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## GREAT DAY FOR PEACE

FOUR REGULAR MEETINGS BE-  
SIDES CONFERENCE.

WOMEN TAKE AN ACTIVE PART

College Presidents Speak at Carnegie Hall and Representatives of Organized Labor Hold Largely Attended Meeting in Cooper Union.

New York, April 17.—That intelligence, knowledge and culture are the things which the universities can contribute to the cause of universal peace, was the consensus of opinion of the college presidents who spoke at Carnegie hall, at the university meeting of the peace congress.

President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia university, who presided, said the universities were foremost as representatives of highest ideals, including peace.

Dr. John Rhys of Jesus college, Oxford university, told of the great impetus to international fellowship supplied by the Rhodes scholarships, many of which are held by Americans.

Rev. E. S. Roberts, vice chancellor of Cambridge university, urged the clergy to raise its voice in behalf of peace. One day in each year, he declared, should be set apart for this purpose by the ministers of both continents.

Dr. Felix Adler of New York said university men were under bonds to stand for sober second thought at times of general excitement. His address was made the occasion for an announcement by Dr. Butler that Dr. Adler had been appointed by Theodore Roosevelt professor in the University of Berlin for 1908 and 1909.

Labor Meeting in Cooper Union.

Another largely attended peace meeting was held in Cooper Union, representative of organized labor. Joseph R. Buchanan introduced the speakers, who included Terence V. Powderly. The meeting, which had for its general topic, "Organized Labor in Relation to the Peace Movement," was enthusiastic.

Mr. Powderly said: "It is fitting that labor's voice should be raised for peace. I think labor and capital have provided the way. It was not dreamed a few years ago that labor and capital would shake hands. Today we may meet, clasp hands and be friends, and this has come through the leadership of Samuel Gompers."

Samuel Gompers said: "It takes more courage today to engage in the silent, patient sacrifice of life than it does to go into the carnage of war. Today, thank God, the white flag no longer indicates a yellow streak and it requires courage for a man to say 'Peace' instead of 'War.'"

The morning session of the congress was addressed by a number of prominent women, including Miss Jane Adams, Mrs. Ellen Henrotin, Mrs. Lucy Ames Mead and Mrs. Frederick Nathan. Letters were read from Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, William Archer, one of England's most famous dramatic critics, spoke.

There was a young people's meeting at Carnegie hall, while the "Commercial and Industrial Aspects of the Peace Movement" were discussed at the Hotel Astor.

### MRS. McLEAN RUFFLES G. A. P.

Fails to Secure Indorsement of Home State for Re-Election.

Washington, April 17.—After being hissed in the meeting of the continental congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Donald McLean, president general of the society, failed to secure the indorsement of her home state of New York for re-election.

During a controversy between Mrs. McLean and Mrs. M. E. S. Davis, the treasurer general, when the latter asked for more time in which to submit her report, many of the delegates hissed Mrs. McLean when she remarked that the treasurer general's report "seemed to be up in the air."

The name of Mrs. Ellen Washington Howard of Alexandria, Va., a great grandniece of George Washington, it was announced by "insurgent" leaders, will probably be presented as a candidate for president general.

### MURDERER MAKES CONFESSION

John Smith, Accused of Killing Dr. Cox, Admits Killing Jim Cockrill, Lexington, Ky., April 17.—John Smith, charged with the assassination

of Dr. B. D. Cox, went on the witness stand and fully confessed to the assassination of Jim Cockrill, saying Britton was not present, but that he, Curt Jett and John Abner killed Cockrill. Smith fired once, Jett four times and Abner three times.

### Corey to Wed Mabelle Gilman.

New York, April 17.—The Herald says: William Ellis Corey, president of the United States Steel corporation, and Mabelle Gilman will be married in this city May 7, if their present plans are not changed. They will leave for Europe soon after the ceremony and will pass the honeymoon trip abroad, returning to New York about Aug. 1.

### Homestake Fire Beyond Control.

Deadwood, S. D., April 17.—The fire in the Homestake mine, which has been raging for two weeks, is reported to be quite beyond control. The rock surrounding the flames is now so hot that it is almost impossible for men to get through the cave to fight the fire.

### DEVELOPMENTS IN RUEF CASE

Attorney Shortridge Freed from Contempt Order and Jail Sentence.

