

CHANGES OF COERCION.

Central Labor Union Appoints for the Task a Committee of Five.

They Will Invite Well Known, Impartial Men to Hear the Evidence.

Wage Earners Threatened by Employers Asked to Communicate with the Committee.

COMPLAINTS NOW IN HAND.

Working Firms, a Railroad Company and Other Big Concerns Accused of Limiting the Political Liberty of Their Workers.

Central Labor Union yesterday appointed a committee of five to investigate reports of political coercion of men by their employers that have been the union. The committee is comprised: Delegate to the Central Union Armstrong, of the Electrical Union; Hand, of the Bookbinders; Wolf, of the Cigar Makers; Johnson, of the Hattan Musical Union, and Law, of the Garment Workers.

The committee will co-operate with that Labor Conference, appointed for the purpose, and will invite a committee of the Brooklyn Central Labor Union with both. A sub-committee appointed to wait on several well known impartial professional and laymen, who will be asked to act as a committee and hear what evidence may be offered against them, or dictating how to vote.

The committee will report to the conference tomorrow afternoon. All complaints from wage-earners on this subject sent to Edward King, No. 146 West 57th street, will be confidentially and investigated.

Mr. King who visited the Central Union yesterday on behalf of the union. Mr. King addressed the workers in part: "I am here to ask your aid in securing every workingman a committee that has evidence of their workmen to join in a march in political Central Labor Union, as a should thoroughly sift out all independence of the right to vote as he is free to him, whether publican or Democrat."

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recruiting companies were assigned, distinctly stating to those of their men whose political convictions should in all justice have secured them, that they had better parade as "the firm" was determined to make a "good showing."

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ALL DENOUNCE ENGLAND. Enthusiastic Meeting in the Grand Opera House in Behalf of Irish Political Prisoners.

The indignation meeting to protest against the ill treatment of Irish and Irish-American political prisoners by England crowded the Grand Opera House last night. Judge Morgan J. O'Brien presided. He said that the Vandalism question was not as great as the question of English brutality toward its Irish political prisoners.

Letters of sympathy with the object of the meeting were read from Hugh J. Grant, James Everard, Colonel George Moore Smith, of the Sixty-ninth Regiment; John C. Sheehan, Judge Fitzgerald, Joseph J. O'Donohue, Judges Roger A. Pryor, Rischhoff, Gaynor, McAdam and Van Wyck, Bernard F. Martin, Edward F. O'Dwyer, Edward F. McSweeney, Assistant District Attorney Bartle, Police Commissioner Grant, Mayor Simon Kelly, of Westchester; William P. Sheehan and Edward Lauterbach.

Resolutions were unanimously adopted denouncing the treatment of the prisoners as unworthy a nation of lowest barbarians, protesting against its continuance, declaring that England, instead of talking about atrocities in Armenia, should profess some for her own atrocious misdoings, and calling upon the United States Government to take steps to secure the release of the men who were convicted on acknowledged perjured testimony and under a law hurriedly enacted by Parliament to secure their imprisonment. It was also resolved to forward copies of the resolution to President Cleveland, Secretary Olney, other members

of the Cabinet and Congressional representatives.

Eloquent addresses were made by Judge J. Henry McCarthy, Assistant District Attorney McIntire, John E. Fitzgerald and Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn.

Subscriptions for the cause were taken up and a large sum was realized. One of the pleasantest and most loudly applauded features of the meeting was the rendering of the "Patriot's Song" from "Brian Boru" by Bruce Baggott, of the Whitney Opera Company.

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ASKED THE BLESSING WHILE FIRE RAGED.

Rev. Mr. Douglas and His Congregation Were Calm and Cool.

Church Cellar Was Ablaze, but They Heard the Benediction Before They Left.

Their Teacher Safely Led the Sunday School Children from the Lecture Room.

MR. DERBY SAVED THE BIG BIBLE. But While Engaged in That Brave and Pious Act Some Wicked Thief Stole His Clothes.

All This in the West Fifty-first Street Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Thomas Douglas, the pastor, stood with outstretched arms in the pulpit of the little Presbyterian Church, on West Fifty-first street, yesterday morning. Before him were 120 people, with bowed heads, awaiting the benediction the preacher was about to pronounce. At that moment, William Head, one of the church ushers, walked down the aisle and whispered to Mr. Douglas:

"There's a fire in the cellar, sir," said Mr. Head. "Dismiss the congregation quickly."

A cloud of smoke that blew in the doors emphasized Mr. Head's warning. But there is good Scotch blood in the preacher's veins and he showed not the least alarm. He asked heaven's blessing on his flock and then said:

"Now go, quickly and quietly. There is a fire in the cellar, but there is not the slightest danger."

