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The Peace Conference

Delegates to the Hague Are Busy at Work Arranging Preliminaries.

List of the Presidents and Members of the Various Committees.

The Hague, May 23.—The chiefs of the delegates to the peace conference held a private meeting this morning at the House in the Woods, and afterwards informed their colleagues of the arrangements made for a choice of presidents of the various committees as agreed upon last evening. The delegates approved of the selection made.

The conference held a plenary sitting at noon.

The selections were then officially ratified without incident.

The following is a list of the members of the first committee: Honorary presidents, Count Von Munster, head of the German delegation, and Mr. Andrew D. White, of the American delegation; vice-presidents, M. Deboer, head of the Belgian delegation, and A. P. C. Van Karsenek, head of the delegation of the Netherlands. It is divided into two sections—war and marine. The vice-presidents of the war section are Lieutenant-General Abdulla Pasha, of the Turkish delegation; Major-General Arduch, of the British delegations, and Brigadier-General Monnier, of the French delegation. The vice-presidents of the marine section are: Vice-Admiral Fisher, British; Vice-Admiral Pothan, French, and Captain Siegel, of the German delegation.

The second committee is constituted as follows: Honorary presidents, the Duke of Tetan, head of the Spanish delegation; Turkhan Pasha, head of the Turkish delegation, and Count von Westphalen, head of the Austrian-Hungarian delegation; effective president, Professor de Maarten, of the Russian delegation. It is also divided in two sections—the Red Cross and Brussels conference. The vice-presidents of the Red Cross Society are: General Thaulow and Doctor R. Nith, of the Swiss delegation. The vice-presidents of the Brussels conference section are: Professor von Stenel, German, and General Zucatti, of the Italian delegation.

The third committee is composed as follows: Honorary presidents, Count Nigra, head of the Italian delegation, and Sir Julian Pauncefote, head of the British delegation. Effective president, M. Bouris, head of the French delegation; vice-presidents, M. de Balle, head of the Danish delegation; Baron de constant, of the French delegation, Count de Macedo, head of the Portuguese delegation, Herr Merer, Signor Campiti and Dr. Zorn.

THE STRANDED PARIS.

Passengers Return to Southampton—Prospects of Saving the American Liner Are More Hopeful.

Falmouth, Eng., May 23.—The bulk of the passengers of the American steamer Paris left here on two special trains this morning. Some will go on board the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which is scheduled to touch Southampton to-day, but the majority will take passage on the American line steamer St. Paul, sailing for New York from Southampton on Saturday next. The travellers are grateful to the Cornish folks for their unstinted hospitality, and as the train moved out of the station, the passengers lustily cheered those who had assembled on the platform to wish them God speed.

The weather continues favorable to the stranded ship. There is a light wind, but no serious amount of wash. Soundings taken show the Paris is resting more favorably, owing to the fact that she has been considerably lightened. She is not striking at all, and there is a perceptible movement of the ship as the swell will beneath her, showing there is a clear passage free from rock. Should the steamer show signs of sinking when taken in tow, it is proposed to run her on a flat sandy beach adjoining the pier where she is stranded.

An official of the American line says the prospects of saving the Paris are more hopeful than ever.

Powerful pumps belonging to the Liverpool Salvage Association are expected to arrive at scene of the wreck this evening, and divers believe the additional pumps will clear the first four holds. The fifth is so badly pierced that no amount of pumping will clear it. The remaining holds are secure.

Officers Refuse to Make Statements.

Falmouth, May 23.—It is considered that the steamer, now being evenly balanced, will come off rocks without sustaining further damage. The officers of the Paris still refuse to furnish any explanation of her getting out of the straits. The officials of the Board of Trade have no jurisdiction in the matter, and that the inquiry into the cause must take place in the United States, as the Paris is under the American flag.

SWITCHMAN'S NARROW ESCAPE.

New York, May 23.—At the Baltimore Ohio railroad yard in St. George, S. D., yesterday, 20 men saw James McNamee, a switchman, pinned fast to the rails while six heavily loaded cars moved down swiftly upon him. McNamee had stepped across the tracks to throw the switch, and caught his right foot in the frog directly in front of the cars. A locomotive was not attached and there was no possible way of stopping them in time. Finding his foot caught hard and fast, McNamee scooped and began to unfasten the shoe lace. Another second and he would have drawn the foot from the shoe and escaped. The locomotive, however, came and pulled the cars, then she cut away. The mangled body of the switchman was taken to the infirmary. He may recover, but will always be horribly deformed.

