

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.

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BALZAC THE YOUNG MAN

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

Writing was at first hard for Balzac. The first two novels that he started to write, "Le Colonel Chabert" and "Eugenie Grandet," were abandoned in despair. Then he set himself up and labored prodigiously. He did not show any special intelligence, though "he was a child of very deep affections and warm of heart."

He was a very ordinary child, devoted to fairy stories, fond of the popular amusement of making up plays, and charmed with the excruciating noises he brought out of a little red violin.

In fact, Balzac's youth is singularly devoid of incident. There was no promise of future greatness. At the ordinary age, Balzac undertook the study of law, but here, again, there is nothing of special interest to record—except, perhaps, that, haunted by the two "immense and sole desires" which shaped his whole life—"to be famous and to be loved"—he refused the tender glances of some demitisse, and prepared himself to enter with grace into the society of the "great."

When the time came for Balzac to abandon the study of law for the profession of letters, he strenuously objected thereto. He was not averse to the law. All arguments of his very much irritated him. He was not averse to the law. All arguments of his very much irritated him.

It is sorrowful to be obliged to record that the first great success was an absolute failure. Balzac read to his family, but even his loving sister could not find a word of praise. The play was not admitted to the Academie des Sciences. The author of the tragedy, reported to do anything, no matter what, except literature.

But Balzac would not admit himself beaten. He wanted to return to his old study and go to it again. But, naturally, he was not to be so easily satisfied. He wanted to show what he had in him, and he was not to be so easily satisfied.

It was hard to realize that one was in a British colony, twelve hours from New York. The impression of foreignness grew stronger and stronger. The French towns, with their large-steepled churches and their narrow streets, were more and more like a foreign land.

It seems curious that the English-Canadian does not take this more to heart, and that England does not seem to be more distant in the mind of the English-Canadian than it is in reality.

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During this period, when Balzac, at twenty-nine, was writing his first book, "Le Colonel Chabert," he was a failure.

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Comments on a Trial at Nelson

Writer in London Chronicle Attributes 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 this province, occurred at the May sitting of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, in the case of the 'Beaufort Venetian red' and 'Beaufort Venetian green' diamonds.

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

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GALLICIZED CANADA

By Geraldine Bonner in San Francisco Argonaut

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Another indictment of the English woman

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