

REPORT ON CORN EXPOSITION.

SECRETARY AND GENERAL MANAGER STEVENSON MAKES STATEMENT TO PRESIDENT FUNK.

Exposition Was Largest and Best ever Held in Point of Exhibits, but Attendance was Disappointingly Small; Boys and Girls in Attendance upon Exposition School.

E. D. Funk, President National Corn Association, Bloomington, Ill.

Dear Mr. Funk: I shall at this time submit a partial report concerning the Fifth National Corn exposition, which was closed in Columbia Friday, February 14, after having been held open to the public three weeks, one week longer than was originally intended.

In this summary I shall enumerate briefly several of the most important local influences which contributed to the success of this exposition. First, you will recall the delegation of 22 men from Columbia, South Carolina, who visited the Columbus, Ohio, exposition in 1911, presenting the claims of the South for the next exposition.

I came to Columbia on their invitation over a year ago and after carefully considering the situation, estimated the cost of the exposition at \$40,000. On this basis a guarantee of \$40,000 was asked for.

The Chamber of Commerce not being able to make the guarantee, with necessary advances for current expenses, A. E. Gonzales, as president of the State company, guaranteed the \$40,000 and advanced funds as required for current expenses, upon the following contract:

"June 30, 1911.

"George H. Stevenson, Secretary-Treasurer, National Corn Growers' Association, Columbia.

"Dear Mr. Stevenson: You propose to hold the National Corn exposition at Columbia in 1913 upon a guarantee of \$40,000, to be used exclusively for the expenses of the exposition of that year—revenue from admissions and sale of privileges, etc. to be applied to reimbursing the subscribers. The Columbia Chamber of Commerce asks for 30 days' time in which to raise the guarantee, but you say your associates require an immediate answer.

"As it is impossible to perfect an organization in time to give you the assurance required, the State company will guarantee the expenses of the exposition, not to exceed \$40,000, of which approximately one-half is to be paid in advance of the opening of the exposition, in monthly installments as indicated in your memorandum of this date.

"Very truly yours, "A. E. Gonzales, "President The State Company."

In order to facilitate the handling of the funds and to protect the National Corn Association, a local corporation known as the National Corn Exposition company was organized. Mr. Gonzales being the guarantor of the exposition was elected president and treasurer, R. Beverley Herbert, vice president, and myself secretary and general manager. All financial transactions concerning the exposition have been conducted in the name of this organization, resting upon the guarantee of The State newspaper and the deficit will have to be borne by this public-spirited newspaper.

Further, I wish to mention the splendid cooperation which we have received from Clemson college, not only in the sending of a high class educational exhibit to the exposition, but in stimulating an interest in the exposition among the people of the State through its extension and demonstration agents, under the direction of W. L. English. Splendid support has also been received from Winthrop college and the State university. We are also indebted to the Farmers' union and other State farmers' organizations. The railroads have contributed their full share to the success of the exposition. In no section of the country have we received as liberal and cordial support from the newspapers, both county and State. They have accepted the exposition as an educational enterprise, and have done all possible to interest the farmers and others in attending. There are many other agencies and individuals which have contributed generously in time and influence, and in later report I shall try to mention the names of many of them as a matter of record and appreciation.

Later the general assembly made an appropriation of \$19,000 which has been applied to the expenses of the exposition.

From the attendance standpoint the

SENATE OVERRIDES THE VETO.

REPASSES IMMIGRATION BILL; VOTE 72 TO 18.

Insists Upon Retention of Provision Imposing Literacy Test for Aliens, Upon which President Based His Disapproval—Few Senators Defend Taft's Action During Debate—Lodge and Dillingham Lead Fight Against Veto, which House is Expected to Set Aside Today.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The Burnett-Dillingham immigration bill, vetoed by President Taft because it imposed a literacy test upon immigrants, was passed over the President's veto in the Senate today by a vote of 72 to 18. The overwhelming majority, given at the end of a short debate in which President Taft's attitude was vigorously attacked, has strengthened the probability that the bill will be passed over the veto in the House when it is called up tomorrow.

Support of the President's position was voiced by only a few Senators during the debate. Senators Lodge and Dillingham, leading the fight to override the President, declared the measure contained so many important provisions for the exclusion of criminal, diseased and insane aliens that great harm would result to the United States if it did not become law.

BURGLAR SAVES BABY.

Makes Croup Mixture and Works on Infant for An Hour in House He Entered to Rob.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 17.—A burglar who went to rob Mrs. Fred Morris remained to save her baby's life, according to a report she made today to the police.