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THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

Gathering of the Royal Family at Windsor Castle.

London, May 23.—To-morrow's gathering of the royal family at Windsor Castle to celebrate the 50th birthday of Queen Victoria will be the largest, with the exception of the Jubilee gatherings, that has assembled there in many years. The royal borough is already in gala dress. Everything points to the success of a gorgeous pageant of military knights the Scots Guards, choral societies and holiday makers.

Despite the bustle of the preparations at the castle, the Queen has rested quietly to-day.

Although the official celebration in London will not occur until June 3, there will be thanksgiving services in St. Paul's cathedral and Westminster Abbey, as well as in many other large churches, and reviews at all the military barracks.

Blown to Pieces

Three Workmen Meet a Terrible Death in a Powder Factory.

Explosion of Shells—Seven Men Killed and Several Others Severely Injured.

Chicago, May 23.—Three Chicago men, employees of the Aetna Powder Company, Aetna, were blown to atoms by the explosion of a tank of nitro glycerin on Sunday night. The building was demolished.

Seven Men Killed.

Copenhagen, May 23.—A terrible explosion occurred in the military laboratory here. Shells, which workmen were engaged in filling, exploded, and killed seven men and severely injured a non-commissioned officer and two workmen. The laboratory was destroyed.

BRANDING A BOY.

A New York Horse-Shoer's Fiendish Crime.

New York, May 23.—Five-year-old Morris Braff suffered agonies by being branded on the body with a red-hot iron yesterday afternoon by Wm. Masterson, employed as a horse-shoer at 233 E. 12th street. Magistrate Kudlich and Agent Weithing, of the Gory Society, examined the boy and found that five letters had been branded into the child's flesh, but only two were legible, J. and A., the others were hidred. Masterson was arrested and taken to court, where Agent Weithing said from what he had learned Masterson committed the outrage for the amusement of some bystanders.

"This is one of the most fiendish and dastardly crimes ever brought to my notice," said Magistrate Kudlich, and Masterson was held in \$100 bail for examination.

WHITE PASS RAILWAY

Is Now Complete From Skagway to the Summit.

St. Louis, Mo., May 23.—R. F. Elliott, mine owner, Dawson City, has returned to the United States after an absence of nearly a year and a half in the gold fields of the Klondike. He is full of enthusiasm over the country. He said, "The Yukon and White Pass Railway is now completed from Skagway to the summit of the Pass, a distance of 18 miles, and for a distance of 12 further the road bed is ready for the rails. By July 4th the management expects to have trains running between Skagway and Bennett, where passengers can take steamers to White Horse Rapids, then by the tramway across the rapids, about four miles, to the other side, where he can take a steamer direct to Dawson. These connections made, the trip from Victoria to Dawson can be done in from 10 to 12 days."

FERRY BOATS CAPSIZED.

Twenty-four Persons Drowned in the Kingdom of Bavaria.

Berlin, May 23.—Forty-four persons were drowned to-day by the capsizing of a ferryboat on the Danube, near Straubing, Bavaria.

Berlin, May 23.—A similar accident occurred to-day at Sinbach, Bavaria, where ten persons were drowned in the river Inn, one of the principal affluents of the Danube, by the capsizing of a boat.

Vienna, May 24.—Emperor Francis Joseph, wearing the uniform of the King's Dragoon Guards, the British cavalry regiment of which he is honorary colonel, called at the British embassy here to-day in order to personally offer his congratulations upon the occasion of Queen Victoria's eightieth birthday.

Celebration at Manila.

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PROTECTED BY BRITISH.

Particulars Regarding The Hoisting Of The Flag Over Palawan.

London, May 23.—Capt. Pfrer, of the British steamer Labun, visited Port Royal, Palawan, one of the Philippine group, on February 1st, and found the people in a state of consternation. The Spaniards, it appears, had left there three months previously, after saying the Americans would take over the government in three days. The Spaniards, it is added, turned the native soldiers adrift and liberated the convicts.