By that time smoke was puffing up through cracks in the church door. The one hundred and fifty people calmly made their way to the street, where they met the fire engines running up. They had been summoned by David Shrand, the sexton. On the street, too, were thirty-five or forty Sunday school children, from five to fourteen years of age. They are members of the Juvenile Endeavor Association of the church, and were in the lecture room on the first balcony of the structure when the fire broke out. Mr. Head quietly told their teacher, Miss Sarah Derby, who lives at No. 418 West Forty-eighth street, to call the children to the street. "I will stop on lesson right here. I want you to go down stairs and into the street without noise. Go on tiptoe, so that we will not disturb the congregation."

The little ones were surprised, but implicitly obeyed Miss Derby and were soon in safety. Two alarms were sent out. The firemen found that the beams in the ceiling had heated in the heat thrown out by the furnace in which the first fire of this season was built yesterday. Two firemen were overcome by smoke while trying to

force their way down the cellar stairs, but they soon recovered.

Pastor Douglas feared the valuable robes and manuscripts in his study back of the church, the accumulation of thirty years, would be destroyed. Some of the young men of the congregation offered to rush into the study and bear out what they could, but their pastor forbade that.

Thomas Derby, brother of the self-possessed young Sunday school teacher, took off his hat, coat and vest, and waded through water, but blinded by smoke, to the pulpit. Seizing the big Bible Mr. Derby carried it out in triumph. But while he was doing so some unregenerate thief stole his clothes.

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Paderewski's Health Good. In consequence of accounts published in the papers alleging that Paderewski, the pianist, was suffering from illness and was in a broken-down condition, William Steiway, of this city, sent a telegraph message of inquiry to the virtuoso, who replied by cable as follows, from Aux-les-Bains:

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Mrs. Henry A. Jerome, who is suing for divorce.

She was formerly Miss Lillian Hastings and her suit has been brought in San Francisco on the ground of non-support. Henry A. Jerome, the husband, is a cousin of Lady Randolph Churchill and a member of the well-known Jerome family of this city. Another cousin is Mrs. Moreton Frewen, wife of the famous British biometrist, Harry Jerome, who died on July 27 of this year, the last of the well-known late Jerome brothers, Allen, Aaron, Addison G., Leonard W., Lawrence H., Isaac, Chauncey, Charles and Thomas. Young Harry Jerome began life as a purser on one of the Pacific steamers. By the death of his brother-in-law, Clarence Dinsmore, he acquired a fortune. Several years ago he wooed and won Miss Hastings, a daughter of the late Judge Hastings, of California, founder of the Hastings Law College, who left her a large fortune in her own right. Miss Hastings was a social belle. The Jerome marriage had a romantic flavor to it, as a short time before it became known Miss Hastings disappeared and it was thought that she had eloped. This rumor was set at rest by her public marriage to Mr. Jerome. After the wedding the couple came East. Then followed rumors of a disagreement. Mr. Jerome went to San Francisco and took up his residence at the Pacific Union Club. Mrs. Jerome also returned to San Francisco and lived apartments at the Hotel Placidon. In her complaint Mrs. Jerome alleges that her husband has not provided for her support for more than a year. It is said Mr. Jerome will not contest the suit. Richard Jerome, of this city, is a brother and Mrs. Henry Edson is his sister.

HOW IT LOOKS IN DENVER. Bryan's Election the Only Hope for Prosperity, Says Mr. Ryan.

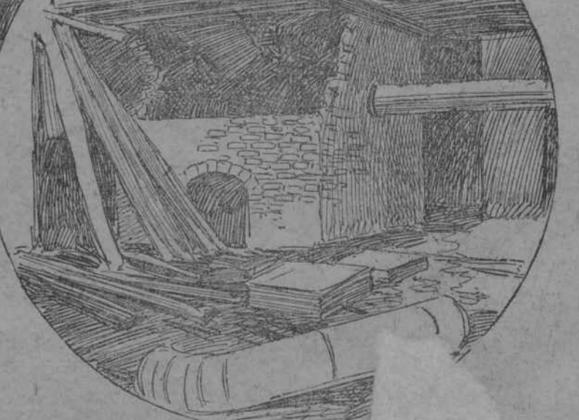
Among the delegates at the printing press in this city who attended the recent convention.

DRAGGED BY A MAD HORSE. George Zabriskie Hangs on to a Runaway and Narrowly Escapes Death.

George Gray Zabriskie, the seven-year-old son of George W. Zabriskie, of No. 45 West Forty-eighth street, had his collar bone broken in a runaway in Central Park Saturday evening, and the father just escaped being trampled under the flying hoofs of the horse.

Mr. Zabriskie and the boy occupied a cart drawn by a strong pony. They drove into the Park by the seventy-second street entrance and had just reached the drive when the horse's headstall became loose. Mr. Zabriskie alighted to repair the damage when the horse suddenly sprang forward. He clung to it gamely, crying to his son to hold fast to the seat. Something had evidently frightened the animal, for it seemed mad with fear and went ahead at a terrific gallop. Mr. Zabriskie lost his footing after ten yards had been covered, but he did not let go.