Mrs. Morris said her baby was stricken with croup. She started to run for a physician. Just as she went out of her front door she met a masked man, who ordered her to keep quiet at the risk of her life.

"My baby is dying; I am going for a doctor!" she screamed.

"Let me help you," said the robber, dropping a revolver in his pocket.

Mrs. Morris, frightened, led him back into the house. He asked for vinegar, sugar and water and concocted a mixture which he forced down the infant's throat. Then he rubbed olive oil on the child's chest and worked for an hour before he told the mother the infant was out of danger.

"You must have a baby yourself," remarked Mrs. Morris.

"I have five," replied the man.

"That's why I came here tonight."

Then he left and Mrs. Morris refused to give the police a description of him.

The Boys' Corn Clubs of Sumter will be this year under the direct supervision of Mr. Frank Williams, County demonstration agent of the United States department of agriculture. Mr. Williams will give from one to two days each week to the boys' corn clubs and his instruction and supervision will be of great benefit to the young farmers. The number of boys enrolled in the corn clubs will be more than double that of last year.

exhibition was not quite up to expectations. For the three weeks the total attendance was considerably lower than any previous exposition. The first two weeks it totaled about 32,000, the third week, which was requested by local people for the benefit of those who had not seen the exposition, was disappointingly light, and did not pay the running expenses. However, the holding over was probably justified by the value to the appreciative farmers who attended. But the attendance was generally more beneficial than the figures might indicate, because a relatively larger proportion of the visitors were bona fide farmers from South Carolina and adjoining States. There were also many farmers in attendance from the North and West, particularly Indiana and Ohio. The attendance from Columbia, that might well have been 10,000 was less than 2,500.

The National Corn exposition has not only resulted in inspiration to the farmers of the South, but it has set a pace for future expositions in organization and general inspiration to agricultural workers. This has been possible because of the cooperation of the many educational institutions and organizations which have contributed a part in the right spirit. About 500 boys and girls attended the exposition school, which was organized in cooperation with the federal farm demonstration work and the various State institutions. The total cost of \$40,000, provided for these 500 boys and girls, will mean only \$80 apiece. I am convinced that the value to these boys and girls alone was sufficient to warrant the holding of the exposition.

Respectfully yours,

Geo. H. Stevenson, Secretary and General Manager.

FIREMEN WILL NOT STRIKE.

RAILROADS AGREE TO ARBITRATE UNDER ERDMAN ACT.

Railway Officials Maintain That Such Settlement is Unfair and Unsatisfactory, but Agree to Avert Strike.

New York, Feb. 18.—There will be no firemen's strike on the Eastern railroads. The railroads yielded today and agreed to arbitrate under the Erdman act the controversy with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

The firemen had stood to a man for this method of arbitration ever since the deadlock began; the railroads had stood firm for arbitration before a commission of six or seven men.

Three men, acting under the law, will decide the firemen's claims. Their decisions will be binding.

The agreement to arbitrate was promptly signed by both sides.

The mediators, in a formal statement later, announced that the firemen's committee had passed a resolution, recommending that the labor organizations and the railroads "unite in requesting such amendments to the existing law as may be found desirable."

In agreeing to arbitration under the Erdman act, the railroads came to the position the firemen have held since the renewal of negotiations. The railroads were willing to arbitrate but they wished to have the controversy submitted to a committee of six. The firemen objected to this on the ground that it was contrary to statute.

The question to come before the arbitrators is principally one of wages.

The firemen selected as their representative Albert Phillips of Sacramento, Cal., vice president of their organization. The railroads selected W. W. Atterbury, vice president and general manager of the Pennsylvania lines, east.

Within a day or two these men will select the third, or neutral, member. Within 30 days thereafter the arbitrators must render their findings.

A REAL INTERESTING SHOW.

Cast of Characters in Play to be Presented for Sumter Band.

The "Girl in Pink," production which comes to the opera house next week for the benefit of the local band, promises to be a real interesting show, judging from the selected cast that takes the leading parts. The cast which is printed below, will give our readers an idea of what is to be looked forward to:

A Talkington Booth, a stranded theatrical manager... H. L. McCoy. Lunette Starleigh, Booth's Leading Lady... Miss Mary L. Beetham. Willie Lovejoy, comedian of Booth's All-star aggregation... V. A. Parrott. "Props," Booth's property man, the company's favorite... T. V. Walsh.

Izzy Morgan, Dolly's wicked uncle... R. K. Wilder. Otto Snickelfritz, an ex-saloon keeper and speculator... Harry Foote.

