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18 WEEKS PEACE CONGRESS LONG ARRAY OF CONCLUSIONS

Promotion of Peace Had Small Part in the Proceedings. Chief Work Was Regulation of War—Too Many Obstacles—Mr. Choate's Proposals Stalled. New York Sun.

The peace conference at The Hague, which has just come to an end after sitting for eighteen weeks, was originally proposed by President Roosevelt shortly after the conclusion of peace between Russia and Japan at the peace conference. In deference to diplomatic ideas, however, the actual initiative was left to the Czar, who had called the first one in 1899.

From the outset the conference was handicapped by the programme which the Czar outlined for its discussion. In a circular letter to the Powers, sent out early in the year, he proposed as the scope of the conference's labors:

- 1. Improvements in the conventions reached in 1893 regarding the peaceful settlement of international controversies through changes in respect to the court of arbitration.
2. Addition to the convention regarding the laws and usages of land warfare, such as declarations of war and rights of neutrals.
3. A new convention regarding the naval warfare covering the bombardment of ports, planting of mines, construction of warships, and the transformation of merchant into war vessels.
4. Convention adapting the provisions of the Geneva conference of 1864 to naval warfare.

The greatest surprise and disappointment in these proposals was the omission of any degree of disarmament or at least a reduction in the scale of war preparations maintained by the nations of Europe, England, with Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Premier, for mouthpiece, raised a great cry for action on the armaments question. The United States cordially and France earnestly supported England. Germany talked of assenting to the principle, but it was plain from the outset that neither she nor Russia intended to let anything real be done. This meant that the conference before it assembled, viz: that it would be a gathering to legislate for war rather than to promote peace.

PALMETTO STATE'S FAIR IT WILL OPEN MONDAY MORNING

The Prosperity of the State During the Past Year and the Good Harvests This Fall Expected to Make the Annual Exhibition the Best Yet Seen in Columbia—The Attractions Much Varied—Sporting Events Have a Leading Part on the Programme—Railroad Commission Has Many Complaints Filed With It Protesting Against Discontinuance of Seaboard Trains.

Observer Bureau 1422 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., Oct. 25. In the opinion of traveling men and others in constant touch with people States Fair opening next Monday will be the best attended in the 39 years' history of the South Carolina Fair Society. The increased attendance will be due to the general prosperity of the people of the State and to the fact that this has been a particularly good year on the farms in almost every county in the State. The fair itself will be excellent, though there are not as many conventions as usual.

But regardless of attractions at the fair itself, men and women from all walks in life will flock here fair week, as it their custom, to see each other. Fair week has for a number of years been used as a sort of annual family reunion occasion for the State at large.

OPENS MONDAY MORNING. In accordance with a recent change to that effect, the fair will begin Monday morning instead of Tuesday evening. The gates at the fair grounds will be opened to visitors Monday morning at 10 o'clock and there will be judging in the prize rings at 11 o'clock. The fair grounds will be open every afternoon after 5 o'clock and the carnival shows uptown open an hour later.

There will be a theatre attraction every night during fair week—"The Man of the Hour" Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon; York and Adam "Playing the Races" Wednesday and Thursday, matinee and night performance both days; Oscar Figman in "The Lightning Conductor" Friday afternoon and "The Great Escape" Saturday afternoon.

SPORTING ATTRACTIONS GALORE. For those inclined toward wrestling and boxing sports there will be a sparring match of two rounds Monday night between Al Christensen and Buck Foster, a wrestling match Tuesday night, a wrestling match and broad sword contest Wednesday night, and a sparring contest Thursday night, each of these in Craven Hall, according to present arrangements.

The horse races on the fair grounds course this year will perhaps be the best in the history of the fair, large purses having been made up and good racers from other fairs having been secured. These events will occur Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, beginning at 2 p. m. each day.

Of course, the big State ball Thursday night and the assembly ball Tuesday night will attract several hundred young people, and the football games Wednesday morning between the College of Charleston and the Welsh Neck High School and Thursday morning between the A. & M. College, of Raleigh, N. C., and the Clemson Tigers will be the leading events of those days.

Among the special events of the week will be fox chases on the fair grounds Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning. There will also be automobile races Monday and Tuesday afternoons, a tuberculosis congress at Wright's Hotel Wednesday noon, a lecture by the trustee committee of Clemson College, a meeting of the South Carolina Postmasters' Association and the annual meeting of the State Bar Association on Wednesday evening; annual shotgun tournament Thursday at 11:30 a. m.; reunion of members of T. E. A. and U. C. League on Thursday evening; and a meeting of the South Carolina Press Association Thursday at 7 p. m. in the fair society's offices; Inter-collegiate games of football, basketball and the University of South Carolina Friday at 10:30 a. m.

The railroad commission has received protests from a number of towns on the Seaboard's Atlanta-Monroe line against the road's discontinuing its trains 2, 3, 4 and 5 between Atlanta and Monroe. The understanding is that this train will be taken off the list of next month. The Seaboard is now running a new train each way over this line, and the commission has no authority in law to compel the continuance of this train, which was put on last summer for the Exposition travel principally. Chairman Coughman, however, wrote the officials to-day, advising that this train be kept on through the winter and notifying them if it was not kept on the commission would insist on the fast trains stopping at a number of points from which there had been complaint along this line.

