

SETTLE DISPUTES BY ARBITRATION

Root May Arrange New General Treaty With Great Britain.

CONCESSIONS TO SENATE

French Treaty Provides for Submission of Each Agreement and British Treaty May Contain Same Provision.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The subject of a general arbitration treaty such as has just been completed between France and the United States has been mentioned in the course of negotiations now going on regarding the submission to the Hague of the question under discussion by Canada, the United States and Newfoundland. Great Britain, it was learned today, is hopeful that such an understanding will be brought about.

MAKES CONCESSION TO SENATE

President Overcomes Stumbling Block to Arbitration Treaties.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—There is no reason to doubt that the attitude of the State Department is entirely favorable to the negotiation of arbitration treaties such as that recently concluded between America and France with any other of the great powers that may desire to enter into such arrangements. The fact is that technically there are pending and awaiting the final act of exchanging ratifications—which, however, they are expected never to receive—arbitration treaties between the United States and Great Britain, France, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, Sweden, Norway and Mexico. The President has declined to exchange ratifications and thus vitalize these treaties because the United States Senate by an amendment defeated the purpose of a general automatic arbitration scheme.

It develops that the President in negotiating the new French treaty has practically yielded to the Senate, for it is understood that in the French treaty, which will serve as a pattern for subsequent conventions with other countries, provision is made that the so-called "compromise" or article which specifies in detail the subjects to be submitted to arbitration and the scope and manner of the proceedings shall in each case be submitted for the approval of the Senate.

It is true that the effect of this provision in one sense may be regarded as weakening the principle of compulsory arbitration, and that was the idea of the project of the system of special arbitration treaties, but on the other hand it is held that by accepting the general terms of the article in the French treaty providing for the arbitration of disputes, each nation a party to the treaty has thereby committed itself to an extent that quite effectively binds it to a recognition of the obligation to settle disputes by that method—a distinct gain for the general principle.

BRYAN SURE OF WISCONSIN

Favorable Delegation Will Be Named by Convention.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 12.—The Democratic State Convention for naming delegates to the National Convention to be held at Denver, was called to order this afternoon by State Chairman H. H. Manson, who introduced John P. Doherty, of La Crosse, as temporary chairman. Mr. Doherty, in sounding the keynote, lauded the principles of government "proclaimed by Jefferson and made resplendent and illuminated in the light of that master intellect, William J. Bryan."

Among other things the speaker said the Democratic party should demand a revision of the tariff. He concluded his speech as follows: "Let us rely on the good sense and conscience of the American people. Our leader in this great contest is already chosen. Follow him and we cannot fail. He stands today as Democracy's exponent, Democracy's idol, Democracy's hope. Let us make him the people's President—William Jennings Bryan."

Mr. Doherty said in part: "In the application of Jeffersonian principles, I believe, lies the real hope for the success of this republic. False ideas may thrive for a time. The intervention of political accidents may give an undeserving party a limited lease of power, but just as sure as this Government will continue to live, just as sure as the people finally assert themselves, just as sure as they demand justice and equal opportunity for all men, let us not entertain the false notion that the triumph of democracy means the triumph of the poor as against the rich. It is natural that such false ideas should prevail. Forty years of republican ascendancy, forty years of high tariff, forty years of legislation for favored interests, forty years of millionaire-making, with all the accompanying evils of monopolies, pools and trusts, have naturally brought to the support of the republican party the organized forces of predatory wealth, while it has also, just as naturally, brought forth from the democracy, both in platforms and in the hustings, a bitter arraignment of the money power. But we must not forget the Democratic principle of equality does not mean equality in wealth, equality in social standing, equality in brain power, equality in energy—that cannot be. It means equality of opportunity, and the limitation bears upon the poor as well as the rich.

At the conclusion of Mr. Doherty's speech the usual committees were appointed, after which an adjournment was taken until tomorrow afternoon. Four delegates-at-large were chosen and the selection of 22 district delegates to the National Convention to be held at Denver was ratified. The delegates named at this convention will be elected at the primary election to be held in a few weeks. That the delegation which will go to the National Convention will be unanimous for the nomination of W. J. Bryan is a foregone conclusion, every county sending delegates to the state convention having passed resolutions indorsing the Nebraskaan.

