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A CUSTOM UNION.

The Pan-American Congress Divided on the Subject.

Majority and Minority Reports Submitted.

The Former Recommends the Rejection of the Whole Subject and Gives its Reasons for So Doing—Radical Changes in the Nations' Respective Constitutions Would Be Necessary.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The Pan-American conference has finally adopted the report of the committee on international law.

Majority and minority reports were made by the committee on custom union. The majority say that the establishment of a custom union, as generally understood, would require not only a partial sacrifice of the National sovereignty of the American nations, but more radical changes in their respective constitutions than they are willing to accept.

The majority therefore deems the adoption of a customs union as impracticable. They propose to recommend, however, to such of the governments as may desire a partial reciprocity, to make commercial treaties, with one or more of the American countries under such a basis as may be accepted in each case.

The minority report recommends the rejection of the whole subject.

SWAPPED BETTER-HALVES.

Nebraska Farmers Become Enamored of Each Other's Wives and Exchange.

SIDNEY, Neb., March 5.—A swap that was something out of the ordinary was made by two farmers living near Sidney a few days ago, but the details have just become public. J. H. Fox and I. Schad were neighbors in Colton precinct.

Both were young married men, and Schad had one child. The latter was considered by the good people of Colton an exemplary young man. He taught the district school, was superintendent of the Sunday school, an exhorter in the Universalist church, and above all, a dyed-in-the-wool Spiritualist. His wife was young and pretty.

Fox was and is simply a farmer. He, too, was the possessor of an attractive wife. The two families became intimate, and it developed in time that Mr. Schad and Mrs. Fox had become enamored of each other, and that a similar state of affairs existed between Mr. Fox and Mrs. Schad. The four became acquainted with each other's feelings, and finally the two men struck a bargain and swapped wives. Schad bade his wife an affectionate adieu, kissed his little one good-bye, loaded Mrs. Fox into a neighbor's wagon and together they were driven to Crook, a station on the Colorado division of the Union Pacific, and then took passage for Denver. Fox and Mrs. Schad and the latter's child remained at Colton.

As he turned away from her she heard him whisper to himself: "She is pretty, and I guess I'll hab to see her later." When he turned his face Miss Kinney raised herself in bed, took aim at the man's head, and fired. Instantly the burglar whirled around, and as he did so she fired, and he then fell to the floor with a groan. He died in about five minutes. The alarm was then given, and a crowd gathered at the house. The burglar proved to be Sam. Kearns, a negro who has given much trouble.

NATURAL GAS TRUST.

Nearly All the Gas in Hoosierdom Now Under its Control.

KOKOMO, Ind., March 6.—About a dozen leading natural gas companies operating in the northern and eastern portions of Indiana within the last few days combined their interests, forming an immense trust, with an aggregate capital of \$3,500,000. The trust will have control of nearly all the gas produced in the state, and will develop and undeveloped. The amount of their leases at the present time is not far from 200,000 acres. The Chicago Pipe Line company supposed to be the originator of the trust scheme, with a capital stock of \$3,000,000, has just announced that it will begin immediately to lay its pipe line to that city, a distance of 150 miles.

Crucial in Our Navy.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—An investigation of the charges of cruelty and misconduct against Capt. M. A. Healy, of the revenue cutter Bear, is in progress here. James Hughes, master-at-arms of the Bear, testified that while in the Arctic, Capt. Healy caused him to trim up two sailors for about six minutes. The men were then handcuffed to the stanchions below deck seven hours and then triced up again. At another time twenty-one sailors were placed in irons, and six of them fainted. The hearing will continue next week.

Preferred Death to Trial.

KINGSTON, Can., March 6.—Rudolph De Guehy, a school teacher, aged 50 years, was arrested for outraging pupils, and was being conveyed to the Pembroke jail by officers, when he was seized by spasms and died. It appears that before he left his home he went up stairs and took a heavy dose of strichnine. He was in German on the back of his will that he was not guilty, but he preferred death to trial.

Burned Alive.

THREE HATTE, Ind., March 6.—Andrew Alexander's saloon at Lancaster mines in Owen county, was destroyed by fire Sunday night and Alexander was burned to death. He had always had considerable money about him and Sunday was known to have a bag of silver coin which cannot be found.

Wealthy Cleveland Dead.

