

Divergent Views

Cropping Up at the Peace Conference.

Seizure of Private Property at Sea a Bone of Contention.

Failure of the Great Glasgow Iron Firm of Neilson Bros.

China Yields to Russia's Demands—Death of Spain's Republican Leader—Castelar—Talk of Britain's Coal Supply Running Low.

London, May 26.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at The Hague says: Serious differences of opinion have been manifested between the United States representatives and those of certain powers on the subject of discussing the seizure of private property at sea. The Americans insist upon the discussion, agreeing to abide by the voice of the majority in the decision, but they will not have the matter ruled out of court. They say: "We, a sovereign power, came here to discuss matters, not in Count Muraviev's circular, but in that of the Dutch minister of foreign affairs, M. De Beaufort. We were not invited by Russia, but by the Dutch. M. De Beaufort's circular asks us to deliberate upon points mentioned in Muraviev's circular, and also upon certain other issues, of which this is one. Therefore, we must thrust it out."

I hear tonight, that in order to prevent a misunderstanding, the Americans will be allowed their way.

Both sections of the committee on the laws of warfare of the peace conference met separately yesterday, and began the examination of the subject submitted to them, the Red Cross section, discussing paragraph 5, and paragraph 6, of the circular of Count Muraviev, and the Brussels conference section discussing paragraph 7. Both sections met subsequently and discussed the question of competence, as regards the scheme for the revision of the Geneva convention, known as the Morgner scheme. The Morgner scheme comprises modifications of the Geneva convention in connection with the wounded and sick in the field, members of the military hospital service, convicts for the wounded, ambulances, hospitals, property belonging to neutralized persons, religious and medical staffs and kindred subjects. The scheme applies equally to land and sea warfare.

There is no truth in the statement that a proposal has been submitted to the conference to abrogate the provisions of the declaration of Paris, 1836, regarding the protection of private property in time of war.

UNREADINESS.

All the dispatches to the morning papers from The Hague show that the peace conference is suffering from lack of preparation. The Muraviev circular contains heads and chapters, but no details. Its author emphasized disarmament, but slighted distribution of arms. In the evening, the conference absolutely reversed this order. What is wanted is something for daily wear and tear.

The Daily News says: "The British and American proposals, though simple, are more practicable than the scheme of M. de Maartens, of the Russian delegation, and it is likely that France and Russia, and even Germany, will ultimately agree with them."

CHINA YIELDS.

London, May 26.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "I am assured that China, so far from refusing to yield to the Russian demand for a railway concession to connect Peking with the Russian system, has agreed, and the terms of the concession are already settled."

BRITAIN'S COAL AND IRON.

At the general meeting of the Institute of Mining Engineers, the address of President London was devoted to a pessimistic review of the exhaustion of British coal and iron. He said the evidence all points to the fact that "fifty years hence we shall be practically dependent upon the United States for coal, iron and steel, and our sons will find an alliance with the United States for coal and iron imperative."

SENIOR CASTELAR DEAD.

Senior Don Emilio Castelar, the distinguished Republican orator and statesman, died at Murcia, capital of the ancient kingdom and modern province of that name. The news caused profound emotion throughout Spain.

100 HOUSES WRECKED.

One hundred houses have been destroyed by fire during a heavy gale at Bulkyrd, in the government of Yana, Russia. There is great suffering among the homeless victims of the disaster.

REFORM SCHEME.

The Johannesburg Star prints an interview with Gen. Joubert, vice-president of the Transvaal, in which he says he doubts the genuineness

of the petition of the uitlanders to Queen Victoria. He added that the foreign residents ought not to appeal either to the British or Transvaal governments, but to the burghers. He would sign such a petition for reforms himself, for he wanted a better government. He had favored for ten years a scheme of reform by which every uitlander would receive the franchise after two, three or four years' residence, on condition that he took an oath of allegiance on arrival in the Transvaal.

IN CHINA.

An imperial edict has been issued, giving assent to the building of the Tien Tsin-Chen Keang Railroad. This completes the work of Baron Von Heikling, the retiring German minister to China. During the baron's residence at Peking he has been uniformly successful in his negotiations with the Chinese Government, and has done much to raise German prestige in China.

ITALY'S PARLIAMENT.

In the Italian Chamber of Deputies the vice-president announced, owing to the reorganization of the cabinet, that the premier said the negotiations with China regarding a concession at San Mun Bay would be resumed in order to secure a satisfactory solution of the matter. The premier then begged the chamber not to accept the resignation of Signor Canardelli and the house unanimously resolved to decline to receive it.

CABLE NOTES.

