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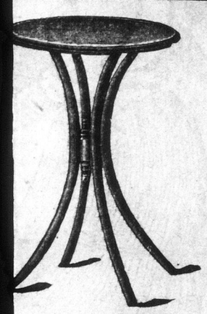

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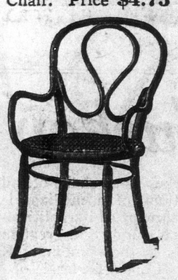

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WOULD DULL TEETH OF POWERS

The Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration May Adopt Platform for Limitation of Armaments

JUSTICE MACLAREN ON PIPING PEACE

Holds Up Relations Between Canada and the United States as an Example to the Older Nations

Lake Mohonk, N. N., May 20.—The possibility of the adoption tomorrow at the Lake Mohonk conference on international arbitration of a platform plank favoring a limitation of armaments among the nations is believed to be indicated by the conversation of leaders of the conference now in session here.

Dean Kirschwey, of Columbia, who was one of the leaders in the successful fight for such a plank two years ago, is now chairman of the business committee of the business conference which prepares the platforms and the comment among the prominent men in the conference is in criticism of the financial and other burdens of militarism and the unwisdom of war talk between Great Britain and Germany.

Albert K. Smiley, the founder and host of the conference, when he threw his influence against adopting such a plank last year and a year ago is understood to have gone views although still skeptical as to any immediate possibility in the direction of limiting.

The attitude of China was declared by Ambassador Wu Ting Fang in an address delivered at the conference today in favor of making a compulsory arbitration law of the nations.

The amicable relations between the U. S. and Canada were described by Justice J. J. MacLaren of the Court of appeals of the Province of Ontario, who said that while individuals in a measure have become christianized, we still remain as nations, and collectively, largely barbarians and heathens.

Great Pagan Armaments

Gov. Ansel, of South Carolina, spoke in favor of arbitration, and the Rev. Frederick Lynch, pastor of the Pilgrim Church, New York, declared that it is the shame of the age that every church in Germany, England and America is not protesting against these "great pagan overwhelming armaments."

At this morning's session of the Lake Mohawk conference on international arbitration, Dr. Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister to the United States, spoke on "China's attitude towards Arbitration" and was followed by Justice J. J. Maclaren of Toronto.

After referring to the amiable relations between the United States and Canada Justice MacLaren outlined the methods under which the immense bodies of fresh water which separate Canada and the United States, have for a century been free from all warlike demonstrations or display.

An Enviable Record.

"In April, 1827," he said, "without a formal treaty, or even a convention, by a simple interchange of short letters between the British minister, Mr. Bagot, and Mr. Rush, the American acting secretary of state, it was agreed that the naval force to be maintained on the lakes should be confined to a definite, small number of vessels. It was a simple stipulation that might be terminated by either country on six months notice.

"To their everlasting credit be it said that they have not only kept strictly within the limit, but actually dispensed with war vessels entirely, and that this pacific condition has now been maintained for more than eighty years. May the day be far distant when any contrary policy may obtain."

The speaker then told of the successive peaceful steps taken in the elimination of the boundary between the two countries and said that the land portion is as free from military display as is the water portion from naval show.

"What an object lesson," he exclaimed, "both on land and water for those nations at present so heavily cursed and burdened with militarism!

"But the greatest triumph for the principles for which this conference stands is likely to be gained within the next few months, by what is known as the waterways treaty, agreed to between the governments of the two countries in January of the present year, and which would no doubt have been ratified ere this, had not a member of the United States Senate succeeded in persuading that body to add a rider granting to his state an additional advantage without conceding any compensation to the other side.

"It has been a great cause of surprise that nations whose subjects or citizens settle their differences through arbitration or through the courts have been slow to settle international difficulties in the same manner. The fact is that while in a measure as individuals we become civilized and Christianized, we still remain as a nation, and collectively, largely barbarians and heathens. We need to cultivate the corporate and national conscience. In my opinion there is great necessity for our getting back to first principles."

THREE ADRIFT IN SMALL BOAT

W. Lambert and J. O'Neill and the Latter's Five-Year-Old Son Lost in a Small Boat Near Sidney

LAST SEEN ON TUESDAY EVENING

Provincial Police Launch Joined Search Party Today—Relatives of Missing Men Fear the Worst

Two men, W. Lambert and J. O'Neill, and the latter's five-year-old boy, are lost. Either they have been drowned or they are still drifting helplessly about, in a twenty-five foot row-boat, somewhere on the broad expanse of the Gulf of Georgia.