CLEVELAND, O., March 6.—Joseph Stanley, one of the wealthy street railroad magnates of this city, and president of the Broadway line, died at his home Wednesday morning from injuries received in a fall from one of his own electric cars, last Friday evening. Stanley came to this city a poor boy but amassed wealth steadily. His railroad is one of the longest and best paying in the city.

POSTAL TELEGRAPHY.

D. H. Bates, of New York. Favors the Wannamaker Plan.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—D. H. Bates, of New York, representing, as he said, a number of gentlemen interested in postal telegraphy, addressed the house committee on postoffices and post roads on that subject Tuesday morning. He analyzed some of the statistics presented by President Green, of the Western Union Telegraph company, with the result of establishing, as he asserted, that the average rate on Western Union messages for districts over 500 miles was forty-nine cents. The people, he said, wanted the government to step in and compete to a certain extent. The postmaster general's bill would do this. It did not propose to put the government to any expense, nor would it require additional employees.

Chairman Bingham remarked that the bill would require the contracting companies to maintain the lines, but the government was to furnish the operative, delivery and collection services. Mr. Green, in which he thanked the committee for the kindness shown him, and expressed his impartiality. He adds that he had been informed by an experienced lawyer that his language on Saturday, "coaching the committee," would be interpreted as directing the committee. Therefore he wished to withdraw those words and substitute "urging the committee," which was all that he meant to imply. The change was made, and the committee adjourned.

BUFFALO BILL'S COWBOYS.

Give the Romans Potatoes on Training Wild Horses.

ROME, March 6.—All Rome was excited Tuesday over the trial of Buffalo Bill's cowboys on the wild horses furnished by the Duke of Sermoneta. For several days the Roman authorities have been superintending the erection of extra traps to keep the savage beasts from reaching the audience. The animals came from the duke's famo' herd on the Pontine marshes, and he declared that no cowboy on earth could ride one. The cowboys laughed at the boast. Then the duke ordered them to mount any one of the six.

Every man, woman and child in Rome expected that two or three men would be killed in the experiment. Over two thousand carriages were driven to the Praetor di Castello, and an audience of two hundred thousand people braved the dripping rain. Lord Dufferin and many other diplomats were present in the special tribune, and among the Romans were the wife of Premier Crispi, Due de Tolonai, Mme. Dipretis, Princess Colonna, Countess Antonelli, Baroness de Reugis, Princess Brancaccia, Count Giannotti, and the scions of all the noble houses.

Some of the wild horses were driven into the arena. They had neither saddle nor bridle. Buffalo Bill announced that they would be conquered. In five minutes the cowboys had lassoed, saddled, bridled and mounted the horses. The animals leaped in the air, whirled, bucked and reared madly—all in vain. In five minutes they were ridden easily around, while the vast crowd, unmindful of the rain, roared and shrieked with delight. Buffalo Bill now dares any Roman to ride his bucking broncho.

SHOT BY BURGLARS.

A Detroit Policeman's Vigilance Likely to Cost Him His Life.

DETROIT, Mich., March 6.—Shortly after 10 o'clock Tuesday evening Patrolman Edward Shoemaker found the rear door of a store on Larned street unfastened, and upon entering discovered two burglars at work. The men ran out, but pursued by the officer, who fired a shot without effect. In front of Hotel Benedict both of the fugitives wheeled and fired. The officer fell and the thieves made their escape. Shoemaker was carried into the hotel, and subsequently taken to the hospital. The doctors found that the bullet had entered the abdomen, and the wound is believed to be mortal.

PREMIERE EXPLOSION.

Two Men Fatally Injured in a Bunker at Wilkes-Barre.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., March 6.—Thomas Owens and James Leonard, two rock miners in the employ of the Plymouth Mine company were fatally injured at noon Wednesday by a premature explosion in No. 1 breaker, where they had been attempting to remove an immense rock in the mine at Plymouth. Rumors were sent out here that five men had been killed, but only the two named were injured.

\$300,000 Fire.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The dry goods district here was visited by a fire Tuesday evening which destroyed the five-story iron front building, No. 392 Broadway, and burned up everything within its walls, involving a total loss of \$300,000. The principal losers are M. & C. Mayer, importers of hosiery and gloves, and Basen & Eaton, manufacturers of fine umbrellas and parasols. At one time it was feared that the structures on either side of the burning buildings were doomed, but they were saved.

Death of Only a Trance.

