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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. In other words, the peace conference has been a side-splitting farce from first to last. The principal object for which the czar invited the powers to come together was disarmament. They have all refused to disarm.

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 acceptance of any of the provisions is purely voluntary on the part of the powers interested.

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 bailoons 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; but the final acceptance of these by this country will depend upon the ratification by the senate, as none of the conventions are binding upon any country until ratified by its treaty making power. The delegates of our own country refused to condemn the dum-dum bullet, and the representatives of Germany, England, Austria, China, Italy, Japan, and several minor powers refused to condemn the dropping of explosives from balloons or the use of asphyxlating gases.

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 trammel the development of American inventive genius. This is all folderol. There is as much objection to an expanding or explosive bullets as there is to the use of chemicals or balloons for dropping explosives from on high. There is no more barbarism in overcoming the enemy with asphyxiating gases than in overthrowing him with a mangling bullet. There is not much difference between a dangerous missile fired horizontally and one dropped from an airship. The discussions and agreements on these matters have

been mere child's play. 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. The agreement-if the nations ratify itconfers no additional rights or privileges, for all nations at all times have been at liberty to submit their disputes to arbitration. There is no provision to compel a nation, by force, to accept the verdict of the arbitration board, and if there were the United States senate would never ratify the agreement, as our government could not afford to place itself heavier Democratic defeat in 1900 .in an attitude which might bind us Globe-Democrat, to take part in an armed intervention for the purpose of averting a European war.

of complimentary remarks between one of the fondest dreams of the the peace delegates, but little that is continent for the last ten years, hence definite or final has been acquiesced the visit of M. Del Casse, minister in, and if war should break out of foreign affairs for France, is given tomorrow between some of the that interpretation by Austrian offilarger powers represented it is doubt- cials, says the Spokesman-Review. ful if a single provision in the peace | The European union idea seems to

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

A FALLACY IN FIGURING.

ment runs, Cleveland received only There is no lack of unanimity on record in all except the New England and Middle States. Even Obio. Mc-Kinley's state, gave to Bryan in 1896 73,379 more votes than Cleveland obtained four years before, and Cleveland secured one of the Ohio like many of its Democratic contemporaries, proves to its own satisfac tion that Bryan presents peculiar advantages for the "second battle" he has confidently counted upon. After recalling the 6,502,925 votes

for Bryan, why not go on and mention the 7,104,779 votes for McKinplurality of over 600,000? The phenomenally active campaign of 1896 brought out an enormous total was more than matched by the Republican increase. Another essential which in 1892 cast 1,041,028 votes for cardidates of its own. He will not have united Populist help next a tariff and commercial war which already made separate nominations. more than probable that the trial of nocent." It is vain to suppose that sound Dreyfus today has something to do money voters of 1896 will change with the sudden flight of the French from the winning | to_the losing side diplomat. in 1900. Naturally the drift will be in the other direction. If the promised prosperity had not come the Bryan note of discontent would foreseen. The sudden change of a body to be disbanded sprang from Dated this 29th day of July, 1899. Democratic front in 1896 and the mercenary motives, and the hope of extraordinary concessions for the sake of fusion, were exciting and sensational, and brought out an unexampled army of voters. But Democrats are foolish to call to of these papers in their respective mind only the marks of their own

that do not deceive themselves in editors than it is for them to accuse physics. 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. There is not a practical politician in touch with national sentiment who does not know that under such conditions he will be defeated more decisively than in 1896." A chase after the Bryan aggregate of votes three years ago is not a bright conception when it is recalled that it fell hundreds of thousands short. The pursuit of mmorities is not an intelligent form of politics. Mr. Bryan is a popular man with his party, but the platform on which he has tied himself is dead. It is a bad dilemma and means a repeated and volunteers.-Telegram.

EUROPEAN UNION. Formation of a European union There have been many exchanges against the United States has been

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 Two reasons are offered by a United States are more imaginary Democratic paper in Virginia for the than real. Separately the nations on belief that Mr. Bryan will be a the continent have not been slow in Principal formidable candidate next year, hampering the importer on this side. One is that he received more votes The meat packer is annoyed by vexthan were ever given any successful ations regulations, the fruit industry presidential candidate before 1896, labors under a handicap because HIS DRAMand the other relates to the political continental authorities are always bearings of trusts. The first only finding insect pests in the fruit. need be examined, for the Democratic machinery makers find themselves party has not, and never had, any paying heavier duties and shipbuildmonopoly of opposition to oppressive ers on this side go into business business combinations. The Dem- without promise of subsidies which Fears of an Anti-Dreyfus Demonstraocratic fancy continues to be are granted by other carrying nadazzied with the 6,502,925 votes for tions, yet industries flourish over Bryan. Four years before, the argu- here and exports were never larger.

