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TWO ASSOCIATIONS MEETING

Address on Competition Delivered by President Ely-Historical Soclety Took Up the Crasades and Eastern Question.

the American Economic Association, who presided over the meeting, read a paper on "Competition; Its Nature, Its Permanency and Its Beneficiency."

Professor Ely spoke in part as follows: "Quotations for and against competion could be multiplied indefinitely. We find it asserted on the one hand that competition is sinful warfare; that it is 'division, disunion, every man for him-self, every man against his brother; on the other hand, that it is mutual service; that it is altruism of a superior qual-ity; that it is the essence of the golden rule. Such contradictory views suggest that the disputants are talking about dir-ferent things, and that what is needed first of all is definition. Competition, in a farge sense, means a struggle of conflicting interests; economic competition is a struggle of conflicting interests for wealth. But is all struggle for wealth competition? If I knock you down and rob you, is that competition? If I fit out

by the social order within the frame-

work of which we live.
"But even with these limitations placed upon the struggle, we do not have a sufficient idea of economic competition. We ciation and mutual ald among animals were seen to play a large part in the struggle for existence, and co-operation to be a powerful weapon even in sub-

"Passing to the point of organic evolu-tion, where we have the emergents of man, we find that among primitive men work a place for slavery. Slavery now falls below the plane of competition, and is regarded as incompatible with civiliza-

stricted, and many unwholesome condi-tions and oppressive practices have been put below the plane of competition.

tional competition is a stern factor of our time. Is it not equally a fact that the most potent nations in this world-wide

survival, now they are likely to come to an ignominious end. Society itself estab-lishes many of the conditions of the strug-gio for existence, and it is for society to gle for existence, and it is for society reate such economic conditions that only estrable social qualities shall constitute

eminent fitness for survival.

"Let me offer an illustration. Today the civil service furnishes many an opportunity for a livelihood. Competition for admission is found when we have the

"Competition is a permanent feature of human society. It begins with the lowest order of animals and continues its action among the highest orders of men. But cial amelioration. A good social measure must strengthen the individual and the group for such competition. A bad condi-

tion weakens individuals and groups in

tion weakens individuals and groups in the competitive struggie.

"Combinations of labor and combinations of capital may expand freely, so long as these combinations mean merely association and co-operation. But when combinations mean monopoly, either competition must be restored or, where this is impossible, the ends or competition must be secured by other methods of social control in some cases mean public ownership and management of industries, a place must be opened ter the competitive principle in the terms of admission to public employment.

"There is a radical difference between the socialistic extension of governmental activity which has in view the suppression of competition, and that conservative demand for an extension of governmental activity which has in view the maintenance of competition.

"There are two somewhat antagonistic lines of destruction comes

maintenance of competition.

"There are two somewhat antagonistic lines of desirable social evolution. One approaches—without hope of ever reaching—real equality of opportunities in economic competition. The other is found in the construction of great institutions which shut in and limit competition, but which nevertheless are the very foundations upon which our divilization rests, the depositories of race achievements, I have in mind the great economic-juridical institutions of private property, inheriinstitutions of private property, inheritance, and vested interests. The protance, and vested interests. The pro-gressive approximation to equality in op-portunities must not be permitted to go so far as to undermine these institutions. In the mutual adjustments of these two lines of evolution, we have given us one of the weightiest and most delicate tasks of the 20th century.

"Compatition, thus conceived is heard,

"Competition thus conceived is beneficent. The competitive order, rightly con-trolled by society, furnishes to men the maximum of pleasure with a minimum of pain. Not only does it insure progress for the race, but to an increasing extent for the race, but to an increasing extent all men participate in the benefits of this progress. It means rivalry in the service of self and other selves—rivalry in the upbuilding of the ideal man in the ideal society. Competition gives us a brave, strong race of men, and the brave and strong are merciful.