FOUNTAIN, Minn., March 6.—Mrs. M. Manager, residing two miles east of Preston, to all appearances died Sunday. The funeral was to be held Tuesday, but the priest refused to perform the ceremony on the ground that the woman was not dead. The supposed corpse is now lying in the church. Physicians cannot determine whether the woman is dead or not. She once before lay in a trance a number of days.

Millionaire Couillard's Will.

LAFORTE, Ind., March 6.—The will of the late Alexis Couillard, the millionaire wagon manufacturer, of South Bend, was admitted to probate yesterday in the St. Joseph county circuit court. In charitable donations \$5,000 is given to the St. Joseph Catholic church, \$5,000 appropriated for a monument over Couillard's grave, \$60,000 divided among relatives, and the remainder of the estate equally apportioned to the widow and his two children. One hundred thousand dollars is to be placed on interest and be kept as a separate fund for educating the children. The estate is valued all the way from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, and includes the mammoth Couillard wagon works.

Congress.

Sixtieth Day.

In the senate Mr. Voorhees' resolution for the investigation of the fur seal lease was reported adversely. An appropriation of \$50,000 was passed for a monument to commemorate the battle of Trenton. At 1 p. m. a secret session was ordered.

In the house, the Arkansas contested election case of Featherstone vs. Cate was considered and continued until adjournment.

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THE FARMERS.

Remarkable Growth of Their Alliance in Kansas.

No Longer to Be Regarded as Insignificant.

They Have Hopes of Having a Majority in the Next Legislature—Will or Will Not the Alliance Support Senator Ingalls for Re-Election—Annual Session of the Minnesota Alliance.

CHICAGO, March 6.—A Herald special from Topeka, Kas., says:

The continued rapid growth of the Farmers' Alliance in Kansas is phenomenal. In some counties of the state nine out of ten of the farmers belong to the organization, which is destined to revolutionize politics in the sunflower state.

Judge W. A. Puffer, editor of The Kansas Farmer and the recognized leader of the alliance movement, asserts boldly at this early day that the alliance is certain to elect the next legislature. When asked, Tuesday, if members elected by the alliance would support Senator Ingalls for re-election, he said:

"That depends entirely upon the position taken by Mr. Ingalls. I some time since addressed a letter to Mr. Ingalls with the questions:

"First—What legislation, if any, do you recommend by way of relief to farmers in the present depressed condition of agriculture?"

"Second—Do you favor an increase in the volume of circulating money? If yes, to what extent, in what way do you propose to effect the change, and how get the money in circulation?"

"Third—In what respect, if at all, and for what purpose do you favor changing the National banking law?"

"Fourth—Do you favor free and unlimited coinage of silver at present weight and fineness?"

"Up to this date the request had not been complied with. My opinion is that Senator Ingalls and the farmers of Kansas cannot get together upon these important questions."

In Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, March 6.—The annual session of the Minnesota Farmers Alliance closed Tuesday. Nearly four hundred delegates were present.

Deputy state lecturer Fish painted a dark picture of how the farmers are being robbed by the boards of trade of Minneapolis and Chicago, which raised or lowered the price of wheat as they pleased and held the starving farmers at their mercy. It was time he declared that the big gambling hell in Chicago was wiped out of existence, and if the farmers prosper their might that might be accomplished.

W. S. Grove, county lecturer, followed in a similar strain.

During the morning hours it developed that there are three factions, one favoring an endorsement of Albert Shufert, the Republican candidate for governor; a second want Merriam, the present governor, endorsed, and a third asks that the alliance break away from the old parties and place Ignatius Donnelly, the sage of Nigger, in charge on a Farmers' Alliance tariff reform platform.

The Sheffer people are in power and will likely remain so. There are now nearly 770 alliances in the state, with a total membership of over 30,000. Of these alliances 250 are new ones. The most rapid growth has been in the northern part of the state.

YOUNG LINCOLN DEAD.

Demise of the Only Son of Our Minister to England.

LONDON, March 6.—Young Abraham Lincoln, only son of United States Minister Lincoln, died at 11:07 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Young Lincoln passed away quietly. He was only 17 years of age. He had been ill for some time, and his death was the result of a long illness.

The long struggle made for life by young Lincoln developed a sympathy for the lad entirely outside of the interest felt in him as the grandson of the martyred president and son of the United States minister to England.

After his father's appointment he was afflicted by an abscess and was taken to France for treatment, but the results were not good. Blood poisoning followed an operation, and after returning to London the patient failed rapidly. He was 17 years of age.

The queen has sent to Minister Lincoln a message of sympathy and condolence upon the death of his son.

