

Trembling in The Balance

Conferences of Peace Plenipotentiaries End in Absolute Failure.

Unless Sovereigns Now Compromise Dogs of War Will Be Loosed Again.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 18.—Black pessimism reigns here tonight. The prevailing view is that the peace conference is already dead, that it had not failed, and that now remains to be done is to meet on Tuesday, to which day they adjourned this afternoon, after completing the consideration of the peace terms, sign the final protocol, go through the conversations and bid each other adieu.

But there is still room for hope of a compromise. Neither President Roosevelt nor the powers, sign the final protocol, go through the conversations and bid each other adieu.

At Tokyo and St. Petersburg the final issue will be decided. The Japanese have been implacable throughout the conference. They have listened and explained, but have not yielded.

In the interim fresh instructions are received by either side, compromise is hard to come by.

At Tokyo it is impossible to tell what will take place.

This authoritative statement tonight given by the Associated Press by a member of the Japanese mission.

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BALZAC

Annecdotes of the Great Novelist—His Early Penury—His Relations With Women—How He Wrote—His Amazing Eccentricities—His Personality

San Francisco Argonaut.

Of Honoré de Balzac, certainly among the three great novelists that France has produced, Mary P. Sanders, his biographer, remarks that, in youth, "he did not show any special intelligence," though "he was a child of very deep affections and warmth of heart."

Writing was at first hard for Balzac. The first two novels that he started to write, "Le Père Goriot" and "Eugenie Grandet," were abandoned in despair.

It is sorrowful to be obliged to record that the great writer was an absolute failure. Balzac read to his family, but even his loving sister could not find a word of praise.

He usually went to bed at eight o'clock, after a light dinner, accompanied by his sister, and he wrote them at the desk by a single lamp.

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A POOR HOUSEWIFE

Another Indictment of the English Woman

Public Opinion.

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Comments on a Trial at Nelson

Writer in London Chronicle Alleges Grave Miscarriage of Justice.

Says Case is Question Has an Effect on the Mining Industry.

The following letter, signed "Justitia," appears in the London Financial Chronicle of July 18, 1905.

"Sir—What would appear to be a grave miscarriage of justice and one that will have very serious and far-reaching effects on the mining industry of the province, occurred at the May sitting of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, in the case of the 'Beaufort' Venetian red.

"In order to clearly understand the circumstances, it is necessary to trace the history of the 'Beaufort' Venetian red.

"Resolved, That we do not consider ourselves better than the miners of the Coast of British Columbia.

"The evidence at the trial was as follows: Mr. Davy testified that Roberts had threatened him.

"The evidence of the prisoner's guilt would seem to be complete and conclusive.

"The provincial police of British Columbia are an exceedingly high body of men, and it is not surprising that the province has been so free from crime.

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GALLICIZED CANADA

By Geraldine Bonner in San Francisco Argonaut

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GEOMETRICAL BOARDING.

1. A pie may be produced any number of times.

2. Boarders in the same boarding-house are on the same floor.

3. The landlady of the boarding-house cannot be described, but is equal to anything.

Mr. Lu

Secretary of Works of City

Thinks the Inter Rights at Gold

Quotes Figures Will Cost to Pose

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