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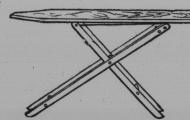
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COURT OF CLAIMS.

Settlement of Claims Against Signatory Nations.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 23 .- The project for an international court of claims is the most important that yet ject for an international court remains to be decided by the Pan-American conference. The object of the project is to provide a tribunal for settlement of pecuniary claims brought against anyone of the signatory nations by the citizens of any other, when the government of the nations to which the claimant belongs has failed, through its diplomatic agents, to procure a settlement of such claims. It is understood that the claims in questlon must be based upon alleged acts or omissions of the government or officials of the nation against which the claims are brought to the detriment of the personal interest of a citizen or citizens of a nation which undertakes to press the claims. The project looks to the making of a treaty whereby the signatory nations will oblige themselves, for a period of five years to submit such claims to the permanent arbitration court of the Hague. The treaty, if adopted, will, in fact, be tantamount to a compulsory arbitration convention, applied exclusively, however, to pecuniary claims. The United States delegation is willing to agree to this plan under certain conditions. It is recognized that it Ively, however, to pecuniary claims. The United States delegation is willing to agree to this plan under certain conditions. It is recognized that it would, in many respects be advantageous to Americans residing in some Spanish-American countries, as citizens of the United States occasionally have claims of this nature against the governments of these countries, in which the most protracted diplomatic correspondence falls, to procure settlement. There are some hitches, however, to the final approval of the project in committee. One is that the Mexican delegations desire the insertion of a clause to the effect that claimants, before having recourse to the Hague court, must prove that they have exhausted all legal means of redress in the country against which the claim is brought. Again, it is recognized that the Hague court may not be open to all nations of America and for certain cases it may be necessary to create a special tribunal. The composition of such tribunal causes some perplexity. It is hoped, however, that these difficulties may be disposed of so as to enable the project to be reported by the committee to the conference before adjournment.

SHE PLUCKED IT OUT.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 23.—Mrs. Fula Abbey, wife of a young merchant near Sparta, Tenn., is dead as the result of pulling out one of her eyes in a fanatical and literal interpretation of the Scripture injunction, "If thine eye offend, pluck it out, and cast it from thee, for it is better to go into Heaven having one eye than to suffer the torments of Hell fire." She became much excited over religion early last autumn and since that time, it is said, she has been noted for strange vagarles in religious works.

TROUBLE IN ARMENIA.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 22.—The Kurds are in the field in Armenia and sanguinary tribal conflicts have occurred in the Vilayets of Bitlis and Vax; twenty men were killed in the Bitlis fight and both sides suffered heavily at Van. Bulgarians and Turkish troops have been in conflict in the Vilayet of Kossovo. Ten Bulgarians were killed.

LINCOLN'S STATUE.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—Judge Groosur and John McLark have been appointed by Judge Tuley as the trustees of the fund, now amounting to nearly \$150,000 left by John Creerar for the erection of a statue of Abraham Lincoln. The appointment of these trustees was made nearly a year ago.

BOILER EXPLOSION

Weir, William Simons and John Considine, were badly burned and scalded. Weir and Simons were so badly hurt that their recovery is doubtful.

A TEXAS EPISODE.

HEREFORD, Texas, Jan. 23.—John Fred and Dick Spikes, brothers, were attacked near Liberty, N. H., yesterday by eight or ten men in hiding. The party opened fire and Dick Spikes was instantly killed, John Spikes was wounded and is supposed to be dead. Fred Spikes reached here today desperately wornded. No cause is given for the attack.

"HUGGING SOCIETY" IN CHURCH

Older Members of an Ohio Church Shocked—Schedule of Fees.

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CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—A special to The Record-Herald from Toledo, Ohio, says: The Church Hugging Society, organized last week at Belle Centre, Ohio, is raising no end of disturbance there and at other points in the State. It was at first proposed rather as a joke by some fun-loving girls connected with the little village church, but created so much excitement that the society was formally organized, with B. C. Bates as president and Miss Idelia Dennison as acting secretary. The schedule approved is as follows:—Girls under 15 years of age, 15 cents for a hug of two minutes, or 10 cents for a short squeeze; under 20 years, 50 cents; from 20 to 25, 75 cents; schoolmarms, 40 cents; other men's wives. \$1 old made 3 cents seab tinder 20 years, 50 cents; from 20 to 25, 75 cents; schoolmarms, 40 cents; other men's wives, \$1; old maids, 3 cents each and no time limit. The society has forty-three members, and on Thursday evening an up-to-date performance was given along the schedule lines. Another is set for Feb. 1. The older people of the church are up in arms.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Project to Provide a Tribunal for Methuen Does Another Good Stroke Prince Henry Will Bring Over a

