

## A TREATY FOR PEACE

NO MORE WAR BETWEEN ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES.

Secretary Olney and Ambassador Pauncefote Reach an Agreement For the Peaceful Adjustment of All Our Differences With Our British Brethren.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The negotiations between the United States and Great Britain for a treaty of general arbitration, covering all subjects of difference between the two English speaking nations, present and prospective, has advanced to a stage of completeness far beyond what the public has had reason to believe. The purpose of Secretary Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote is to conclude the negotiations within the next three weeks. All of the substantial features of the treaty have been agreed on. From the present status of the negotiations it is believed the following will be the important terms of treaty:

First.—A term of years from the date of exchange of ratification within which the treaty shall be operative.

Second.—A court of arbitration of six members, three to be drawn from the judiciary of the United States and three from the judiciary of Great Britain.

Third.—The submission to this tribunal of all differences between the two nations, now pending, or to arise within the period of five years; this not to include the Bering sea question or the Venezuelan question now before independent commissions, but to include the question of the boundary between Alaska and British North America.

The completion of this treaty will mark an important epoch in the relations between the two English speaking nations, and, in the judgment of those who have been most identified with its consummation, it will be the most important document of a peaceful character in the history of their mutual dealings.

The president made passing allusion to the subject in his recent message. It had been understood, however, that the main purpose of Mr. Olney was to reach an agreement as to Venezuela, and that, having accomplished this, the larger question of arbitrating all differences would require considerable time for its complete development. But the negotiations have proceeded with surprising unanimity, so that those engaged in the work confidently believe that it will be fully agreed upon and the signatures of the contracting parties placed to the document within three weeks. This will give fully two months for their consideration and ratification of the treaty at the present session of the United States senate, and unless some unexpected obstacle should arise in that quarter there is every reason to anticipate the treaty may be made effective before the close of the present administration. At least this is the confident hope and the expectation of those most concerned in the negotiations.

To Settle All Disputes. Aside from the previously referred to points, it can be stated in a general way that the terms of the treaty are such as to "clear the board" of all the vexatious questions which have arisen between the United States and Great Britain. These have been numerous in recent years, and some of them have threatened serious consequences. But those familiar with the exact terms of the negotiations say that not one of those causes of friction will remain. Some of them are withdrawn from the operation of the treaty from the fact that other methods of settlement already have been agreed upon. This is the case with the Venezuelan question, which, by the recent agreement pertaining to that subject alone, is committed to a special court of arbitration. The Bering sea claims are now before a commission created by special treaty, so that this, too, will not fall within the scope of the new treaty. Other questions have been similarly disposed of, and, considering them all, it is said by those familiar with them that the Alaskan boundary will be the only pending controversy likely to come within the scope of the new treaty.

The main purpose of the treaty, however, is to guard against future differences threatening a rupture, and in this the negotiators believe that the terms of the instrument will be such as to avoid all possibility of international conflict for the future.

All the negotiations have been carried on in Washington, and the signing of the instrument will occur here. Mr. Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote have borne the brunt of the work, the latter executing the views of Lord Salisbury in such a way as to expedite the final arrangement. Mr. Bayard has not taken part in the negotiation, although indirectly he has contributed to the result.

**A Wilkesbarre Tragedy.**  
WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 16.—A tragedy has occurred in this city which is wrapped in more or less mystery. Last June J. H. Keithline, a carpenter contractor, a widower, advertised for a housekeeper. Morris Pope and his wife answered the advertisement, and a contract was entered into, and the Popes were installed in Keithline's home. Mrs. Pope acted as housekeeper, and her husband paid his board. So far as known all parties got along peacefully. Yesterday Keithline got up at the usual hour for breakfast and was seated in the dining room reading a newspaper when Pope came into the room. Without saying a word, Pope pulled a revolver and fired a bullet into Keithline's head. Thinking he had killed him, Pope ran up stairs into his own room and fired a bullet into his own head. He died instantly. The doctors think Keithline will recover.

**Largest Powerhouse in the World.**  
BERLIN, Conn., Dec. 16.—Contracts have been awarded by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company to Donald Carmichael of New Haven for the erection of a mammoth electric powerhouse here. The plans show that the proposed electrical central station will be probably the largest plant of its kind in the world. At first the Middletown and New Britain branches will be operated by electricity, and the stations along the company's lines will be lighted from this point.

**Maria Barberi Acquitted.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The jury in the case of Maria Barberi, on trial for the murder of her faithless lover, Domenico Cataldo, returned a verdict of not guilty, and the young Italian woman was discharged. This was the second trial and in many respects was a notable one in the criminal jurisprudence of New York.

**Jail Delivery in Ohio.**  
MANSFIELD, O., Dec. 16.—Olliver Cromwell of Lucas county, Charles Wherry of Franklin county and Joseph Dunn of Erie county, escaped from the Ohio reformatory here. They were discovered by a guard and at once pursued by a detachment of guards and a pair of bloodhounds. Dunn was afterward captured.

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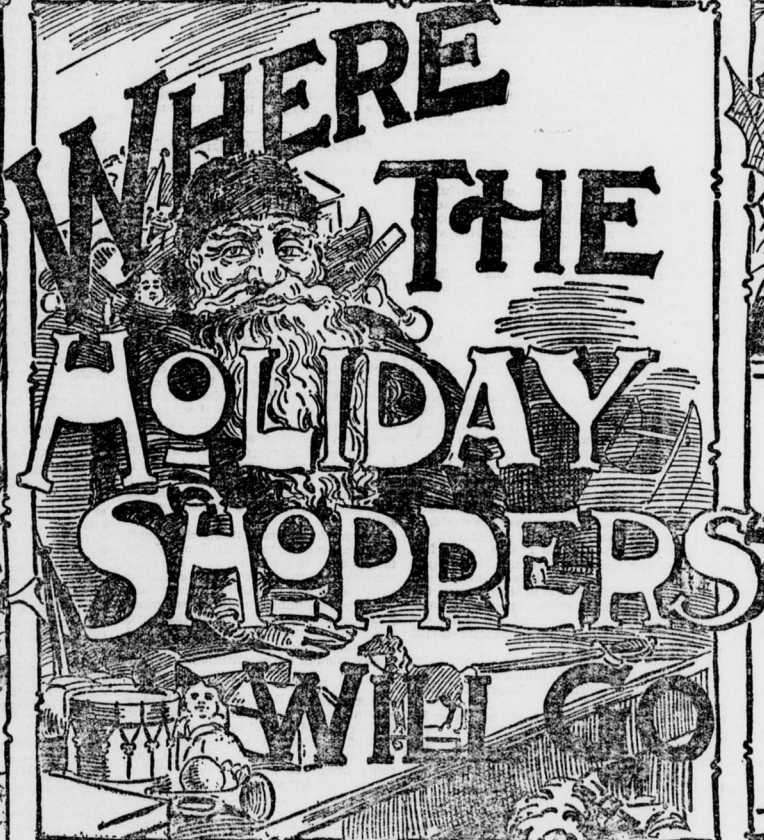
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