

CONFERENCE WAS A SPLENDID THING

held Annually. J. J. Hill Thinks Would Become One of Great Forces of the Nation.

DON'T FAVOR WASHINGTON

Atmosphere of Capital Essentially Political, and Politics Must Be Kept Out of Institution.

New York, May 20.—That the recent conference of governors was a good thing and should be made an annual thing, is the opinion of James J. Hill, president of the board of the Great Northern railway, who was one of the guests asked by President Roosevelt to address the meeting at Washington.

"The idea behind that conference," Hill said, "is a big thing. There are persons, no doubt, who feel inclined to treat it cynically, but they are wrong. Everything has to have a beginning, and it is easy enough to be cynical. In an annual convention of the governors of the states of this country, I see an institution which can be built into one of the great forces of the nation."

Neither the first meeting, nor the second, nor the third, nor the fourth, will show results which the public mind is able to grasp, but I should say that after the expiration of the formative period big things will be realized. It is as it is generally said, this nation has reached a pass which should occasion the gravest apprehension, it is about time that we began to put our house in order. I do not know of a better way to go about it than through the permanent establishment of an annual gubernatorial conference or convention."

"But I want to say right here that I believe Washington should never be selected as the place of another meeting of this kind. The atmosphere of the capital is essentially political. You must keep politics out of this institution. I think a city like Springfield, Ill., would be an ideal place. There are the large university and college towns. The place chosen should be where big agricultural experiments are being carried on. There would be no object lessons to hand—lessons which are essential—for our redemption is to come from the soil and in no other way."

"It is all very well to hold conventions and prepare papers and talk, but we might as well stay at home if our papers, our talk and our purposes mean nothing. At the recent conference talks were limited to 20 minutes, and to illustrate what I have just said, I want to mention the case of a man from Chicago, who got up and used 15 minutes of his time telling us that if he could go on for so long, that at the end of his talk he will have shrunk a foot through the floor."

"I could not help but chuckle over this terrifying announcement. That, indeed, is looking ahead. I am moved; two thousand or four thousand is far enough to plan, I think."

"But what I hope to see is the people looking ahead and planning for a people of generations. That is the only way to get them into the habit of thinking and those who come after will inherit the ideas and purposes of our generation and carry them along for their allotted time. We must go back to the land. There is no other way for us."

SHOOT HIMSELF DEAD.

Indianapolis, May 19.—John McGaughey, former county commissioner, shot himself dead today. He had been prominent in Republican politics. The grand jury recently returned an indictment against one member of the board, but McGaughey had not been indicted. McGaughey was 55 years old.

HOLE IN A WINDOW.

Five Hundred Dollar Painting Used to Stop It Up.

New York, May 20.—How an effort was made to stop a hole in a cellar window with a \$500 painting, was told to a jury in the court of general sessions.

There Charles McDermott, on trial charged with stealing two oil paintings in Lanes, valued at \$500 each, from Sherry's, Sept. 1, 1907.

These pictures were cut from the frames and it is charged McDermott, who is an iron worker, was employed on the roof of a building adjoining Sherry's, took them.

"When he brought the piece of oil cloth home," his mother testified, "he told me he had paid 25 cents for it and I told him he had been stuck. It was not large enough for the table, and I tried to use it to stop a hole in the cellar window, where the glass had been broken, and it was not good for that."

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Sour Stomach

Belching of gas, sour risings in the throat, pain after eating, a general feeling of heaviness, irritability, these are conditions which Dr. Williams' Pink Pills correct.

"I had a distressed feeling after eating, often followed by terrible vomiting spells," says Mrs. William Duely, of 43 Lucas avenue, Kingston, N. Y., "and became subject to deathly sick headaches. I was constantly belching gas in my efforts to relieve my stomach. I was in this condition for nearly three and a half years, although I tried a number of doctors. I was discouraged with them all, when I read about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. A few boxes helped me wonderfully. I continued their use until cured and have had no signs of stomach trouble since."

