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THE CONFERENCE.

A meeting of delegates representing some forty-six nations is to be held at The Hague during the present month. This assembly is popularly called The Peace Conference, which name was given to one held a few years ago when representatives met to talk over certain peace proposals emanating chiefly from the Emperor of Russia. The title, however, is entirely misleading, for on the programme so far proposed there is not one item which can in any way relate to peace. Every subject likely to be discussed will deal with improvement in methods of conducting war; the disarmament suggestion has been abandoned, and wisely so, for any debate on this question during the present condition of the world, would be a useless waste of time. Limitation of armament may be brought up, and it so will remain unsettled, for the most powerful among the nations have no intention of reducing their expenditure. Germany, Russia, Japan and Spain are building warships and increasing their military forces as rapidly as possible, and Britain is keeping ahead of them all in naval construction. Not one of them will be likely to call a halt, although it has been intimated that the limitation proposal if introduced will find several supporters.

This is the only measure which can in any sense be regarded as tending toward the establishment of peace, and it will scarcely come up. Every item on the programme deals with different phases of war, the rights of neutrals, expropriation of private property, contraband, limitation of right of search, floating mines, etc. The Hague assembly, the war conference, as it should be called, will be merely an international gathering to discuss points of common interest which arise in the everyday disputes between powers.

QUEBEC.

The cities and towns of Western Canada are not the only ones which are benefiting by the present period of prosperity. A fair share of good fortune is falling to the East, and while in the Maritime Provinces the advance may not be so strikingly manifested, excepting by generally improved conditions, Upper Canadian cities are reaping the fruits of patient waiting. Toronto might almost be said to be on the boom as an industrial centre, and others of the larger cities also evidenced marked progress, but Quebec, so long staid, old Quebec—is away in the lead. That city has awakened from its sleep of ages, and the construction and development work now going on there mark an era in the life of the ancient capital. The great Quebec bridge, now approaching completion and within a very short time the old Lewis ferry will be abandoned and inter-colonial trains will be running across the river. This splendid bridge will also be used before very long, by other railroads which are now seeking maritime ports.

The Canadian Northern is building a short line between Quebec and Montreal, the Grand Trunk Pacific is constructing lines north and south and a new railway will be built through the south shore counties.

The Canadian Pacific steamers now make Quebec their summer port, and there will be needed greater accommodation than exists at present.

At the Montmorency Falls, electrical development is being carried on; and works through which the falls will supply upwards of five thousand horsepower, are almost completed, while contracts have been made for the development of an equal power from other falls not far distant from the city. Quebec Province alone is now in a position to properly encourage the pulp and paper industries. It has boundless forests within comparatively easy reach, which have not been so seriously depleted as have those of Ontario and the Maritime Provinces.

New companies are being formed almost daily, and on all sides there seems to be an abundance of energy and enthusiasm which augurs well for the future.

THE STORM.

O grip the earth, ye forest trees,  
Grip well the earth tonight,  
The Storm-God rides across the seas  
To greet the morning light.

Air clouds that wander through the skies  
Are tangled in his net,  
The frightened stars have shut their eyes,  
The breakers fume and fret.

The birds that cheer the woods all day  
Now tremble in their nests,  
The giant branches round them sway,  
The wild wind never rests.

The squirrel and the cunning fox  
Have hurried to their holes,  
Far off, like distant earthquake shocks,  
The muffled thunder rolls.

In scores of hidden woodland dells,  
Where no rough winds can harm  
The timid wild-flowers toss their bells,  
In reasonless alarm.

Only the mountains rear their forms,  
Silent and grim and bold,  
To them the voices of the storms  
Are as a tale re-told.

They saw the stars in heaven hung,  
They heard the great sea's birth,  
They knew the ancient pain that wrung  
The entrails of the earth.

Sprung from great Nature's royal lines,  
They share her deep repose,  
Their rugged shoulders robed in pines,  
Their foreheads crowned with snows.

But now there comes a lightning flash,  
And now on hill and plain  
The charging clouds in fury dash,  
And blind the world with rain.

—Frederick George Scott.

