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LAKE MOHONK CONFERENCE.

The Lake Mohonk conference on international arbitration will hold its fourteenth annual meeting at Mohonk Lake, N. Y., on the invitation of Albert K. Smiley, May 20-22 with Hon. John W. Foster of Washington, ex-secretary of state, as presiding officer. The program includes a presentation of the work of the second Hague conference and of the recent Central American Peace conferences by men who participated in those gatherings, including Hon. James Brown Scott, secretary of the state department; Senator Don Joaquin B. Calvo, minister of Costa Rica; and Senator Luis G. Corea, minister of Nicaragua. Other speakers on the general subject will be Hon. John Barrett of Washington, Dr. Benjamin F. Trueblood of Boston; Dr. Paul S. Reinsch of Madison, Wisconsin and Professor William R. Shepard of New York. The Japanese Ambassador, Baron Kogoro Takahira, has also been invited to make an address.

The relations of the colleges and universities to the international arbitration movement will be presented by President Wheeler of the University of California, Chancellor White of the University of Georgia, President Van Hise of the University of Wisconsin, President Swain of Swarthmore College and others; the interest of the churches and of the Y. M. C. A. will be the subjects of Rev. F. H. Rowley of Boston and John R. Mott of New York; Rollo C. Ogden of the New York Evening Post, Hamilton Holt of the Independent and Walter H. Page of the World's Work will speak for the editors; while the business men will have speakers including William McCarrroll and Marcus M. Marks of New York, Thomas M. Osborne of Auburn, and Frank D. LaLanne of Philadelphia. About fifty prominent chambers of commerce and boards of trade representing all parts of the country will send delegates.

Other prominent men expected are Governor Noel of Mississippi, and Frear of Hawaii; Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court, Chief Justice R. S. Bean of Oregon, W. D. Beard of Tennessee and W. W. Douglas of Rhode Island and Justices W. P. Potter of Pennsylvania, Joseph B. Moore of Michigan and Alden Chester of New York; Senator Heyburn of Idaho and Representatives Mitcheok of Nebraska, Goldfogle of New York and Wiley of New Jersey; President Butler of Columbia university; Dr. A. C. Gordon of the University of Virginia; Hon. J. M. Gamboa of Mexico, General Stewart L. Woodford and Dr. Lyman Abbott of New York, Hon. Lambert Tree and Henry C. Morris of Chicago, Hon. Charles F. Mander-son and E. A. Benson of Omaha, Hon. John W. Noble of St. Louis,

Hon. S. R. Thayer and Hon. D. P. Jones of Minneapolis, Rear Admirals F. E. Chadwick, J. B. Coghlan and C. F. Goodrich and General Frederick D. Grant, Hon. H. B. F. Macfarland and Elmer Elsworth Brown of Washington and John Murray Clark of Toronto.

JUSTICE FOR THE HAGUE CONFERENCE.

The announcement that the Lake Mohonk Conference at its meeting this month will devote special attention to settling forth the results of the second Hague conference receives interest in the work of the men who met at The Hague last year. And as the real facts are becoming available, it is beginning to appear that the pessimistic views prevailing in many quarters at the close of the conference were not altogether well founded. The Hague Conference was not a legislative body or one in which a majority ruled; had it been, we would now have a general treaty of obligatory arbitration, an international court with a permanent bench—perhaps even an agreement on limitation of armaments. But when we remember that 45 nations were represented and that substantial unanimity was required to adopt any proposition (remembering, too, the difficulty of securing unanimity in gatherings where racial and temperamental differences are infinitely less marked than at The Hague), it is a matter of gratification that the conference agreed on so many points. It gave to the world a decree that henceforth an offer of arbitration must always precede the use of force for collection of contract debts; it provided for an international prize court to which appeals may be taken from biased decisions of national prize courts; it resolved that a third conference, in about eight years, should take up and continue its work under INTERNATIONAL direction; it gave to either party to a controversy the right to publicly ask the services of The Hague Tribunal thereby forcing its adversary to arbitrate or to publicly admit its fear or its unwillingness to do so, thus doing away with the former incongruous requirement that two nations on the verge of war must first AGREE to ask for arbitration; it extended the work of the Red Cross to naval warfare; and it greatly improved the Hague conventions of 1899 by making mediation, good offices and commissions of inquiry more easily offered or invoked.

Services like these should not be lightly estimated. Nor should it be forgotten that the principle of obligatory arbitration received the votes of 32 of the 45 nations, which, through more than 60 treaties of arbitration already in existence and other being negotiated by the United States, have given or are giving expression of their sincerity. And if the conference did not create a permanent international court, it left nothing lacking save the apportionment of judges and it arranged that this may be made by the nations through diplomatic channels. Plans for the organization and procedure of the court are ready, and in a recent address Hon. Joseph H. Choate stated that Secretary Root believes it possible for the nations to agree as to judges and to put the court into operation before the third Hague conference. Meanwhile, the present Hague Tribunal remains and is soon to decide the Newfoundland Fisheries case which the United States and Great Britain will submit to it.

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The program of the fourteenth annual meeting of the Lake Mohonk conference on International Arbitration, May 20-22, indicates adherence to the usual policy of the conference to act as a clearing house for public opinion. Its list of speakers is representative, including jurists, diplomats, business men, editors and clergymen.