The last seen of the party was on Tuesday evening about dusk, when an Indian reported having sighted the craft moving away from James Island in a southeasterly direction towards San Juan.

They left Sidney, bound for the Sidney Brick and Tile Company's camp, three miles straight away from the former point, at about 5 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, a trip which in the ordinary course occupies forty minutes. The weather then was rather heavy, but afterwards the wind developed into a moderate gale. Since then, apart from the Indian statement, no news of the men has been heard.

Sidney Is Excited

The village of Sidney, where the missing are well known, is all excitement. All the launches available there have been requisitioned and the coast from Oak Bay north and among the "Thousand Islands" of the Gulf is being patrolled with feverish energy and studied thoroughness. These search parties have been out since late yesterday afternoon. This morning they were joined by the Provincial Police launch. But up to the time of going to press no clue had been discovered.

Little hope is held out for their recovery alive. That their boat has been swamped in the storms which prevailed on Tuesday or Wednesday nights is the consensus of opinion. If this happened the chances are a million to one that they have perished miserably.

There is a possibility that some passing steamer rescued them, but it is pointed out that if such a thing oc-

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Artisan Wins Doncaster.

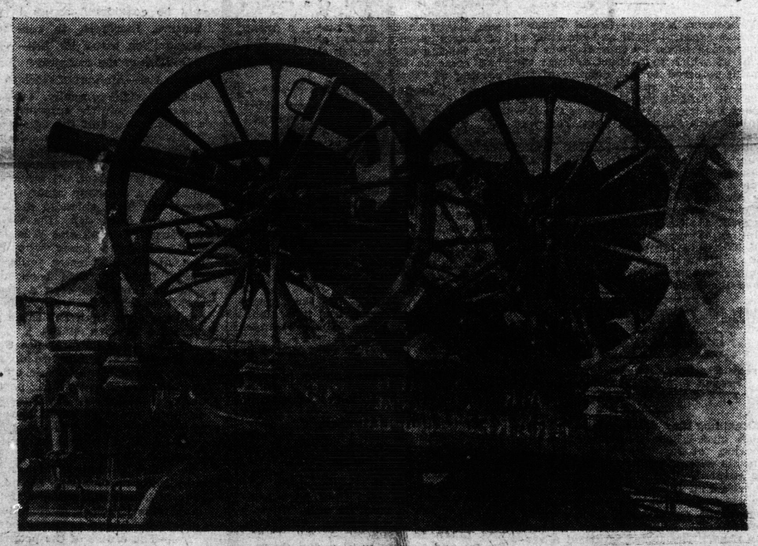
London, May 20.—Artisan, 100 to 8, won the Doncaster spring handicap at Doncaster today. Colletmorte, 9 to 2, was second and Santebella, 8 to 1, third. The also rans were Eudorus, Romany Lass, Moerland Lad, Jacobite, Young Pankhurst, Backstead, Disturbance, Pretty Lady.

HONOR MEMORY OF LONG DEAD PATRIOT

Statue to Rev. Dr. John Witherspoon Who Was Once President of Princeton University and Who Signed Declaration

Washington, D. C., May 20.—In memory of the illustrious services as a patriot, a philanthropist and theologian, a handsome statue will be dedicated tomorrow to the Rev. Dr. John Witherspoon, famed as a Scotch Presbyterian minister, signer of the Declaration of Independence, member of the Continental Congress and President of Princeton University. The statue is of bronze and represents Witherspoon in an oratorical attitude. It is mounted on a marble pedestal bearing his name as follows: "John Witherspoon 1722, Scotland; 1794, Princeton," and other inscriptions. The monument will be unveiled by William Banks Witherspoon, seven years old, a lineal descendant of John Witherspoon of the sixth generation. The Rev. Dr. Jere Witherspoon, of Richmond, Va., also a lineal descendant, will deliver the invocation, while the benediction will be pronounced by Rev. David A. Wood, of Gettysburg, Pa., another descendant. The opening address will be made by James Bryce, the British ambassador, on "The Contributions of Scotland to America." Vice-President Sherman will also make an address.

