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PEACE CONFERENCE.

ANDREW D. WHITE SAYS THE ORGANIZING HAS BEEN WELL DONE.

He Hopes for Practical Conclusions—If Nothing More, Arbitration Will Be Made More Than Optional—Geneva Convention to be Extended.

The Hague, May 22.—The chiefs of the delegations have had frequent conferences, with the view of arriving at an agreement in regard to the choice of officers for committee. But apparently many difficulties have arisen, as nothing has been finally settled.

Many false and exaggerated reports have been circulated regarding these matters. For instance, it has been said that Count Von Munster, the German ambassador at Paris and head of the German delegation, would withdraw from the conference. Such stories must be received with a grain of salt, as Count Von Munster has been engaged in spreading dis-trust.

The story about Count Von Munster probably arose from the fact that his name does not appear as a member of any of the committees, while the other chiefs of delegations have joined one or more committees. But it is pointed out that delegates, although not members of a committee, are invited to attend the sessions and participate in the discussions.

Mr. Andrew D. White, the U.S. ambassador at Paris, and head of the American delegation, in an interview here with a representative of the Associated Press said he regarded the situation as promising and that the first work of organization was well done. He added: "I am full of hope that it will be possible to reach practical conclusions. The scepticism of the first few days must yield to serious hopes without at the same time indulging in exaggerated expectations."

The words of Emperor William have contributed to improve the situation. It is undoubtedly impossible to make such action obligatory, it can be rendered at least optional and I believe that after the conference the powers will recognize that they have their responsibility to achieve something other than by war. That will be an immense advance.

"It was also evident that important improvements are achievable in the laws and usages of war, to harmonize war, especially in extending to neutral nations the Geneva convention of 1864 and increasing the protection of private property in naval war. Relative to the reduction of armaments, I do not in a postion to speak on the subject."

Other ambassadors who are delegates to the conference were also interviewed and expressed their views. They said they were most hopeful that the deliberations of the conference would result in the adoption of a resolution on the subject leading towards peace and rendering war more humane. All were dominated by a sense of immense responsibility to achieve something especially in the direction of arbitration. The delegates were unanimously of opinion that the question of the reduction of armaments would be the most difficult to meet and they believed that it would be relegated to the rear of the other two features, especially since the special object of the conference is now acknowledged to be an endeavor to establish a permanent system of international arbitration without recourse to war, thus increasing the rarity of war, and as a natural consequence leading to the reduction of armaments. They seemed surprised, however, that numerous differences of detail would arise in the various committees, and that the conference would be protracted.

After an active exchange of views during the last 24 hours, the chiefs of the various delegations arrived this evening at an agreement regarding the selection of the presidents of the various committees. This agreement will be communicated to the delegates, who have been summoned to meet in plenary session in the Hotel Ten Bosch at noon tomorrow for the sole purpose of formally confirming the agreement.

The meeting of the disarmament committee has been postponed until 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

A DOUBLE FUNERAL.

Sunday Herbert Williamson and Thomas Mallock, who were drowned in Chamcook Lake, were Interred.

St. Andrews, May 22.—The sad spectacle of a double funeral was witnessed here yesterday afternoon, when the bodies of the two unfortunate men, Herbert Williamson and Thomas Mallock, who lost their lives in the Second Chamcook Lake on Friday last, were laid at rest in the Rural Cemetery. Notwithstanding the unpleasant weather yesterday, the funeral was the largest seen in this town for many years, people of all sexes and ages turning out to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of two worthy young men and show their sympathy for the two grief-stricken families. The procession was first formed at the residence of the late Mr. Mallock, on Queen's street, and proceeded to the house of the late Mr. Williamson, on Water street, where the body and mourning relatives of the latter joined

the solemn cortege and then moved on via Water street to the Methodist church. One casket was placed at the head of each aisle and a most solemn and impressive service was held, conducted by the Rev. Messrs. J. C. Berrie and Thompson. The large edifice was filled to overflowing and many were unable to obtain standing room. A special quartette, composed of Miss Berrie, Miss Claudie Maloney, Mr. M. Maxwell and Mr. Augustus Rigby, with Miss Edna Clark presiding at the organ, rendered some sweet and appropriate music, and the service was most touching and impressive. The procession from the church to the cemetery was a very long one, and in that silent city of the dead the two bodies were laid side by side in the one spot.