5,556,918 and was elected. Here the other side of [the Atlantic when Dreyfus was opened at 7 o'clock this the figuring stops. If Bryan, who it comes to admitting the superiority morning. The keenest excitement has was defeated, received nearly a of American manufacturers, neither prevailed here for several days and million more votes than Cleveland, is there any dispute about the neceswho was elected, then, it is held, sity of doing something to stop the Bryan ought to win next time. Be- onward march, but a European tariff tenance of tranquility during the trial sides, it is pointed out, Bryan polled and commercial union would soon owing to the invasion of the town by a the largest Democratic vote on fall of its own weight. Trade of the crowd of anti-Dreyius agitators, and continent with America is too rich to heroic police measures have been taken be jeopardized by a system of re- to insure peace. taliation or boycott. When the con in an atmosphere of perfect tranquility. from the French; if it is a dull year whole proceedings. On the court proelectors. And so the Virginia paper, in the raisin and olive oil market on this side of the world.

A European union against the in front of him. United States is an idea containing Later in the morning the proceeding on that point to deliver to the czar. Nor can unusual importance attach . Do you recognize this document?" Love of truth and justice actuate I am a victim. point to remember is that Bryan was him and his advisers, and they will which must have stirred every spectator

SCURVY SUSPICIONS.

profiting financially by this arrangement. Doubtless there are such men in Portland just as there are scurvy, contemptible fellows like the editors towns. But it would be no more reasonable to judge the people of Democratic papers can be found these towns by such base-minded all Portland's people of the avarice and meanness of a very small frac-

The only thought, and desire, and intent, and purpose of the people of chology. 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 metic, physiology. spend something to make their homecoming a great event, without the remotest thought of ever getting any methods of teaching. money back.

But this is known, understood, and appreciated by all people, except a few measly-minded editors, whose highest object in journalism is to June. attribute to others the base motives which govern themselves; not realizing that in slandering the people of Portland they equally slander those of every town that displays a disposition to do honor to the returning

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ATIC RESPONSES

tion-Court to Sit Behind Closed

RENNES, France, Aug. 7 .- The trial of coming anxious regarding the main

The Dreyfus trial opened this morning, sumption of wine falls off in the Dreyfus in a new uniform of a captain of United States a loud howl goes up artitlery scarcely moved during the ceeding to the roll-call of witnesses the most notable absentees noticed being Italy sends agents to America to Esterhany, Paty du Clam and Milepoys. learn the reasons; if there are too Dreylus half turned his head towards the many British ships idle the reason seats of the witnesses, especially when therefor is immediately searched for the clerk called Esterhazy, but when no response was received Dreyfus returned to his previous attitude looking straight

a good deal of nonsense, and Del after the bill of indictment had been ley, and the immense McKinley Casse probably has no instructions read the prisoner was handed a long slip of card board upon which the bordereau was pasted.

to his visit. President Loubet is Drevius replied with a passionate outvote and the Democratic increase now at the head of French affairs burst "No, my Colone ; I am innocent, and he is a level-headed fellow, I declare it here as I declared it in 1894.

supported by the Populist party, not be the ones to lead a movement in the court. The voice of the prisoner cutting off a friendly republic from did not seem human. It resembled the intimate relations and precipitating cry of a wounded animal. He ended his

year. One Populist faction has would act as a boomerang. It is children, my God, I am innocent, in-

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 superin-A few Oregon papers have charged tendent thereof will hold a public exhave some influence, but good times or insinuated that Portland's desire amination at the court house in The are here in ampler measure than was to have the volunteers come here in Dalles, Oregon, beginning at 9 o'clock

County School Superintendent, Wasco

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Thursday-Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, bookkeeping,

Friday-Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography. Saturday - Botany, plane geometry,

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spelling, reading. Thursday-Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar. Friday-Geography, mental arith-

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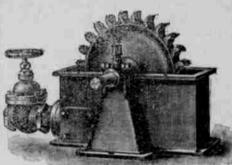
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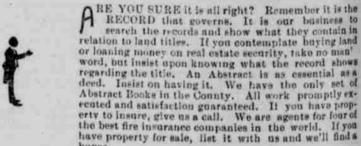
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