THE MONETARY CONFERENCE.

Incidents showing the Position of Great Britain-A Speedy Adjournment and But Little Argument Desired.

LONDON, Nov. 26.-Before the English delegates to the international monetary conference started for Brussels the instructions given by Sir William Vernon Harcourt, chancellor of the exchequer, to Sir S. Fremantle, the deputy master of the mint, and Sir C. Rivers Wilson, were to expedite the deliberations and to obtain continuous sittings daily. with the exceptions of Saturday and Sunday, so as to bring the conference to an end within a few weeks. Sir William Vernon Harcourt had learned that the American delegates contemplated a full discussion, with time given to all sides to prepare arguments, statistics and facts and for responding to their neither met with the approval of the glish delegates who are strong single the delegates started for Brussels the conference was prolonged beyond three weeks the leading English representa- and made an effective force. European tives would return to London, leaving and American officers have been emthe less important members of the delegation to watch the proceedings.

Private advices from Brussels show that Sir C. Rivers Wilson opened the altered to the European style. The opposition to prolonged debates as soon rearmament of the troops with the as the delegates began their intercommunications and objected to the proposal that President Levi made on the suggestion of the American delegates, supported by a majority of the conference, that an interval of a day for preparation be allowed between each sitting. The reasonable remonstrance that the delegates who spoke different languages -English, French and German-could not exchange views without an opportunity to study, had no effect upon the English determination to hurry the deliberations through. C. Rivers Wilson and his colleagues only finally assented to President Levi's proposal on finding that they stood alone. The incident has created the impression among the members of the conference and Brussels that the English delegates want to break up the meeting or have it fail to achieve any definite result.

In the meantime they have received a decisive check. A great majority of the delegates evidence every disposition to go thoroughly into the matter and to give themselves up to it until every plan promising international concert has been examined.

The special correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, who is in intimate touch with some of the leading delegates, telegraphs that the conduct of the British delegates surprises the other European representives. The Americans ask why they were brought faults behind her for the methods of the "foreign devils"-San Francisco across the Atlantic if such a policy, siming at the failure of the conference, Examiner. is to be pursued. The correspondent adds that all eyes are turned upon the American delegation which is a remarkably impressive one. Senator Allison has the highest repute among the members of the conference. Senator Jones is a man of extraordinary force of character and rare ability. He has decidedly impressed the committee with his single with a sense of confusion that the Enknowledge of the rudiments of the currency questions aisplayed by the English representatives. The representative of the Associated Press here had an interview with Mr. Dana Horton, who is now in Brussels, in consultation with the delegates. Mr. Horton said that there were several classes of opinion. Some people wanted silver let alone to find its own level; some wanted something done, but wished other countries than their own to do it, while others were out and out friends of silver. The last mentioned were undoubtedly moving forward and recruiting adherents. Yet, so far as the conference was concerned, there would probably be more hope than promise of immediate favorable results. While some of the delegates, especially among the English, think the meeting will prove premature and that discredit will arise from its theoretic proceedings, the game is long and its movements must be careful. Mr. Horton further said that the conference would test the growth of education on the subject on this continent. The Jewish papers rejoice in the fact that three of the dele-Eliezer Levi, and a cousin of the famous millionaire, Sir Monteflore Levi. Baron de Hirsch is his brother-in-law and the deceased banker, Bishoffsheim was his father-in-law.

MILITARY POWER OF CHINA. About 600,000 Men Available, 100,000 Being Armed With Latest Improved Rifles.

The possibilities of China as a mill tary power have hardly been considered by the western nations. It has been vaguely realized that China might some day become a menace to any power that offended her if what may be called the "national militia" of that country should ever be turned into trained troops. A nation of 300,000,000 or 400,-000,000 people should have 20,000,000 or 25,000,000 able bodied men in the prime of condition for military service. With such a force as this China would be an antagonist that no nation would attack. While the fact that China possesses this enormous mass of the raw material of soldiery has been understood, the inefficiency of the government and the opponents. This course, involving as absurd showing heretofore made by its it did an adjournment over Christmas, armies have spread the files that China neither met with the approval of the British minister nor certain of the En-a military power in the life of any man now living. Recent reports, however, standard men. On the eve of the day indicate that there has been a change in the Chinese armies. While no atrepresentative of the Associated press tempt has been made to develop the learned from high authority that if the strength of the national militia, the regular army has been partly remodeled ployed, western tactics have been taught, strict military discipline enforced and the equipment of the troops latest improved rifles is now in progress, and already a force of 100,000 men is

fully equipped and ready for service. The Chinese army is, all told, but about 600,000 men, and the larger portion of these have not yet been reached in the system of army reform. But the fact that the transformation has proceeded thus far and is still going on shows that China has realized her deficiencies and is anxious to remedy them. The fact may mean much to the world. The Chinese are good soldiers when properly trained and led. The work of Ward and Gordon in the Taiping rebellion shows that. The experience of San Francisco with the highbinders confirms the statements of Gordon that they have a desperate courage that can be turned to good account if they have confidence in their leaders. But it remains to be seen whether the government has the strength to make its army strong. Corruption and inof-ficiency are its ruling traits, and these are fatal to an army if they are found in the army administration. If Euro-pean methods are followed China may in ten years have a disciplined force to compare with the armies of Europe. Yet, even with the progress that has been made and the greater progress that may be made in the future, China will not be feared until she proves in armed conflict that she has thrown priental administrative and military

The Street Skirt is Shortened.