The Paris correspondent of the London Daily Mail says: In the race between motor cars and motor cycles from Bordeaux to Paris, a distance of 333 miles, M. Charron won in Duke, a petroleum auto-car, covering the distance in 11 hours, 43 minutes and 22 seconds, beating the previous record by three hours, 35 minutes and 11 seconds.

Her Majesty is said to have stood the fatigue of Wednesday admirably. The Queen telegraphed to the United States ambassador, Mr. Joseph H. Choate, thanking President McKinley in warm terms for his birthday congratulations.

ROSA BONEUR DEAD.

London, May 26.—A special dispatch from Paris today says that Rosa Boneur, the famous animal painter, whose serious illness at Fontainebleau was announced, is dead.

SENSATIONAL FAILURE IN GLASGOW.

Glasgow, Scotland, May 26.—A great sensation has been caused by the failure of Neilson Bros., an important firm engaged in the iron and steel trade. They had long been Glasgow when the corner in warrants was engineered. It is calculated that the firm lost \$1,250,000 during the past year. The total of the liabilities is unknown. Neilson Bros. were the largest dealers and exporters of ship plates in Scotland.

WESTERN ONTARIO

St. Thomas rate of taxation this year has been fixed at 18½ mills on the dollar.

The suspected case of smallpox near Walkerville reported several days ago, turns out to be a severe case of chicken pox.

Windsor and Walkerville will entertain 3,000 of the delegates to the big international C. E. convention at Detroit in July.

Bro. Chayer, one of the organizers of the A. O. U. W., has been in Windsor for about two weeks, and Milne Lodge has added 27 members in that time as the result of his labors.

Dr. Hillier, of Leamington, Masonic D. D. G. M. for Erie district, paid an official visit to Dresden Lodge, No. 255, A. F. and A. M., the other evening. He also visited the Comber Lodge on the following night.

David and Wm. Bellair and Oliver Vanstet, the men whom Windsor detectives arrested in connection with the recent burglaries at Harrow, will be prosecuted for vagrancy, as the "slaves" have decided that they bagged the wrong game.

The Windsor police have learned of a holdup that took place Monday night. George Lockwood, employed by Arthur Phillips, was held up by two men on Sandwich street. One of the robbers placed a revolver to Lockwood's head, while the other relieved him of \$2, all the money he had.

Four cattle belonging to Mr. Fred Locke, Edgeware road, Yarmouth, died suddenly on Wednesday morning, and it was supposed they were poisoned. Dr. King, V.S., held a post-mortem, and found the cattle died from a highly contagious disease called anthrax, caused by germs. Dr. Donahue, V.S., and Dr. Carson, V.S., were called, and agreed with Dr. King. The cattle have been quarantined by order of Dr. Donahue, veterinary inspector.

The Presbytery of Paris met at Woodstock the other afternoon to take action in regard to the call from Listowel to Rev. J. C. Hardie, of Ayr. The reverend gentleman accepted and the translation was granted. Rev. G. C. Patterson, of Embro, was appointed interim moderator of the Ayr congregation. Mr. Hardie will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday, and the in-

terview with Gen. Joubert, vice-president of the Transvaal, in which he says he doubts the genuineness

duction at Listowel will take place on June 2.

The new Orange Hall of Aylmer is to be dedicated on June 2, when an effort will be made to secure the presence of Supreme Grand Master N. Clark Wallace and the grand master of Western Ontario at the dedication services. The meeting of the supreme lodge takes place in Toronto on May 31, from which the grand officers may go to Aylmer after the adjournment.

Mrs. L. McLean, an old resident of Tilsonburg, is dead, aged 70 years. A very disastrous fire took place Tuesday morning, by which Robert Carey, of the 3rd concession of Harwich, lost his house and home, and almost lost his life. About 2 o'clock Robert Birky, who lives just across the road, was awakened by the bright light showing in his window. He hastened over and found the Carey family asleep, unconscious of their peril. The family all got out safely, but Mr. Carey returned for his gold watch and other valuables. He had only got inside the door when the roof fell in and he was forced to retreat. He was severely injured, and his house was totally destroyed. It was insured for \$400, contents \$100, and wearing apparel \$75. Mr. Carey estimates his loss at close on \$1,000, and said that he hadn't the slightest doubt but that the fire was of an incendiary origin.

BOOM PAUL'S HALF-BROTHER

Gives Some Interesting History of President Kruger's Family—Descends From Sweden's Royal Race.

President Kruger, the Boer leader, who has made so much international history of late and may make more before he gets through with Joseph Chamberlain, has a half-brother in Chicago, Anton C. Kruger, who has lived here for twenty years, and is now superintendent of the Western Rawhide and Belting Company of Hammond. The Chicago Kruger claims that royal blood flows in their veins, and argues that his noted relative therefore comes naturally by his calm assumption of supreme authority. He never saw the president, but he corresponds with him, says the Chicago Times-Herald.

