

THE EARTH IS ALL AQAQUE.

VOLCANES AND SHOCKS IN FOUR CONTINENTS.

Eruption in Chile Causes Havoc and Pain—Shock Starts Landslide in the Tyrol—Loss of Life by Mexican Quake Very Large—Terrible Gulf Disturbance.

VALPARAISO, Chile, April 17.—Puyehue, a volcano adjacent to the large lake of the same name in the province of Valdivia, in violent eruption.

The phenomenon is accompanied by awful subterranean rumblings, earthquakes, sky darkness, noisy electrical display, ashes and boiling water.

Torrents of lava have set fire to the surrounding forests and people and cattle are fleeing in terror.

LONDON, April 17.—The Evening Standard's correspondent at Madrid says that the towns of Totana and Lorca were visited yesterday by a violent earthquake. Great damage was done to buildings and the inhabitants were thrown into a panic.

Earthquakes occurred to-day in various parts of Europe. The most noticeable were in Constantinople and its neighborhood and in the Tyrol, where a huge landslide resulted.

There was also a severe shock at Akabata, in the Russian Transcaucasian territory.

Both Totana and Lorca are in the province of Murcia. The latter is an important seat of manufactures and has a population of about 50,000. It contains many interesting Moorish antiquities, including a celebrated castle. Totana has a population of 10,000. It carries on the manufacture of linen, earthenware, brandy and saltpeper.

EL PASO, Tex., April 17.—A report to-day from a commercial house in Mexico City to a big concern in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, opposite El Paso, says that the authentic known list of dead as a result of the Mexican earthquake is over 800, although no public report has been made of the casualties in Mexico City and possibly will not be. This report is added, does not take into account the large number of people in the small villages and those out in the country whose deaths will never be chronicled.

Every town southwest of Mexico City in the direction of the Colima volcano was damaged. To enumerate the towns that suffered heavily, both in loss of life and property, would be to mention all the towns in a very wide stretch of country southwest from Mexico City clear to the Pacific Ocean. Uruapan, Zitacuaro, Anganguero, Colouca, Buente, Delizla, Balsas, Morelia and many other cities suffered severely, the despatches said, and in many the houses, although low adobe affairs, had tumbled onto the streets and onto their inmates.

In other cases large rents were made in the ground and in numerous instances pedestrians were simply swallowed up by the yawning chasms. The report says that the waters in Lake de Chapala were shaken so violently that they went over the banks and did considerable damage. The north end of the lake is now very shallow and the south end is very deep, showing that the earth tipped to the south in the upheaval.

At Manzanillo, on the coast, the effect of the earthquake was so violent that several bath houses were washed away by the force of the waves from the bay; the city was also damaged.

A special from Mexico City to-day to the El Paso Herald from a member of its staff now in that city says several new volcanoes are reported to have broken out to the south of here down in the Caliente country and the earthquakes were the most severe in the history of Mexico.

The ground was rent in many places and holes were made of astonishing magnitude. From many of the fissures the fetid report of sulphur was heard.

GALVESTON, April 17.—The Gulf fishing snooks arriving here from the fishing grounds of Campeche and the Mexican coast report terrible experiences in the Gulf from the earthquakes which converted the lower Gulf into a boiling sea and piled the water mountain high.

The Aloha was homeward bound with a cargo of red snapper. Capt. Swenson says that about three hundred miles off the Mexican coast at midnight Sunday the ship was broken by a current of hot air and the sea rose and swift cross tides held the craft prisoner for forty minutes.

Rumbles were heard and the sea appeared to open about a mile to the northeast and three columns of water shot into the air 250 feet. A terrible sea was running and steam rose from the water on all sides of the vessel, melting the ice in which the ship was packed. These explosions were heard and the rumbles beneath the water continued for an hour, gradually dying out to the southwest. The air was charged with sulphur.

The fishermen knew nothing of the Mexican earthquake until they reached here to-day. The Gulf currents have been changed, they say, by changes in the bottom of the Gulf.

MEXICO CITY, April 17.—There is a broad view of mountainous country in which many shifting towns are situated which must have borne the brunt of the severe earthquake shocks which have been felt at intervals since last Sunday night.

The disturbed territory embraces all of the State of Guerrero, the western part of Oaxaca and the eastern portion of Michoacan. A large number of Americans are scattered among the mining camps of the Oaxaca region and much anxiety is felt here as to their safety.