Just at present women are looking for a lexicographer who can invent a name bad enough to fit the man who never steps anywhere else when there is a train of a gown handy, for though the street skirt is shorter the house dress more than makes up for it in mindedness in the matter. Were he to added length. The difference between make a tour of England he would win the trained bell skirt of the summer a host of friends to his cause. It is and the cathedral train we are called upon to wear at present is apparent to glishmen listen to the remarks of the the study of any gown of striped mate-American delegates on the imperfect rial. Instead of the stripes meeting in angles all the way up the back, by the skillful insertion of gores, which do not extend all the way to the belt, the stripes are made to slope in at the top and flare out at the bottom with graceful effect. The idea finds expression in a dinner dress of Marie Antoinette broa dinner dress of Marie Antoinette bro-cade, white, with broad stripes of flow-ers in the old-fashioned colors. The stripes if counted at the waist line would not equal those appearing at the edge of the train. Broad ruffles of black velvet lined with bright green are fulled over the shoulder and sloped into a jacket-like effect both in the back and front. The jacket is laced together at the back with velvet cords. —Chicago Times. -Chicago Times. That's the Way He Felt.

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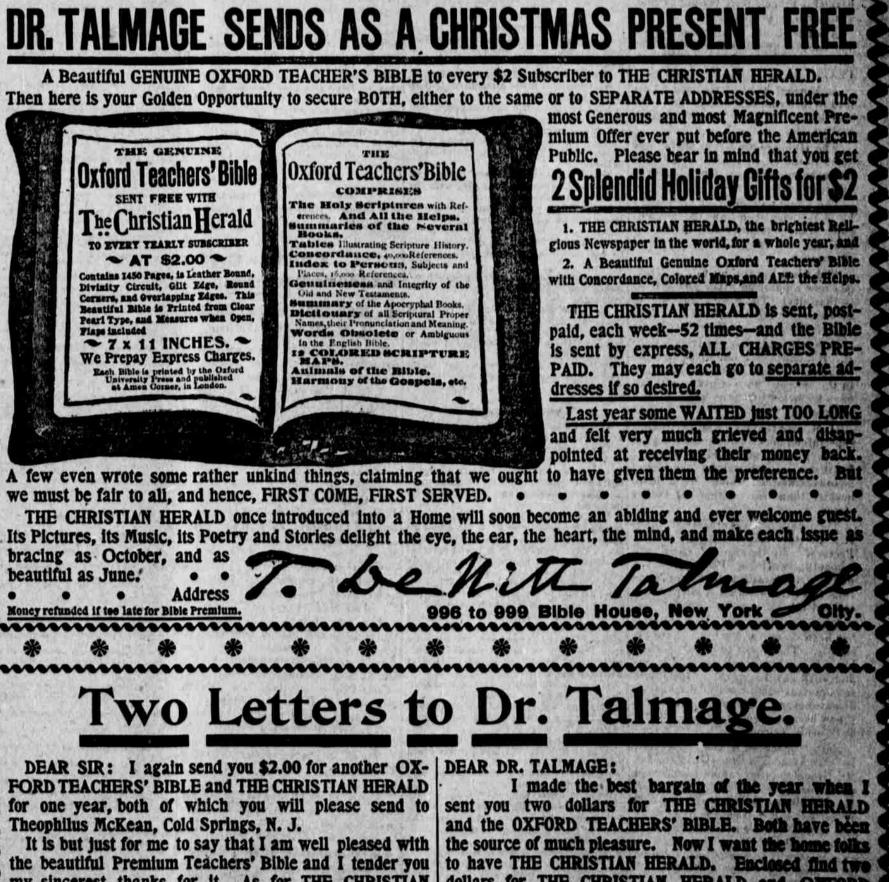
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SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 26.-The fresh ets hemmed a party of miners in in the mountains east of Snokomish and on account of their exhausted condition they were unable to get to the transport and obtain a new supply of food, Keit and Ellingston, two of the party, are the only ones of fifty who started for Snokomish four days ago to get in. The others dropped along the route from sheer exhaustion and want of food and it is feared they are lost in the woods. The survivors had scarcely any clothing.

No Special Grievance. Cmicaso, Nov. 36.—Committees rep-ject of the conference is to devise a plan to regulate the schedule movement of local freight trains so as to equalize the length of the runs. Vice President Harahan says that slight chasges in the schedule of wages may also be made, but they will be more in the nature of adjustment than an inne of pay.

Gus De Smith-How do you like your new horse, Miss Fanny? Fair Equestrienne-He does not ride as easy as I expected. He tugs at the bits and acts as if he wanted to run run away with me. Gus De Smith-I don't blame him; if I had his chances I'd do it, too.-Texas Siftings.

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