

THE PEACE CONGRESS

International Conference Opens at the Hague.

NATIONS REPRESENTED

The Hague, May 18.—The peace conference called to the effect of Russia was opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the hall of the Huis ten Bosch, or the "House in the Woods," two miles from the Hague. M. de Beaufort, president of the council and minister of foreign affairs of the government of the Netherlands, delivered the inaugural address and welcomed the delegates.

THE DELEGATES.

Representatives Which the Nations Have Sent to the Hague. The following is a list of the delegates, so far as known, to the peace conference: Austria-Hungary—Count von Welsch...

NO SETTLEMENT OF BUFFALO STRIKE

Buffalo, May 18.—The possibility of an early settlement of the dock strike was raised this afternoon and tonight the end of the trouble is apparently further off than ever before.

REVOLVERS HELD UP.

A Cargo of 500 Intended for Cuba Are Captured. Havana, May 18.—The importation of 500 revolvers was stopped by the customs house authorities today, the weapons being taken into military custody.

SENATOR PEPPER RETURNS TO PARTY

The Leading Populist Will Come Back to the Republican Ranks—A Sign Pure "Alliance Man." Topeka, Kansas, May 18.—Ex-United States Senator Pepper, one of the founders of the Populist party, and who was for years considered an chief exponent of Populism, has returned to the Republican party.

WHOLESALE POISONER.

A Colored Lad Suspected of Terrible Crimes. Cincinnati, May 18.—James Weaver, colored, was today confessed to having poisoned his father, Woodson Weaver, and his half-brother, John Weaver, on Tuesday. John Weaver died in a few hours and Woodson Weaver, though still alive, has but slight chance for recovery.

THE BRIBERY CASE.

Attorney Bergner Has a Conference with Mr. Miller. Harrisburg, May 18.—Attorney Bergner, who will assist in the prosecution of the legislative bribery committee, had a conference this afternoon with District Attorney Miller, at which it was decided to have information made against the accused in the regular way before the arrests are made.

GOLD SEEKERS MURDERED.

Eight Prince Edward County Men Ambushed by Indians. Belleville, May 18.—Early in April twelve Prince Edward county young men left Belleville for the Adir. gold region. Two of them were compelled to return by illness.

Superior Court Decisions.

Pittsburg, May 18.—The superior court met at 10 o'clock for the purpose of raising, having finished all its business for the April term. A large number of decisions were handed down in cases argued during the term.

DEWEY HOME FUND.

Contributions Already Amount to Over \$6,000. Washington, May 18.—Today's contributions to the Dewey home fund amount to \$2,016, of which \$1,218 are from the Brooklyn Eagle and represents collections made by that paper.

FIRE ON A BIG OCEAN LINER

The Barbarossa Puts Back Into Port, Ending a Trip Full of Exciting Events. New York, May 18.—With thick smoke fluttering up from her forward ventilators and the fire signal flag of the Barbarossa, the North German Lloyd ocean liner Barbarossa put back into port this afternoon, ending a trip, which, though of only a few hours' duration, was full of exciting incidents.

Managers Decline to Talk.

The association of the lake lines, Bishop Quigley and the freight handlers' union committee held a conference at 11:30 a. m. today to discuss the terms of the strike agreement. The line managers declined to discuss the abolition of the contract system for this season, also the wage schedule, on account of present contracts, but took up a new subject, namely, the discharge of strikers, namely, the discharge of objectionable bosses.

Associated Press Officers.

Chicago, May 18.—At the meeting of the directors of the Associated Press today the following officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year: President, Victor P. Lawson; first vice president, Mr. Stephen O'Meara, of the Boston Journal; second vice president, General Harrison Gray Ochs, of the Los Angeles Times; secretary and general manager, Melville E. Stone; assistant secretary and general manager, Charles S. Doble; treasurer, John W. Aldrich, of the New York World; and Frank B. Noyes, Washington Star.

Bridge Builders Score Another.

Philadelphia, May 18.—American bridge builders scored another victory over foreign competition today when the Phoenix Bridge company, whose works are located at Philadelphia, Pa., was awarded the contract for six additional steel bridges for the Russian government for use on the great Transiberian railroad, which that company is now building. This makes eighteen bridges the Phoenix company is constructing for Siberia.

Hollinger's Execution.

Harrisburg, May 18.—Governor Stone today fixed June 20 for the execution of Joseph Hollinger, of Dauphin county, for wife murder.

INSURGENTS ARE GOING TO COURT

Will Fight the Appointment of the Governor to Make the Right of the Governor to Make the Appointment—The School Appropriations Will Also Be Discussed. Philadelphia, May 18.—The Press will say tomorrow: "It is learned that a number of members of the legislature have practically decided to appeal to the courts to prevent the ignoring of the fundamental law of the state by Governor Stone in his appointment of M. S. Quay as senator, in his veto of several resolutions providing for submission to a vote of the people of proposed amendments to the constitution and in his efforts to cut \$1,000,000 from the public school appropriations."