LONDON, Jan. 23.-A correspondent of the Daily News in the lobbles of parliament hears that there have cer tainly been some sort of peace over-tures by the Boers, but the unyielding attitude of Lord Milner, the British high commissioner in South Africa has, as before, proved an insurmount-able obstacle in the matter. The Hague correspondent of the

Daily News says that both Dr. Leyds, the European representative of the Transvaal, and Abraham Fischer, the leader of the Boer delegates, are having frequent and prolonged interviews with Dr. Van Linden, the Dutch minister of foreign affairs, and Prof. Asser

with Dr. Van Linden, the Dutch minister of foreign affairs, and Prof. Asser, the jurist, and chairman of the arbitration court at The Hague.

A correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, wiring from Brussels, says that the pro-Boer press has published a note issued by Mr. Kruger, declaring that no peace negotiations will be considered except ones upon the basis of the retention of Boer independence. This note is regarded as a reply to the speech of Mr. Chamberlain, the British colonial secretary.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Lord Kitchener in a despatch from Johannesburg Transvaal colony, dated Tuesday, Jan. 21, says Gen. Methuen overtook a Boer command near Boschpoort. Jan. 20, and after a running fight of eight miles captured all their wagons and cattle and 24 Boers.

Gen. Bruce Hamilton made a night march against Gen. Botha near Witbank, Jan. 18, but the Boer commander had left the camp when the British reached the spot. The latter, however, captured 27 prisoners.

LABOUCHERE ON KIPLING.

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(London Truth.)

In the last but one of his articles Mr. Kipling gave us all to understand that we have had a jolly good lesson, and that it served us jolly well right. This valuable discovery had been previously made in many quarters, the first announcement dating from the time of the battle of Colenso. But neither Mr. Kipling nor his predecessors in research have ever succeeded in explaining precisely what this lesson teaches, though it is evident that until the pupil knows that, the mere knowledge that a lesson has been delivered cannot be of the slightest value to anybody.

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The last article of the series is called The Islanders. The Islanders are apparently the people of Great Britain and Ireland. The poet abuses them in the most truculent fashion. Had I used such language about my countrymen I should have been met on all sides with shouts of "Yah, yah, pro-Boer!" But it has always been the privilege of true patriots to call their countrymen the ugliest names, and "fiannelled fools" and "muddled oafs" are only examples of poetic license in this direction. But apart from mere abuse, what practical message has the poet for the fools and oafs of these islands? Apparently, that they ought poet for the fools and oafs of thesislands? Apparently, that they ough all to be trained soldiers and to suball to be trained soldiers and to sub-mit themselves to compulsory military service, failing which their island will inevitably be conquered by some ene-my undisclosed. This is a singular doctrine to preach to islanders, more particularly to islanders who have al-ways been taught to believe that their empire rests on the sea, and that the first condition of their freedom is that they should rule the waves. That the poet, while fulminating and pro-phesying so energetically should have lost sight of the fact that insularity is an essential condition of an island, is an essential condition of an island, seems to me a strong argument against putting up poets to instruct the public in politics and business.

SHORTAGE OF MARRIAGEABLE MEN.

BOILER EXPLOSION.

THE Orange Blossom League has been formed by the women of England to compet the government to recall the competition of whom should be "engaged" in South Kensington and elsewhere. To many "time is manage," it a women it is manage," it is manage." South Kensington and elsewhere. To man "time is money;" to women "time is matrimony." For two years 250,000 of the soundest men in Great Britain have been absent from the country. The most eligible sons have gone out with the yeomanry, and the stock of bachelor curates is rapidly approaching exhaustion. Every male between the ages of fifty and sixty has been reclaimed from the condition of chronic singleness. Many women who have reached the stage of acute middle-age have had to content themselves with foreign-made men, and a consignment of "frozen mates" has been dispatched from the United States as an experiment.—London Truth.

THE CONVICTS CAUGHT.

Their Liberty on McNeill's Island Was Brief-Will Lose Credit on Their

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 22.—A Ledger reporter just returned from McNeill's island brings the news that every one of the 11 driminals who escaped from the U. S. Senitentiary on McNeill's Island, Sunday, slept behind prison bars Tuesday night. The last four to be taken, Jas. Moriarty, Mike Williams, Bruce Kenweight and J. P. Stewart, were captured at 11 o'clock Tuesday night near the Cross roads where the other prisoners were taken. The capture was affected without a shot being fired.