New Twelve-Pounders Which Have Arrived for Fifth Regiment



PROSPERO WINS FREE TODAY

St. John's, May 20.—The coast steamer Prospero, which became imprisoned in the ice while trying to reach the Mongolian yesterday, freed herself from the ice jam this afternoon. A heavy undertow in the Narrows assisted the steamer.

PRESS CLUBS WILL MEET IN BERMUDA

Colonial Governor Kitchener Will Tender Delegates Reception at Government House

New York, May 20.—The members of the International League of Press Clubs sailed today on the steamer Burmudean to attend the eighteenth annual convention which is to be held at Bermuda from May 22 to 27.

An elaborate program including a reception at Government House by the colonial governor, Lieut.-Gen. Frederick Walter Kitchener, has been prepared for the entertainment of the guests. This is the first time the conference has been held outside of the United States.

An Old Lighthouse Keeper.

Kingston, N.Y., May 20.—Mrs. Catherine Perkins, who was one of the oldest light keepers in point of service in the United States when she retired two years ago, died today at her home here. For fifty-one years she was keeper of the Rondout lighthouse at the mouth of Rondout Creek on the Hudson, having succeeded her husband when he was drowned during a storm.

CANADIAN ENDS HIS LIFE IN SEATTLE

Young Man Who Gave No Other Name Than "Cowboy" Inquired About Suicides and Then Drank Acid

HAD BANK OF TORONTO BANK BOOK

Seattle, May 20.—A young Canadian, known as "Cowboy," was found dead in his room in a lodging house in the southern part of the city this morning. Beside him was found a small bottle in which had been carbolic acid. Last evening, the young Canadian asked the landlady if there had been any suicides during the day. When informed that three men had taken their lives, he asked for copies of the evening papers. He left the lodging house and returned in a few minutes. This morning he was found dead in his room. During the time he was away from the lodging house, he undoubtedly purchased the poison with which he ended his life. "Cowboy" had been rooming there about a week. He refused to give any other name. He recently came here from Vancouver, where he says he served ten days in jail by mistake. He always stayed around the lodging house and feared to go up town, probably expecting to be arrested. Before ending his life, he destroyed all means of identification. On his right forearm is tatooed the initials "B. G." In a pocket was found a bank book with the name Bank of Toronto, Canada, on it.

WOMAN FLAGS TRAIN AND SAVES LIVES

Finding Washout in Track Rancher's Wife Brings Train to Stand Just in Time

Portland, May 20.—The presence of mind of Mrs. Peter Toft, wife of a rancher living near Echo, saved a freight train from being wrecked. A break in the Furnish ditch had carried away a small portion of the track. The break and the washout was discovered by Mrs. Toft just as an extra freight train was approaching.

Grabbing up a piece of cloth, the woman signaled so frantically that the engineer brought the train to a halt.

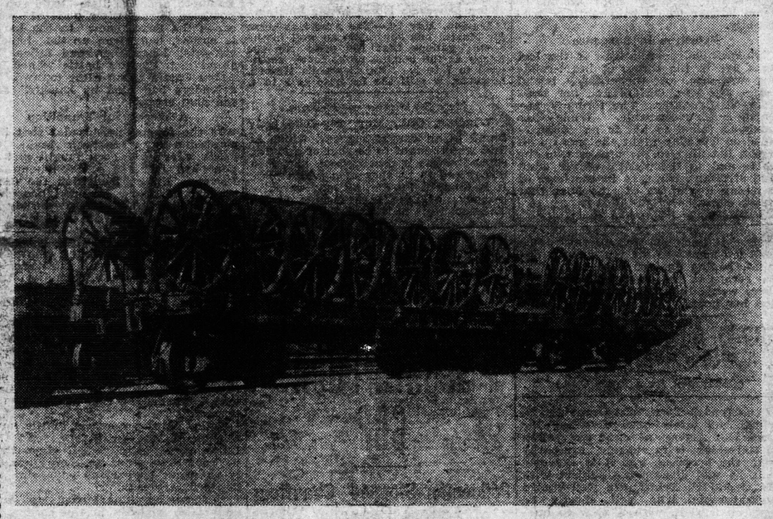
OFFICER WANTS ALL KINDS OF HELP

Sent to Arrest a Heavyweight He Asks Militia to Assist

Wood River, Ill., May 20.—Governor Deneen of Illinois, was requested last night by Constable Wilkin of this place, to order out the military to arrest Wade Porter, who weighs 295 pounds, and who yesterday participated in a running battle with the constable and citizens. More than 100 shots were exchanged by the combatants.