At the close of the joint session the two societies adjourned to the University Club rooms, where they were tendered a smoker by the local arrangement committee. Tomorrow morning at 5:30 both societies will leave for Ann Arbor, where two joint sessions will be held,

where two joint sessions will be held, with President Angell, of the University of Michigan, in the dhair.

Dr. Howe's Subject.

"The Taxation of Quasi-Public Cor-porations" was the subject discussed at the initial session of the Economic Association. Professor B. H. Ely, Lil. D., pres-ident of the society, announced Dr. Fred-erick C. Howe, of Cleveland, as the first essayist, and he spoke as follows: "The present confusion in state and lo-

cal taxation is largely traceable to legal and constitutional reasons. It arises from the restrictions of the courts and the Federal Constitution upon the powers of the states to tax transportation companies and those engaged in interstate traffic. Many of the evils of the personal property tax are traceable to the same conflict or jurisdiction. In no branch of the science of finance is there as much confusion and lack of uniformity as in the taxation or corporations of a quasi-public character, such as rallroads, telegraphs, telephones, express, gas, water, electric lighting and street fullway companies.

"In recent years, the tendency has been back to the water of property and the control of th

"In recent years, the tendency has been back to the taxation of property and away from the taxation of earnings. But instead of taxing railroad property by an inventory of its roadbed, right of way, rolling stock, etc., under later laws, the valuation has been made up from the stock and bonds of the company. In some instances this has been called a property tax, in others, franchise tax, as in the case of the Ford franchise tax law recently passed in New York. This is the meth-

"One of the chief advantages of this tax lies in the fact that it has been approved by the United States courts. Moreover, it treats the corporation as an entity, a unit or a going concern, and values it as such. Further than this, it adopts the valuation of the commercial world as evidence of the price for which stocks and bonds have sold, and values the corporation by adding to the market value of the stock of the company the par value of the bonds."

Frederick N. Judson, of St. Louis, read the second paper on the subject. Follow-ing the papers there was a lively discus-sion, participated in by Professor E. R. Seligman, of Columbia University: James B. Dill, New York: Arthur J. Eddy, Chicago: Professor William R. Ripley, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. and others.

The Historical Association

Immediately after Hon. Peter White, of Marquette, Mich., had called the first meeting of the 16th annual session of the American Historical Association to order today in the absence of President Eggleston, discussion of "The Crusades and the East" was taken up. Professor George L. Burr, of Cornell University, was the first speaker, with a paper of "The Year One Thousand and Antecedents of the Crusade."

He was followed by Professor Oliver J. Thatcher, of the University of Chicago, on "Critical Work on the Sources of the First Crusade." American Historical Association to order

First Crusade,"

President James B. Angell, of the University of Michigan, ex-Minister to Turkey, read a short paper on "The Capitulation of Turkey." Dr. Angell reviewed the history of the recapitulation of Turkey to the foreign powers from 1453 to the present time, during which he said France has always enjoyed exceptional advantages there. Referring to the trouble between the United States and Turkey in getting a proper treaty signed. Dr. Angell said the Turks claimed that whife four treaties had been submitted, an au-thentic translation of none of them had been submitted. Dr. Angell said he be-

been submitted. Dr. Angell said he be-lieved there was much truth in the claims of the Turks.

The afternoon session was devoted to a public session. Professor James Ballss, of Columbia University, read a paper on "American Ecclesiology." Professor Francis A. Christie, of Meadville, Pa., Theological School, contributed a paper on "The Date of the Ignation Epistles," and Secretary Samuel M. Jackson read and Secretary Samuel M. Jackson read a paper on "The Origin of the Apostics" Creed," which was written by Professor Arthur C. McGiffert, of the Union Theological Sominary, who was unable to be present on account of illness.

While the papers were being read various committees were transacting business. A report on the membership shows the total to be 1540, an increase over last year of 239. A committee on next place of meeting decided to hold the next ses-sions in Washington in 1902. An invita-tion by cable was received from Dr. Plas

Lord William George Armstrong. LONDON, Dec. 27.-Lord William George Armstrong, inventor of the Armstrong gun and a writer on electrical and scientific topics died this morning at his home at Craigside.