San Francisco, April 13.—The district court of appeals freed Attorney Samuel M. Shortridge of Ruef's counsel from the contempt order and jail sentence imposed by Superior Judge Dunne. Justice McFarland announced that the state supreme court will not make known before next Monday its



ABRAHAM RUEF.

decision in Abraham Ruef's application for release by habeas corpus from the custody of Elisor Biggy. Judge Dunne reiterated his total lack of confidence in the sheriff and the coroner to honestly summon a fresh venire of talesmen to complete the Ruef trial panel and adjourned court until Monday to give the defense an opportunity to prepare counter affidavits in support of its objection to redissolution of the sheriff and the coroner. These were the developments in the bribery-graft investigation.

### CHINESE FAMINE IS WORSE

Five Thousand Dying Daily and Graves Are Being Riddled for Food.

Shanghai, April 13.—Telegrams received here from twenty points in the famine district report that the conditions are growing worse.

The Chinese government and people up to date have contributed over \$4,000,000 for famine relief, and the sums received from all foreign sources total \$500,000.

The members of the committee at the front report that they find the bodies of the sufferers bloated and that their faces turn green or black as the result of starvation. The people are pulling up the growing crops for food. Whole families have been found dead in their houses, and corpses are seen lying by the road side. Probably 5,000 persons are dying daily from starvation.

A few cases of rioting for food have occurred, and cannibalism is beginning to be reported. Newly made graves have been rifled of the bodies, and parents are exchanging their children to be eaten. A dollar, the relief committee reports, will save one life until the harvest, June 25, and \$10,000,000 is needed. The whole amount cannot be raised in China. The situation is desperate and Americans are urged to give \$3,000,000 in the next three weeks, not for Christian, but for humanitarian work.

### BONILLA LAYS DOWN ARMS

President of Honduras Surrenders to Nicaraguan Forces at Amapala.

New Orleans, April 13.—According to a cable message received by the officials of the Fruit Dispatch company here, President Manuel Bonilla of Honduras has surrendered to the Nicaraguan forces. The message came from Managua, Nicaragua, and was signed by President Jose S. Zelaya.

No details were given other than that Bonilla surrendered. Other advices received here, however, were to the effect that Bonilla had been "bottled up" in the port of Amapala since he made his sensational flight from Choluteca.

## QUAKE RAZES SIX TOWNS

HAVOC IN MEXICO GREATER THAN AT FIRST SUPPOSED.

FEAR A HEAVY DEATH LIST

Entire West Coast of Republic Badly Damaged—Acapulco Partly Submerged by Great Waves—Shocks Continue at Chilpancingo.

Mexico City, April 17.—Heavy earthquake shocks continued on the west coast until 4 a. m. Late news from the earthquake area shows that the devastation wrought was greater than at first supposed. Besides the destruction of Chilpancingo and Chilapa, it is now said that Tixtla also was levelled. Messengers reaching Chilpancingo say the towns of Ayutla and Ometepepec have been wiped out.

The population of Ayutla is small and it is thought the loss of life there will be insignificant. Ometepepec is a town of about 4,000 inhabitants, and the loss of life probably is large.

Tlapa, near the border line of the state of Oaxaca, is also reported to be wiped out.

### Whole West Coast Badly Damaged.

A report from Chilpancingo says the whole of the west coast from Acapulco south to Salina Cruz has been badly damaged. The damaged places are remote and news from the stricken district consequently is incomplete. Only one wire is working to Chilpancingo. Through the courtesy of the Federal Telegraph company the Associated Press was given this wire at noon while it was working through to Chilpancingo. The operator at Chilpancingo declared that up to that time he knew nothing as to the number of dead beyond the fact that he had seen about a dozen dead bodies and knew of about thirty wounded.

A dispatch to El Pais, the organ of the Catholic church here, from the bishop of Chilapa confirms the report of the total destruction wrought in that neighborhood. Fourteen are reported to have been killed in one house and the number of wounded is given at thirty-nine.

### Twelve Killed at Tixtla.

In Tixtla it is reported that twelve dead bodies have been taken from the ruins and that twice that number of wounded are being cared for. The operator at Chilpancingo reports that the state government has provided tents for the homeless.

Up to 4 a. m. the shocks continued with more or less severity in the vicinity of Chilpancingo, doing some damage to public buildings. The hospitals, schools and the jail are in ruins. The prisoners from the jail were placed under guard by the rurales. Up to this time the total number of deaths reported is thirty-eight and the wounded ninety-three. However, in view of later reports, it is thought these figures will fall far short of the real number of fatalities.

