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OF NATIONAL INTEREST.

The conference now being held in New York city between representatives of capital, representatives of labor and an equal number of prominent and able men not directly identified with either of these two classes is of wide significance to the whole country.

The object of the conference is to arrive at a method for adjusting the differences that may arise between organized capital and organized labor in order to do away with the costly and unsatisfactory practice of lock-outs and strikes.

The personnel of the committee is one to inspire confidence that the outcome of their deliberations will be fruitful of beneficial results. It is composed of a body of men which in point of intelligence, ability and integrity is undeniably above question.

That the desire on the part of both capital and labor for a peaceful solution of their differences is sincere can not be questioned. As each has advanced in their organization the strikes and lock-outs of periodical occurrence have grown more costly to both sides.

The Bulgarian brigands have been offered \$100,000 for the release of Miss Stone. If they were within the confines of the United States a reward would have been offered for their apprehension and they would long since have been run to the ground and properly punished.

The captain of the British ship Timara will have a hard time squaring himself with the owners of the vessel, if, indeed, they are the owners after his abandonment of the ship on the Washington coast—Tacoma News.

While the foreign mechanic is taking his hourly glass of beer the American artisan is making inroads into the markets of the world with his products. Killing frost in Texas has reduced the top crop of cotton in that state to a minimum.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

According to the London correspondent of the Tribune, German trade is looking up. About Altona the factories are running full time and some are working overtime.

The anti-clerical association just formed by citizens of Vienna has held its first meeting. Speeches were made declaring war on clericalism and feudalism and condemning the foundation of the proposed Catholic University in Salzburg.

The division of Consular Affairs of the war department has published a statement showing that the customs revenue in the Philippines for the nine months ended September 30, 1901, were \$4,275,256, as compared with \$4,484,929 for the same period of 1900 and \$3,462,121 for 1899.

which is not satisfactory is the occasional decline in exports, which are being repeatedly referred to. The decline in exports of manufactures is especially regrettable, and seems likely to continue; for Europe is not in a condition to buy anything with freedom except food products which short-crops abroad compel her to purchase.

While still staggering from the achievements of Marconi, the public is informed that a recent invention enables the person talking over a telephone to see the person to whom he is talking. Now if someone would invent a door bell that would enable the not-at-home-today society women to see who is at the door, some very regrettable occurrences would be prevented.

In spite of the fact that he supported Bryan with great ardor in the last campaign and was the only man in public life who spoke harshly of the martyred McKinley, Senator Wellington, of Maryland, has asked for reinstatement in the Republican party, and his request has been granted.

The universal advice to the Anglo-American Telegraph Company which is endeavoring to prevent Marconi from perfecting his experiments in wireless telegraphy is don't. This is a warning to which it would be well for this company to heed. Science will not be retarded in its progress by the selfishness of any man-created monopoly.

There will be a big display of Oriental products at the St. Louis world's fair from the Philippine Islands. Governor Taft has laid the matter before the Philippine Commission and assurances have been given of its hearty cooperation in the preparation of the exhibit.

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graphing via Yakutsk, East Siberia, says his winter quarters have been established on the Nerpenkaya Coast, in the neighborhood of the Lena Delta and that an observation station has been opened at Kofalyns (Kotel-nitch) Island. During the summer the expedition reached a latitude of 72.32 in the North Siberian Islands.

A dispatch to the London Times and New York Times from Wellington, N. Z., says over 1000 of the Eighth New Zealand contingent, for service in South Africa presented themselves in one day, exclusive of those in several districts by which the returns have not yet been forwarded. One hundred and thirty-three officers volunteered for the thirty-four places. Sixty-three of them have previously served in the Boer war.

The Mexican government has issued the long contemplated order that all railway employees in contact with the public shall be able to speak Spanish in such manner as to be able to deal directly with the passengers and public in general. The order will probably affect Pullman Company employees. It asserted that many accidents of late have been due to the inability of trainmen to speak Spanish, causing a mistaking of orders.

The Argentine Minister, Senor Portela, who has hitherto been merely acting as the medium for the transmission of communications from his government to Chile regarding the present controversy has received authority to conduct the negotiations for the settlement of the dispute, says the Valparaiso correspondent of the New York Herald. This action by Argentina will facilitate a friendly solution of the points at issue.