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very good judge of art, for it is evident that names do not appeal to you. From what I have been reading recently, I conclude that some of our contemporaries pay more attention to the names than they do to the paintings, or, in other words, are buying autographs rather than art."

All the evidence in the case has been presented and the verdict of the jury is expected today.

ELECTRIC LIGHT CO'S.

Their Relation to the Public Discussed At Association's Convention.

Chicago, May 20.—The pendulum of public opinion, which has swung so far from sympathy with corporate management, is going the other way, and confederate methods are already out of fashion. This was the key note of the address of T. Comerford Martin of the National Electric Light Association yesterday.

"No questions during the last year have had greater attention," he continued, "on the part of the electric light companies than those which concern relations with the municipality or the state. It was inevitable that the interest of the public should come, for as the desire for these necessities of modern civilization increased there came also an unhealthy process of stock jobbing and stock watering."

"Of course, this legislation has overshot its mark, and it is now seen, for example, that public service commissions cannot be constitutional unless they protect the interests of the corporations as well as the public."

SEATS GAVE WAY.

Over Twenty Persons Seriously Injured, Hundreds Just Escaping.

Chicago, May 20.—Twenty-one persons were injured, many of them seriously, and hundreds narrowly escaped death, last night, at a performance of the Clarity circus, Oak Park avenue and Thirty-third street, Berwyn, when all the seats in the tent suddenly gave way and crashed to the ground.

It was the opening night of the latest diversion of Chicago society, and the tent was packed with more than 500 spectators before the accident. In the panic which followed scores of women were trampled upon. Quick work of men in the audience and of circus performers prevented the injury of many more.

"The accident was caused by a scribble on the part of the spectators to obtain sample packages of a brand of breakfast food which were being thrown from the arena by a young woman who was taking part in the circus."

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GREAT DENVER CONVENTION

Preparations for Meeting of the Democrats in July Practically Completed.

UNUSUAL DEMAND FOR SEATS.

All Delegations So Far Selected Provided For—National Committee Will Select Temporary Chairman in June.

Denver, Colo., May 20.—Preparations for the national democratic convention have been practically completed. Work on the new auditorium has been hurried until nothing remains to be done but to place the seats in position. As an indication of what the attendance will be the unusual demand for seats at the convention is significant. Those in charge of the convention for the national committee say that the requests for seats are easily twice as numerous as at any convention the democratic party has ever held.

At the headquarters of the sub-committee of the national democratic committee, which is in charge of former Gov. J. E. Osborne, of Wyoming, the hardest work of the convention preparations has been disposed of. All the delegations so far selected by the various states have been provided with headquarters and the printing of tickets and badges has been attended to. A special committee, however, has been prepared for the members of the national committee and there will also be a special badge for delegates.

The arrangements for doorkeepers and guests in the auditorium have not been fully made; this work will be more comprehensive than usual this year. Sergeant-at-Arms John Martin has arranged a plan for handling the immense crowd of visitors so that the annoyance from the spectators moving about in the galleries will be reduced to a minimum.

Admission tickets to the general public will provide for seats in certain specified sections to which the ticket holders will be directed by ushers. In this manner the confusion and noise occasioned by a large crowd pressing toward the most desirable seats will be eliminated. It is expected that at each session of the convention 14,000 people will be provided with seats. There will also be a limited number of standing room tickets issued.

The members of the national committee will hold a meeting in Denver in the latter part of June and decide upon the temporary chairman. The decorations for the national convention will be the most elaborate that has ever been attempted in Denver. Electrical effects will be conspicuous in the decorations and flags and bunting will be used in a lavish manner.

COTTON FABRICS TO BE 35 PER CENT LOWER

Chicago, May 20.—In a fight against manufacturers to reduce the cost of cotton fabrics wholesale dealers announced a reduction yesterday, establishing the prices of cotton goods 35 per cent lower than they were last October. The price now set by the big wholesale houses is said to be the last reduction that will be made.

Last fall a large Chicago firm, believing manufacturers were demanding too high a price for cotton goods, when an estimate of the cost of the raw material and the labor was made, caused a flurry by cutting the price about 10 per cent. Since that time there have been several other reductions by other Chicago firms and New York houses entering the fight to compel manufacturers to lower the cost of the finished product.

