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THE HAGUE FIZZLE.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg yesterday says that "the results of the peace conference have fully come up to the expectations of the government." As a matter of fact, they have fully come up to the expectations of all the rest of the world.

Effort was also directed to the adoption of a plan of arbitration, but even this was only a partial success. The compulsory feature had to be dropped at the start. The convention upon this head, as it reads, amounts to little more than a declaration that arbitration is preferable to war.

The conventions exempting private property at sea from seizure, prohibiting the use of bullets that expand or explode in the human body, the throwing of explosives from balloons and the use of asphyxiating projectiles, were not signed by all the powers. The United States signed only the declarations against the use of asphyxiating gases and the throwing of explosives from balloons, and the arbitration clause with reservations.

The delegates from the United States would not agree to prohibit the use of the dum-dum bullet because they said they were instructed not to assent to anything that would hamper the development of American inventive genius. This is all folderol.

In order to save itself from the charge of complete failure the conference points with pride to the establishment of a permanent board of arbitrators, to which international litigants may submit their controversies. But such submission, as we have pointed out above, is purely voluntary, and the arbitrators are likely to have little work to do.

There have been many exchanges of complimentary remarks between the peace delegates, but little that is definite or final has been acquiesced in, and if war should break out tomorrow between some of the larger powers represented it is doubtful if a single provision in the peace

declarations would be lived up to.—Spokesman-Review.

A FALLACY IN FIGURING.

Two reasons are offered by a Democratic paper in Virginia for the belief that Mr. Bryan will be a formidable candidate next year. One is that he received more votes than were ever given any successful presidential candidate before 1896, and the other relates to the political bearings of trusts. The first only need be examined, for the Democratic party has not, and never had, any monopoly of opposition to oppressive business combinations.

After recalling the 6,502,925 votes for Bryan, why not go on and mention the 7,104,779 votes for McKinley, and the immense McKinley plurality of over 600,000? The phenomenally active campaign of 1896 brought out an enormous total vote and the Democratic increase was more than matched by the Republican increase. Another essential point to remember is that Bryan was supported by the Populist party, which in 1892 cast 1,041,028 votes for candidates of its own.

Democratic papers can be found that do not deceive themselves in regard to the lessons of 1896. They remember that, in spite of his 6,500,000 votes, Bryan was ninety-five votes behind in the electoral college. The Baltimore Sun remarks that Bryan will probably lose some states he carried before, and adds: "If the South wants to have the pleasure of voting for Mr. Bryan in 1900 it should at least not indulge the hope that he can be elected on a silver platform."

EUROPEAN UNION.

Formation of a European union against the United States has been one of the fondest dreams of the continent for the last ten years, hence the visit of M. Del Casse, minister of foreign affairs for France, is given that interpretation by Austrian officials, says the Spokesman-Review. The European union idea seems to

be continually held up as a club to frighten the Yankee manufacturer, but so far has signally failed to have the desired effect. What benefits are to accrue in a combine against the United States are more imaginary than real. Separately the nations on the continent have not been slow in hampering the importer on this side.

There is no lack of unanimity on the other side of [the Atlantic] when it comes to admitting the superiority of American manufacturers, neither is there any dispute about the necessity of doing something to stop the onward march, but a European tariff and commercial union would soon fall of its own weight. Trade of the continent with America is too rich to be jeopardized by a system of retaliation or boycott.

A European union against the United States is an idea containing a good deal of nonsense, and Del Casse probably has no instructions on that point to deliver to the czar. Nor can unusual importance attach to his visit. President Loubet is now at the head of French affairs and he is a level-headed fellow.

SURVY SUSPICIONS.

A few Oregon papers have charged or insinuated that Portland's desire to have the volunteers come here in a body to be disbanded sprang from mercenary motives, and the hope of profiting financially by this arrangement. Doubtless there are such men in Portland just as there are scurvey, contemptible fellows like the editors of these papers in their respective towns.

The only thought, and desire, and intent, and purpose of the people of Portland, with very rare exceptions, were to give the boys a genuine, unselfish welcome, such as their record as soldiers merits. Where one expected to make anything directly off them, an hundred were willing to spend something to make their homecoming a great event, without the remotest thought of ever getting any money back.

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Fears of an Anti-Dreyfus Demonstration—Court to Sit Behind Closed Doors.

RENNES, France, Aug. 7.—The trial of Dreyfus was opened at 7 o'clock this morning. The keenest excitement has prevailed here for several days and though no demonstration has occurred so far the authorities are apparently becoming anxious regarding the maintenance of tranquility during the trial owing to the invasion of the town by a crowd of anti-Dreyfus agitators, and heroic police measures have been taken to insure peace.

The Dreyfus trial opened this morning, in an atmosphere of perfect tranquillity. Dreyfus in a new uniform of a captain of artillery creasedly moved during the whole proceedings. On the court proceeding to the roll-call of witnesses the most notable absentees noticed being Esterhazy, Paty du Clam and Milepoye. Dreyfus half turned his head towards the seats of the witnesses, especially when the clerk called Esterhazy, but when no response was received Dreyfus returned to his previous attitude looking straight in front of him.

Later in the morning the proceeding after the bill of indictment had been read the prisoner was handed a long slip of card board upon which the bordereau was pasted.

"Do you recognize this document?" Dreyfus replied with a passionate outburst "No, my Colonel; I am innocent, I declare it here as I declared it in 1894. I am a victim."

Here his voice choked with a sob which must have stirred every spectator in the court. The voice of the prisoner did not seem human. It resembled the cry of a wounded animal. He ended his reply with the words:

"Five years in galleys my wife, my children, my God, I am innocent, innocent."

Teachers' Examination.

Notice is hereby given that for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the schools of this county, the county school superintendent thereof will hold a public examination at the court house in The Dalles, Oregon, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, August 9, 1899.

Dated this 29th day of July, 1899. C. L. GILBERT, County School Superintendent, Wasco County, Oregon.

According to law, the following program has been prepared by the state board of education:

FOR STATE PAPERS. Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, algebra, reading.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, bookkeeping, physics.

Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, psychology.

FOR COUNTY PAPERS. Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, reading.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar.

Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, physiology.

FOR PRIMARY CERTIFICATES. Wednesday—Reading, penmanship, orthography, the art of questioning, methods of teaching.

GRADUATES. All persons who have graduated from chartered institutions, this June, may take examination upon the six branches, even though they may have failed in June.

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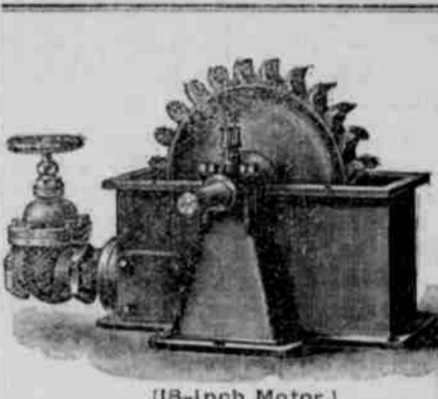
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