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Sample Proved an Easy Winner in the Contest for Moderator. Minneapolis, May 18.—Rev. Dr. F. R. Sample, of Westminster church, New York, won an easy victory in the contest for the place of moderator of the one hundred and eleventh annual assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States, which convened in Westminster church today. Dr. Sample was elected on the first ballot after a spirited contest, receiving 235 votes, 200 being necessary for a choice, to 127 for the Rev. Mathias Haines, of First church, Indianapolis, and 123 for Rev. Dr. R. E. Coyle, of Oakland, California.

Steel Plant Enlarged.

Pittsburg, May 18.—The Pressed Steel Company has just completed an enlargement of its plant at Joliet, Ill. It will be enlarged to four times its present capacity, and will employ 2,000 men. This move will give the Pressed Steel company a capacity of more than 100,000 cars a day.

Jury Holds Skinners.

Buffalo, May 18.—The coroner's jury today declared that Ross Scupper William H. Kennedy, who was fatally injured in an affair on the docks recently, came to his death through premeditated design at the hands of John Skinner, George Skinner, George Avey, John O'Brien and others unknown. The men named are under arrest.

Killed by Train.

Hazleton, Pa., May 18.—Paul Leck and John McHugh, Lehigh Valley railroad section hands, were struck by a passenger train near McAdoo today and instantly killed. The train was on the track out of the way of a south bound coal train and did not observe the rapidly approaching north bound passenger train.

Victims of Exeter Wreck.

Norristown, Pa., May 18.—Henry C. Wentz, William D. Jenkins and John Sturgis, three of the victims of the Exeter wreck, were buried here today. The funerals were largely attended. Harry Thompson, the last of the sixteen Norristown victims, will be buried tomorrow.

Hanged for an Assault.

Charlotte, N. C., May 18.—Joe Jackson, colored, was hanged here today at 11:11 o'clock for an assault committed on a young white girl last September. He made a five-minute speech protesting his innocence, and then a hymn in a strong clear voice.

Charles Briggs Dead.

Rehoboth, N. Y., May 18.—Charles W. Briggs, ex-mayor of Rehoboth, and founder of Briggs Bros. & Co., one of the largest seed firms in the United States, died tonight, aged 71 years.

Russell Sage Gives \$50,000.

New York, May 18.—Russell Sage has given \$50,000 to the Women's hospital, which is about to be erected in this city. Mrs. Sage has long been instrumental in the hospital.

Increase in Stock.

Harrisburg, May 18.—The Bethlehem Steel company filed notice with the state department of an increase of its stock from \$2,000,000 to \$12,000,000.

Carnegie's Gift.

London, May 18.—Andrew Carnegie has subscribed £100,000 to the Gladstone memorial fund.

AGUINALDO'S NERVE GONE

The Insurgent Leader Weeps, but Dare Not Surrender. HE HAS LOST PRESTIGE. Spanish Prisoners from Nueva Ecija Say That the Filipino Army is Completely Demoralized and is Little More than a Band of Pillagers—The Rebel Chief Has Lost Heart and Weeps in His Tent, Generalis Pinar and Luna Are the Only Filipinos of Influence Opposing Americans.

Manila, May 19, 10 a. m.—Philippine commissioners to confer with the American commission regarding surrender arrived last night at San Isidro and are coming to Manila today. The people of Manila are confident that the insurrection is ending.

Manila, May 18, 4:50 p. m.—Two Spanish prisoners who have just arrived here from Nueva Ecija say Aguinaldo has lost prestige with the rebel army, which is described as being completely demoralized, short of food, suffering from disease, afraid of the Americans and rapidly dissolving into armed bands of pillagers.

It is Believed That the Filipino War is About Over.

Washington, May 18.—War department officials are firmly convinced that the end of the insurrection in the Philippines is at hand and that the representatives of the insurgent cabinet and of Aguinaldo, who are to meet General Otis tomorrow, will succeed to the insurrection and surrender. Their forces, it is said, are completely demoralized and so utterly demoralized by the persistent advance of the Americans that they are ready to accept peace on the best terms they can obtain.

SIX CARS DERAILED.

Accident to a Philadelphia and Reading Train. Pottstown, May 18.—An accident happened to a Philadelphia and Reading northbound coal train directly in front of Port Kennedy station before daylight this morning, which was rather disastrous as far as the destruction of property is concerned. It appears that while the train was passing up a brake rigging dropped and six cars were derailed and sheering to the right, crashed into the station, partially demolishing the building.

Rails for Australia.

New York, May 18.—The Maryland Steel company shipped today on the steamer Falls of Dec 25 tons of steel rails for the Australian government. The same concern is shipping another consignment to that government.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 18.—Forecast for Philadelphia: Fair, with occasional showers; cooler in the morning; fair in the afternoon; Saturday, fair and warmer; fresh to brisk; easterly winds, shifting to west-southwest; Sunday, fair.