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ARTICLES SIGNED

For Arbitration and Lessening Horrors of War.

Adjournment of the Peace Convention at the Hague.

Sixteen Nations Agree on the Most Important Provisions.

De Staal Says the Convention Was Only the Beginning of the Work Which Must be Continued.

The Hague, July 29.—The final acts of the convention of the peace conference were signed this morning by the delegates instructed to sign by their respective governments. Other delegates are awaiting orders. M. de Staal, president of the conference, opened the sitting. It was announced that sixteen governments had signed the arbitration convention; fifteen the convention on rules of war; fifteen the convention for the adaptation of the Vienna convention to naval warfare; seventeen the declaration prohibiting the use of explosives from balloons; sixteen prohibiting the utilizing of projectiles containing asphyxiating gases; fifteen the prohibition of the use of dum-dum bullets.

The final act of the conference outlining its work and agreeing to meet again and further discuss the subjects submitted to the present conference was signed unanimously.

Baron de Staal, in a speech, thanked the queen and government of the Netherlands and the delegates of the conference who had, he said, valiantly pursued their work to important results and expressed himself highly satisfied with the results attained, but, he added, they were only a beginning and the work must be continued.

Count Von Munster, on behalf of Germany, said the conference would have great influence on the future. The head of the French delegation expressed the hope that the conference had only begun, not ended its great work for humanity.

The conference then adjourned. The articles of the convention signed by the Americans prohibited the use of projectiles from balloons and in favor of arbitration.

GOVERNOR SUBPOENAED AS WITNESS IN TEXAS

In an Effort to Save a Bank Robber From the Gallows.

Austin, Tex., July 29.—The governor was today subpoenaed as a witness for the defense in the trial of Jim Nite, a member of the notorious Dalton gang, who robbed the bank at Longview, Tex., about five years ago. The cashier and a citizen were killed in the robbery and Nite is to be tried on the charge of committing murder while in the act of committing robbery. He was recently extradited from New Mexico. It is understood the defense will attempt to show by the governor's testimony that the prisoner's extradition was obtained on a different charge.

OPPOSED TO TRUSTS.

Austin, Tex., July 29.—The governor today received a letter from Governor Stevens, of Mississippi, favoring the anti-trust movement, saying he will do all he can to make the anti-trust conference a success.

PRICES FOR A WEEK.

A large invoice of Thin White China Cups and Saucers, Plates and Fruit Saucers. My own importation. All first quality and perfect. Dinner plates \$1.75 dozen; breakfast plates \$1.50 dozen; tea plates \$1.25 dozen; fruit saucers, large and small 90c, and 80c dozen; cups and saucers \$1.50 dozen.

J. H. LAW,
35 Patton Ave.

BEAUTIFUL

Our fresh North Carolina water-melons received today. Peaches, Pears, Grapes, etc., received daily from the growers at

KEELING'S,
PHONE 118. OPP. POSTOFFICE



NICHOLAS II, CZAR OF ALL THE RUSSIAS.

The progressive and enlightened sovereign at whose instance the international peace convention was called, the final acts of which were signed yesterday at The Hague, and who, in his own empire, is achieving a great and humane reform in ending the Siberian exile system.

A HOT CAMPAIGN IN KENTUCKY

Effort to Secure a Republican Successor to Senator Lindsay.

Frankfort, Ky., July 29.—The republicans of Kentucky will make a desperate effort to secure control of the legislature next winter for the purpose of electing a successor to Senator Lindsay. Chairman Long, of the republican campaign committee, said today that the republicans would nominate candidates in every county and fight for the repeal of the Goebel election law. The republicans say the majority of the districts in which senators are to be chosen are republican. It is said that a bait is being held out to Governor Bradley in the way of securing his support for the ticket in the nature of a nomination for senator.

BOYCOTT IN CLEVELAND WIDELY EXTENDED

Cars Almost Deserted Last Evening—No Serious Violence.

Cleveland, July 29.—The boycott on the trolley lines in consequence of the strike is extending. The strikers have carried their quarrel into the homes and daily life of thousands of citizens. They are compelling the employers to direct their employes not to ride on the cars on penalty of being boycotted. Even large merchants are yielding to the strikers' demands. The strikers further demand that merchants and storekeepers shall not deal with patrons of the latter and their sympathizers with the strikers. The boycott is even extended to men supplying the troops with provisions.

Fewer people rode on the cars today than since the strike was inaugurated. The cars ran throughout the day, and in the evening were practically deserted. The out of town troops will leave tomorrow or Monday. By order of General Axline, commander of the troops, the soldiers have stopped doing police duty. They merely stand ready for outbreaks. No serious disorder had occurred up to a late hour tonight.