The big contest in the convention which will not be pulled off until tomorrow will be over the choosing of delegates-at-large to the National gathering.

Illinois District for Cannon.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 12.—The Republican congressional committee of the Twenty-first District met here today and called a convention to select delegates to the Lincoln celebration of the Illinois Athletic Club last night.

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Ready if War Comes.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Reference to possibility of war led to a scene of patriotic ardor at the Lincoln celebration of the Illinois Athletic Club last night. General W. H. Carter, U. S. A., and General E. C. Young, Illinois National Guard, were among the speakers. Alexander Sullivan, in an address following, said: "If the time comes when our flag is assailed, we may rest assured the Illinois Athletic Club will be a recruiting ground for volunteers. Nobody is expecting difficulties of an international character, and I am sure nobody wants them, but if they do come we all know that we are prepared for—well, anything."

Lincoln League for Fairbanks.

WABASH, Ind., Feb. 12.—The Twentieth Convention of the Indiana Lincoln League today unanimously adopted a resolution indorsing the candidacy for President of Vice-President Fairbanks.

Beckham Still in Lead.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 12.—The Senatorial ballot today resulted: Beckham, 59; Bradley, 58; Campbell, 5; Allen, 1; Blackburn, 1. Necessary to elect, 63.

REACH VALPARAISO TODAY

FLEET BEING ESCORTED BY CHILEAN WARSHIPS.

Admiral Simpson Says All's Well. President Montt Prepares to Give Welcome.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The Navy Department has received the following message from Admiral Simpson, of the Chilean Navy, on board the cruiser Chacabuco, which is part of the fleet of the Chilean Navy, which is en route to Valparaiso, Chile, Feb. 12, 1908.—Admiral Simpson requests me to inform the Department from the fleet at sea Tuesday 4 P. M., bound for Callao, via Valparaiso: "Everything going on well. Admiral Evans much better in health." Mr. Hicks, the American Minister to Chile, today cabled the State Department that the Chilean cruiser Chacabuco, presumably now at Valparaiso, is en route south today for the purpose of joining the battleship fleet again with two Chilean warships, one of which is the Esmeralda. The three vessels will convey this fleet to Valparaiso, where President Montt will review it from a war vessel and at the same time salutes will be exchanged between the vessels of the two navies. The Chacabuco conveyed the battleships from Punta Arenas to a point nearly opposite Porto Montt, when she left them and proceeded north.

CHILE READY FOR WELCOME

President Will Review Fleet on Arrival at Valparaiso.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 12.—Everything is in readiness at Valparaiso for a review of the American fleet as it passes that port on its way to Callao. President Montt, accompanied by a large number of government officials, has gone to Valparaiso and will review the fleet from the battleship Esmeralda. The members of the diplomatic corps of the various countries will also be on board this vessel, where, after the review, a formal dinner will be given. It is expected that the American fleet will pass Valparaiso about 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. It will be attended by the Chilean cruiser Chacabuco, which arrived today at Talcahuano and later, in company with two other Chilean ships of war, put out to meet the Americans on their way up the coast.

WANT SQUADRON FOR PACIFIC

Commercial Bodies Will Ask for Six Battleships Permanently.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 12.—In order that the War Department may fully appreciate the strong sentiment of the people of the Pacific Coast in favor of permanently maintaining a fleet of at least six modern battleships in these waters, various commercial bodies of Washington, Oregon and this state will be asked to pass resolutions to that effect and to forward copies to the authorities at Washington. A letter from the commercial club at Seattle was read before the directors of the chamber of commerce yesterday in which it was stated that resolutions passed by the local chamber would have great influence as representing the sentiment of the people of one of the largest cities of the coast. The matter was referred to the committee on fortifications.

ST. LOUIS JOINS SQUADRON

Albany Also Arrives at Magdalena Bay.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 12.—A wireless message from Magdalena Bay states that the cruiser St. Louis arrived there at noon today from San Francisco, and that the Albany arrived there last night, both the Albany and the St. Louis. The gunboat Yorktown is at Pichilique Bay taking on coal. Tomorrow the battleship Nebraska will leave for Magdalena Bay and Rear-Admiral Dayton and Sebree will leave the following day for San Francisco. It is understood that the cruiser California has been expected to join Sebree's squadron when it reaches San Francisco.