According to the Paris correspondent of the New York Herald, M. De Saint Alban, editor of the Jockey and contributor to the Figaro, is dead of congestion of the brain, aged 38. M. De Saint Alban has been 23 years on the staff of the Figaro and has conducted the sporting column of that journal with great ability, under the pseudonym of "Robert Milton." He was the originator of the idea of giving sporting reports in France.

The Island of Martinique has been selected as the place of rendezvous for a revolutionary expedition against President Castro of Venezuela. Senors Kagueld Rojak, Nicolas Bolan and twenty other prominent revolutionaries have left Port of Spain, Trinidad to join General Matos, who will arrive by the Steamship Lafayette at Martinique on December 22. A vessel with war material for the revolutionary forces is expected to reach Martinique in a few days.

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TIMELY TOPICS.

Ex-President Cleveland's opposition to the annexation of the Danish Islands will not count for much. If Secretary Hay and the Danish government reach an agreement on the price and on the recognition which will have to be given to the residents of the islands, annexation will be accomplished. Strategically, the islands will be valuable to the United States, whether they are of any consequence economically or not. Those who are acquainted with the islands say that even economically they would prove a valuable asset to the country ultimately. The opposition to expansion in this particular direction can not prove as formidable in 1901 or 1902 as it did in 1867, when the former Danish Island annexation project was defeated in the senate.—Globe Democrat.

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Could Measure It.—"How long was Bronson's speech?" "I don't know. I didn't have my gas meter with me."—Harlem Life.

Charles Replogie, Atwater, O., was in very bad shape. He says: "I suffered a great deal with my kidneys and was requested to try Foley's Kidney Cure. I did so and in four days I was able to go to work again, now I am entirely well." Hart's Druggists.

Sarcasm.—Mrs. Fins—I have kept my last hired girl a month! Mrs. Flip—Dear me! Do you keep her locked up?—Ohio State Journal.

AN EVANGELIST'S STORY.

"I suffered for years with a bronchial or lung trouble and tried various remedies but did not obtain permanent relief until I commenced using One Minute Cough Cure," writes Rev. James Kirkman, evangelist of Belle River, Ill. "I have no hesitation in recommending it to all sufferers from malady of this kind." One Minute Cough Cure affords immediate relief for coughs, colds and all kinds of throat and lung troubles. For croup it is unequalled. Absolutely safe. Very pleasant to take, never fails and is really a favorite with the children. They like it. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

No objection.—"And den Santy Claus he come down de chimney." "Doan he git his face all black wif soot?" "Wal, he doan mind dat when he's a-callin' on culled chillun."—Puck.

SAVED HIS LIFE.

"I wish to say that I feel I owe my life to Kodol Dyspepsia Cure," writes H. C. Christenson, of Hayfield, Minn. "For three years I was troubled with dyspepsia so that I could hold nothing on my stomach. Many times I would be unable to retain a morsel of food. Finally I was confined to my bed. Doctors said I could not live. I read one of your advertisements on Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and thought it fit my case and commenced its use. I began to improve from the first bottle. Now I am cured and recommend it to all. Digests your food. Cures all stomach troubles. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

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OF BENEFIT TO YOU.

D. S. Mitchell, Fulford, Md.: "During a long illness I was troubled with bed sores, was advised to try DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve and did so with wonderful results. I was perfectly cured. It is the best salve on the market. Sure cure for piles, sores, burns, rawness of counterfeits. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

Straight Tip.—"I hear your engagement with young Gotrox has been broken off." said the first fair daughter of Eve. "Well, you are entitled to another hearing," rejoined fair daughter No. 2, as she held up a graceful hand on which a solitary sparkled. "You can see for yourself that I am still in the ring."—Chicago News.

Editor Lynch, of the Daily Post, Phillipsburg, N. J., has tasted the merits of Foley's Honey and Tar with this result: "I have used a great many patent remedies in my family for coughs and colds, and I can honestly say your Honey and Tar is the best thing of the kind I have ever used and I cannot say too much in praise of it." Hart's Druggists.

If the amateur Santa Claus is wise he will have his wig, whiskers and furs made of asbestos.—Chicago Tribune.

Mr. Bryan's friendship for the Nicaragua canal seems quite appropriate in the leader of a party which is always in need of a "last ditch."—Kansas City Star.

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