DAY OF REST FOR M'KINLEY.

Hotel Champlain, N. Y., President and Mrs. McKinley spent a quiet day. This afternoon they went for a short drive. Mrs. McKinley is much improved since her arrival.

BLACK IRON CANDLESTICKS, 25 CENTS.

Securing a big bargain in the above we offer this lot (no more) at 25 cents. They were cheap at the old price, 49c.

J. H. LAW,
35 Patton Avenue.

Spy Glasses!
Field Glasses!
Reading Glasses!
Magnifying Glasses!
Sun Glasses!
Spectacles!
Eye Glasses!
All Kinds of Glasses at

S. L. McKEE,
Scientific Optician,
45 Patton Ave.

A full line Eye Glass Chains, Hooks, Cords, Etc.

GEN. OTIS' REPLY TO THE PRESIDENT

With Plans Now Matured He Believes He Can Soon End the War.

Washington, July 29.—McKinley's approval of the operations of General Otis has caused great satisfaction in military circles. The full text of Otis' reply cannot be obtained, as it is contained in confidential information that the government believes unwise to make public. The president's despatch was transmitted through Secretary Alger and part of it is substantially as follows:

"The president directs me to say he is perfectly satisfied with the work you have accomplished. He believes you have done as well as could have been done under the circumstances."

The answer of General Otis is long. Only a portion of it will be the officials permit to be published, practically in these words:

"I appreciate very much the confidence the president expressed in me, and assure the president I have no other ambition or thought than to fulfill the president's instructions. With plans now matured I believe we can suppress the rebellion in a reasonably short time, with honor to the United States and satisfaction to the president."

Otis referred to the cruelty of the

WHAT ITALY DEMANDS

That We Should Punish the Lynchers of the Italians.

Marquis Romano Arrives to Assist the Counsel at New Orleans.

Does Not Want Indemnity Except for Bereaved Families.

Punishment of the Guilty Necessary for the Protection of the Italian Colony in Louisiana.

New Orleans, July 29.—The secretary of the Italian legation, Marquis Romano arrived this evening to investigate the lynching of the Italians at Tallulah. In an interview he says he comes to New Orleans to act as adviser and counsel to the Italian consul here. He would therefore not make a special investigation of the lynching, or go to Tallulah. The Italian government is not making an inquiry on the basis of a claim on the United States, because of the murder of the Italians. That was a secondary consideration and the probabilities were that no claim for compensation for the lynched men would be presented, but he believed the United States, recognizing its obligations, and following the precedent established in the New Orleans parish prison cases, would pay a certain sum to the families of the murdered Italians directly and without the intervention of the Italian government; what Italy is seeking is the punishment of the men guilty of the lynching, believing this necessary for the protection of the large Italian colony in Louisiana and other states, and that as long as such lynchings pass unpunished similar outbreaks against them were likely.

Governor Foster telegraphed the secretary of state he would do all in his power to bring the lynchings to justice. It was this that Italy desired more than indemnity.

VIRGINIA POLITICS AT SUMMER HEAT.

The Pleasantries Passing Between Jones and Martin.

Richmond, July 29.—The reply which Senator Martin issued last night to the restrictions on his record by Congressman Jones in a speech made in Houston Monday created much interest, especially as he states Jones' charge that he is regarded in the senate as a lobbyist agent of the railroads "had its origin in falsehood and malice." Jones' reply is looked for with interest and trouble is anticipated.

COLORED POSTMASTER OPPOSED.

Columbia, S. C., July 29.—Senator McLaurin heads a delegation from Florence to President McKinley to protest against turning over the postoffice there to Rev. Wilson, colored, the recent appointee. Wilson has twice held the office, giving satisfaction. His appointment has now caused protests and threats. In accepting the position he runs great personal risk.

LT. COL. THOMPSON'S NEW POST.
Columbia, S. C., July 29.—Lieutenant Colonel Thompson, Second South Carolina volunteers, appointed senior captain of the Twenty-ninth infantry, returned to St. Louis, in a speech, thanked commandant of a military academy in Ohio. He is a son of ex-Governor Thompson.

Sash and Neck

••Buckles••

We are showing a new line of Sterling Silver Sash and Neck Buckles

—IN—

French Gray, Rose and the newest finish in imitation of Old Brass

Arthur M. Field,
Cor. Church St. and Patton Ave.

BRYAN DEMOCRATS ISSUE AN APPEAL

New York Committee Scores Cleveland and Tammany.