The men had a sack full of chicken The men had a sack tull of chickens and were evidently prepared to make a feast. The four men did not take their capture much to heart. Moriarty will lose a credit of 20 months on his sentence and Williams will forfeit two years and two months.

A plain proposition in advertising wisdom is, "Use the Star's advertising space."

GIFTS FOR THE NATIVES.

Choice Selection for the Americans.

Americans.

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—Prince Henry of Prussia selected, at the court today, about fifty presents for Americans with whom he will come specially in contact during his visit to the United States. The presents include several gold and silver boxes set with diamonds enamelled on the lids; beautiful silver cups with "Hohenzollern;" enamelled silver cigarette cases on which His Majesty's autograph is traced in small diamonds, and small compasses, enclosed in gold and silver boxes, with "Hohenzollern" enamelled on them, besides larger and more valuable gifts. A number of cuff links, brooches and scarf pins with the initial "H" in diamonds, are also included among the presents. The latter are intended for less important persons. Official secrecy is maintained as to what the Emperor and Prince Henry will present to the president, Rear Admiral R. D. Evans, and Miss Alice Rooseveit, though it is well known that His Majesty will send Miss Roosevelt a jewelled bracelet, and Prince Henry will probably give the president a hunting gun with interchangeable shot and riffe barrels, and its accompanying equipment.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

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DUBLIN, Jan. 23.—Timothy C. Harrington, member of parliament for the Harbor Division of this city, has been re-elected Lord Mayor of Dublin.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—President Mc-Kinley's birthday, January 29, has been chosen by the New York board of trade and transportation for its anual banquet.—Charles Emory Smith, former postmaster general, will deliver an ortation on "William McKinley and his policies."

VIENNA, Jan. 23.—The Arch Duch ess Elizabeth, grand daughter of Em peror Francis Joseph, was married to day to Prince Otho Von Windsel Greatz, at the Josefi chapel of the Hof burg, in the presence of Empero Francis Joseph, Countess Lonyay, the bride's mother, and a number of princes and princesses belonging to the Imperial family.

TO AVERT THE CATASTROPHE.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Lady Stanley wife of Sir Henry Stanley asserts she has high authority for saying that the Italian legal difficulties have been over Italian legal difficulties have been overcome and the negotiations are well advanced for the transfer of the entire
Borghez gallery to the United States.
She implores the civilized world to join
in averting such a catastrophe. The
estimated value of the Borghez gallery
is \$1,390,000, and it is regarded as being the first private collection of paintings in the world. Among the best
known works in it are Correggio's Dane
and Raphael's "Entombment." The
statuary in the collection is not regarded as of great importance, but the
modern sculpture includes several
master pieces, such as Canova's
"Venus Vietrix."

INSURANCE COMPANIES COMBINE.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—A provisional agreement has been signed whereby the Imperial Insurance Co., Ltd., The Alliance Ins. Co., and the Imperial Life Insurance Co. are to be amalgamated, cables the London correspondent of the Journal of Commerce. The new company will be called the Imperial Alliance and will take over the entire assets of all three institutions. The staffs of both Imperials will be retained by the Imperial Swill be retained by the Imperial Alliance, as insisted upon by Manager E. Cozens Smith of the Imperial Insurance and Alliance companies are represented in St. John, but the agents here have not heard officially that an amalgamation has been effected, though rumors have been current for some time. The Imperial Insurance does a large business in Canada.)

TRANSPORT ASHCRE.

QUEENSTOWN, Jan. 23.—The British transport Minnesota, with troops on board, bound for South Africa, JAMES RYAN, stranded while leaving Queenstown this morning. Her stern is high out of the water and she has a list to starboard, but it is expected she will be floated at high tide this evening.

IMPORTED FROM PORTLAND.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Two cattlemen suffering from smallpox were landed here today from the British steamer Jacona, which arrived at London January 10, from Portland, Maine. Another man on the steamer who contracted the disease, was sent ashore at Blyth.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Eastern states and northern New York—Cloudy tonight and Friday; probably snow in south portion Friday, fresh northerly to northeasterly winds.

FIRST FREIGHT FOR DAWSON.

DAWSON, Jan. 8.—Via Seattle, Wash., Jan. 22.—The first freight to arrive in Dawson over the ice from White Horse this year comprises a heavy sleighload drawn by four horses for the U. S. army at Fort Egbert and Eagle. It is material for the Valdes-Eagle mail route. There is to be a temporary wire between Eagle and Valdes completed by the last of February and to finish the permanent line next August.

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The laurels of Andrew Carnegle are frosted by the generosity of that large-hearted Guelph man who celebrated this Christmas by allowing a number of poor but deserving children to look at the gold head of his ebony cane.

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