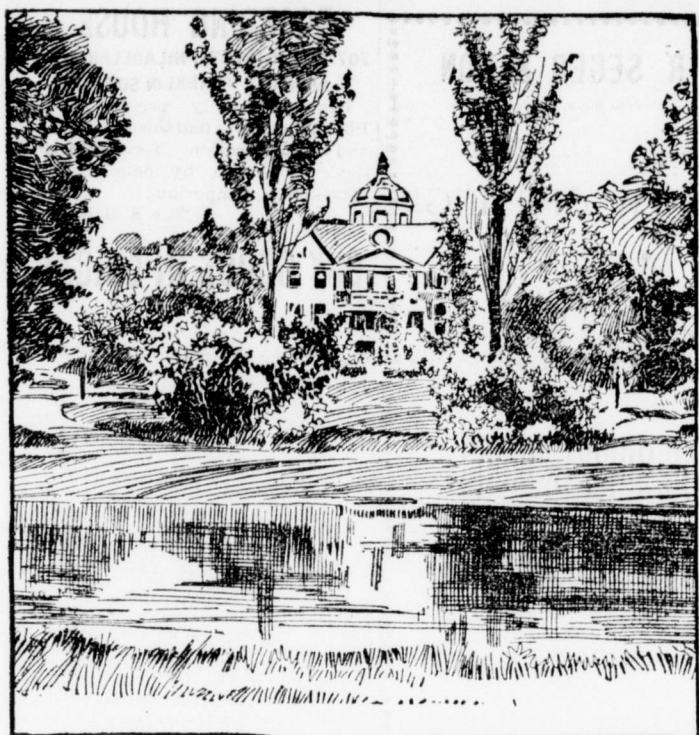


THE DISARMAMENT CONGRESS AT THE HAGUE.



The "House in The Wood" near The Hague, where the Peace Conference meets.

STUBBORN STRIKERS.

They Refuse to Yield an Inch and All Negotiations are at an End.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 20.—The grain shovellers last night adopted resolutions repudiating all agreements made with the Lake Carriers' association...

The action taken at these two meetings, it is thought, will end for some time to come the negotiations which have been in progress for over two weeks...

Condemned Sabbath Desecration. Minneapolis, Minn., May 20.—Sunday observance was the question which took up the major part of the Presbyterian assembly's time yesterday.

A Big Advance to be Demanded. Detroit, Mich., May 20.—William Welch, of New York, a government inspector of immigrants, who for nine years held the presidency of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers...

A Costly Adventure. New York, May 20.—What the passengers and crew of the steamer Barbarossa escaped on Thursday when the ship was on fire was fully revealed Friday when her hold was opened and the blackened, charred interior told the story.

Fertilizer Trust is a Sure Thing. Boston, May 20.—The American Agricultural Chemical Co., which is a combination of several fertilizer manufacturing concerns...

Income Tax Bill Passed. Houston, Tex., May 20.—The house yesterday passed the bill placing 1 per cent. tax on all personal incomes in excess of \$2,000 a year.

Welcomed Returning Soldiers. Detroit, May 20.—Detroit yesterday welcomed her last home coming regiment, the Thirty-first volunteer infantry...

A Search for Andree. London, May 20.—The Mail publishes the following dispatch from Stockholm: "An expedition under Nathorst will leave to-morrow for the northeast coast of Greenland, in search of Andree."

LAWTON CAPTURES SAN ISIDRO.

The Second Capital of the Philippines is Occupied by American Troops—Rebels are Being Cornered.

Manila, May 18.—Gen. Lawton's advance guard, under Col. Summers, of the Oregon troops, took San Isidro, the insurgent capital, yesterday.

Washington, May 18.—The following dispatch has been received from Gen. Otis: "Situation as follows: Lawton has covered Bulacan province with his column and driven insurgent troops northward to San Isidro, the second insurgent capital, which he captured Wednesday."

That the insurgents are disintegrated and demoralized is perfectly manifest from the press dispatches and the cable received from Gen. Otis. Gen. Lawton, who was pushing the line of the rebel retreat along the Rio Grande, has taken San Isidro, the second insurgent capital, and when Otis' dispatch was sent was still pressing the enemy northward.

It will soon be the mountains or the sea for the insurgents. As our troops could be transported by sea to the mouth of Agno and a new base of operations established there, it would be folly for the rebels to take that course.

The members of the Legislative Committee are told of a queer business that is alleged to have flourished in Greater New York. New York, May 20.—The feature of Friday's sessions of the Mazet investigating committee was the unearthing of an alleged system of corruption in the disposition of dead bodies from a city hospital; a ghouliah tale that was well corroborated.

ON THE AMAZON. Gunboat Wilmington Makes a Remarkable Voyage of 2,000 Miles Up the Great River.

Washington, May 18.—The navy department has received from Commander Todd, of the Wilmington, an interesting account of the remarkable voyage of exploration up the Amazon river made by that vessel in April last.

A BAD PLACE FOR POOR MEN. Capitalists Can Do Well in Porto Rico, but Moneyless People Should Stay Away.

New York, May 18.—Gen. Henry, until recently military governor of Porto Rico, has arrived here from San Juan. He is enthusiastic about Porto Rico, its people and its possibilities.

Marketing in Cuban Towns. Probably one of the most peculiar customs noticeable in the Cuban markets is the extremely small purchases—small in quantity—made by the lower class of natives.

