

CONFERENCE WORKS WATERFRONT ITEMS

Arms and Munitions of War Only Contraband.

EXEMPT PRIVATE PROPERTY

Delegates Want Expenses For Armanent Cut Down—Berlin May Get Next Meeting; Bogota Wants It In 1910.

LONDON, July 25.—The conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, after a prolonged debate today, adopted the following resolutions:

"The Inter-Parliamentary Union, now assembled in London, expresses the view that the second Hague conference should.

"First, by treaty define contraband of war as being restricted to arms, munitions of war and explosives.

"Second, reassert and confirm the principle that neither a ship carrying contraband of war nor other goods aboard such ship not being contraband of war may be destroyed.

"Third, affirm that even belligerents' private property should be as immune at sea as it is on land."

The conference also adopted a resolution in favor of the discussion by The Hague conference of means to cut down the "intolerable expenditure on armaments." Another resolution provides that each national group shall apply to its own government to grant funds to all future conferences of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

The decision as to the time and place of the next conference was left in the hands of the International Council. It is expected that it will be held in Berlin in 1908. The conference then concluded its sessions.

The delegates were entertained at luncheon at the House of Lords. A deputation of the visitors will be received by King Edward at Buckingham Palace tomorrow morning.

Senor Diego Mendoza extended an invitation to the Parliamentary Union to hold its session in 1910 at Bogota, the capital of Colombia. He said, in part:

"The year 1910 will mark the 100 anniversary of the independence of Colombia, achieved through the leadership of Simon Bolivar. As Colombia has had some part in promoting the progress of the Parliamentary principle, and in three years will be celebrating the centennial of her independence, it seems that the Colombian Congress will have a sort of historic right and duty to be the host upon that occasion of the Interparliamentary Union."

Lord Chancellor Loreburn presided at the luncheon at the House of Lords, and Ambassador Reid, Paul Cambon, the French Ambassador, Count Benckendorf, the Russian Ambassador, and other members of the diplomatic corps, the Speaker of the House of Commons, Mr. Lowther; Herbert Gladstone, the Home Secretary; the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Bryce; William J. Bryan and Prince Hilkeff were among the distinguished guests.

Mr. Bryan made the hit of the occasion with a brilliant piece of word painting, describing the glories of peace, his text being that a noble life is better than death in the battle. Prolonged applause greeted Mr. Bryan's oratorical effort.

Beckenham Slides From Sands and Goes to Portland.

ARAGONIA SAILS FOR ORIENT

Whittier Down and Out for California—Nevadan Leaves Out for Seattle and Honolulu—Local Boats All Busy on Schedule Time.

SEATTLE, July 25.—The steamship Queen, Captain Cousins, arrived from San Francisco this morning at 1 o'clock with a full passenger list and a large amount of freight.

The Portland Journal of yesterday has the following to say about the ship Brablock:

"After having lain idle in the bay off Astoria for nine months the British ship Brablock was finally chartered this morning to load wheat at this port for the United Kingdom. She will not commence receiving until the new crop comes in, which means that she will have been exactly a year in the harbor. This, however, is by no means extraordinary long, for several vessels got away from San Francisco last season after having tugged at their anchors in Oakland creek for two or three years.

"The Brablock was held here because of the obstinacy of her owners. They have the reputation of never accepting business except at their own terms and will rather let their vessels lay idle and rot away than take engagements not in accordance with their original terms. In this case the Brablock could have had several lumber cargoes, but her owners held out for wheat and the combination rate. Balfour, Guthrie & company decided upon taking the vessel yesterday afternoon and a cable was received this morning clinching the transaction.

"The Brablock will commence receiving cargo in September. She is a large vessel and will carry approximately 125,000 bushels. With the charter of the Brablock there remains only one disengaged carrier in the river, the British ship Galgate, which arrived from Rotterdam, May 12, with a general cargo. The Galgate was reported chartered several weeks ago to carry lumber to Callao, but it is now understood that the deal fell through."

The British ship Brablock, Captain Baxter, which has laid in this port since the 24th of November of last year, has secured a charter and has cleared from the custom house here for Portland, where she will load out grain for the United Kingdom, for orders there. The Brablock and her master are nearly as well known here now as Tongue Point or any other fixture, and it is said that if she had not sailed so soon, the government was about to include her in the day-marks of the harbor, and give the mariners something new to steer by. Captain Baxter has many warm friends here who will wish him a safe voyage home and a speedy return.

The Lurline made good time down the river yesterday. Captain Larkin came down on her for a breath of fresh air. It is thought he will be assigned to the Vancouver run for awhile to give him a chance to rest up, on the short-trip and



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AUTHOR FORETELLS DISASTER

JOHN URI LLOYD WRITES FROM CAIRO, EGYPT, TWO DAYS BEFORE EARTHQUAKE, PREDICTING THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CITY

CINCINNATI, July 25.—In a remarkable letter written at Cairo, Egypt, April 16th, two days before the San Francisco earthquake, John Uri Lloyd, the author of "Stringtown on the Pike," gave warning of the disaster threatening American cities from earthquakes. The letter is addressed to Judge Thompson. The author says:

"And now to my meditation. Are we in America building 'better' or worse 'than we know?' I have seen the piles of brick and stone, reaching upward. The tall buildings are separated by shadowed canyons. But what of the future?"