MILE OF IDLE RAILROAD LOCOMOTIVES PHOTOGRAPHED

Chicago, May 20.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Elkhart, Ind., says: One mile of idle railroad engines was photographed in the yards of the New York Central lines here yesterday by orders of the company. The locomotives numbered 120 and represent a cost of nearly \$1,000,000. It is understood that the company proposes to exhibit the photographs in connection with the arguments before the interstate railroad commission and in the conference with the Merchants' association and other organizations that are making contests for reduced rates.

TO ENTERTAIN ELKS.

Dallas, Tex., May 20.—At a meeting of the general entertainment committee of the Elks reunion committee at Dallas tonight, plans were concluded for the expenditure of at least \$25,000 in three dinners to be given for the visitors to the city in July.

Full menus are reported by the sub-committee for the grand barbecue for not less than 40,000 Elks; for the dinner to the grand lodge members, which it is planned to have not less than 2,500 and for the dinner to governors and mayors, a feature that is said to promise at least 250 of the dignitaries.

A STRANGE CLICKING.

Wireless Apparatus in Basement St. Louis House Got Message from Cal.

St. Louis, Mo., May 20.—The Republic this morning publishes the following from Richmond, Mo.: Dr. L. Elliott, professor of science in the Richmond high school, in the basement of the school yesterday heard a strange clicking. Investigating, he traced the noise to a wireless telegraph instrument he had made to instruct his pupils. The machine was stored in the basement while not in use.

A GOLDEN KEY

Will be Presented to Rear Admiral Sperry by City of Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., May 20.—The golden key made of Alaska and Klondike nuggets which will be presented to Rear Admiral C. S. Sperry, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, upon its arrival in this city, Saturday, was finished yesterday afternoon. The key weighs 10 ounces.

Ten thousand seats for the official reviewing stand have been sold. One of the features of the reception to the fleet in Seattle will be a baseball game between a crack Japanese team and the champion nine of the fleet.

TANK EXPLODED LAUNCH WRECKED

Seven Prominent Young Society People Were Drowned in Consequence

ON MOONLIGHT EXCURSION.

Occupants Hurled Into River—None Of Bodies Recovered—Nine Were Saved.

Little Rock, Ark., May 20.—A dispatch to the Gazette, from Clarendon, Ark., says:

Seven prominent young people were drowned last night when the tank of a gasoline launch in which they were going for a moonlight excursion, exploded, wrecking the boat. Other members of the party were rescued with difficulty.

THE DROWNED.

Miss Lillian Winfield of Clarendon, Ark.

Miss Alma Pette, St. Louis.

Mattie Counts, of Clarendon, Ark.

Miss Bessie Palmer, of Kansas City, Mo.

Miss Althea Burton, of Helena, Ark.

Joseph McManus of Clarendon, Ark.

Dr. A. L. Houston, of Clarendon, Ark.

Nine other members of the party were saved. All were prominent young people.

One of those rescued, Miss Mary Cavett, was severely burned.

The boat left Clarendon early in the evening bearing a merry party, who had planned to go several miles down the river. When about five miles below Clarendon, the tank of the launch exploded, wrecking the boat and hurling the occupants into the river, which at this point, more than 50 feet from the shore, is very deep.

Few could swim and some were stunned by the force of the explosion and were down before swimmers in the party could make an effort at rescue.

The survivors were found on the river bank by runners dispatched from here because of the prolonged absence of the party.

The boat was a gasoline launch about 30 feet long and capable of seating 20 or 30 people. It was owned by E. A. Farner, one of those aboard and who saved the lives of several of the women of the party. It had subsequently been used for like excursions.

None of the bodies has been recovered.

CHINESE SCHOOL FOR CHINESE CHILDREN

San Francisco, Cal., May 20.—A Chinese school where the children of local Chinese may be educated in Chinese is to be built at this city at once. A site has been purchased, plans drawn and teachers selected. It will be the only school of its kind in this country. The school will be built with \$50,000 of the \$100,000 relief fund sent to the Chinese colony after the fire of April, 1906.