For many years the lives of those two unfortunate young men have been very closely identified one with the other, and of them it can be truly said: "They were strong and faithful in friendship through life, and in death they were not parted."

In the Methodist church last evening the Rev. Mr. Berrie preached a sermon especially appropriate for the occasion, in which he paid a high tribute to the memory of the young men so suddenly cut off in the very midst of their growing manhood. There was no sadder event has ever happened in this community and the expression of sympathy for the families of the departed is universal.

BURIED THREE CENTURIES.

Documents Telling Where to Find Treasure Discovered in a Cave in N. W. Mexico, Written in Spanish and Latin.

SANTA FE, N. M., May 20.—E. Gallegos, of Las Vegas, and several boys recently discovered a cave in the foot hills, six miles from Las Vegas, which contained a plain tablet in the wall. The boys removed the tablet and found that it had protected a niche, in which there was a stone box containing Latin and Spanish manuscripts.

F. O. Kilberg deciphered the manuscripts, which stated that a party of Spanish and French explorers had been attacked by Indians near the locality 300 years ago, and all except two were killed. One of the survivors died, and the other was taken to a place in which the documents were stored. The two survivors feared they would never see their fellow countrymen again, and were certain that if they could stand the pressure of the finders of the documents.

The documents stated that in a certain distance from the cave the grave of the man who died would be found. A certain quantity of gold and silver in bars and buttons and the shaft of a gold mine were to be found in the same locality. It was also requested that the finders of the treasure should forward half of it to the heirs of the explorer mentioned in the documents. Kilberg offered \$300 for the manuscripts and E. B. Catron offered \$1,500 for them.

Fish Weir at St. Martins.

St. MARTINS, May 22.—Messrs. Splene and Turner are building a fish weir in Quaco Race and the operation is being watched with great interest. A certain quantity of fish has already been put in position and it is proposed to erect the poles and net on this. It is a large weir and it is expected that the tremendous current which sets through alternately with the ebb and flow of tide there is no doubt the location is a good one for fish. The builders are sanguine of success.

Seaboarder Peretta, of Farsboro, Capt. Howard, with his crew, is in trouble at Salmon River, where she was to deliver her cargo. The vessel is right up to the sand bar outside. With the assistance of some schooner captains the vessel was got off next day and taken to Salmon River, and is leaking. The consignee refuses to take delivery of the cargo where the vessel is now lying, and claims she must go to the upper wharf, but as the vessel is drawing nine feet, and there was only about five feet of water at the wharf the captain could not get her hauled ahead.

The Four A's.

A Warwickshire (Eng.) village possesses The Four A's, the signboard of which bears the following inscription:—
"The king rules all,
The parson prays for all,
The squire lites for all,
And the farmer pays for all."

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ANOTHER SENSATION.

DEAD BODY OF A MAN FOUND AT FREDERICTON MONDAY NIGHT.

The Town Greatly Excited Over the Discovery—Evidences of Foul Play on the Corpse—Believed to be Either Race Playburn or Charley Wheary.

FREDERICTON, May 23.—A second sensation, promising to surpass the Stanley murder in intensity, has at this midnight hour been sprung upon the city. Crowds of citizens are flocking towards York street to find out further particulars. It appears that some parties removing night soil from the Commercial Hotel premises suddenly came across the dead body of a man. Frightened by their discovery they fled and at once raised the alarm. When aid had been summoned the body was withdrawn from its resting place in the mire and muck and is now being viewed by Coroner Conlhard. The remains, which show evidences of foul play, are currently believed to be those of either Race Playburn or Charley Wheary of Wharby of Keewick, both of whom are missing.

THE LEGISLATIVE GRAVYARD.

The Senate Wants to Make a Better Division of Business With the House—Fondness for Killing Bills an Obstacle.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 22.—The senate met today, and after sitting a couple of hours adjourned until Thursday. Senator Wark, who is 94 years of age, made a speech suggesting the appointment of a committee to make a better division of public business between the two houses.

Senator Mills re-ited, stating that the matter had been under the consideration of the government. This year three bills were introduced in the senate, but none of them were passed. As to private bills, the senate could not force bills to come there with them. The senate paid little attention to the principle of private bills. When the senate became more in touch with the public more time and attention would be given to legislation which came before them.

Senator Boveil asked for some returns regarding Drankford County Railway.

THE TERMS OFFERED.

