

## THE PEACE CONFERENCE

### Opened Today at The Hague.

#### MANY TRUE SPEECHES DELIVERED

#### President McKinley Wires the Czar of Russia His Congratulations.

THE HAGUE, May 18.—The Universal Peace Conference opened this afternoon. Owing to the indisposition of M. Destral, the Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs Beaufort presided. In a well worded speech he felicitated the Czar upon his efforts to secure the peace of Christendom. Several delegates followed with similar speeches, and there was a mutual exchange of courtesies.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—President McKinley today sent the following telegram to the Czar: "On this day of good omen I send my heartfelt congratulations on the opening of the conference at The Hague, which had its origin in the enlightened and generous nature of your majesty."

## THE EPWORTH CONVENTION

The second annual convention of the Seattle district of Epworth league will meet in this city, beginning tonight and continuing until Sunday evening. The meetings will be held in the Battery street M. E. church, and preparations have been made for at least 100 delegates. The district consists of the leagues in the towns north of Seattle as far as the boundary line and all west of the mountains.

Tonight the session will open. John Palmer, president of the Battery M. E. church branch of Epworth league, will make the address of welcome, to which A. E. Cornelius, of the First church at Whatcom, will respond. Rev. J. W. Kendall, of Blaine, will preach a short sermon, after which a social session will follow.

Tomorrow the real work of the conference will commence, and the program given exclusively in the Star May 19 will be carried out.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Convenes Today in Minneapolis.

#### DR. SAMPLE FOR MODERATOR

#### Question of Finances of the Missionary Boards Will Occupy Much Attention.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 18.—The Presbyterian General Assembly of the United States convened here this morning with about 600 delegates present. Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, the retiring moderator, opened the session, delivering the annual sermon. There are several active candidates for the moderatorship, but Dr. Sample seems to be in the lead decisively, with Dr. Haines mentioned as second choice.

These annual meetings of the general assembly, composed of ministers and elders selected from each presbytery in the United States, are given supreme power in legislating for the interests of the Presbyterian church. Since the famous Briggs' heresy trial before the general assembly in Washington, no paramount matters have occupied the attention of the annual assemblies with the exception of the one question of revision of the creed. This assembly will perhaps devote considerable time to the consideration of the financial condition of the missionary boards, which are very much in need of funds, the contributions from all sources having fallen off to an alarming extent.

#### Bore Bogus Stamps.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 18.—Deputy Internal Revenue Collector H. C. Gregg has unearthed a fraud against the government and has seized 1500 cigars bearing bogus revenue stamps. One thousand was seized from a merchant in this city and 500 from a cigar dealer in Pomeroy. Other seizures are expected here at any time.

#### Not Built for Spite.

NEWPORT, R. I., May 18.—Mrs. Herman Oelrichs' alleged spite fence row turns out to be a tame affair. Mrs. Oelrichs' immediate neighbors are Perry Belmont on the north, H. Payne Whitney on the south and G. Parkman, of Boston, on the west, with all of whom she is on the most intimate terms. The cliffs bound the estate on the east.

being erected on four sides of the site of Mrs. Oelrichs' new house, but it is only a barrier to keep out the thousands of excursionists who parade the cliffs in the summer months and the unemployed who visit the place daily seeking work.

## Colored Preacher Drowned

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., May 18.—The Rev. Peter Bronaugh, one of the best known colored Baptist preachers in this region, and his little grandson, were swept from the buggy and drowned while attempting to ford a swollen stream within the city limits here today.

## Killed by Lightning.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., May 18.—Harry Stacy was struck by lightning today on his farm, four miles north of this city, and was instantly killed.

## Advance in Prices.

CHICAGO, May 18.—Representatives of firms that control the manufacture of hay press machinery in the western states, have met and decided to advance prices from 15 to 20 per cent. The recent advance in raw material and higher wages are given as the reasons for the change.

## Has Turned Catholic.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Rev. W. C. De Lyon Nichols, assistant rector of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal church, has been received as a communicant at St. Stephen's Roman Catholic church. He is the author of the "Greek Madonna." A new work, "The Decadents," will, Mr. Nichols says, lay bare the social iniquity and folly among the ultra fashionable folk and the hardened sinners.