BOERS ARE CHECKED

EFFECT OF THE PROCLAMATION

Westward Movement of the Dutch From the Vryburg District-Dewet Is in Southeastern Part of Orange River Colony.

Colony, while different commandoes tinue to display astonishing activity over an immensely wide field.

It is questionable whether his procia-

sulted in eight casualties among the Luncers, including Lord Frederick Black-wood, who was wounded.

Boers May Surrender,

ony, Dec. M.—There are renewed but un-confirmed rumors here that General De-wet, President Steyn and General Haasbrock have had a conference and decided to offer to surrender, providing the Co-lonial rebels are not punished, and the leaders, including themselves, are not de-

Boer Attack Repulsed. CAPE TOWN, Dec. 27.—A small party of Boers attacked Burghersdorp, on De-cember 24. They were repulsed after heavy fighting. The Boers are active, and

skirmishes in several places have been

VICE IN CHICAGO.

Mayor Harrison and Other Officials Ignorant of It.

CHICAGO, Dec. M.-Mayor Harrison, Chief of Police Kipley and other officials were put on the rack by the grand fury From first to last they pleaded

DAVENPORT, Ia., Dec. 28.-A startling umor is current here that 49 school children were drowned while skatiog on the river near Foster, Ia. It is impossible to confirm the report, states he left Foster late last evening,

Say the Report Is True. DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 28.-Telephone messages by way of Oscaloosa and Ottumwa say the report of the drowning of 49 school children at What Cheer is true. The children were skating on a pend near the Fair Grounds, and the accident occurred about 9 o'clock in the evening. Wire communication with What Cheer

No Particulars Obtainable.

At 2 o'clock this morning communica

been skating on a pond near the Fair Grounds. There were only a few escapes. The tragedy occurred at about \$ o'clock last evening. Beyond this no par-Cheer cannot now be reached by wire.

the Oskaloosa office that the Ottumwa office had learned that the rumor of the drowning of 49 children was true. No particulars could be got.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 - A special to the

nausted, managed to reach the land and five the alarm.

Every available noint or denying the rumor.

Mother and Children Perished. BROOKVILLE, Pa., Dec. 27.—Fire to-day destroyed the residence of Mrs. Har-riger, and the mother and two daugh-ters, aged 5 and 7, perished.

TOO MUCH CHAMPAGNE.

gins Brown, an oculist of Syracuse, N. Y., was found dead today in an area-way in West Forty-nith street. Dr. Brown, who was 43 years of age, was regarded as a very skillful operator, and was frequently called to this city and other places to as-sist local practitioners. An autopsy, which was held at the morgue, showed that Dr. Brown's lungs were congested and the liver enlarged. Dr. Brown complained of ill health before he left Syracuse, telling The first row occurred in the Scranton his friends that he expected to die audstreet-car strike, Page 3. denly, as his father did. Mrs. Brown con-curred in the opinion that the death of her husband was due to natural causes.

the doctor was not assaulted or robbed, Mr. Busble deciares that the doctor, in company with a friend, spent several hours at an up-town hotel, where, with other acquaintances, the party drank freely of champagne. Mr. Smith, one of the party, says he left the doctor outside the restaurant at J o'clock, and Mr. Bus-bie says he believes Dr. Brown fell into an area-way while trying to walk off the

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.-Senator Allison, who is the second member on the Senate committee on finance in point of seniority, said today that the House bill amending the war revenue law would be taken up by that committee after the reconvening of Congress. He stated that no hearings would be granted by the com-

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27,-The Chamber of Commerce has received a letter from Senator Perkins, enclosing a com-munication from Secretary of the Navy Long. The letter states that he has recommended that one of the new battle-ships, whose construction is to shortly commence, be christened "California."