Perhaps the greatest public service the conference can perform this year will be to set forth squarely just what the second Hague conference did. Considerable uncertainty on this point still exists in the public mind and much of it is doubtless unjust to the men who went to The Hague. Two of these men are to participate in the Mohonk meeting where they will have an opportunity to place themselves on record, and where, too, they may meet in discussion some of the ardent peace advocates who profess dissatisfaction, or at least disappointment, with the results at The Hague. Interest will also attach to the addresses of the Costa Rican and Nicaraguan ministers, two of the diplomats who participated in the recent Central American Peace Conference and in the drafting of that remarkable series of conventions designed to insure peace in Central America.

COFFEE

The world is full of anonymous coffee: "Java and Mocha." Who returns your money if you don't like 'em?

With all this fuss over the question of two or four battleships and with Admiral Evan's fleet arousing the enthusiasm of all nations, it will be interesting to observe whether the opponents of a naval policy like ours will force the Lake Mohonk conference at its coming meeting to break its silence of last year on the question of limitation of armaments.

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Speculation on a car shortage next fall, due to the big crops, is already active. If the Lord is again talking to men and telling them what is to happen, His selection of men to talk to is one of the most mysterious of His many mysterious ways.

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The Difference. She stood on the bridge at midnight And she hadn't lost a cent! If she'd staid in the bridge game longer I'll bet she'd be broke—or bent!

Fame. Before you strive for glory As famous to revolve, Before you strive for laurel This triple riddle solve:

We hailed him as a leader, We dubbed him sage and great, But tell us who in thunder Was Bryan's running mate?

The ladies wept about him, The papers showed his face, But pray who was the hero Of last year's murder case?

The almost central figure And keystone of the arch, Who was the happy bridegroom Of last night's wedding march? McLaudbrugh Wilson in N. Y. Sun.

Comedy. They parted with clasp of hands, And kisses and burning tears; They met in a foreign land After some twenty years.

Met as acquaintances meet, Smilingly, tranquil-eyed— Not even the least little beat Of the heart upon either side.

They chatted of this and that, The nothings that make up life; She in a Gainsbrough hat, And he in black for his wife.

Ah, what a comedy this! Neither was hurt, it appears Yet once she had leaped to his kiss, And once he had known her tears, Thomas Bailey Aldrich.

Chemistry of Egyptian Mummies. It is remarkable that, in spite of this lapse of time, organic materials, which of all others, are liable to decay, should still manifest in the test tubes their characteristic reactions.

The presence of solid and volatile fatty acids, proteins and cholesterol, with traces of intact fat, was demonstrable. The high percentage of fatty acids leads the author to the conclusion that they originate not wholly from fat, but mainly from the body proteins. The formation of adipocere in the muscles of the corpses left in water or buried in damp soil was adduced by the French observers in their work at the morgue in Paris as evidence of the possible conversion of protein into fatty material. At the present time, however, the doctrine of the metabolic change of protein into fat is regarded with skepticism by most physiologists. In spite of the large amount of fatty-acid radicals in the protein molecule.

The mummy protein, although it retains the general characters of albuminous material, has lost those specific properties which enable us to distinguish that of human origin from that which is found in other parts of the animal kingdom. In other words, it no longer gives what is termed the "biological reaction." This is disappointing, although it was doubtless expected. Mr. Schmidt also found that he could no longer detect hemoglobin, and the substance regarded as blood by previous observers was doubtless composed of colored gum and rosin employed in embalming. In reference to the process of embalming itself, he was unable to find any soda. The so-called natrium bath really consisted of a solution of common salt.

The old Egyptians simply pickled their corpses in brine, and the various balsams used were mere accessories, which could have exerted no real influence on the process of mummification. The real agent at work here was undoubtedly the extraordinarily dry climate of Egypt, and it is this also which has acted as a preservative of the organic material which can still be identified.

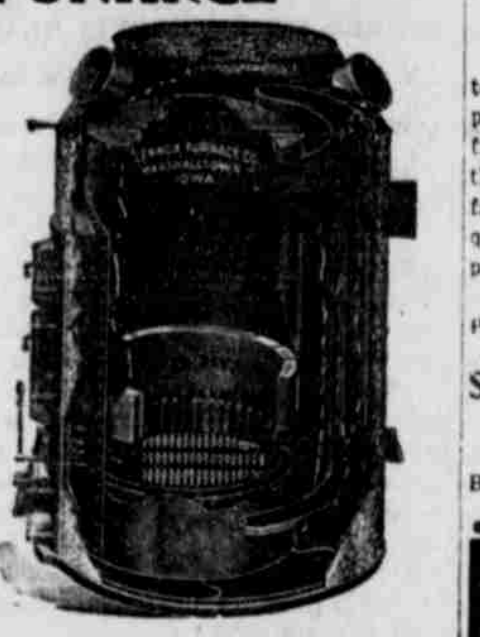
The research reminds me of a small piece of work which was carried out by Dr. Otto Rosenheim a few years ago. Small pieces of the carapace of a fossil Eurypterid were placed at his disposal by Sir E. Ray Lankester and Mr. Bather of the Natural History Museum, and he was able to demonstrate in them the presence of chitin, their organic substratum. In this case one was dealing with prehistoric material compared with which an Egyptian mummy is quite recent. This kind of work appeals to the imagination, and one can only hope that if it is continued still further light and interest will be thrown on the records of the past ages.—W. D. Haliburton in Nature, London.

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