Flowers to Greet Marines.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—With the scattering of seeds over the burned hillsides this week, San Francisco will begin the first actual work for its beautification against the coming of the battleship fleet. At yesterday's meeting of the executive committee for the fleet's reception, it was decided to plant at once nasturtium, cocksfoot and Shirley poppy seeds so that when May comes the slopes now dotted with vacant spaces filled with brick and ashes will smile in gorgeous colors of many flowers. No time is to be lost, for the plants take almost three months to flower.

Underwood to Command Colorado.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Captain E. B. Underwood has been chosen for command of the cruiser Colorado, now at Magdalena Bay, Vice-Captain Sidney Stanton, who will be appointed a member of the general board of the Navy.

Chicago Leaves Valparaiso.

VALPARAISO, Feb. 12.—The American cruiser Chicago left here today for the Atlantic station.

Oregon People in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—(Special).—Oregon people registered at Chicago hotels today as follows: From Portland—C. W. Gardner at the Auditorium Annex; Henry L. Barkley, E. F. Covell at the Great Northern.

CABIN IS BLOWN UP

Nonunion Nevada Miner Narrowly Escapes.

DYNAMITE PUT IN STOVE

Rumored That Federation Will Call Off Goldfield Strike at Old Wage Scale, Waiving the Open-Camp Provision.

Operators Stand Pat.

WALTON E. DOWIE, vice-president of the Operators' Association, said the operators stood exactly where they did at the beginning of the strike, except that the card system had been withdrawn and that they had made Goldfield an open camp and stood where they were on a satisfactory miner irrespective of his union affiliations, but that the operators would not recognize the Western Federation as an organization by design, nor any accredited representatives. The operators would not recognize the union, nor would they restore the old wage scale.

The Mohawk Jumbo started work today with 25 men. Over 100 applied for work and the force will be increased next week. The Little Florence is about to resume with 100.

Outrages Reported Daily.

There are probably 600 miners at work in the district, all at the new wage scale adopted by the operators. The hills are covered with union pickets, who surround the mines when shifts are changing trying to induce the men to quit their jobs. Several of the mines are erecting bunk and boarding-houses at the mines to prevent their men from being harassed. Outrages of a more serious nature are reported daily against the men who have gone to work in defiance of the Federation.

Tonight a working miner went to his cabin for his supper, lit the fire and an explosion occurred, wrecking his cabin and nearly killing the occupant. Dynamite had been put in the stove with the evident purpose of destroying the cabin and killing the offending miner. A large squad of state police are expected in the camp within a few days.

SENDS TROOPS TO FAIRBANKS

Will Preserve Order During Strike of Miners.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—By direction of the President, Acting Secretary Oliver has ordered a company of infantry from Fort Gibbon, to Alaska, to Fairbanks, that territory, to preserve order during the mining strike in that section. This action was taken upon representation from the United States Court in Alaska to the Attorney-General that the presence of Federal troops was needed. Attorney-General Bonaparte promptly brought the matter to the attention of the President, and by his instruction afterward conferred with Acting Secretary Oliver, through General Bell, Chief of Staff, forwarded the necessary orders for the movement of the troops to the commander at Fort Gibbon.

Telegrams from Fairbanks to the Attorney-General stated that open-air meetings are being held by the striking miners and that threats of violence have been made.

The marshal has been directed by the Attorney-General to use all the force at his command to arrest law-breakers and to prevent intimidation. The military is expected to give the marshal moral support and also to be ready to take action if disorder prove too great for any force he may be able to secure. The latter has given strict orders as to the energetic use of all of the force at his command. The striking miners have picketed the trail between Valdez and Fairbanks. Most of the newly arrived laborers are Russians.

The distance from Fort Gibbon to Fairbanks is 155 miles and the troops will be carried by sleds over the route, which is said to be a very good one. If there is urgent necessity for the presence of soldiers at Fairbanks, they can get there in four or five days, but under ordinary conditions the trip takes six or seven days.

Fairbanks is in the center of a mining country, with a population of 7000 or 8000. Persons in Washington familiar with the conditions existing at Fairbanks say the trouble is the outcome of a strike a year or more ago for higher wages and shorter hours for the miners. This, the operators, however, repudiated and their determination to operate their mines independently of the Western Federation of Miners may, it is feared, lead to trouble.