The New York Sun says: According to the figures given in the statistical abstract for the latest reported years the annual product of American waters, fresh and salt has a value of about \$50,000,000, exclusive of the salmon and other products of Alaska. This includes fish of all kinds, oysters and clams, frogs, sponges, terrapin, whalebone and alligator hides. Nearly one-quarter of the total is represented by the clams and oysters of the New York market. Another quarter is represented by New England supply of fish of all kinds, oysters, eels and whale oil included. The Great Lakes produce nearly \$2,000,000 worth of fish, principally trout, whitefish and lake herring. The Pacific coast States are credited with \$4,000,000 worth of salmon (1904) and \$1,000,000 worth of oysters. The cod and the mackerel of the Eastern coast for the years quoted show a value of about \$2,500,000.

NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY

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HIGH POINT.

Correspondence of The Observer. High Point, Oct. 24.—Thy glory flames in every blade and leaf. To blind the eyes of grief. Thy vineyards and thy orchards bend that sorrow may be mute.

The sun shines farther toward his love, To kiss her glowing mouth. Yet, where Death steals among thy purple, He hides himself in flowers.

And yet I feel beneath thy queen's attire Woven of blood and fire. Beneath the gorgeous glory of thy charm Thy mother's heart beats warm.

Thine arm would pat him tenderly to prove How thine eyes brimmed with love, And thy dear hand with all a mother's care, Would rest upon his hair. From John Charles McNeill's Autumn.

Ever since the severe; immovable rider Death came, on his pale horse and bore away the spirit of John Charles McNeill, High Point's scribe between Pearson and the world, his memory but, why add our wail to the earth's wailing band of melancholy music made up of every sigh that the human heart in anguish has uttered over our own loss which carries us in this, the manhood of the whole year, when we realize that someone has gone from us, gone in the first breath of the summer of his young life; gone to return no more. "Not sweeping up together, but one by one we go." We of The Observer family feel that our words keep speech for us to sing his praise aright. The world appreciated him, but no tongue or pen can offer greater heartfelt praise than we who with tears that speak, and silence that sings, leave him "in the sweetness none may know," and find in the sweet verses he wrote on Autumn a sympathy for us which begs us to get near to nature, thus akin to God, while for him, (we read in them) a triumph!

The following invitation announces one of the most important social events High Point has witnessed for some time: Mrs. Amos Ragan requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Annie English, to Mr. Davis Armfield, of Monroe, on Wednesday evening, October the thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seven at eight o'clock. Bloomington.

High Point, North Carolina. He is a resident in the lovely old homestead, the bride-to-be is well known, not only in High Point, but in all the surrounding counties, the name Ragan is well known. Her father, the late Amos Ragan was a man of much wealth and widely known and his many sons are left to bear his name are successful and prominent business and professional men. On her maternal side she is related to the Englishes, another of Guilford's and Randolph's old families. Miss Annie Ragan, the bride-elect is the second daughter and is a graduate of Guilford College and the appreciation of her intellect and marked culture has several times been elected teacher in the city schools. She is a blond of decided type and by her bright, happy disposition and womanly qualities which all through life have won so many hearts she will start her new happiness with the best wishes of her scores of friends who regret that her lot is to be cast other than with us.

Mr. Armfield is of that good old Armfield family of Monroe. He is a son of Mr. E. Armfield, of that place, where he is prominent as a man of sterling worth both in the business and social world.

The wedding will be a very beautiful evening wedding, just such an one as an old-fashioned home suggests. Amid music and flowers, loved ones and a select wedding party, surrounded by special friends will the vows be spoken. A great many out-of-town people will attend the wedding after which the bride and groom will take an extended Northern trip.

Mrs. Ragan, of Archdale, has issued cards to an ad. to be given Saturday afternoon in honor of

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representatives at the convention of Primary Teachers at Asheville. Not a prettier or more attractive set of teachers could be sent from any other town in the State. Miss Belle Hildebrand, Miss Corrie Carter, Miss Mary B. Presnell and Miss Eloise Erwin, accompanied by Professor Avert, left on Wednesday for the convention. This is all of the primary teachers in the graded school, with the exception of Miss Janie Pearson, who was prevented from going by illness.

Mrs. W. F. Hollingsworth charmingly entertained the girls of the Organ Circle of the Presbyterian church, at a chafingdish party on Friday night.

Mrs. E. D. Alexander and Miss Lottie Ray spent a few days in Asheville the past week. Miss Woodhull, assistant nurse at Grace Hospital, was called to New York on Monday to be with her mother, who is very ill there. Mrs. Harriet Camp returned on Wednesday after a very delightful automobile trip through Virginia with her brother, Mr. Fred Leah, of Boston. Mr. J. E. Erwin attended the State Fair last week. Mr. C. F. McKesson went to Statesville on Tuesday. Rev. Byron Clark, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, in Salisbury, presided at a large congregation both morning and evening at the Presbyterian church on last Sunday. Rev. W. F. Hollingsworth is attending Synod at Hendersonville this week. Miss Lottie Ray left for her home in McDeville Saturday. Miss Bessie Martin, after spending the summer with Mrs. T. P. Erwin, left for Paris, Texas, on Wednesday. Mrs. Annie Reid and Miss Olga Foster went to Asheville on Friday. Mr. H. L. Miller is at home for a few weeks. Mr. W. A. Harbison has returned from a trip to Jamestown. Mr. Will Roberts, of Shelby, was in town last week. Mrs. T. H. Bomar is at Jamestown.

DOCTORS SAID HE WOULD NOT LIVE. Peter Fry, Woodruff, Pa., writes: "After doctoring for two years with the best of my ability, I was getting worse and worse, the doctors advised me if I had any business to attend to I had better attend to it at once, as I could not possibly live another month as there was no cure for me. My kidney cure was recommended to me by a friend, and I immediately sent my son to the store for it, and after taking three bottles I began to get better and continued to improve until I was entirely well. R. H. Jordan & Co., W. L. Hand & Co."

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