Constable Wilkin went out to arrest Porter on a warrant last week, but when the constable approached Porter disappeared into the woods, carrying his gun.

Since then Wilkin has been shot at and his home riddled with bullets. He says Porter has been doing the shooting.



GROWING PROBLEM OF EUROPEAN EMIGRATION

Prominent Men in Europe Are Making Study of Causes and Volume of the Tide of Emigration

London, May 20.—An important project is now under discussion in Jewish circles for dealing with the ever-growing problem of the emigration from Eastern Europe to America. It is recognized that the tide of emigration, which abated somewhat last year owing to the industrial depression in the United States, will soon resume its former dimensions, particularly as the economic conditions of the Jews in Russia, Rumania, and Galicia are becoming worse. But although emigration to the United States, which attract about 80 per cent. of the emigrants from Europe, is regarded as inevitable, it can hardly provide a satisfactory solution of the problem so long as the incoming Jews crowd into the already congested Ghettos of New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and other large cities. The proposal has, therefore, been made that the flow of immigration into the States should be so regulated as to empty itself in those centres which provide reliable prospects of employment, and the work of regulation should be undertaken by an international organization, with branches in all the principal countries affected by the question. A start has already been made by the establishment in New York, a few months ago, of the "American Jewish Society for the Regulation of Immigration."

A representative of this Society, Mr. D. Davidowitch, who has already secured support for the scheme in several American cities, has now come to London to assist in the formation of a similar society, and hopes to win the approval of the authorities of such institutions as the Jewish Board of Guardians and the Jews' Temporary Shelter. Mr. Israel Zangwill, president

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SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE ALBERTA FAIR

Hunter Class Jumping Competition Will Form One of the Most Interesting Events—Silver Cup Donated

Calgary, May 20.—A special hunter class jumping competition will form one of the most interesting features of the Alberta provincial exhibition at Calgary.

On two different days during the progress of the exhibition, the best hunter class horses from Alberta and Saskatchewan will be put over a series of difficult jumps arranged so as to represent natural impediments, such as fences, stone walls, farm yard enclosures, etc. The actual jumps will be as follows: Four foot bar; brush 4 ft. 6in. high; sheep corral of which fences are 3 ft high and 20 ft. apart; imitation stone wall 4 ft. high and 18 in. thick; two brush hurdler 3 ft. 6 in. high, placed to make one jump 4 ft. wide; gate 4 ft. high; three bars, 2 ft. 6 in. high, each 14 ft. apart; then over all but the last three bars a second time. There will be loose bars on the jumps excepting the brush hurdler. On the total standing of each entry for the two days the awards will be made on the following points: Three refusals of any kind of jump counts one point off; knocking off loose bar, ½ point off; touching loose bar without knocking down, ¼ point off.

The horsemen and merchants of Alberta and Saskatchewan have donated a sterling silver cup valued at $125, which will become the property of the owner of the horse winning this event three times. In addition they have provided $100 in cash, fifty dollars to go to the second and twenty dollars to the third. Messrs. Linton and Hall of Calgary have also donated a special silver cup which will go to the winner in this class this year.

Rich to Replace Rogers.

New York, May 20.—The post held by H. H. Rogers as president of the Amalgamated Copper Co. is expected to be taken up by John D. Rich, president of the Anaconda Copper Company, who was his closest business associate.

HENRY H. ROGERS WILL BE BURIED TOMORROW

Body Will Be Taken to Fairhaven and Buried in Mausoleum Which the Deceased Had Built

New York, May. 20.—Arrangements for the funeral of H. H. Rogers who died yesterday were completed today.

The services will be held in the church of the Messiah in this city tomorrow, the Rev. Dr. Robert Collier officiating. A choir from the Mendelssohn Glee will sing. The body will be taken to Fairhaven. Mass and simple services will be held on Saturday in the memorial church which Mr. Rogers gave to that community. The interment will be in a mausoleum which Mr. Rogers caused to be erected some years ago in Riverside cemetery in Oxford near Fairhaven.

The pallbearers at the memorial will be Messrs Elbridge, Geo. W. Perkins, Jas. A. Moffett, John D. Archbold, C. A. Peabody, A. S. Paine.

Wm. Rockefeller, E. H. Harriman, Edward T. Bedford, Jas. Breck, Melvinille E. Stone, Jas. Jordan, John D. Ryan, Samuel L. Clemens, Dr. C. Rice, and Raymond Duply.