The body of the deceased will be embalmed and sent to the United States for burial.

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OKLAHOMA DISTURBED.

Over 2000 Negro Colonization—Several Families Ordered to Leave.

GUTHRIE, I. T., March 6.—Press reports emanating from Topeka, concerning the alleged scheme to colonize Oklahoma and make a negro state, have aroused the settlers to a high pitch of excitement. Twenty miles west of here, at Downs, a small station on the Kingfisher and Guthrie stage route, the settlers have been especially roused in the matter, and a secret organization there has decided to drive out the few colored men and allow no more of that race to become settlers.

Four miles northeast of Downs resides a colored family named Hawkins, and near him another colored family, Burgess by name. Hawkins was suspected of firing the prairie grass a short time ago on a neighbor's claim, and the feeling against him became very bitter. At an early hour Tuesday morning a party of ten masked men from Downs broke into Hawkins' house, took him from his bed and severely whipped him. During the whipping Buck Hawkins, a son, ran and aroused the Burgess family. Abe Clark and Sam Burgess armed themselves with shotguns and returned with the younger Hawkins to the scene of the outrage. They fired at the masked party from ambush.

The masked party were utterly peppered with shot, and Henry Chambers was badly hurt about the head and face. The negroes were pursued, and before they could load again the whole party was surrounded by the irate settlers, who held their Winchester on them. The negroes were thoroughly frightened and promised to leave the country. The older Hawkins arrived at Kingfisher Tuesday night and asked protection. He claims that the outrage was planned by Wood Davis, who is contesting his claim.

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NOLAND'S SHORTAGE

New Said to Be But \$32,000—He Says There is None at All.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 6.—Governor Francis Tuesday evening concluded his examination of Treasurer Noland's books and suspended the treasurer from office indefinitely. A shortage in his accounts was found to exist in the sum of about \$32,000.

State Auditor Seibert says: "My books show \$1,549,83.65. Some warrants issued have not been presented for payment, and accordingly there is more money than this sum in the treasury, but the difference will be consumed when the warrants are presented. I don't think the investigation will reveal any shortage."

State Treasurer Noland, stoutly maintains his innocence. He says: "There is no shortage of any kind. I stand on this statement and the investigation will prove that I am correct."

ALL HOPE ABANDONED

Of Rescuing the Imprisoned Son in the South Wilkes-Barre Mine.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., March 6.—Another rescuing party went into the South Wilkes-Barre mine Wednesday morning, but returned at 11 o'clock reporting that no trace of the missing miners could be found. The officials therefore have abandoned all hope of finding them, and the mine is being flooded as rapidly as possible.

Why the Professor Got Mad.

CHALLENBORO, N. H., March 6.—Professor De Treville, of Claffin university, who called Professor Cardozo, colored, Tuesday morning, says the reason for his action was that Cardozo had made certain remarks in a classroom reflecting upon him. Serious trouble was threatened for a while after the coming of Cardozo. Several hundred negroes gathered together with the avowed purpose of lynching De Treville. The whites also assembled and a conflict seemed inevitable. President Danton, of the college, heard of the affair and quiet matters by ordering the students back to the college. Claffin college is one of the largest colored institutions in the south, having upward of 800 pupils.

WHEAT—72¢ per bushel. CORN—28¢ per bushel. WOOL—Unwashed, 50¢ per pound; medium delaine and clothing, 24¢ per pound; fine delaine and clothing, 24¢ per pound; fleece washed, fine merino, X and YX, 28¢ per pound; medium clothing, 30¢ per pound; delaine, 30¢ per pound.

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NO SMALL JOB.

The Recent Project of the German Government

To Dig a Ship Canal from Berlin to the Baltic.

French Papers Seem to Hope They Will Try It—"It Would Be Cheaper to Build a New Capital by the Sea"—Reported Battle Between Russian Troops and Chinese Gold Diggers—Foreign.

LONDON, March 6.—The project of a ship canal from Berlin to the Baltic sea has elicited from the French papers opinions which may be interpreted to mean that they only hope the Kaiser will try it. The Panama canal is still a painful memory in France, and the Gauls would view with much philosophical spectacle of the German people undergoing a similar experience.

Engineering's Opinion.

London Engineering, rehearsing the expense and difficulties attending the construction of the comparatively short ship canal to Manchester, thinks it would be cheaper to build a new German capital by the sea, at St. Petersburg.

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