There were excited shouts from the drivers, who had witnessed the accident, and a hurried movement of those in front to get out of danger. Several persons tried to stop the runaway, but despite the weight of Mr. Zabriskie, the horse was going so fast that it eluded all efforts to stop it. Mr. Zabriskie's arm felt as if it had almost been pulled from its socket; he was bruised and sore, and his strength was falling. He knew that he could not hold on much longer, and when the horse swerved sharply he was hurled to the road, where he



Worshipping Under Great

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A RICH LAWYER; DYING A HERMIT.

Henry H. Morange Suddenly Disappeared from Here Eight Years Ago.

Friends Thought the Man Dead, but He Had Begun a New, Strange Life.

Secluded Himself at Asbury Park and Lodged Meekly, Though in Receipt of Money.

ORDERS CAME TO HIM REGULARLY.

Had Several Hundred Dollars in a Trunk When Found in Squalor—Brought to a Hospital—Relatives Keep the Secret.

Eight years ago Henry H. Morange, sixty years old, fashionably dressed, good looking, witty and with a fund of practical law made him a good companion. A former member of the Seventh Regiment and seemingly wealthy, he had many acquaintances, though there were few who knew anything of his private life. One day he disappeared, and it was rumored he was dead.

Eight years ago a Henry H. Morange appeared in Asbury Park. He was fashionably dressed, had plenty of money and said that he was a New York lawyer and a former member of the Seventh Regiment. He made few acquaintances.

Today Henry H. Morange is dying in Mount Sinai Hospital, to which place he was brought from Asbury Park Saturday night. When received at the hospital he was found to be in a critical condition. His body was emaciated and showed he had received no attention during the long time that he had been sick.

When Morange appeared at Asbury Park he registered at the Hotel Vendome. In the fall he moved from the Vendome to a less pretentious hotel. Then he began a tour of the boarding-houses, each change he made taking him to on where the cost of living was less than he had been paying.

In spite of this he had plenty of money. At stated intervals he received remittances from New York, which usually came in the form of Post Office money orders. In cashing them he showed a strange trait. He would present none of them at the post office until just before the expiration of the period of limitation, at which the money would have reverted to the Government. These orders were always for considerable sums, and Morange had \$200 to his credit in the office.

Morange's secret life was as popular, and, as the himself frequently his boarding-houses. He neglected his person and his neighbors, a time in his room and going without strange conduct for last boarding-house. He had a small room in the building but he lived for two years up to Saturday.

Morange was not seen by any one last week for several days. Finally Mr. Brunson, from whom he hired his room, broke open the door and found the old man helpless on his bed, a victim of paralysis. After many requests he gave the name of his New York friends. They were telegraphed to by the town marshal, and on Saturday a woman, who gave her name as Mrs. J. Schmitzer, accompanied by a trained nurse, arrived. She said she was a niece of Morange and wanted to take him to a hospital in New York. She gave as a reference Judge Henry Beckman, of the New York Supreme Court.

The woman began overhauling Morange's effects. In the pockets of some garments in a trunk was between \$300 and \$400 in bills. Besides this was found a money order for \$70 which Morange was finally persuaded to sign and the money for which was obtained from the Post Office. The postmaster still has \$130 which is awaiting Morange's order.

None of the attendants at the hospital would tell just night anything of the identity of the strange patient, saying they had been given orders to make nothing public.

Judge Beckman, to whom Mrs. Schmitzer referred, said he knew no woman of that name. He remembered Morange, the lawyer, as a man who practiced here years ago.

None of the members of the Seventh Regiment seen last night remembered Morange.

LIKE A PRAIRIE FIRE. R. E. Diefenderfer Tells What He Thinks Bryan Will Do With Western States.

R. E. Diefenderfer, secretary of the Free Silver party, arrived in the city from Philadelphia yesterday, to meet Chairman L. N. Stevens, of the same organization.

"Our reports are extremely encouraging," said Mr. Diefenderfer. "In the last four weeks not a moment has passed without receiving a letter from some of our agents who have disposed of ten times that amount. Bryan will carry Illinois by storm. He will sweep the State like a prairie fire, and will carry Michigan, Minnesota, Kentucky, West Virginia and the Dakotas as safe as a church. With these States and the West and South behind him, Bryan will receive an unprecedentedly large vote."

"We will elect two Democratic Congressmen in Philadelphia, which is my home. Richard F. Blund, of Missouri; Joseph C. Sibley, of Pennsylvania; and Mr. Towne, of Minnesota, against whom the Republicans are directing their heavy artillery, are certain of election."

MANY FAMILIES IN PERIL. Fire in a Tenement Basement Discovered in Time to Prevent Possible Loss of Life.

The policeman on post at No. 2150 Seventh avenue discovered a slight blaze in the basement store of E. Frederick, an upholsterer, about 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

Smoke filled the halls of the house, a firey tenement, in which twenty families were sound asleep. The officer battered down the door to the store and saw that the whole interior was ablaze. The tenants, roused by the arrival of the engine, were hurrying in an attempt to escape. The fire was done, but the fire investigators are endeavoring to determine the cause of the fire, the only person who had been in the building at the time he left it at 10 o'clock.

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