The towns of Axtlan, Providencia, La Paz, Mexico, Toluca, San Marcos, Cahote, Toluca, and many smaller places are situated in the heart of the disturbances. No reports have been received from any of these places. This is owing to their remoteness from telegraphic and telephone communications. It is feared that most of them are destroyed and that the casualties are heavy.

The fact that the lower part of the city of Acapulco has been swept by a tidal wave leads to the conclusion in meteorological circles here that other towns on the coast have suffered severely. These towns are Zihuatanejo, Orilla, Ixtapa, Coahuila, Acapulco, Comaltepec and some small places of a few hundred population each.

Heavy earthquake shocks continued on the west coast until 4 o'clock yesterday morning. Late news from the area of Oaxaca destruction in the recent earthquake show that the devastation wrought was greater than at first supposed.

MAYOR CAN DO THE PROBING.

GOV. HUGHES SAYS HE HAS FULL POWER TO DO IT

And That There is No Necessity for the Legislature to Act—If the Power is Lacking, He Says, He Will Aid in Supplying It—Elliott Agrees with Him.

ALBANY, April 17.—Mayor George B. McClellan will not have the assistance of Gov. Hughes in securing a legislative investigation of the affairs of Borough President Ellison came to Albany and conferred with the Governor in regard to a legislative investigation. Mr. Ellison laid before the Governor all the facts in the matter. After discussing the questions the Governor announced that he did not consider it necessary to have a legislative investigation. He made this statement:

"There is no necessity, in my judgment, for a legislative investigation. So far as heads of departments are responsible to the Mayor he is in a position to make a full inquiry and he may remove any officer who refuses to give him all the information necessary to disclose the condition of his department. Generally, with regard to all the city departments, including those in charge of elected officers, it was the intent of the Charter that the Commissioners of Accounts, who are responsible to the Mayor, should have full opportunity for investigation. I believe that these commissioners have full power to investigate all the city departments.

"Further, if the information thus obtained warrants the presentation of charges, with suitable specifications, against any city officer removable by me, such charges can be presented and the matter investigated in accordance with the law. It should be distinctly understood that the Mayor has full authority through his appointed officers to investigate the city departments, and is responsible for making all necessary inquiries into the proper administration of the city government. If, however, it can be shown that in any respect the power is lacking that clearly the framers of the Charter intended to give the Mayor in this particular, then the power should be supplied, and I shall be glad to recommend any legislation which may be found necessary for that purpose.

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"I think," said Mr. Ellison, "that it will be welcome news to the Mayor that if there is a doubt as to the adequacy of the Charter in that respect it will be remedied by legislation, so that the Mayor may investigate all departments to the same extent as a legislative committee would. The situation has shaped itself into this: At first the Borough President said he would welcome an investigation. He was invited, not subpoenaed, to appear and had ample notice that the inquiry would be solely a general reference to his appointments and how he had personally kept himself in touch with the operation of his employees. Then we were met with the disinclination on the part of the Borough President to testify in an investigation which he had invited.

"The situation rests there, excepting that upon a test of the powers of the Mayor, if the reports of the Commissioners of Accounts as I now have them, combined with the proofs that will be adduced before the commissioners, whether the head of the department or the bureau heads appear or not, shall warrant the preferring of charges against the Borough President to the Governor, I will advise the Mayor to prefer the charges. To-morrow, unless my absence here to-day has compelled a change of plans, the special counsel retained to conduct the examination will take proof by witnesses willing to testify to matters that seriously affect the situation. It is possible that sufficient proof may be offered, without calling any of the bureau heads or the President of the Borough, that may warrant the Mayor in taking the course of preferring charges to the Governor."

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KELSEY DECISION DELAYED.

Senate Committee Failed to Hold an Executive Session Last Night.

ALBANY, April 17.—The policy of delay that has characterized the proceedings in regard to the removal of State Superintendent of Insurance Otto Kelsey continued to-day the Senate Judiciary Committee, in executive session, would take up the question of making a report to the Senate, but the matter has gone over. The committee did not hold an executive session to-night, but one is scheduled for to-morrow morning. Whether or not the Kelsey matter will be taken up to-morrow morning has not been decided, but the probabilities are that it will not be touched upon other than to set a day when it will be considered.