## MUDDLE AT SKAGWAY

### Caused by Postmaster's Illness.

## ACTION TO HAVE HIM DEPLACED

#### Taken by Merchants of Skagway and the Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

At the meeting of the chamber of commerce yesterday a letter was read from the Skagway chamber of commerce asking the Seattle chamber to assist in demanding of the Postoffice department at Washington, the removal of the present postmaster at Skagway, and the appointment of another. The reason set forth is the fact that the present postmaster has been sick for a long time and has allowed the postoffice to run down. By reason of the present condition of the office, the business interests of both Skagway and Seattle have suffered. The secretary was authorized to take the matter up with the department at Washington.

The matter of celebrating the completion of the Snoqualmie Falls Jockey Company's work at Snoqualmie Falls was taken up, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Griffith, Daniels, J. W. Cline and Morris Thomsen was appointed to look into the matter.

A communication was read from the British Columbia Board of Trade, stating that lights at certain dangerous points on the route to Alaska would be replaced. United States Senator George Turner sent a letter to the chamber stating that he would be pleased at some future time to appear before the chamber and talk on matters particularly interesting to Seattle. P. P. Carroll, George F. Meacham, and Frank A. Fredericks were received into membership.

## Quarrelled and Suicided

MANNINGTON, W. Va., May 18.—A man and woman registering as L. M. McMillan and D. B. Hollands, of Mobile, Ala., arrived here last night. Accompanied by a driver, they drove to Joetown, the woman getting out there, the two having quarrelled all the way. McMillan then drove to Line hotel county where, before the driver could prevent, he shot himself dead. Before expiring, McMillan murmured: "Mobile! Oh, what an awful trip!"

## TO INSPECT THE STEAMERS

A. E. Chilberg, of the Columbia Navigation company, will leave for the north on the steamer City of Seattle sailing tomorrow night. He goes to Dawson and from there to the principal ports along the Yukon, including Circle City, Rampart, and St. Michael. The object of his trip is to investigate the condition of the company's river steamers, the Monarch and the Sovereign, together with the barge Admiral. These boats are at present in sloughs along the Yukon, and are in danger of being destroyed when the ice breaks up and the spring freshets come. Mr. Chilberg will probably be gone about four months. J. B. Wood, of the Columbia Navigation company, who recently came down from Dawson, will return shortly to that place.

## For Three Years.

MARYSVILLE, O., May 18.—Police Judge Earnhart of London, just south of this city, sentenced John Coffee and John Kelly to the workhouse for three years each, on the charge of habitual drunkenness. This is the heaviest sentence ever inflicted in a police court. Coffee and Kelly were town characters and were known at police court as the "regulators."

## ENROUTE TO CAPE NOME

### Party Will Leave Seattle Friday.

#### WILL GO BY WAY OF THE YUKON

#### Reaching St. Michaels and Their Destination Ahead of the Rush by Bering Sea.

When the steamer City of Seattle leaves for the north tomorrow night, she will have among her passengers Col. J. S. Williams, who, with a party of 12 men, is going to Bennett. At that place the party will embark on a small steamer owned by Colonel Williams and proceed to Dawson and then down the Yukon to St. Michael, thence to Cape Nome. Colonel Williams is said to have some claims at that place, and the party will be thoroughly equipped with mining machinery for the development of these claims.

## SEATTLE NEWS.

Charles Johnson, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Johnson, died at the family residence at 1618 Dexter avenue yesterday, of pneumonia.

The local inspectors of steam vessels, Bryant and Cherry, are in Everett today inspecting some steamers at that place.

The funeral services of Matsuzo Tomimole, were held at Butterworth & Sons' chapel at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Miss May Little, daughter of F. N. Little, superintendent of streets and parks, who is now in San Francisco, received a letter from her father yesterday in which he states that his health is improving rapidly. He intends to inspect the different parks throughout the city and also the street improvements.

E. P. Cooper of Chicago, is a guest at the Butler. He owns mining property near Index.

C. W. Bunn, of St. Paul, one of the directors of the Northern Pacific, is stopping at the Butler.

Dr. de Soto, of the Baptist association, called at the chamber of commerce this morning and secured 100 souvenirs of Seattle recently issued by the chamber. The Baptist association shortly, and many of the eastern delegates will return by way of Seattle. It is Dr. de Soto's intention to take the souvenirs and have a leather cover placed on them and given them to those visiting this city. Mr. Upper, of the association was also at the chamber of commerce rooms this morning asking for copies illustrating Seattle. It is the intention of the association at San Francisco to issue a daily paper during the convention, and Mr. Upper desired to have an illustrated article on Seattle.