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it continually mounts to higher and higher elevations, and means rivalry for ever better and better things. We leave behind contests for bare subsistence to engage in contests for noble prizes of the mind and for opportunities for social service. We can now see one of the tests to which we must submit proposed measures of so-

But Kitchener Cannot Drive Them From Cape Colony.

LONDON, Dec. 28, 3 A. M.—The latest dispatches from South Africa showed that Lord Kitchener has succeeded in holding the Boers in check. He has not yet been successful in expelling them from Cape

mation will have much effect until Gen-

BLOEMFONTEIN, Orange River Col Drowning of Forty-nine School Children.

ACCIDENT NEAR FOSTER, IOWA

The Rumor of the Fatality to the Skating Party Is Current at Sev-Martial Law Proclaimed. eral Points, but Cannot Be CAPE TOWN, Dec. 27.—Martial law has been proclaimed in the districts of Beau-fort West and Carnovaran. Verified.

A traveler who arrived at Seymour, Ia. 15 miles west of Foster, early today, and knew nothing of such an accident.

cannot be obtained at present.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.-A special to the Record from Des Moines, In. says:

tion was secured with the Mayor's office in Oskaloosa over the telephone, and it was stated there that information had been received from Ottumwa, confirming the rumor that 49 children had been drowned in What Cheer, this state.
It was stated that the children had

ticulars were known in Oskaloosa. What Through the office of a telephone company at Indianola, it was learned from

Two of the Children Escaped.

limes-Herald from Burlington, Ia., says: A telephone message from Washington, In., last night announced that 51 children were skating on the river near Foster, Monroe County, when the ice broke through and 49 of them were drowned. The message announced that two of the youngsters, hadly bruised and utterly ex-

Telephone and telegraph messages to every point near Foster have failed to bring confirmation or denial of the story, and there is no means of tracing the origin of the first message. Foster is a small town near What Cheer, and is located on the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railnection with Foster, either by wire or raffroad, was roused, but could get no information. It is thought here that the report is probably not true. The telephone exchange at What Cheer closed at midnight without either confirming

Burned to Death. CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—One woman, Mrs. Mary Kennedy, was burned to death and Mary Acanedy, was burned to death and two others and a child were seriously injured in a fire of mysterious origin at 224 West Monroe street. The injured are: Mrs. Mary Mason, face and body budly burned, may die; Mrs. Louise Hannon, overcome by smoke; will recover; — Hannon, 7-months-old child of Mrs. Hannon, overcome by smoke.

The British War Office has demanded the resignation of General Colville. Page 2.

Caused the Death of a Syracuse Oculist in New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 27 .- Dr. Ulysses Hig-

Oscar Book bother was a witness at the had been calling on a friend near where he was found.

Pacific Coast.

A decision has been rendered against the State of Oregon which greatly limits a statement which tends to show that

The War Revenue Bill.

Will Be Named California.

JOINT CONVENTION

DETROIT, Dec. 27 .- The first joint sesion of the American Economic Association and the American Historical Assoclation met in the Methodist Church today. After the 250 members of both socleties gathered in the church had been formally welcomed to the city by Mayor Maybury, President Richard T. Ely, of

President Ely's Address.

rob you, is that competition? If I it out an armed ship and prey upon the com-merce of the world, is that competition? If I cheat you, is that competition? "Not ever/ struggle of conflicting in-terests is to be denominated competition. The competitive struggle is limited by law, and its boundaries are further fixed by the social order within the frame.

cient idea of economic competition. We must bring to mind also the great principle of evolution which is present wherever there is life. Biologists first brought out the hard and cruel side of the struggle for existence among the lower animals. The creatures, said Huxley, 'are fairly well treated and set to fight; whereby the strongest, the swiftest, the cunningset live to fight another day. The successible to the strongest was the swiftest of the strongest was the swiftest of the strongest live to fight another day. est, live to fight another day. The spectator has no need to turn his thumb down, as no quarier is given. But it was not long before observers called attention to the fact that the struggle is not for life merely, but also for the life of others; offspring, mates and companions. Asso-

man, we find that among primitive men competition seems more cruel than among animals. But social evelution carries it to higher and ever higher plains. Primitive competition includes a narrow circle of associations, and beyond that, slaughter for economic advantage. With social evolution slaughter gradually falls below competition into the region of crime. When men considered it dishonorable to rais by the sweat of the horse what could gain by the sweat of the brow what could be won by the sword, battle belonged to economic competition. The competitive social order once found within its frame-