Nomads in Kansas. At nearly all the Kansas towns, camped in the suburbs in gypsy fashion, you can find families with a lot of half-grown two-headed children and hungry dogs.

Huntington's Mineral Wealth. Though the name of Collis P. Huntington is generally connected with railroads, Mr. Huntington owns more coal mines than any other man in the United States, if not in the world.

FOUGHT AT MANILA.

Gen. Anderson Bore a Noble Part in the Eastern Campaign.

Just Appointed Commander of the Military Department of the Lakes, with Headquarters in Chicago—The Philippine Situation.

Gen. Thomas M. Anderson, U. S. A., now in command of the department of the lakes, has only recently returned from Manila, whither he accompanied Gen. Merritt. Gen. Anderson is a soldier from his shoes to his hat.

Gen. Anderson converses freely upon all topics relative to the Philippines, with the exception of the new-born anti-loyalist movement and the subject of expansion. He calls the leaders of the Malolos insurgent government men who are unscrupulous and are guided almost solely by avarice and selfish interests.



GEN. T. M. ANDERSON. (New Commander of the Military Department of the Lakes.)

the ending of the warfare in the near future. With the mountainous character of the country and the fastnesses of the interior affording numerous refuges for guerrilla parties and bands of outlaws, he says there is every inducement for the Filipinos to keep up a harassing campaign against the American troops.

"The leaders of the Malolos government are ambitious and unscrupulous," said Gen. Anderson. "The reason they wish for independence is that they wish to gain control of the forfeited church property of the Spanish government, which is very valuable, and of all Spanish concessions, and dispose of them to their own advantage."

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NAPOLEON THE GREAT.

He is a Cat of High Degree and Had a Market Value of Five Thousand Dollars.

People who admire cats say that they are the only domesticated animals which possess either character or individuality, but even the most enthusiastic cat lover would probably hesitate before valuing a cat at \$5,000.

The name of this cat is Napoleon the Great, and he is great. He's a big, gray fellow, with a coat as thick as a bearskin, but considerably softer.



NAPOLEON THE GREAT. (A Feline Aristocrat Said to Be Worth \$5,000.)

known as Angoras. The breed is distinguished for the length and silkiness of the fur, but also for the beautifully symmetrical markings which some of them possess.

Napoleon is what a woman would call a "solid-colored" cat. He is the same color all over, and is devoid of any blemishing variations. Curiously enough, cat fanciers say, it is harder to obtain an animal all one color than one that is marked.

The owner of "Napoleon" does the best she can, and, so far, has managed to prevent her high-priced pet from either wandering or eating things which are not likely to agree with the internal economies of a \$5,000 cat.

"Napoleon" has taken first prize at every show in which he has been entered. He is still quite a young cat, and his owner thinks the animal has many years of prize winning yet to come.

Henry Clay Frick. Head of the Great American Steel Combine Which is to Have a Capital of \$600,000,000.

Henry C. Frick, the man who will be the head of the billion-dollar steel combine, is comparable only to the great manufacturer whose property he has acquired—Andrew Carnegie. Mr. Frick is immensely rich already, and will be made richer by the new coalition of capital in the iron and steel industries.



HENRY CLAY FRICK. (Head of the New Billion-Dollar Steel Combination.)

the purchase of a small interest in a coal mine near his home. The business grew steadily. In 1873, at the time of the panic, the future steel king was only 24 years old. The panic enabled him to acquire the whole plant, and then he began to spread. He bought everything he could in the way of coal (at panic prices), and when the reaction came he found himself enormously wealthy.

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COME FROM AFRICA.

A Group of Interesting Students in an Ohio University.

They Belong to Various Kaffir Tribes—No One Ever Hears of Them Lying and Cheating—Two Bright Young Women.

In Wilberforce university, Xenia, O., there are now ten bright South African students, eight men and two women, representing the Basuto, Mtembu, Fengu, Xasa and Zulu tribes, says the New York Tribune.

Although representing several different tribes, they all converse freely in the Kaffir tongue, which is now a written language. The most peculiar thing in their speech is the "click" element, represented in English by "C," "X" and "Q."

It is made by three kinds of "click"—one by the tongue one on the roof of the mouth, somewhat as we express strong and sudden disappointment; the second is the driver's "click" to his horse when he wishes him to go; the third is a guttural "click" of the same sort.

Miss Manye has taken special training in voice culture and is a singer of grace and effectiveness. It is remarkable that all the students possess good voices and all were trained singers after the African method when they arrived.



CHARLOTTE WIAKHOMO MANYE. (A Basuto Student at Wilberforce University, O.)

In character they stand as well as the best. Said an ex-president of the university, now a bishop: "No one ever hears of an African student lying or cheating. They are all persons of strong character, holding their places among the students by means of their worth and ability."

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All of these students expect to return to Africa when through with their studies, most of them to teach, thinking thus to be of the highest service to their people. One young man hopes to engage in legal and political life.

A representative of the Mtembu race, when asked why he wished to learn the drill, made answer: "I want to be a captain and be able to teach my people. My people are brave, but they have not education. They do not love to fight; they like to farm, and are peaceable, but they are brave and full of fight if necessary. The Zulus are the fighters. They like to fight. The Basutos also have got guns from France and have fought the English once or twice. They, too are good fighters."

Gold of the North. During 1898 Canada produced \$13,700,000 in gold, of which \$10,000,000 came from the Yukon region.