The head men, it is further asserted, asked Captain Pfrer to assure protection from the governor of Sandakan and the Captain gave them a British merchant ensign with instructions for the people to say, if they were molested, that they were under British protection, also handing the head men a letter in this sense and entrusting a British protector over Palawan. On reporting the matter to Sir Charles Mitchell, governor of the Straits Settlement, the latter communicated with the British foreign office, who cabled orders to Singapore to haul down the British flag. The British third-class cruiser Archer was despatched to haul down the flag, the officials of the foreign office saying that Palawan and the adjacent islands, being portion of the Philippine group, became by virtue of conquest, American territory.

Wholesale Lynching

Negroes Try to Escape, but Are Tracked and Captured by Bloodhounds.

Three Colored Laborers Hanged and Four Shot—Race Troubles Feared.

Diaz, Mex., May 23.—There is great excitement in the town of San Diale, ten miles from here, over the lynching of seven colored laborers on the Mexican Centre Railway.

Jose Santo, a Spanish negro, attempted to assault the wife of Senor du Play, a ranch owner. Escaping from the plantation, he was tracked by bloodhounds, and captured in a hut on the river bank opposite Eagle Pass.

The captors did not attempt to prove the guilt of any of the negroes, but hung three of them, and shot four more who attempted to escape.

Officials are swearing in deputies as race troubles are threatened in the colored quarters. Four of the negroes killed are Americans, and have all served terms in Texas penitentiary.

AMERICANS CANNOT AGREE.

There is a Difference of Opinion Among the Philippine Commissioners Regarding Terms of Peace.

Manila, May 23, 1:20 p.m.—The conference between the civilian members of the United States Philippine commission and representatives of the Filipinos continues.

The military and civil elements of the American commission differ regarding the wisdom of continuing the conference, the former adhering to the original demand for the unconditional surrender of the insurgents.

Dewey III.

Hongkong, May 23, 7:35 p.m.—The United States cruiser Olympia, with Admiral Dewey on board has arrived here from Manila. She was saluted by the ships of all nationalities. Admiral Dewey is in bad health, being too ill to attend the Queen's birthday dinner.

Admiral Dewey, Captain Lamberton, Lieutenant Brumby and United States Consul Wildman were received by a guard of honor of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers when they landed to visit the governor of Hongkong, Sir Henry A. Blake, Major-General Gascoigne, in command of the troops, and Commodore Powell, commanding the naval forces. The visit was afterwards returned by the officials mentioned. The Olympia is going to dock here and will remain ten days at this port.

Reinforcements Sail.

San Francisco, May 23.—The transport Sherman has sailed for the Philippines bearing 1,800 men and 75 officers, among the latter is Brigadier-General Bates. The entire sixth infantry, under Colonel Kellogg, is on board. The expedition is under the command of General Fred. Grant.

Americans Ill-Treated

Prisoners from the Yorktown Fare Hard at the Hands of Filipinos.

Lawton Has Twenty-one Fights and Captures Twenty-eight Towns.

New York, May 24.—General Lawton, after 30 days' successful campaigning, is resting with 5,000 men at Candaba, says a Manila special to the Journal. He said: "It pained me when we got into San Isidro to see on the walls of the prison the names of 15 Americans from the Yorktown. From Colonel Ray, a Spanish officer whom we rescued, I learned that one American prisoner escaped from his captors. His freedom was short lived, however, for he was afterwards recaptured. He was stretched on the ground before his fellow prisoners and twenty lashes given him.

"We found a letter near San Isidro, written by one of the Yorktown's crew, saying they were being kicked, that their hair was being pulled out, and they were cruelly treated in various other ways, and praying their fellow countrymen to hurry their release."

Lawton's Successful Campaign.

Manila, May 24, 6:25 a.m.—Two companies of the Third Infantry and two companies of the 22nd Infantry, forming General Lawton's rear guard, returning from Baguio to Benguet yesterday, escorting the signal party, which was picking up the wire laid with General Lawton's expedition. They found that the insurgents had re-occupied the country and had fled following from daylight until the Americans camped at night, but the troops completed their work, though harassed by the enemy. One American was killed and fourteen wounded. The troops captured twenty prisoners and thirty rifles.