UPHOLD LAW AT FAIRBANKS

Bonaparte Orders Marshal to Use Force if Necessary.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 12.—A special cable to the Post-Intelligencer from Fairbanks says: "Military force ordered to Fairbanks. Maritime force ordered to protect law-abiding citizens, without unduly molesting miners. Department expects you to use all necessary energy to preserve order and arrest leaders in any attempt at intimidation. Those molesting Russians must be arrested using such force as necessary to accomplish purpose." BONAPARTE. Everything quiet today. Special deputies organized into bands of 10 under captains. Saloons still closed. May be allowed to reopen tomorrow during continuance of good order. Men arriving today report no molestation on trail. Chamber of Commerce and Arctic Brotherhood officially express approval act of President in ordering troops to Tanana.

SHIPPING STRIKE IN PROSPECT

Owners Serve Notice of Change in Engineers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—Secretary A. B. Hammond, of the San Francisco Shipowners' Association, today sent a communication to the secretary of the Marine Engineers' Association, declaring that after noon of February 14 the vessels of the association will carry but two engineers instead of three on vessels which go north of Crescent City and south of Point Conception, as the rule now is. No action upon the communication has been taken by the Engineers' Association, but it is expected the result will be a lockout of the members of the association. About 200 engineers employed at present on 100 steam schooners running up and down the coast from San Francisco are affected. The engineers, it is said tonight, will endeavor to prevail upon the owners to leave the matter open until next week, to give them more time to consider it, but the secretary of the Owners' Association states that this request will be denied. It is expected that if the engineers go out in consequence of this move on the part of the owners, the firemen, deckhands and waiters also will be called out in sympathy with the engineers. Contrary reports from the Coast may also be involved later. Most of the vessels are owned here, however. The engineers contend that the present move of the shipowners is but the first one toward a number of changes in arrangements between the Union and the owners, and that a lowering of the wages is contemplated later. The owners deny.

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MOSLEM SECTS IN RIOTS

Many Killed and Injured and Troops Summoned at Bombay.

BOMBAY, Feb. 12.—Severe rioting occurred here this evening during the course of the celebrations of the Mohammedi year, arising from disputes between the Sunnites, or orthodox division of the Shiabs, the second great division of Mohammedans.

The police arrested several Sunnites and the mob demanded their release, which demand was refused. The mob thereupon stoned the police, injuring two of them. The Police Commissioner and other European officers fired upon the rioters, killing at least five of them and injuring 40, 20 of whom were perhaps fatally injured. It is believed that others were killed and their bodies removed by relatives.

During the course of the afternoon and evening several similar clashes occurred. Eventually the troops were called out, and are camping tonight in the streets. The native quarter, however, is abnormally quiet.

LOST MONEY BY MORSE

Schwab Keenly Interested in Fate of Krumpholtz Ice King.

QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 12.—The Gunard liner Lusitania arrived here tonight. She experienced four days of heavy weather with high seas and made the voyage at an average speed of 23 knots. Charles M. Schwab, who is a passenger aboard the Lusitania, when seen by the Associated Press representative, displayed great interest in the movements of Charles W. Morse, who is returning to New York on the Etruria. Mr. Schwab, it is understood, was a heavy loser in some of the deals in which Mr. Morse was also interested. He said that he did not intend to visit Russia, but that he would return to New York in about a week.

LIFE-TERMER MUST HANG

Supreme Court Upholds Death Penalty for Assault on Guard.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—The appeal of J. W. Finley, under sentence in the Folsom Penitentiary, under conviction of death for a murderous assault on R. J. Charles, a prison official, during an attempted outbreak at Folsom Prison, December 29, 1904, was denied by the Supreme Court today. By this decision Finley will hang, and the Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of

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the section of the penal code which provides that the death penalty shall be meted out to any convict serving a life term who shall assault another with intent to commit murder with a deadly weapon or by means likely to produce great bodily injury. According to the opinion of the court, the situation of a life term is legally different from that of other convicts. His civil death is perpetual, and good conduct has no application to his case. The decision holds that the classification of the life-terminer is not arbitrary, but based upon valid reasons.

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