Mr. Kruger resembles his famous brother in being so phlegmatic almost to the point of stolidity, and never betrays the slightest enthusiasm about anything except leather. He is evidently very much more interested in that than in his descent from Queen Christina of Sweden, or his relationship to a president and the world's most noted characters. He is a devout believer in the old adage: "There's nothing like leather," but rawhide is his hobby, and when he talks of the use of rawhide in the transmission of power, in which he has made several inventions, he betrays his enthusiasm by actually smoking a puff or two faster to the minute.

Speaking of his family history, Mr. Kruger said: "The Kruger family originally came from Swedish Pomerania, and we claim descent from Raoul de Basancourt de Kruger, who entered into a morganatic marriage with Christina, Queen of Sweden, the daughter of Gustavus Adolphus, who abdicated the Swedish throne and became a Catholic. We claim, therefore, to be of the old Gustavus Vasa family, and have as such been recognized by the Swedish government, against which our family now has a large claim, from which we of course will never receive a cent."

"The great-grandfather of President Kruger and myself, Commodore Kruger, an officer in the Swedish Royal navy, was sent on a mission to the Swedish settlements in Delaware and Pennsylvania, and taking an interest in the Americans and their idea of gaining their independence, resigned his commission and fitted out a vessel, of which he took command, and assisted in destroying privateers. The Indians decided to my grandfather the island in the Hudson still known as Kruger's Island."

"The old commodore was a remarkable man. He died in Pomerania almost a century old—only lacking three months. He was three times married, first to a French woman, then to a Dutch woman, and last to a Pomeranian, and left a large family. My father was a child of his third wife. After he had espoused the American cause he returned to Sweden in the belief that he could induce the government to aid them, but they treated him as a pirate, and he had to leave the country to save his neck. He hated England cordially to the day of his death."

"Another member of the Kruger family whom we are all proud of is Miss Louise Kruger, who saved a French battalion from being ambushed at the battle of Waterloo. She dressed as an officer and rode heading to warn the French general just before they reached the place where the English were lying in ambush. For this Napoleon pinned the Legion of Honor on her breast."

"Some of our family are still living in the old homestead in Pomerania, and some day, I presume, I will find time to make them a visit. I correspond occasionally with President Kruger and send him American newspapers. I have never seen him, but I should judge him to be a man that can hold his own. The Cape Dutch and the Orange State will back him up, and Chamberlain must be careful or he will find the old man has not lost his growl and that he can still bite as he did at Majuba Hill."

SCORCHER AT CONEY ISLAND—LOSS \$350,000.

New York, May 26.—Fire started early this morning in Buschman's Pavilion, Coney Island, and spread rapidly until seven blocks of frame buildings had been destroyed. A conservative estimate of the loss places it at \$350,000. Policemen Thomas Lynch and Fireman George Taggart and Wm. Al-drich were painfully, but not seriously burned, while rousing the sleeping occupants of several threatened buildings. Richard Downs and Wm. Durkin, 18 and 15 years old respectively, were severely burned about the body. In one hour after the first puff of smoke gave warning a large square filled with buildings of all sizes and character, used for saloons, dance halls, theaters and the like, were in ruins.

Steamship Arrivals.

May 25.	At	From
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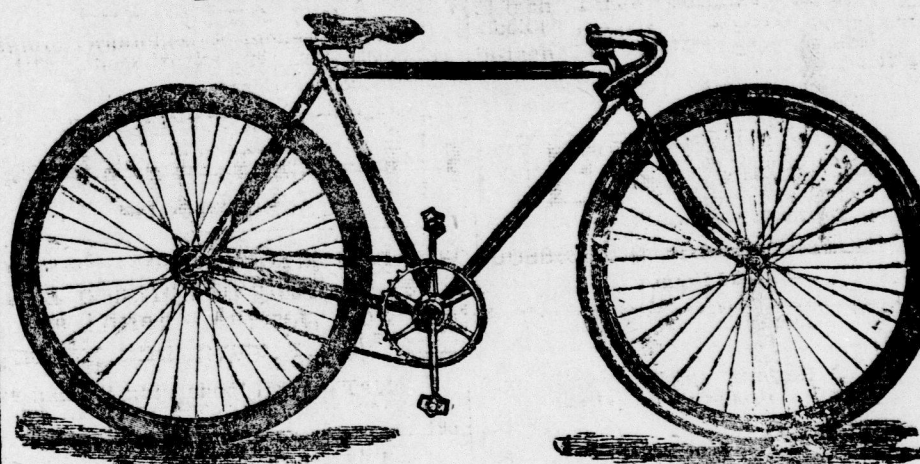
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