It is stated to-day that five men, instead of one man, was drowned by the sinking of the raft, loaded with soldiers to-day.

of the 4th Regiment, at Passig ferry yesterday. Insurgents were killed and forty wounded in an engagement with Major Bell's reconnoitring party in the vicinity of Santa Arta yesterday.

General Lawton, with most of his troops, has arrived at Malolos. The remarkable expedition marched 120 miles in 30 days, had 21 fights, captured 28 tons, destroyed 30,000 bushels of rice, and only lost six men killed and 31 wounded.

On the other hand, General Lawton estimates that his troops killed 400 insurgents and wounded double that number.

Dewey Interviewed.

New York, May 24.—A despatch from Hongkong to the Journal quotes Admiral Dewey as follows:

"During the year which has elapsed since I came to Manila I have not had one sick day until now. I have been long enough in this climate for an old man, and I am glad to be permitted a rest. On this account I expect to remain in Hongkong for two weeks. That ought to recuperate me. I have the greatest enthusiasm about the future of the Philippines, and hope to see America's possessions the key to Oriental commerce and civilization. The brains of our great country will develop the untold agricultural and mineral richness of the islands. We must never sell them. Such action would bring on another great war. We will never part with the Philippines. I am sure, and in future years the idea that anybody should have seriously suggested it will be one of the curios of history. The insurrection is broken. There will be no more hard battles, and the new era for the islands, that was temporarily delayed by the rising, will soon begin. Aguinaldo and his generals must be captured, and then the very semblance of an insurrection will cease."

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THE RESULT OF A DUEL.

Paris, May 24.—M. Catulle Mendès, the French author and dramatic critic, who fought a duel with swords yesterday on Ile de la Grande Gatte, with M. Vanlar, and was seriously wounded in the abdomen, is in a grave condition. He is suffering from internal hemorrhage.

Napanee Robbery

Another of the Suspected Bank Robbers Taken Into Custody at Boston.

John T. Roach Arrested on a Charge of Being Implicated in the Case.

Boston, Mass., May 24.—John T. Roach, of Montreal, alleged by the police to be a professional pickpocket and all-round crook, has been arrested here on a charge of being implicated in the robbery of the Dominion Bank at Napanee, Ont., on August 28, 1897, when \$22,000 in cash and notes were taken.

Roach is the fifth and last on the list of suspected Napanee robbers—W. N. Holton and G. E. Pare, two other members of the gang, who were caught in New England last year, escaped from the jail at Napanee about three weeks ago.

BUFFALO STRIKE SETTLED.

Contractor Consents to Nearly the Whole of the Demands Made by Grain Shovelers.

Buffalo, May 23.—The grain shovelers strike was settled at 2:40 this morning. Contractor Comoros, in his efforts to end the trouble, has conceded about everything asked, except the abrogation of his contract, but including the abolition of the so-called saloon boss system.

Last night Comoros signed two additional agreements, which were accepted by the committee of the strikers, which fully authorized a settlement of the trouble. He agreed to withdraw all the men now employed by him as grain shovelers, and submit the names of his old men, who worked prior to April, 1890, to a committee of five, composed of two members each from the old and new locals with President Keefe of the Longshoremen's Association as chairman, who shall decide upon the eligibility of men to become members of the new local.

The men are to resume work to-morrow morning. In the meantime it is expected the freight handlers and others will return to work.

CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

Two Christian Scientists Arrested in Buffalo.

Buffalo, May 23.—This morning Geo. H. Kinter and Elizabeth L. Kinter, his wife, well known in Christian science circles in this city, were arrested on a warrant charging them with manslaughter in causing the death of Ralph L. Saunders, 9 years old. Warrants on the same charge were also issued for Mr. and Mrs. James C. Saunders, the parents of the child. It is alleged in the complaint, which was sworn out against Mr. and Mrs. Kinter and Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, that the death of little Ralph was caused from double pneumonia, and that criminal negligence was committed by those in charge of the boy.

FRASER STILL RISING.

Queensville, B. C., May 23.—The river rose 13 inches during the last 24 hours. The weather is clear and warmer.

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Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair. Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. 10 YEARS THE STANDARD