Mr. Lian, of Peking, who has been appointed a special commissioner to supervise the work, is now in the city. Mr. Lian says the reason the Chinese government was prompted to undertake the project was the fact that there is no school in this country where Chinese scholars can acquire a practical or higher education in the Chinese language.

NEW FINANCING OF CHICAGO SUBWAY CO.

New York, May 20.—A new financing of the Chicago Subway company has been made public here in a circular proposing a 20-year issue of 5 per cent first lien bonds to be dated June 1, 1908, redeemable at 105. Provision is made for subsequent issues bearing a lower rate of interest and maturing later than June 1, 1928.

The Chicago Subway company in which E. H. Harriman and the Armours are largely interested, comprises the Illinois Tunnel company and the Chicago Warehouse & Terminal company. It is proposed to exchange the new bonds for the bonds of the Illinois Tunnel company, which were issued Dec. 1, 1903, bond for bond, and

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If you have pains in the back, urinary, bladder or kidney trouble and want a certain, pleasant herb relief for Women's ailments, Mother Gray's "AUSTRIAN LEAF" is a safe and never failing regulator, and relieves all Female Weaknesses, including indigestion and constipation. MOTHER GRAY'S AUSTRIAN LEAF is sold by Druggists or sent by mail for 50 cents. Sample sent FREE. Address, The Mother Gray Co., LeRoy, N. Y.

the coupon on this issue due June 1, will be purchased at par for cash. A release from the lien of the Tunnel company mortgage is provided for as is also the sale, lease, or other disposition of the telephone properties and rights of the Tunnel company. The circular states that the controlling interest plans to extend the loan already made and to advance \$1,000,000 more for construction and equipment. In Chicago the Central Trust company and the Harris Trust & Savings bank have been appointed registrars of stock and holders of tunnel bonds in New York are invited to deposit them with the United States Mortgage & Trust company on or before July 1.

CONVICT RETURNED.

Thirteen Years Ago Frank Hart Escaped from Washington Pen.

Seattle, Wash., May 20.—Frank Hart, who was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment in the penitentiary, and who escaped from the county jail here pending an appeal of his case, returned to the jail yesterday after an absence of over 13 years. Hart has been running a pool room at Wichita, Kan., and was recently arrested on suspicion by a railroad detective. His picture was identified in the rogues' gallery and he was returned to the city.

Hart was convicted of steering two Swedish women into a shell game where they lost \$500. Two accomplices were also convicted, but they refused to escape at the time Hart did and were pardoned.

RELATION OF RELIGION TO SOCIAL PROGRESS

Chicago, May 20.—The relation of religion to the social progress of the United States formed the key note of the discussions yesterday at the fifty-sixth annual meeting of the Western Unitarian conference at the Church of the Messiah.

The Rev. Charles Ferguson, pastor of All Souls Church of Kansas City, Missouri, maintained the identity of Unitarianism with essential Americanism. He said:

"The essential thing about the American spirit is its creative attitude toward the material world. We are worldsmen hammering out a continent to suit ourselves. In historic Unitarianism its splendid literary and social efflorescence, this essential Americanism has found expression. It will succeed and prevail if the American spirit succeeds and prevails over the spirit of the old world."

The Rev. E. S. Stanton Hodgkin, of Minneapolis, told of the coming rule of Democracy in religion as well as in the social order and showed how the two are linked.

POLL TAX ON CHINESE.

Victoria, B. C., May 20.—Ottawa government has sent to the British Col-

Help the Bowels When They Need It—Don't Delay

Don't wait till you need a violent physic, for harsh physic always harms. Take one Cascaret as soon as you need it. Take another later if necessary. Carry a box always with you. Give the bowels a little help while a little is sufficient.

Thus it is easy to keep the bowels regular. And that means keeping well.

You can't take salts or pill cathartics in that way, for they are injurious. They irritate the stomach and bowels. When oft repeated, that is disastrous.