Will Give the Filipinos as Large a Self Government as They Can Safely Handle—Conference Un-productive So Far.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The written proposition submitted to the Filipino people at Manila by the American commission was framed in Washington by Secretary Hay. The only error in the printed report of the contents is the omission of the qualification "principal" in the statement of the judges to be appointed by the president. It is the intention to give the Filipinos, just as the president has promised, a large measure of self-government as they seem able to exercise with safety to themselves and due regard to the welfare of other nations. Therefore, it is proposed to allow them to choose their own inferior judicial officials to begin with, and perhaps the principle may be extended if it works well in the lower grades.

President Schurman did not report to Secretary Hay today. Hence, it is assumed that the conference up to this point has not been so productive of results to warrant a statement.

OTTAWA NEWS.

Sir William Van Horne Travelling with Chinese—Hon. Mr. Tarte Going to Europe on Business and for His Health.

OTTAWA, May 22.—The Ottawa university is to confer the degree of doctor of laws on Lord Minto.

Sir William Van Horne passed through Ottawa last night on a special train from Vancouver. The train consisted of thirteen coaches, and the average speed made was forty miles an hour. With the exception of Sir William's coach all the cars were filled with Chinese bound for Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Sifton are in Toronto to dine the races. They are expected to return on Tuesday. A meeting of the council of the Royal Society held tonight arrangements were made for the annual meeting which commences tomorrow and will continue during the week. Among those who are here to attend the meeting are Premier Marchand, Hon. G. W. Ross, Archbishop

O'Brien, Attorney General Langley and others.

Mr. Tarte has been improving in health the last few days, and has several times been out for short drives. He is busily engaged in preparing his supplementary estimates, and as soon they have passed council it is understood he will take a trip to Paris for the double purpose of inspecting the preparations for Canada's exhibit there next year and of taking the best medical advice. Yesterday he felt well enough to go down to Montreal with the intention of paying a visit on one of the departmental steamers today to the place where the Gallia is ashore, with a view of seeing whether anything can be done by the dredging plant of the public works department to assist in getting her off.

INQUEST BEGUN.

Over the Body of McLean Killed at Stanley by Gover—The Crowd So Large the Exhibition Building Is Used.

FREDERICTON, May 22.—The inquest over the body of the late William McLean was commenced at Stanley this afternoon before Coroner Moore and a jury. The crowd in attendance was so large that it was found necessary to secure the exhibition building in which to hold the inquest. The body of the deceased, who was 20 years of age, appeared in the interests of the crown and was represented by his counsel, George F. Gregory. Mr. Gregory called the first witness examined, and told a straightforward story. The five men who were at the Gover house with McLean on the night preceding the tragedy are included in the list of witnesses. The inquiry may last three days.

The funeral of the late Wm. McLean, who met his death at the hands of Alfred Gover, took place from the residence of Mr. H. B. Rainford, clerk of the peace, appeared in the interests of the crown and was represented by his counsel, George F. Gregory. Mr. Gregory called the first witness examined, and told a straightforward story. The five men who were at the Gover house with McLean on the night preceding the tragedy are included in the list of witnesses. The inquiry may last three days.

LONG SENTENCES.

Monoton's Boy Burglars Feel the Heavy Hand of the Law—Hove and Seath Get Ten Years Each.

MONKTON, May 22.—Under the speedy trials act at Dorchester today Judge Wells sentenced Char. Seath and Ned Hove to 10 years each in penitentiary for burglarizing the Baptist parsonage and Eaman's drug store. Anthony Galant got five years in connection with the passage robbery and Jack Harty six months in jail for receiving stolen goods. The prisoners all pleaded guilty to the charges preferred against them.

The pilot authorities are wondering what to do with Sandow, the 10-year-old boy burglar caught in the city market Sunday morning. The lad has been re-argued before the magistrate and consented to be tried for burglary but on account of his tender years he can hardly be sent to the penitentiary and the reformatory appears to be a less expensive luxury for Monoton's officials. A supplementary jury is taking until tomorrow to consider the case and will probably give Sandow a term in jail.

FREDERICTON.

University Gold Medalist—Encore on the First Day of June—Death of Jennie Titus.

FREDERICTON, May 22.—Peter J. Hughes, of St. Mary's, York county, a student at the university, has been awarded the governor general's gold medal for proficiency in English and French.

The annual exercises of the University of New Brunswick will be held on the afternoon of Thursday, June 1st. The address in praise of the founders will be delivered by Dr. Bailey, and St. H. Street will pronounce the valedictory for the graduating class. Dr. Parks, principal of Upper Canada college, will deliver the annual oration in the evening.