Since the beginning of this century, the plane of competition has been steadily raised. The labor of very young children has been outlawed; the labor, even of grown men, has in many cases been re-

We have already mentioned the fact we have already mentioned the fact of association among animals for mutual aid. Social evolution among men reveals, along with competition, the growing en-largement of the associated competitive group. We find voluntary, loosely-formed ps of employers, pursuing common ones; groups of workingmen likewis eking to promote common interests; poassociations embracing within themselves an infinite variety of competi-tive groups. These political associations all have competitive features, but competition nowhere stands alone. With it are associated sympathy, benevolence and public authority. The larger the competitive group, the wider the sphere of generosity, the larger the safe scope of pity, and the milder may the compettbecome for the individual, Interna-

struggle are precisely those in which we find the highest individual and social de-velopment of altruism? "Through the selective process of com. petition we have the survival of 'the fit.'
But fitness has reference simply to condi-tions of a particular time and place. Ag-gressive pirates were at one time fit for

so-called spoils system, and the competi-tion is intense and frequently bitter. It issues in the survival of men with quali-ties known to us all. Civil service reform does not remove competition; it ex-tends competition; but with a difference in methods, which issues in the survival of men with qualities of another sort. In all such social changes we have not the suppression of competition, but rather a regulation of competition by the mind of

> of Rome, Italy asking the society to join in an international historical congress, to be held in Rome in 1902, which was accepted.

ZUL NATAL BASUTO

MAP SHOWING THE DUTCH UPRISING.

The country immediately south of the Orange River is where the revolt has occurred.

Phillipstown and Colesburg have fallen. The dotted line on the Caledon River marks Dewet's running fight north. At Noottgedract, General Delarry captured 563 men from General Clement December 13. eral Dewet is captured. The Boers are likely to regard it as a sign of weakness and to have a wholesome dread of venge-ance if they surrender. The proclamation nnocence of any knowledge of any vice or

ance if they surrender. The proclamation is approved by the party at home that favors conciliatory terms to the Boers as a step in the right direction.

Queen Victoria, it is said, has approved the proposal to institute a new order of knighthood to reward officers who have served in South Africa. The order will probably be called the Star of Africa.

A dispatch from Verbury dated Decem-A dispatch from Vryburg, dated December 20, says that Boers in considerable numbers were making a movement westward. They had, 150 wagons. The dis-

patch suggests that they were trekking to Damara Land, although the Boers them-selves denied any such intention. The following dispatch has been received The following dispatch has been received from Lord Kitchener:

"Pretoria, Dec. 25.—Knox, with Barker, Pilcher and White, is engaged with Dewet's force, holding a position in the neighborhood of Leeuw Kop. Dewet hopes to break through and go couth again. The Boers' eastern column in Cape Colony is apparently headed by our troops about Reitspruit. The Boers' western col-umn is reported to have gone north in two portions, one towards Pricaka and

are being followed up." The following dispatch from General Kitchener was received from Pretoria, under Thursday's date: "Yesterday 200 Boers attacked a small police post near Boksburg. The police gallantly drove them off before reinforcements from Johannesburg arrived. The Boers damaged the mining machinery in the neighborhood. The Boers attacked Utrecht at 2 o'clock this morning and were driven off. The Boers held up a train three miles west of Pan and were driven off. The eastern force of Boers in Cape Colony was headed yesterday and driven in the direction of Ventersladt. ments from Johannesburg arrived. The

the other through Streydenburg. They

The western force is still being driven north through Straydenburg." The Evening Standard says it understands that the squadron of Yeomanry which as announced in a dispatch from Cape Town yesterday, was entrapped and captured by the Boers, whom they were following from Britstown, were released after the men had been relieved of their