Senator Davis, chairman of the committee, wants to go to Buffalo with the Governor, who speaks in Buffalo to-morrow night, so that the time to-morrow will be short in which to take up the Kelsey matter. The twelve other members of the committee feel that Senator Hinman should be present at the meeting when the report is voted on. Senator Hinman was excused yesterday on account of illness, and it was supposed he had gone to his home in Binghamton, but it developed that he is at his hotel in the city.

Until the committee makes a report the guessing will continue here, with one guess about as good as another. The Governor's friends are still confident that the committee will report a resolution recommending the removal of Mr. Kelsey. Mr. Kelsey's friends will not dispute that, either. They still, however, insist that when the question of concurring in the report comes before the Senate they can prevent Mr. Kelsey's removal, but say the vote will be a close one. They refuse to tell where their strength comes from other than that Senators McCareen and Grady will deliver fifteen, and possibly sixteen, Democratic votes, while Senator Raines will furnish enough Republican votes to prevent removal.

BONILLA SAFE IN MEXICO.

Princeton Lands Him There—Peace Conference to Be Held in Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The gunboat Princeton, which conveyed Manuel Bonilla, the President of Honduras, to his hiding place in Amapala, has landed him safely at Salina Cruz, Mexico, according to advices which the Navy Department has from the Princeton's commander.

Salina Cruz is a railroad terminus and from that point Bonilla will be able to continue his flight either to the United States or to Europe. The Princeton is now on her way to Amoy.

Señor Corea, the Nicaraguan Minister, called at the State Department to-day and had a conference with the Assistant Secretary regarding the plan of President Zelaya of Nicaragua to have the peace conference of the Central American States meet in Washington. The proposal has met with favor among all of the Central American republics and is endorsed by the State Department, which, although it has issued no formal invitation for such a conference is anxious to have such a meeting take place in Washington.

It is thought likely that each of the republics will send special envoys to Washington to discuss and negotiate a treaty for a lasting peace. The ministers now accredited here from those countries will cooperate with them, and the United States and Mexico will act as advisers.

The preliminary peace conference at Amapala is expected to take place within a day or two, but contrary to expectation President Zelaya of Nicaragua and President Figuera of Salvador will not be participants.

Owing to the illness of President Zelaya, according to a despatch which Minister Corea received to-day, he will not be able to attend. Instead he has commissioned the Nicaraguan Minister of Foreign Affairs, Señor J. D. Gomez. The Salvadorean envoy will be Señor Garcia, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of that country. Both are now on their way to Amapala aboard American warships.

INTRUDER TRAPS HIMSELF.

Jump Into Closet With a Spring Lock to Hide—Sleuth Comes and Gets Him.

Oscar von Bernuth, a commission merchant, of 57 West Sixty-eighth street, was dining with his family last night shortly after 7 o'clock when a noise was heard in the hall. Bernuth asked the maid to find the cause. The maid screamed and moment later when Mr. Bernuth ran to her he was told that a man had jumped into the closet at the head of the basement stairs. It so happens that the door of the closet has a spring lock and can only be opened from the outside. Mr. Bernuth hastened to a telephone and notified Police Headquarters.

Detective Levin was sent to the house from the West Sixty-eighth street police station. In the meantime a voice from within the closet begged piteously. The owner of it said that he meant no harm. When finally the detective opened the closet a large man emerged and lost no time in putting up his hands. He was considerably larger than Levin, but the sleuth finally succeeded in subduing him.

At the station he said that his name was Fred Lee and that he was 19 years old. Lee said that he was a railroad brakeman and that his home was in Utica.

CHASER BURGlar TO ROOF.

Kelly Had Threatened to Knock Woman's Brains Out With a Jimmy.

William Kelly, a printer, was arrested on the roof of 228 East 115th street yesterday afternoon by Policemen Gibbins after a hard fight and locked up in the East 104th street station for robbing the apartment of Mrs. Lena Engelbricht on the ground floor.

Mrs. Engelbricht went out shopping for an hour and when she returned she found Kelly helping himself to everything he could pick up. When she saw him she began to call for help. Kelly told her he would knock her brains out with a jimmy. She grappled with him, but Kelly shook her off and fled to the roof.

Policemen Gibbins had been called by some of the tenants, and when the thief saw him he made a dash for the roof with Gibbins after him. Kelly clinched with the policeman, but after he got a few whacks over the head all the fight was taken out of him.