IMPERITENCE.  
It's kinder awful when I think  
Of how I've fooled away  
A-lingerin' on the river's brink  
To watch the ripples play;  
A-watchin' silvery clouds that float  
Across the crystal skies,  
Or stoppin' by the hour to note  
The dancin' butterflies!

I might have been a-savin' coin  
An' puttin' bricks on stone,  
An' findin' easy folks to join  
Their money with my own;  
An' yet, whenever I think of it,  
My heart grows sadder an' gay,  
I somehow don't begrudge a bit  
The hours I've fooled away!

The following is taken from a handbill issued by a provincial bootmaker: "The shoemaker is a man of great learning. He is a doctor as well as a surgeon, for he not only heels, but performs many cutting operations. He is a fisherman, for he sells soles and heels. He is a schoolmaster, for he gives good understanding. He is a good speaker, for he always wears a thread of his argument, waxing warm to his subject, and holds all to the last."

"Life," remarked the sententious bachelor, "is like a game of cards." "It's more like a game of chess from my point of view," rejoined the married man. "I invariably move once a year."

"I can tell at a glance," said the heavyweight thinker, "that the baby is going to grow up an economical man." "Because he is biting his pink little toes?" "Exactly. He's trying to make both ends meet."

"Moving?" inquired a neighbor, as a furniture van stopped in front of Kerle's house. "No, indeed," replied Kerle. "A friend wants to borrow our collection of souvenir postcards."

LIVED TWO WEEKS ALONE WITH CORPSE  
LONDON, June 1.—A gruesome story of how a demented wife lived in a house alone with her husband's corpse for a fortnight was narrated at the Dover police court yesterday.

On the previous night a Mrs. Hawkins approached Police Constable Kims and made such a number of rambling statements that he thought it advisable to go to her house. There he was horrified to find the decomposing body of the woman's husband, who, in the opinion of the police surgeon, must have died of a fortnight. Death was due to apoplexy.

The poor woman was removed to the infirmary, and yesterday the magistrates, on being informed that she was suffering from softening of the brain, ordered her to be placed under proper care and control.

GOVERNMENT MEETING.  
A meeting of the provincial government was held in the government rooms, Church street, on Saturday, to discuss various St. John matters. Arrangements have been made for a complete survey of the Suspension Bridge by the provincial engineer, after which an expert from the United States will be called upon to pass judgment as to the best style of new structure to be erected.

Matters relating to the provincial hospital were also under consideration. It was decided, beginning June 1st, to allow Dr. Anglin \$1,600 a year in lieu of household expenses and supplies from the farm besides his salary of \$2,500 and \$500 for house. A new wire fence is also to be erected around the grounds of the hospital in place of the wooden one now in use.

The contract for the stone sub-structure for the Cushing canal bridge near Pleasant Point has been awarded to C. F. B. Simmons. The figure is said to be about \$1,900.

DEATHS.

MRS. ANTHONY BAKER.  
HARTLAND, N. B., June 1.—Mrs. Anthony G. Baker died at the Commercial Hotel here yesterday. She had been ill with spinal meningitis. She is survived by her husband, manager of the John McLaughlin Company's store here.

MRS. ALEXANDER NEVERS.  
HARTLAND, N. B., June 1.—Mrs. Alexander Nevers died on Tuesday after a short illness of paralysis. She is survived by the following: Children: Granville and Mary, at home; Byron and Albert, of Aroostook county; Fred, of Woodstock; and Mrs. Jarvis, of Fredericton.

MISS JANE HARRINGTON.  
RICHMOND, May 31.—Miss Jane Harrington died here today after a long illness of consumption. Two sisters survive, Mrs. Wm. Barnard, of this place and Miss Hannah Harrington, residing in the United States.

CHEMISTRY IS AID TO DARING CRIME  
Amazing Ingenuity Displayed by Burglar in Looting Stock Brokers' Safe.

Manufacturers on Premises a Gas Which Melts the Lock Like Sealing Wax.  
BRUSSELS, June 1.—Cash and securities to the value of \$20,000 were stolen in Antwerp yesterday by a burglar, who displayed the most amazing ingenuity in gaining access to the safe and ransacking its contents. The victims were a firm of stock brokers, Messrs. Glabbeek and Van Laet, whose offices form part of the Terminus Hotel building, in the Rue Pelican.