New York, July 29.—The state committee of the Chicago platform democrats issued an appeal to the Bryan men today. It says that before the Chicago convention the condition of the democratic party was hopeless. Disgraced by the betrayal of its principles by Cleveland, it was regarded with contempt, but after the convention of 1896, under the lead of Bryan, it became worthy of its noblest traditions, and the greatest campaign ever fought was waged under his leadership.

The appeal accuses Tammany of twice repudiating the Chicago platform and says that a permanent organization of the Chicago platform democrats has been effected in the state, which, in obedience to the sentiments of the masses of voters, would strive for the renomination of Bryan.

The address concludes as follows: "We appeal to all citizens who believe in the principle upon which this government is founded to give us their support."

LYNCHING THREATENED IN HAGERSTOWN

Strong Force Guarding the Jail—A Speedy Trial Demanded.

Hagerstown, Md., July 29.—This city is in a state of suppressed excitement this evening because of a possible lynching this morning. This condition is the outcome of an assault committed on a twelve-year-old girl Thursday. Five negroes were arrested on suspicion, and one of them, Samuel Johnson, was positively identified by the child and was taken to the jail. A confession is alleged to have been made by Johnson. The sheriff has sworn a large force of deputies to guard the jail tonight. Unless an assurance is given that Johnson will have a speedy trial it is feared he will be lynched.

GEN. LUDLOW PROHIBITS HAVANA DEMONSTRATION

Against Chief of Police Cardenas—Heureaux' Successor.

Havana, July 29.—A public demonstration against Chief of Police Senior Cardenas, which was made tonight by his political enemies, who sought to force his resignation, was prohibited by General Ludlow.

There is a good deal of agitation in the Havana papers about the selection of General Gomez or General Jimenez as president of the Republic of San Domingo.

BASEBALL GAMES YESTERDAY

At Pittsburg—	R. H. E.
Pittsburg	6 9 2
Washington	5 10 1
Eleven innings. Batteries: Sparks and Bowerman; Mercer and Kittridge.	
At Cincinnati—	R. H. E.
Cincinnati	9 16 4
New York	8 13 4
Batteries: Brettenstein and Peitz; Carrick and Wilson.	
At St. Louis—	R. H. E.
St. Louis	4 10 4
Brooklyn	6 9 2
Batteries: McBride and O'Connor; Hughes and McGuire.	

DISTRICT IN NEW YORK

New York, July 29.—Fire in the wholesale grocery at 55 and 57 North Moore street tonight gutted the building, causing a loss to the building and contents of \$150,000. While a number of firemen were stationed on a wooden awning throwing water on the fire they were overcome with smoke. The hose escaping from their clutches, knocked a number of them down. Five were injured more or less seriously.

ANOTHER TOLLIVER SHOT DEAD IN KENTUCKY

Morehead, Ky., July 29.—While Tolliver, son of Bud Tolliver, killed several years ago in what was known as the Tolliver war, was found dead this morning near his uncle's home with a bullet in his head. There is great excitement here.

OBSELETE ORDINANCE.

Atlanta, July 29.—General Frank issued an order today for an inventory of the obsolete ordinance at the sea-coast forts in the Department of the Gulf. It is preparatory of a sale of refuse accumulated during and since the civil war.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Clubs.	W.	L.	Pc.
Brooklyn	59	27	686
Boston	52	33	612
Philadelphia	51	35	593
St. Louis	50	35	588
Baltimore	50	35	588
Chicago	46	38	548
Cincinnati	42	41	506
Pittsburg	44	43	505
New York	35	48	422
Louisville	35	48	422
Washington	32	57	390
Cleveland	12	72	172

Why be uncomfortable this hot weather? They make good oil stoves now, and they are cheap. See our new line.

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OESTREICHER'S
51 Patton Ave.

We will put on sale an elegant assortment of Ice wool and Shetland

SHOULDER SHAWLS

In all the leading shades. These are the very things needed for evening wear and for the piazza. They will be sold at our usual quick selling prices, viz: 25c., 50c., 75c., 89c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

All millinery on hand will be offered at less than half usual prices to close out—\$1.00 and \$1.50 sailor hats at 50c.; \$2.00 and \$2.50 walking hats at 75c.

OESTREICHER AND CO.,
51 Patton Avenue

We have a Blended Tea that we are selling for

50c Per Lb.

Splendid value for the price. We believe this tea is equal to what you pay sixty cents for at other places.

G. A. GREER,
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DOCTOR RAUB'S CUTANEOUS SOAP

For the toilet, bath, nursery, shaving and all skin affections. Last year over 900,000 ladies used Doctor Raub's Cutaneous Soap. As a beautifier and preserver of the skin it is excellent. Price, 15 cents. A free sample for the asking.

GRANT'S PHARMACY,
24 S. Main Street,
Asheville North Carolina