"Listen. Whoever thinks the earth is a thing fixed, thinks not at all. It is a rolling ball, trembling, twisting, shrinking, expanding. The moon raises and drops a flood of water upon it, twice every day. The sun expands one side, endlessly, ceaselessly, twisting, expands and contracts it. The Arctic cold piles up ice and snow, to change the equilibrium of the poles. The lines from the stars cross it infinitely. The electrical energies created in this great dynamo, the earth, that rolls through space catching the forces, heats and even melts its interior in spots. The minerals within are acted upon by seeping water from the crust, mighty convulsions follow, volcanoes uprise. Never is the earth at rest, never does it cease to tremble, twist, groan and writhe.

"Listen, my dear judge. On this thing earth, that has no rest, no part of it ever being long at rest, men live. When comes the earth-tremble the oriental runs into the street, if he be not in it. If his house falls down, what matters it, he is in the street. No interminable flights of stairs, no congested elevators, plugged by the first earth-tremble, no over-topping piles of brick and mortar overhead, to fall upon those beneath and cover those within, no wooden houses to catch fire and burn in the aftermath. The orientals caught in the catastrophe will be few, as contrasted with the thousands who must go, when comes the day of judgment on the American-built city.

"Listen. If you think no volcanic or quaking danger menaces America, go to the Rocky Mountains, study the earth. Go beyond, cross the Great Divide, and witness the mighty lava streams covering the land, almost to the doors of the Pacific.

"Put this letter away; it may not be of use other than to indicate that five weeks' absence from the world has made me unduly moody, apprehensive of possibilities, not likely to be probable. But I am overwhelmed in forebodings. I feel that some day—some man—who views the ruins of America, as now I see the scattered ruins of the past, will read such a letter as this, understandingly. Sincerely yours,

"JOHN URI LLOYD."

Baseball Players and Foot Racers!

Louis J. Kruger, ex-champion long distance foot racer of Germany and Holland, writes, October 27, 1901:

"During my training of 8 weeks for the foot races at Salt Lake City, in April last, I used Ballard's Snow Liniment to my greatest satisfaction.

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THOUGHT HE WAS A BURGLAR THE TWO THINGS

CHICAGO BROKER COMES HOME LATE AT NIGHT, OPENS WRONG DOOR AND IS SHOT BY NEIGHBOR WOUND NOT FATAL.

CHICAGO, July 25.—While making a mistake not uncommon to residents of flat buildings, Joseph Wolfstein, was the victim of another mistake last night. He was mistaken for a burglar and shot by E. D. Norton a member of the Board of Trade. Mr. Wolfstein was not fatally hurt, but the manner of his shooting was curious. Mr. Norton and Mr. Wolfstein have flats in the same building in Fifty-fifth and South Park avenue. The men occupy the first flats in their respective entrances to the building, which has two separate doorways in Fifth-fifth street. Mr. Wolfstein's family is visiting in Cincinnati.

It was dark when Mr. Wolfstein, returning from town, absent minded turned into what he thought was his doorway on Fifty-fifth street. He produced his key and thrust it into the keyhole of flat No. 1. Inside the flat, Mr. and Mrs. Norton who belong there were preparing for bed. Mrs. Norton heard the scraping of the key in the lock. Not long ago burglars entered the house and Mr. Norton frightened them away by shooting through the door. Mrs. Norton jumped to the conclusion that another attempt was being made to rob the house and called her husband's attention to the scraping sound. Mr. Norton found his revolver and went to the door.

The board of trade man inserted his own key in the lock from the inside and quickly pulled the door partly open, sticking his revolver in the face of Mr.

Wolfstein. "Don't try to run or I'll shoot," commanded Mr. Norton. Mr. Wolfstein's mind began to work actively and presumed that he himself was being held up by a burglar who was robbing his house. He started to run. Mr. Norton fired, the bullet entering Wolfstein's side, inflicting a deep flesh wound. Mr. Norton bent over the prostrate figure of the ticket broker and became apprised of his mistake. He was not arrested.

COUNTRY NOT READY

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admiral took with him a new naval procurator to see that justice was done in future court martials. Admiral Skrydloff said he had learned that Admiral Rojstvensky and Captain Clado will probably be restored to the roster of the navy.

The "Rech" will say tomorrow that the recovery on the Bourse today was due to a loan of \$250,000.00, by Mendelssohns to sustain prices.

Lawlessness Growing in Warsaw.

WARSAW, July 25.—The lawlessness here is assuming alarming proportions. Daring thefts and robberies with violence are of daily occurrence. The police maintain a passive attitude. They have not succeeded in apprehending the assassin of Colonel Salamatoff, who was stabbed to death today.

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CLERK BIDS BONDS

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after a certain percentage payment should be made when bids are mailed, as in the case of city bonds.

There was a report in Wall street yesterday that Byerley was endeavoring to sell his option. It was said that some of the big bond houses were holding back in the belief that they would get some of his bonds eventually through his inability to put up the cash on August 1. Nevertheless Wall street guesses that the clerk will make good.

In 1896 Abraham White, clerk in a broker's office, on his own hook, bid for a big block of bonds and made a profit of \$100,000. As a result of his bid a rule was made by the Treasury Department that a cash payment must accompany all bids. This rule obtained until this last bond issue, when it was either overlooked or suspended.

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