Yesterday evening a traveler arrived at the hotel and signed his name as Lagasse. He insisted on having a front room, and secured one over the stock brokers' office. He asked for plenty of water, as he wished to have a bath. He then went out, returning soon after with valises which are now known to have contained carefully packed carboys of oxygen.

CUT WAY TO ROOM BELOW.  
When the hotel was quiet he stopped the keyhole of the adjoining room, removed his bed, cut the carpet, drilled holes in the flooring, saved through the planks and broke the plaster ceiling of the room below, having previously placed an inverted wooden box to prevent the plaster falling to the floor. Next he descended through the hole into the office by a rope ladder screwed to the bedroom floor. He carefully covered all apertures in the office with blankets bough during the evening. "It's more like a game of chess from my point of view," rejoined the married man. "I invariably move once a year."

OFF WITH A HANDBAG.  
Returning to his bedroom by his rope ladder he replaced the bed and the carpet, set all in order and departed at 6 o'clock this morning with only a small handbag, telling the hotel porter that he was making an excursion and would return at midday.

No sound of his work was heard, and it was only when the employees came to open the offices that the burglary was discovered. The scene was a scene of wildest confusion. The burglar had left everything behind—acetylene machine, oxygen carboys, electric lamps, gloves, smoked spectacles and other articles.

Two Germans who arrived at the same time at Lagasse's room, and a room over him, are believed to have been his accomplices. They are thought to be members of a gang of international thieves.

AN INSURANCE CASE FOR THE SUPREME COURT  
Hon. W. P. Jones left for Ottawa on Saturday, where he will represent this province in a case before the supreme court. The case arises out of an action brought by the C. P. R. against the Ottawa Fire Insurance Co., and the question involved is as to whether the company's policy attached the plaintiff's contention being that it did not by reason of the company not having power to issue the policy, and that therefore the latter company has now appealed to the high court at Ottawa.

The Ottawa Fire Insurance Co. was incorporated under the laws of Ontario and held a Dominion license. The property insured for the C. P. R. was situated outside of this province and they arose the dispute as to the recovery of the premiums. The case will be followed by great interest as it affects all companies doing business under provincial charters, as to their right to transact business outside of their own province.

BRITISH MAYORS IN LYONS.

French Municipality Honors Guests From Across the Channel.  
LYONS, June 1.—A banquet was given by the municipality of Lyons today in honor of the municipal representatives of England and Scotland who are making a tour of France.

The mayor, M. Heriot, made an extremely cordial speech and proposed the health of King Edward, "the true friend of France." The toast was drunk amid great applause and the playing of the British national anthem by the municipal band.

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FRENCH NAVAL PLANS PURLOINED AND SOLD  
Two Dutchmen and an Englishman Under Arrest for Alleged Offense.

PARIS, June 1.—The French police have made three arrests on a charge of espionage. Two of the men, Bartier and Burteley, are Dutch, and the third, whose name is Blanchard, is said to be an Englishman. The latter was arrested in Paris tonight. They are all now in prison. Two other arrests are said to be imminent.

Some time ago it was found that plans of many of the important French fortified naval bases had been stolen and sold to foreign powers. About two months ago, the minister of marine received a curiously worded communication with an Egyptian postmark, offering the restitution of stolen plans of Biscarte. A sum of 15,000 francs was demanded, otherwise the writer said the plans would be disposed of to a foreign power. Negotiations were opened between the writer and the government for the return of the documents. Several detectives were sent to Egypt, with the hope of getting into touch with the principals. It was in Egypt that the first two named, Bartier and Burteley, were arrested and brought to Paris. As the result of further information, the third man, who had been living in Paris for some time, was arrested tonight.

The plans of Biscarte were in the first instance, stolen from the Ministry of Marine. The arrests have made a great sensation in Paris.

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BIRTHS.