Dolly Willing, Booth's ward, an orphan child, THE GIRL IN PINK... Miss Georgie Beetham. Sheriff Ketchum, who enforces the law... L. I. Parrott. Professor Kelly, proprietor of a female seminary, Arthur H. Wilder. Eunice Kelly, the Professor's sister... Mrs. A. H. Wilder. Florice, a seminary girl... Miss Marie Rotholz.

Doublefee, a corporation lawyer... L. I. Parrott. Time—The present.

Twenty musical numbers are distributed throughout the performance that will, no doubt, be very attractive to lovers of music.—Adv.

RABBIT PULLS TRIGGER.

School Boy Hunter Fatally Wounded in an Extraordinary Accident.

Hackettstown, N. J.—Cyril Newman, a school boy hunter is dying in a hospital here from shotgun wounds received yesterday when a rabbit made a jump from a trap in which it was caught and landed on the triggers of the gun, which had been laid on the ground, discharging both barrels.

Laying Pipe on Mary Street.

Another car load of pipe arrived in the city Saturday and is being moved by a force of hands to the big ditch on Mary street to be laid there so that the ditch can be closed before the spring. This is the second or third carload of pipe to arrive for this place and another, probably the last, is expected here this week. As soon as the pipe is laid steps will be taken to close the ditch and reopen the street for traffic.

THE BALKAN SITUATION.

ROUMANIAN-BULGARIAN SITUATION IS STILL ACUTE.

Powers Have Taken Steps to Reduce Friction Between States and Have Offered to Mediate.

London, Feb. 18.—Tension between Roumania and Bulgaria over the Balkan situation has become acute. The European powers, however, have taken steps both at Sofia and Bucharest to lessen the friction and an offer of mediation between the disputants is pending.

Roumania's latest proposal is that Bulgaria should cede to her the Black sea coast as far as Cape Kaliakra as well as the town of Balchik and in this case Roumania would forego her demand for the Bulgarian town of Silistria which the Bulgarians resolutely refuse to give up.

Bulgaria objects to the scheme because she declares the fortification on Cape Kaliakra would menace the Bulgarian port of Varna.

The feeling of diplomats today is more hopeful in regard to the Austro-Russian difficulties. The latest Russian proposal, it is understood, does not insist that the Turkish fortress of Scutari should be handed over to Montenegro and if Austria-Hungary is able to secure Scutari for Albania it is thought that a compromise may be effected in regard to the other points. The ambassadors here anticipate they will be able to report favorable at their meeting Thursday.

PANIC ON BOURSE.

Russian Financiers Fear the Worst in Balkans.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—The dispute between Bulgaria and Roumania over the secession of a strip of territory by Bulgaria to Roumania on the Black sea coast brought about a panic on the bourse here today while public opinion was also greatly excited.

The Russian government, however, continues optimistic declaring its confidence that the joint action of the powers resulting possibly in mediation by Russia and Italy will assure a settlement and avert the armed occupation of Bulgarian territory by Roumania.

Russia, it is believed here, has decided to follow the example of Germany, Austria-Hungary and France by increasing the peace footing of her army.

NO NEWS OF WAR.

Official Turkish Dispatches Say Situation is Unchanged.

London, Feb. 18.—There is no news from the seat of the Turkish-Balkan war. Official Turkish dispatches say the situation has not changed either at Bulair or the Tcheataljines.

Enver Bey's condition and even his whereabouts still are a mystery.

Dispatches from Athens and Constantinople give rumors that the port of Rhodes to Italy for a consideration of \$10,000,000.

FIRE UNDER CONTROL.

Menacing Flames in Constantinople Subjugated.

London, Feb. 18.—The conflagration which threatened to wipe out most of Constantinople was under control at an early hour today. More than 200 houses and shops in the district surrounding the great mosque of Saint Sophia were destroyed. The mosque itself appears to have suffered no serious harm.

No Early Liquor Elections.

Columbia, Feb. 18.—The Clifton bill, which provided for early elections in such counties as wanted to take a try at the dispensary question, failed in the House. Mr. Mixson had a similar bill, but the outlook was that the Senate bill might have been able to pass, but today it failed by a vote of 51 to 49, the evident purpose being to let the liquor question alone just as long as it will stay let alone. There will no doubt be many counties that will hold elections in the month of August, but the desire in some counties was to have these elections earlier. The effort failed.

Our idea of a reactionary is a man who insists on wasting time digging up stumps instead of blowing them up with dynamite.—Wilmington Star.

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