rack-renting land-lord system; the partisan judicial administration which prevails especially in the north of Ireland; acknowledge the efforts of Gladstone and the democracy of Great Britain to enact a measure calculated to bring about a reconciliation between the two peoples who have so long been kept in hostility by misgovernment; declare Ireland has the inalienable right of self-government; acknowledge the obligations of the Irish race to the American press and people, and express the warmest gratitude to the retiring League officials.

PRESIDENT EGAN

And Treasurer O'Reilly and a number of the present officers of the League held a conference to-night with other prominent members of the convention. They discussed Judge Fitzgerald as the presiding officer, and referred to his speech of the afternoon as a most masterly effort, and likely to keep down even an appearance of strife. It seemed to be the universal opinion that he should be named as the permanent presiding officer. Mr. Egan was offered, and every man present asked him to consent, to serve again as president of the League. He thanked them very much, but positively declined. He stated that his friend, John Fitzgerald, of Nebraska, would fill the office in the most acceptable manner, and the result of the preference was a notice to John Fitzgerald to be ready, if called upon, to make an address to the convention. Fitzgerald, of Nebraska, is said to be the richest man in the League. He is worth about $5,000,000, is president of three national banks and the largest railroad contractor in the West. He is not as polished in manner as many of the famed Leaguers, but is regarded as a business man of ability far above the average.

Looking for Legatees.

DENVER, 18.—Canon Bagota, spiritual adviser to the Queen in Ireland, arrived here this evening. His visit to America is for the purpose of securing to the beneficiaries of the will, the estate of Robert Nugent Moore, who died in New Mexico last March, possessed of property valued at $350,000. There were bequests made to charitable institutions in England and Ireland.

President Cleveland.

PROSPECT HOUSE, Upper Saranac Lake, N. Y., 18.—President Cleveland caught his first fish this afternoon. It was a speckled trout weighing three-quarters of a pound, an unusual weight for brook trout at this season for these fish have not begun to emerge from their summer hiding places in the deep waters of the lake. The fish found its way to the President's table two hours later.

Lynched.

MONTEVIDEO, 18.—As the President of the Republic was entering the theatre last night a miscreant fired a revolver almost point blank at his head, the ball entered the President's cheek, inflicting a slight wound. The infuriated crowd attacked the assassin and maltreated him so terribly that he died shortly afterwards.

Greenbackers.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., 18.—The greenbackers nominated for Governor Hon. C. L. Yaple; State Treasurer, Wm. G. Baird; State Land Commissioner, Wm. D. Fuller; Member of the State Board of Education, J. W. Turner.

The Final Speech.

CHICAGO, 18.—In the Anarchist's trial Capt. Black closed the argument for the defense shortly before noon.

Grinnell began his closing speech for the State this afternoon.

FOREIGN.

Boycotting Catholics.

BELFAST, 18.—Since the riots began here every Catholic workman has been hounded off Queen's Island, although prior to the disorders hundreds were at work there. In many large establishments Catholic employees have been forced to quit.

A Buddenfeck Builder.

LONDON, 18.—A house in course of construction collapsed at Carlsruhe yesterday, killing eight workmen and injuring several others. The architect of the building has been arrested.

Rioting Japs and Chinese.

NAGASAKI, 18.—Serious riots have occurred here between the Chinese and Japanese. Five Chinese were killed and one hundred wounded.

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