When the search in the station he had jewelry which Mrs. Engelbricht identified as her property.

ESCH NOW LEADS FOR SENATE.

Wisconsin Congressman Faces Opponents in Fight for Speaker Seat.

MADISON, Wis., April 17.—Congressman Esch pushed forward into first place in the Senatorial fight to-night at the Republican caucus, receiving nineteen votes instead of seventeen, which had been his top notch.

This was regarded, however, as merely a switching of votes and of no particular consequence.

Three of the minor candidates failed to figure in the voting to-night, former Governor Scofield, Senator Rohr and Assemblyman Estabrook.

The gain to Esch and a gain of one vote for Cooper came from the five men who had favored those retiring candidates. The caucus adjourned to meet to-morrow night.

Latest Marine Intelligence. Arrived: St. City of Atlanta, Savannah, April 17. After all, SAMUEL'S THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. (Founded 1852.) Tel. 636-4. Circulation, 220,710 av. (Founded 1852.) Tel. 636-4. Circulation, 220,710 av.

HUGHES FOR SECOND CHOICE.

SAID TO BE ROOSEVELT'S CANDIDATE IF TAFT HAS NO SHOW.

Evidence Lacking, However, That the President Has Gone to the Extent of Announcing His Next Best for the Republican Nomination for President.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—When Henry W. Taft of New York, William H. Taft's brother, walked out of President Roosevelt's office the other day and told the reporters that Gov. Hughes was a great man and that the President thought so, too, politicians here began to wink and blink at one another. It was pretty apparent that what Mr. Taft said in praise of Gov. Hughes had the advance approval of the President, and out of the speculation as to the whys and wherefores of Mr. Taft's utterance has grown a story, in full swing to-day, that Mr. Hughes is the second string to Mr. Roosevelt's Presidential bow, William H. Taft, of course, being the first.

Evidence is lacking, however, that Mr. Roosevelt has gone to the extent of announcing, even to intimate friends, that Mr. Hughes is his second choice for the Republican Presidential nomination or any choice of his at all. His desire to have the honor go to Secretary Taft is well known, but beyond that the President has not gone and is not likely to go except that he might not be averse to saying that in his opinion Gov. Hughes would make a good President.

Still nobody here who is watching the Presidential situation believes that Mr. Roosevelt is foolish enough to put all his eggs in one basket, and it is not doubted that he has taken into consideration that Ohio may not endorse Secretary Taft for the nomination and thus, probably, eliminate him from the race. For that reason and reports from Ohio that Senators Foraker and Dick intend to make the strongest effort of a fight to keep Mr. Taft from being named as Ohio's favorite son, the politicians are studying what Henry W. Taft said of Gov. Hughes and trying to figure out what it means.

An intimate political and official associate of the President was asked to-day if it wasn't rather significant that Secretary Taft's brother should give high praise to Gov. Hughes and announce that the President joined in his views. The President's associate said that Henry Taft's interest was in the New York situation and that he meant his statement to apply to politics in that State and not to national politics. The inference was that Henry Taft wanted to help Gov. Hughes in his troubles with the Legislature and had praised the Governor in behalf of the President with that idea in view. This and other things indicate that Mr. Roosevelt is not ready to say that he would just as soon have Gov. Hughes or Blackwell as President of the United States, but that he is waiting for the party's standard bearer next year.

That the President will have a hand in the contest to control New York's delegation to the Republican national convention seems to be taken for granted here. He was contented in the past that as a New Yorker it was his right to participate in party affairs in his State. Up to this time, however, there has been nothing to show, at least as far as Washington knows, that the President will make an active effort to have the delegation instructed for William H. Taft.

INSULTED BRITISH FLAG.

New Version of Honduran Incident—El Porvenir Said to Be the Scene.

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 17.—Henry Perault of Detroit, a French merchant, an Englishman, arrived here to-day from Honduras with a new version of the flag incident reported in despatches from Puerto Cortes. They say that it was not an American flag that was treated with indignity, but a British flag, and that the whole case is a gross travesty over the incident and is a scandalous violation of the honor of Commander Fullam's investigation.