Gold in Ontario.

KINGSTON, May 22.—A rich find of gold has been made on the farm of William Chaston, in the township of Darby, North Addington county. Experts say it is the most valuable gold ore yet discovered in Ontario, yielding \$5,000 a ton.

A Bad Flood.

St. PATRICKS, May 22.—A large portion of the government of Astrakhan, on the north-west coast of the Caspian Sea, has been submerged by an overflow of the river Volga, which divides it into two nearly equal parts. In the Zarvask district villages are flooded.

PILLORY AND POST.

FIFTEEN MEN TASTED THE CAT IN DELAWARE ON SATURDAY.

The Little State, Which Was Once Described as Three Peach Orchards and a Whipping Post, Maintaining Its Reputation for Punishments.

WILMINGTON, Del., May 20.—Fifteen captives were publicly whipped in the New Castle jail yard today with the cat o' nine tails. Fully one hundred spectators, some interested in the study of criminology, watched the men squirm and wriggle through the ordeal. In the gathering were numerous women, who gazed without a tremor at the unfortunate men whose backs were being honeycombed with bright red welts as the rawhide struck the bare skin. Sheriff Taylor wielded the "cat," and the number flogged is the greatest in any one day of recent years. It took exactly twenty-eight minutes to chastise the men, and then they were conducted back to their cells to serve sentences for petty larceny and other trivial offences.

ONE PRISONER ANGRY. George B. Lion, colored, received 20 stinging lashes, after which he was placed in the pillory for one hour. A new wind was blowing from the Delaware River, but Hilton bore the ordeal without grumbling. After being released from the stocks he was so angry that he attempted to assault Warden Hance, but he was overpowered and thrust into a cell.

B. Lion's companion, Henry Harding, dressed the whipping. "Lightly, sheriff!" he pleaded, as he was secured in the pillory. He squirmed and twisted and stood sideways as the 20 blows were laid on. He seemed to be tortured, although his punishment was light. John Green, who received 15 lashes, grinned and winked at the spectators during his chastisement, but Harry Hall was so nervous that his 20 strokes were fished that he could hardly walk from the post.

Wesley Brown twisted about the stocks, and made a mule to evade the stinging raw-hide, but he was unaccounted for.

NO BLOOD DRAWN. The back of each man was crowded with streaks and raised welts after he had been whipped, but no blood was drawn. It seemed to draw the crowd of being whipped in public. It is noteworthy that none of the prisoners flogged today has ever before nugged the whipping post.

Among the spectators were prison officials from Philadelphia and from penal institutions throughout Pennsylvania. They followed every movement of the sheriff, and were impressed with the demeanor of the captives after being released from the whipping post.

IMPEACHED FOR HERESY.

Rev. Dr. Austin of Alma Ladies' College Will Have to Stand Trial for His Utterances in Toronto January Last.

WINNIPEG, Man., May 22.—Rev. Dr. Austin, ex-principal of Alma Ladies' College, St. Thomas, Ont., at present here on a lecturing tour received notice that he had been found guilty of heresy by the St. Thomas Methodist district for utterances in a sermon preached in Toronto last January. Four charges were preferred against Dr. Austin, viz., that he opposed the scriptural doctrine of eternal punishment; that he questioned the divinity of Christ; that he disparaged the character of the atonement; that he opposed the doctrine of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and that he upheld a system of spiritualism contrary to the teachings of the Methodist church. The committee found Dr. Austin guilty on all charges except the first one. The trial takes place at the London conference early in June.

PARIS STILL FAST.

Her Coal Being Jettisoned—An Attempt Will Be Made to Float Her Tomorrow—Chances for Success Good.

COVENTRY, Cornwall, May 22.—It is said as vege tugs from Liverpool will arrive at the scene of the wreck tonight the Paris will be made on Wednesday. Everything at present seems favorable to success.

The crew of the Paris during the day were engaged in jettisoning the coal from her bunkers. Drivers who were recently employed to inspect the wreck of the Mohagan have been examining the inside of the Paris for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of the damage done. They discovered four or five large holes.