JAPANESE POACHERS IN JAIL AT JUNEAU

Revenue Cutter Rush Reaches Alaska Town With Kaisen Maru's Men

Juneau, Alaska, May 20.—The revenue cutter Rush has arrived here with the captain and crew of the Japanese sealing schooner Kaisen Maru, which was seized in Redoubt Bay May 4 for cruising within the three-mile limit.

The captives are in the federal jail here. The skins seized are held by the federal authorities pending the jury's verdict on the case.

VESSELS ARE STILL IN ICE

Allan Liner Mongolian and Steamer Prospero Are Still in the Grip of the Ice Pack Off St. John's, Newfoundland

PASSENGERS TELL OF THEIR ADVENTURES

Great Labrador Current Continues to Push Icebergs to the Southward, But Vessels Are Not in Imminent Danger

St. John's, Nfld., May 20.—The grip of the ice on the steamers Mongolian and Prospero, which were surrounded off the entrance to St. John's harbor, remained hard and fast at dawn today and neither steamer is in any immediate danger of being either crushed or pushed ashore.

While the 500 passengers on the Mongolian were in a position to gain the land within a few minutes, yet any strong gale from the eastward was a danger to be feared.

The limits of the great ice fields could not be seen from the summit of the highest hill on the coast, but extended to the horizon. Offshore the bergs could be seen grinding and turning as the great Labrador current pushed them constantly to the southward.

The night on board the Mongolian was an anxious one, despite the fact that the officers assured everyone that the shore could be reached easily and that ample warning would be given if the stout shoes of the steamer showed signs of being unable to withstand the pressure of the ice.

Passengers Patient.

The passengers, however, displayed admirable patience. Fishermen and many people from the city journeyed out over the ice during the early morning and many messages were sent ashore. Those who visited the Mongolian said that many of the passengers recounted how the ice pack bore down on the steamer yesterday as she neared the coast until, hemmed in on every side, further progress was completely stopped.

Then came the effort of the little steamer Prospero to break through the ice at the harbor's entrance and open a lane for the larger steamer.

Many of the passengers bound to Halifax and Philadelphia on the Mongolian thought that the Prospero would at least reach them and perhaps enable them to land and there was much disappointment when the ice pack was seen to gather steadily around the little vessel until she also succumbed to its mighty power. The two steamers lay in practically the same position throughout the night. There was some movement of the big bergs as the tide rose and fell.

Ice Creeps Ashore.

As the ice rose and fell with the weight of the great ocean current sweeping along shore from the north during the forenoon it was noticed that the field was jamming up a bit on the shore and the Mongolian had been forced a trifle to the southward. Many climbed Telegraph Hill overlooking the scene at the entrance to the harbor, but at the height of several hundred feet there was no sign of clear water for at least twenty-five miles off shore, while reports from the north stated that every bay, harbor and inlet was choked with ice. The weather today was favorable for both vessels. The morning broke cloudy but with only a slight breeze from the north and there was no indications of a shift of wind to the eastward for the barometer was high. Many of the older inhabitants were unable to remember such an extensive ice field off St. John's as that which has amassed off here during the past two days. The sight of a mighty procession of bergs marching steadily down the coast to final dissolution on the Grand Banks is a familiar one to the inhabitants of the east coast but as a rule the small children of the mightier glacier of Greenland and Spitzbergen have marched singly or in small groups, and it is unusual for them to mass up into a field of forty or fifty miles wide and hundreds of miles long.

May Have to Walk.

Steamers seeking this port in the spring have been caught and held for several days, but it is many years since a vessel has been so completely surrounded by an ice floe as this. Many of the passengers were surprised at the extent of the field when they came on deck this morning. They went to bed last night confident that a road would be opened up in the morning and that the harbor would be gained. But when they found the Mongolian in an even firmer grip than last night, they became somewhat discouraged although assured by the officers that there was no danger. They soon became resigned to the conditions and seemed doomed to wait for release or for word to go over the side and start on the ice for shore. This latter contingency seemed to be unnecessary at noon today for the Mongolian was still making a stout fight against the bergs.

Early in the day J. L. Skene, one of the board of directors of the Sidney Island Tile and Brick Company, had arrived from Victoria. Then he had been apprized, for the first time, of the situation. He quieted Mrs. O'Neill to

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