## CAUGHT ON THE HOOKS

### Painter Hanged Up By the Wrists.

#### HE FELL FROM A HIGH LADDER

#### Rescued by Market Men Who Saw Him When He Tumbled—The Wounds Serious.

George Dargenn, a colored painter, met with a painful accident while painting the front of a meat market at the corner of Third avenue and Yesler way this morning. The ladder on which he was working slipped and fell. He grabbed at a wire screen over the doors as he was falling, but he missed a firm grasp, and his two wrists caught on two meat hooks at one side of the door and there he hung. His screams attracted the attention of marketmen and they took him down. Although his wrists are lacerated, the wounds are not thought to be dangerous.

## Lost in His Own Home.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 18.—Lost in his own home for almost two days and almost all of that time within a few feet of his father and mother is the peculiar experience of 3 years old Johnnie Walker, who has been discovered, almost famished, after imprisonment in a third story front room of his father's house. On Monday afternoon the child disappeared. The police were notified, but no trace of the missing boy could be found. When the child was found he was unconscious. The noise of a mill next door had drowned his cries.

## Rabbit's Foot Failed.

BRYAN, O., May 18.—Three hobos robbed the harness store of W. H. Riley yesterday and were pursued

by Marshal August Heidley and several citizens. When overtaken they refused to halt, and the marshal opened fire. One of the tramps was instantly killed. The others surrendered and were placed in jail. The dead man carried a rabbit's foot.

## Glass Workers Strike.

REEDKEY, Ind., May 18.—The blowers and gatherers in twelve shops of the forty-two embraced in the Marlott glass works struck yesterday. Their demand is for pay for all work which is culled by the company. The factory will continue to operate with thirty-seven shops, and the company also gives notice that it will introduce machinery, as it owns patents covering a successful blowing machine.

## Western Men in the Army.

Practically all of the men from the West who have been fighting in the Philippines have been taken from civil life. Most of the volunteer officers and all of the privates have been drawn from farms, factories and even from professional life. All of them, regular soldiers as well as others, have been fighting under conditions which were entirely new. They have been living in an alien climate, have been confronted with physical circumstances which are strange, and have an entire environment which has been unfriendly. Yet they have triumphed over all of the hostile conditions.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## TO CORRUPT THE JURY

### Attempts Made and Frustrated.

#### SOME NEW DISCLOSURES TODAY

#### Integrity of Certain Attorneys Proved too Much for the Corrupter.

The dismissal of the 18 jurors in the civil department of the superior court before their term of service was up, has brought to light the fact that for the past six weeks attempts have been made at jury bribing. Rumors have been in circulation for some time past among the prominent attorneys at the bar, but the matter has only recently been called to the attention of E. D. Benson, presiding judge, who immediately took official cognizance and nipped the scheme in the bud by discharging the jury.

The attorneys who have been vainly approached are all prominent, and some are counsel for large corporations. They are Frederick Hausman, E. F. Blain, Wilmin C. Tucker, T. J. Humes, and John H. Powell.

An attempt was made to keep the matter secret as there is evidence implicating any of the jurors, and no suspicion rests upon any one of them. Judge Benson, however, thought it would be best, under the circumstances, not to allow them to sit longer in judgment.

The whole matter was carried on by a go-between who is said to be an attorney. The lawyers approached are members of high standing, and indignantly resented the advances made. They were told to carry the matter to the presiding judge.

The discharged jurors are: S. C. Roe, M. Powers, E. P. White, R. E. Bridges, Wm. Horan, M. P. Ellis, M. B. Smith, Frank C. Stevens, A. Knighton, H. L. Olmstead, G. S. Bailey, Wm. Blackburn, F. J. Gribbin, L. H. Craver, J. F. Van de Vanter, A. H. Wintrose.

W. S. Jennings excused two days ago, at his request.

## NEW VERSION OF BURKE ASSAULT

Mrs. N. H. Young, has reported to the police that she was practically eye-witness to the alleged robbery and assault on William Burke, at Summit avenue and East Pike street, last Monday night, and that as far as she knows there were no shots fired, and Burke could not have been wounded by a gun shot as he has alleged. "My husband and I had not been to bed very long Monday night," said Mrs. Young, "when I heard screams. I ran to the window and saw a man lying on the sidewalk in front of our house. I told my husband, who, in company with my brother, hastily dressed and went to see what had happened. They found the man was Burke, who said that he had been shot in the head and robbed. They examined his wounds and at the same time thought it very unlikely that they were caused by a shot, but that the wounds were caused by a knock on the head with some instrument. My husband and brother carried Burke to his home, and the matter was then reported to the police. I am sure that no shots were fired, as I would have heard them."