It appears that William Collins, an Englishman who is married to the daughter of Porfirio Betancourt, former Alcalde of the coast town of El Porvenir, nine miles from Ceiba, was occupying the house of the Alcalde when Col. Boss of the Honduran revolutionary forces appeared and demanded the surrender of the Alcalde. Betancourt had fled to Belize, and Collins told the Colonel so, but he got angry and started to search the house.

Collins pointed to the British flag, which he had hoisted, and warned him to desist. The Colonel had the flag hauled down and tore it to shreds and spat on it and then proceeded to pummel Collins. He searched the house, and failing to find the Alcalde, went off in high dudgeon.

Ensign McNair of the American gunboat Marietta was on the steamer José Vaccaro when he learned of the incident and got off at Ceiba to make an investigation so as to be able to report by the time the Marietta and Paducah should arrive at El Porvenir.

ANNOYS BANKING FIRM.

Zimmermann Causes Arrest of Peter Porgoso—Says Young Man is Crazy.

Leopold Zimmermann, a member of the firm of Zimmermann & Forsyah, bankers at 9 Wall street, went to the Tombs police court yesterday and made an affidavit of insanity against Peter Porgoso, 27 years old, of 83 East Fifty-sixth street. Magistrate House sent Porgoso to the psychopathic ward at Bellevue Hospital to have his sanity determined.

Mr. Zimmermann said Porgoso had annoyed him and his associates for several weeks by writing to them trying to negotiate large loans on the assertion that he was the New York agent for several large European banks. Porgoso's in his letters, several of which were submitted in evidence, said he had valuable information of impending great events in the financial world and needed money to handle them.

Porgoso is an athletic young man and wore fine clothes. He talked in a rational manner. He insisted that Mr. Zimmermann was wrong, that he really does represent the banks he asserts he has relations with.

"He got 800 worth of clothes from a Broadway house and \$75 worth of lowers from Wadleigh & Smith, Fifth avenue florist, on his claims yesterday," said Mr. Zimmermann. "It's time he was locked up."

ADDICKS LIVES IN HOBOKEN.

Is in Seclusion in a Flat—Subpoena Server's Quest for Him.

J. Edward Addicks, who didn't succeed in being elected a United States Senator from Delaware, has been living in Hoboken for eight weeks. He is stopping at the home of Edward Boome, in a flat on the second floor of 1042 Bloomfield street, a short walk from the Fourteenth street ferry, which he crosses daily on his way to this city. He selected Hoboken as a temporary abiding place, he told a friend one day, because he wanted to be where he didn't know people and people didn't know him.

For several hours yesterday while Mr. Addicks was supposed to be in New York a short, thickset man attracted attention in the neighborhood of Bloomfield and Eleventh streets by pacing back and forth with one eye almost constantly on the front door of the flat building. The police thought that he looked like a suspicious character and took him to the Second precinct station. The stranger said he was a subpoena server and that he had a paper for Addicks. He was allowed to go and immediately resumed his still hunt. He didn't find the former Delaware man.

"ROOSEVELT TALKS TOO MUCH."

Senator Perkins of California Tells Banqueters What Ails the President.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—United States Senator Perkins created a sensation last night at the annual banquet of the Oakland Merchants' Exchange by declaring that President Roosevelt talks too much.

"It is the history of the human race," he said, "that some people talk too much and that is the fault of our President. He wanted to naturalize the Japanese, and on this point, as you all know, he talked too much, but the people forgive him because he is earnest and his heart is for the right."

SEA FUNERAL FOR PERCY JANIS.

Wireless Message Confirms Report of Actor's Death.

Elsie Janis and her mother, Mrs. Jane Bierbauer, received yesterday a wireless message sent from the Atlantic Transport liner Minneapolis, which sailed for London on Saturday, confirming the report of the death at sea of Percy Janis, who disappeared from the ship on Sunday night. The message was from the members of the "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" company, of which young Mr. Janis was the leading man, and read:

"Held services for Percy to-day. Heartfelt sympathy to father, mother and sister. The actor's family here had an impression that the first reports of his disappearance would be dispelled later by a thorough search of the liner. They were prostrated by the message, which made it certain that he had died in the sea."

ESCAPED BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.

Prisoner Captured in Philadelphia Still Wearing His Stripes.

PHILADELPHIA, April 17.—Lewis Weiwitz, 23 years old, an escaped convict from Blackwell's Island, New York, who disappeared in the German station to-night, Weiwitz was still arrayed in his prison garb when captured.