It is reported that Acapulco is partly submerged by great waves. On the night of the first shock the harbor took on the appearance of a typhoon-swept ocean. Just how much of the port has been submerged is not known. A vague message says that "the houses as far as the church are under water." A number of ships were in the harbor at the time, but, it is said, all escaped.

### CHICAGO POLICE SCANDAL

Inspector Tells of Assessment Levied to Aid Dunne's Campaign.

Chicago, April 17.—Further disclosures were made to the civil service commission, who are investigating the alleged debauching of the Chicago police department by former Chief of Police John M. Collins, in an effort to bring about former Mayor Dunne's reelection.

Police Inspector John Wheeler told the commission about receiving an order from Collins to have the men under his charge subscribe to the Dunne campaign fund. The inspector declared he opposed such an assessment, but felt he should obey orders. He and his men, he said, had paid into the campaign fund more than \$2,000, but he had been criticised by the chief because the contribution was so small. State's Attorney Healy has already begun consideration of the evidence. The next grand jury will be sworn in next Monday and any steps looking to the indictment of the police officials accused will probably then be taken up.

### THAWS TO LEAVE NEW YORK

Wife of Defendant Only One to Remain in City with Him.

New York, April 17.—It is stated that after District Attorney Jerome returns today and the question of bail is discussed with him, the entire Thaw family, with the exception of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, will leave New York. The Countess of Yarmouth will sail for England, Mrs. William Thaw will go to Crescent, Pa.; Josiah and his wife will go to Watchkill, R. I.,

and Mr. and Mrs. George L. Carnegie will make a tour of the south. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw will continue to live at the Lorraine.

### Alleged Murderer Taken.

Medford, Ore., April 17.—A man who claims to be Clarence Hale, but who answers to the description of Roy Hale, wanted in Jonesboro, Tenn., for the murder of an official, from whom he was trying to escape, is under arrest here. Hale says the man wanted is his brother.

### IRVING D. HULL TELLS STORY.

Witness in Land Case Explains Plan for Getting Soldiers to File.

Omaha, April 15.—The most interesting testimony yet brought out in the present land trial, in which Thomas M. Huntington, Fred Hoyt and Ami Z. Todd are the principal defendants, was that of Irving D. Hull. It was developed during Hull's evidence that the sum of \$600 had been fixed as the flat figure of the valuation of a full section of land in the grazing country of Sheridan and Cherry counties, and the big cattle men were willing to invest that amount of money in each section to which they could acquire title. The money was divided into two bunches of \$300 each. The first \$300 was to pay for the securing of entrymen, their filing fees and expenses, and the leases they would make for grazing purposes to the cattlemen during the time required for them to make final proof and for commissions to the agents securing the entrymen. The remaining \$300 was to be paid for the full section claims if the entrymen wanted to sell after making final proof, the preference to buy being promised to the cattle and ranch men putting up the first \$300 expense money.

The evidence of Hull showed that there was a very general understanding among all the old soldiers, who had made the filings that they could make \$300 out of the proposition on final proof. The government attorneys brought out the admission from Hull that he had been solicited by Huntington to secure old soldiers to make filings in the grazing country and that good money was to be made out of it, and that the ranch owned in part by W. G. Comstock would be the direct beneficiary of these filings and entries, and stood back of the general proposition.

### WRECK CAUSED BY VANDALS

Texas and Pacific Passenger Train Plunges into Open Switch.

Alexandria, La., April 15.—Three men killed and one probably fatally injured is the result of what is believed to be the work of train wreckers at Cheneyville, on the Texas and Pacific railroad, when a westbound passenger train plunged into an open switch.

The dead: Engineer John J. Covington, Fireman Michael Kass, one unidentified man.

The switch lock was broken, the switch turned and the signal lantern thrown away.

### NEW RAILROAD TO THE GULF.

Kansas City to Have Direct Connection with New Orleans.

Kansas City, April 15.—A new direct line from Kansas City to the Gulf of Mexico is to be created by extending the Missouri and North Arkansas railroad to Helena, Ark., where connection is to be made with the Illinois Central, according to the Star, which says David R. Francis of St. Louis was in Kansas City consulting with J. A. Edson, president of the Kansas City Southern, regarding the project.

### Approve Plans for Industrial School.

Dayton, O., April 15.—The secretaries of the various bureaus of the Women's Home Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church approved plans for the building of an industrial home for colored youths at Atlanta, Ga., at a cost of \$20,000.

### Stage Held Up in Montana.

Malta, Mont., April 15.—Word has just been received of a hold-up of a stage, presumably by the Kid Curry gang, and \$28,000 reported stolen.

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