The police are still at work on the case, but so far there have been no new developments.

Once upon a time an American taunted an Englishman. "How can you endure to be taxed to support your idle nobility?" exclaimed the American warmly. Then the American paid \$10 a ton for his coal in order that the directors of the trust might procure dukes and things for sons-in-law. This fable teaches that there are as many ways of paying taxes as of dodging the same.

## ALL SANG "AMERICA"

### Closing the Norwegian Festivities.

#### HELD AT MADISON PARK PAVILION

#### The Sons of Norway Then Indulged in Dancing and Feasting to End the Day.

The Norwegian citizens of Seattle brought to a fitting close last night the celebration in honor of the eighty-fifth anniversary of their country's independence. During the afternoon at Madison street park the events scheduled in yesterday's Star took place. Last night the pavilion was packed to hear the speeches and to enjoy the dancing. It was the intention to have Gov. Rogers and Mayor Humes present, but certain engagements prevented. Frank Olsson, chairman of the committee on entertainment, made a short speech. The address of the evening was made by C. M. Thuland in Norwegian, followed by a few remarks by O. B. Barbo, of Whatcom. At the conclusion of his remarks the large audience sang "America," and after cheering the Stars and Stripes, the dancing began.

The pavilion never looked prettier. Manager Steffen had spared neither pains nor money in making the decorations both beautiful and elaborate. The pavilion was a mass of Japanese lanterns and umbrellas; and the different colored lights made a scene exceedingly brilliant.

## RUMORED SALE OF S. & N.

It is rumored that the Seattle & Northern railroad, running from Anacortes to Hamilton, in the northern part of the state, has recently been purchased by Michigan lumbermen who are said to have consummated the deal in the interest of President J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern. The railroad is the property of the Pacific Coast company, but as J. D. Farrell, president of the company is out of the city, the rumor cannot be confirmed.

## MANIFESTO BY GOMEZ

### Issued to Quell the Rising Anger.

#### URGES THEM TO LAY DOWN ARMS

#### War Clouds Seem to be Gathering Again Over This Unhappy Little Isle.

HAVANA, May 18.—Gomez today issued a manifesto to the Cubans, urging them to lay down their arms in compliance with the American demands and to accept the money tendered. The anti-American feeling among the people has suddenly developed to an alarming extent and grave disorders are feared.

## PROTEST OF LABOR UNION

The members of the Western Central Labor Union passed a resolution at the meeting last night, protesting against the order of Gen. Merriam in prohibiting the employment of union miners at Wardner, Idaho. At the meeting of the union last week, a committee was appointed to draw up the resolution, and pursuant to the instructions, the resolution was brought up last night. The resolution states that while the local union is opposed to the act of violence at the Bunker Hill mines, and deprecates all acts of violence and the destruction of property, they protest against the action of Gen. Merriam in declaring that no union miners will be allowed to work in the mines. In view of the facts the local union pledges their moral and financial support to the miners of the Coeur d'Alene district in their right to organize against unlawful arrest.

## DID ANDREE WRITE IT?

EDINBURGH, Scotland, May 18.—The Norwegian ship Viking brings the news of a letter written by Andree, the Arctic explorer, which was found in April by a farmer on the northeast coast of Iceland. The letter was addressed to the Polar expedition at Gothenburg, Sweden, and bore Andree's own stamp.

"Do you know that you talk in your sleep, Henry?" asked Mrs. Peck. "Well, do you begrudge me those few words, also?" he snapped back.

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A German paper gives the following method of detecting small cracks in steel tools. The tool, near the cutting edge is to be dipped in petroleum, which must be rubbed off clean and the surface then wiped with chalk. The petroleum, which has entered the fine cracks, sweats out on the chalk, and the rent is visible in its whole extent.

The elm tree is full grown at the age of 150, ash at 100 and the oak at 200 years. The growth of an elm is about two and a half feet per annum; that of the oak less than one foot.