He said he was a "trusty," and seeing a chance to-day, scaled the wall and plunged into East River.

He told the police he got on a passing tugboat, and was landed at the Jersey City yards of the Reading Railway. He secreted himself on a freight train and got here.

STOKES TO SOCIALIZE RAILWAY.

New Yorker and Wife in Chicago Negotiating for Western Road.

CHICAGO, April 17.—Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Phelps Stokes, the New York socialists, are here negotiating for a Western railroad. Just where the railroad is no one in Chicago's Socialist circle knows, but the negotiations with La Salle street financiers have so absorbed "Comrade" Stokes that he has had no time for the Chicago "dividers."

The Stokeses will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Brown at Lagrange on Friday before leaving for the West, where the road awaits their inspection.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes, carrying out their team work scheme, spoke before the Socialists at Hull House to-night. The students at Chicago normal school have invited them to speak there to-morrow.

"Comrade" Joseph Medill Patterson has also offered to entertain the Stokeses.

TO DISFRANCHISE ALL NEGROES.

Florida Senate Moves to Test 14th and 15th Amendments Before Supreme Court.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., April 17.—The Senate, by a vote of 23 to 5, has adopted a joint resolution to declare the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution void and to disfranchise the negro in Florida.

The resolution was introduced by Senator John G. Beard of Pensacola, who spoke at length, his speech leaving no doubt in the minds of hearers that the amendments were irregularly adopted and hence void.

Senator Beard declared that he believed the Supreme Court of the United States would uphold the action of this State in disfranchising the negro.

BIGGER THAN THE ADRIATIC.

Hamburg-American Co. Plans a 29,700 Ton Atlantic Liner.

LONDON, April 17.—The White Star steamship Adriatic will not long remain the levitation of the Atlantic. It is understood that the Hamburg-American Company has ordered Harland & Wolff, of Belfast, to build a vessel of 29,700 tons.

This is 4,700 tons larger than the Adriatic.

ALCOHOL GOOD FOR NEURALGIA.

Doctor Says It Cured in 202 Cases Where Other Remedies Failed.

BELLEVUE, April 17.—At the meeting of the Medical Congress to-day Dr. Schlosser said that, after five years of experimenting, he had found that the best cure for neuralgia was the injection of alcohol.

FRANCE DECORATES CARNEGIE.

MADE COMMANDER OF LEGION OF HONOR AT PEACE DINNER.

Father of the Congress Pleased as a Boy With a New Toy—Feast in Two Parts With Interchanging Speakers—Bryan's Tongue Untied—Joy and Amity Reign.

Andrew Carnegie, Pittsburgh's apostle of peace and father of the peace congress just adjourned, had pinned about his neck last night a broad red ribbon from which hung the cross of a commander of the Legion of Honor. This was a gift of the appreciative Republic of France.

The ribbon was so broad that it hid Mr. Carnegie's collar entirely, and only his startled beard could be seen above the red band while the Baron d'Estournelles de Constant, himself a wearer of the French cross of honor, pinned the bow behind Mr. Carnegie's head. The enamelled order dangled down just over the top stud in the peace master's shirt front. Mr. Carnegie took a hasty look at the jewel on his chest, then he looked at the face of the Baron and smiled a quick smile, like a child that has received a new toy and is afraid that mother is going to lock it up for a rainy day.

It was at the dinner which was given at the Hotel Astor jointly with another one at the Waldorf-Astoria for the entertainment of the delegates and foreign guests at the peace conference that the presentation was made. Mr. Carnegie had been sitting in the little box raised above the head of the diners in the main ballroom calling for speeches from Ambassadors and dignitaries by the crook of a finger. The peace father was in high feather.

About 10 o'clock Baron de Constant came into the hall with a suppressed air of having something up his sleeve. Mr. Ely, the secretary of the peace congress, arose and made an announcement.

"The Baron d'Estournelles de Constant has come over from the other banquet on a mission of importance," he said. "He bears a message from France to this assemblage and I know that you will all listen to what he has to say."

The Baron stepped up into the little box and as he prepared to speak he took an oblong morocco covered box from his trousers pocket to the little ledge that ran around the inside of the railing, screened from the view of Mr. Carnegie.

Then the Baron slipped gracefully into the speech which he