DOE.—At St. John, June 2nd, to the wife of Sergt. R. Doe, a daughter. PAYNTER.—At St. John West, June 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. S. Paynter, a son.

MARRIAGES.

COATES-MARR.—At the home of the bride's parents, May 28, by Rev. A. Perry, Henry Coates and Josephine C. MARR, both of Corn Hill, Kings Co., N. B.

DEATHS.

SCOTT.—At the General Public Hospital, St. John, May 31st, William Scott, of Milnth, aged 71 years. Notice of funeral hereafter.

BRITAIN.—At the residence of her sister, Mrs. J. Patterson, 108 Market Place, West End, Mrs. H. P. Britain, aged 25 years, leaving husband, father, two sisters and three brothers to mourn her loss.

WALSH.—In this city, June 1st, after a lingering illness, John J. Walsh, aged 57 years, leaving a sorrowing wife, one child and a sister to mourn their sad loss.

LEONARD.—At his home, 108 St. James street, Sunday, June 2nd, John Leonard, aged 34 years, leaving a wife and two sons.

Interment will be made at Deer Island. Notice of funeral hereafter.

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PEACE.

To the Editor of The Star:  
Sir—Is there any reason whatever why the following cannot be instituted in St. John? One or two of the lady teachers have at times started such a thing amongst the boys of their own schools, and have reported that the children are interested and efficient. But a small section cannot do much. A combined effort of all the school children in the city would be sufficient to keep the streets clean if the common council would make them clean.

PEACE.

St. John, N. B., June 2.  
Children to Keep City Streets Clean.  
(From Milwaukee Sentinel.)  
"Not many cities of the same size go ahead of St. John for public spirit," said J. J. Hogan, of Chicago. "I have just returned from my first visit to the city and it was a revelation."  
"The school children all wear green buttons, and after I had seen several hundred of these about the streets I asked a merchant what they signified. He said that the children had all been banded into a society to keep the city neat and clean. Each child who joins is given a button, and from then on it is his duty to keep the streets and yards cleared of the little bits of paper and other waste material which presents such an unsightly appearance."

"The youngsters have entered thoroughly into the spirit of the thing. They have collected more than \$100 by popular subscription, and with this money they are planning to purchase waste paper boxes to be put on the different street corners."

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UPROAR IN DUMA; MEMBERS SUSPENDED  
Musselman Deputy Creates Riot by Declaring That Russia is Not a Republic

BERLIN, June 1.—The English woman preacher, the Rev. Gertrude von Betzold, of Leicester, had a lively reception here last night, after delivering a theological discourse in one of the largest halls of the capital.

Part of the audience became wildly excited, and when the preacher, an anti-feminist fanatic mounted the rostrum and denounced her as the enemy of the Christian Church. He shouted: "Russia, that a woman is allowed to preach the Gospel from the pulpit! The devil take Christianity of this kind!"

A woman in the audience was seized with hysteria, and shrieked that the preacher was Antichrist. There was a general uproar and boisterous, during which some of the interrupters were ejected. The meeting broke up amid disorder.

LANDSLIDE REVEALS OLD CHARLOT WHEELER.  
LONDON, June 1.—A remarkable find has been made at Hunnaman, near Flory, in Yorkshire, as the result of a landslide which occurred on Friday.

By the fall of gravel an accident broke-bit and other bronze fragments were brought to the surface, and closer examination revealed further relics, including two iron hoops of chariot wheels and other portions of a chariot. Experts are of the opinion that they have lighted upon the site of an ancient British "chariot burial" of the second or first century B. C.

NO CORRUPTION PROVED.  
Sir Percy Fitzpatrick Declared Elected to Transvaal Parliament.

PRETORIA, June 1.—The attempt to unseat Sir Percy Fitzpatrick for illegal practices during the elections has failed.

Sir J. Rose-Innes, the chief justice, in dismissing the petition in the Supreme Court today, stated that it was clearly proved that Sir Percy took all reasonable precaution to prevent corruption. The two other judges concurred, and the petitioners were ordered to pay costs.

Jess—I wouldn't stand for it if I were Jack. Why, you treat him shamefully!  
Boss—Oh, that's all right. We're engaged.

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