Christmas Attacks. NEWCASTLE. Natal, Dec. 27.—The Boers celebrated Christmas in the Dis-trict of Standerton and Ingogo by a more or less determined attack upon every British garrison along the lines of con munication. These, however, were in all cases successfully repulsed. At Utrecht, the Boer Commandant sent in a demand

for whisky, clgars and Christmas lux-uries, falling which he threatened to at-tack the town. His demand was ignored, and the Boers attacked Utrecht in force

horses and other equipment. Ten of the Yeomanry, the paper adds, were wounded,

Christmas morning. They were repuls with loss, our casualties being slight. Volunteers Welcomed at Winnipeg. WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Dec. 27.—Thousands of citizens stood in the chilly blasts two hours today, awaiting the arrival of soldiers from North Africa. The welcome at the railroad station was most enthustastic. An immense procession was formed at Holy Trinity Church, where Archbishop Machey conducted brief serv-ices. Luncheon followed at the Grill Hall, during which the Mayor, Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. Hugh John MacDonald, Chief Justice Killam and others deliv-ered addresses. Tonight a grand ball and concert was held.

Unable to Rescue Captives, BURGERSFORP, Cape Colony, Dec. 25.

-Colonel Grenfell continues in touch with Kruitzeinger's columns of 700 men who are carrying off the British prison-

crime in Chicago. They did not know of "their own personal knowledge," that of "their own personal knowledge," that basement saloons had been open after midnight and frequently all right. "I am always in bed at midnight," was the answer of Police Inspector Kalas, "and I don't know of any places open after that hour." The others entered similar pleas, They did not know of any sambling. They knew of no tribute money being paid by dives for police protection. Every prizefight was said to nave been an exhibition. id jury adjourned for the night split in two factions.

mands the indictment of four city officials and a number of divekeepers. The other side insists there must be no indictments. The other They argue that conviction will not result in court, should indictments be returned.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS.

One faction

Anglo-Boer War. The Boers are checked but not expelled from Cape Colony. Page 1. Dewet is fighting near Leeuwkop, Orange River Colony, Page 1. It is rumoved the Boers contemplate sur-rendering. Page 1.

China. The Chinese Emperor objects to some of the powers' demands. Page 2. A firing column left Pekin in search of Boxers. Page 2 Minister Conger signed the joint note with reservations. Page 2. Foreign.

Dreyfus appeals for an investigation Page 2. urkish soldiers assaulted a British Charge d'Affaires. Page 2. Domestic. Forty-nine school children are reported to have been drowned near Foster, la. Page 1 The American Economic Association and the American Historical Association held joint sessions at Detroit. Page 1.

Scientific societies hold conventions in Philadelphia and Chicago. Page 2. The secretary of a Masonic grand lodge was shot in Indianapolis by a woman or by himself. Page 3. All efforts to locate Pat Crowe have failed. Page L

A decision has been rendered against the State of Oregon which greatly limits the water supply of its institutions at Salem. Page 4. Oregon educatom discuss methods of imparting knowledge to pupils of schools. Page 4. The new smelter at Mineral City, Idaho, will in a few days begin operations. Page 4.

woman was sandbagged and robbed of \$12 at Tacoma. Page 5. Work preliminary to the removal of a reef in the Columbia River opposite Astoria has begun. Page 5. Commercial and Marine.

Government report on 1900 grain crop. Page 11.

Over 50,000 tons of wheat shipping in the river. Page 5.

Ballast ships coming from west coast of South America. Page 5. Practical working of a shipping subsidy. Erie Canal traffic declining. Page 5. Portland and Vicinity.

who are carrying off the British prisoners. Kruitzeinger has abundened his Maxims and carts. An attempt of the Minth Lancers to turn Kruitzeinger's flank at Pluisterheuvel, December M. re- "badger game." Page 8.