FALMOUTH, May 22.—A number of the passengers of the Paris met at the Falmouth Hotel this evening to render thanks for their deliverance. Mr. Louis Road, of New York, the secretary of the company, said its object was to acknowledge spontaneously the kindness and courtesy the passengers had received since the disaster at the hands of the company, the officers of the liner and the crew. Nine years ago, he said, he was a passenger on the Paris, then the City of Castile, when she was disabled off the Irish coast for four days or so, but

she always managed to save her passengers.

The Wm. Risley, of Philadelphia, who presided, said they were a most grateful to Providence, who had stilled the treacherous waters of the channel in the hour of their recent trouble, when the wreck of the Mohagan seemed to welcome all to a similar doom. The very slightest breeze, he asserted, was due to Capt. Watkins and the crew for coolness and promptness, and to the coast guard for their heroism.

Bacon Oppenheim, of Paris and New York, asked the company to devote five minutes to silent prayer, the suggestion being immediately adopted. All present stood.

On the proposal of Mr. W. F. Archer, of London, a collection was taken up for the coast guard, the sum of £20 being quickly contributed.

To Establish a Model Camp.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—In anticipation of the prompt return of the volunteer troops in the Philippines, the secretary of war today telegraphed instructions to General Shafter, commanding the department of Oulorais at San Francisco, to establish a model camp at the Presidio for the accommodation of about 4,000 volunteers from Manila, pending their master out. Gen. Shafter is instructed particularly to make ample provision for water supply and sanitary features, to the end that the camp may be comfortable and healthful. He is informed that bad sickness are to be furnished and stored here if he thinks it advisable. The returning troops to leave their field ranges and go into camp. The quartermaster department has been ordered to supply the necessary tents to the camp at the Presidio.

Robbed a Shrine.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, May 22.—The startling discovery was made yesterday that the famous shrine of Nuestra Señora Caridad, at El Cobre, had been robbed of jewels valued at \$25,000 and that the head of the statue had been broken off and removed. The report created great excitement in the town, where the shrine has long been the principal attraction. It is supposed to have miraculously healing powers, and is visited annually by thousands of pilgrims from all parts of Cuba, from Mexico and even from Europe, who have loaded the image with rich gifts.

The secret police are making great efforts to discover the perpetrator of the outrage. It is asserted that an American will be arrested tomorrow on the charge of being the criminal and the police hope to recover the jewels.

Finlanders for Newfoundland.

St. JOHN'S, N. F., May 23.—It now seems likely that Newfoundland will soon receive a colony of Finlanders. Applications have been received by the colonial government bearing on the subject, asking what steps it is necessary to take and how far the Newfoundland authorities would be interested in the project. The Finlanders are a people of the island where the Finlanders were allowed to settle, and as to how they could engage in the fisheries and farming industries, with all of which they are familiar. The colonial ministry is giving the matter careful consideration and will probably encourage the Finlanders to come here and it is believed they will make a very desirable class of settlers.

Creditors Paid in Full.

HAMILTON, Ont., May 22.—Arm, Adams, Hope & Co., in liquidation, has paid every cent of its indebtedness to its creditors of two years ago. On May 22, 1897, the firm called its assets to account, together and presented a statement showing liabilities amounting to \$55,616. The company offered 50 cents on the dollar payable in nine months and the offer was accepted. A few days ago the various creditors were agreeably surprised by receiving checks for the balance of their accounts with interest for two years. This means a payment of over \$26,000 and interest.

Burglary at Bristol.

Bristol, May 20.—C. A. Phillips has returned from St. John on Wednesday and found that during his absence his store had been burglarized and a quantity of goods, mostly clothing, had been taken. The burglar had keys to open the door, as there was no evidence of opening being made. At present there is no clue to the guilty parties, but Mr. Phillips is closely investigating the affair. He believes it was someone who was well acquainted with the premises.

Trumped Up by the Boss.

LONDON, May 22.—The Johannesburg correspondent of the Morning Post in a despatch dealing with the recent arrests of former British officers on charge of a conspiracy to promote a rising, says he is now convinced that the conspiracy was primarily one of the Boer officials, in which Police Commissioner Schabitz was the prime mover. Schabitz, who evidently used President Kruger's name as a tool, has been forced to resign, but will appeal to the Volksraad for reinstatement.

An Important Decision.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The United States Supreme Court, through Justice Brown, held that patents or bonds placed on one side, and longed and grooved, should have been admitted free of duty as dressed lumber under the tariff act of 1894 and not as a manufacturer of wood. The decision was rendered in the case of the United States vs. Frank Dudley, which originated in Vermont.