

AMERICANS AT THE HAGUE

Influence of Representatives of the United States at the Peace Conference.

EFFECT OF THE RECENT WAR WITH SPAIN

First Detailed Statement of the Inside Workings of the Congress in Session in the "Palace of the Woods."

This article is the result of a special journey made to The Hague by Edward Marshall, the well known war correspondent. Mr. Marshall's introductions and close personal acquaintance with the American delegates afforded him many facilities not offered to other men who went to the peace conference to write.

them that we were a people likely to either go or hinder the plans. If the peace conference had been called a year ago and our delegates had attended they would have been treated courteously, but their opinions would have had little weight in the deliberations of the body.

The first question asked by a European delegate, who had something to propose, was not what will Russia think of it? or what will Russia think of it? or what will France think of it? but what will the United States think of it?

Spain alone of all the nations represented, made not one single proposition to the conference during the first three weeks of its existence. Even little Serbia had a message to the congress, but poor Spain, disheartened and bowed down, did naught but listen.

committee. It was in these committee meetings and not in the sessions of the conference that the real work was accomplished. It was in one of the first committee meetings that the delegates for these European countries which had endeavored to conspire against us at the time of the Spanish-American war showed their hostile hands for the first and last time.

The greatest secrecy was maintained throughout concerning the plans of the conference.

reformed ruler in his new role of the universal peace-maker. The sessions of the conference in the Palace of the Woods were interesting to watch because of their absolute lack of formality.

There was as little of ceremony about the way in which the delegates were treated by the Dutch government as there was about the way in which they conducted their deliberations.

quarters of the Americans. The quarters of the American delegation at the Hotel Vieux-Doelen were elegant and commodious. It is one of the most ordinary structures in Europe and dates back to about 1470.

ference in relation to a revision of the rules of international warfare. Early in the private gossip of the delegates, came talk about a sensational possibility. It was very generally believed by some that the actions of Spain during the war in Cuba would be carefully investigated and that some of her violations of the accepted rules of warfare would form the basis for new regulations.

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With all due respect for, and much admiration of the emperor of all the Russias, it may be readily believed that his letter to the nations, inviting the peace conference, was induced much more by a desire to hide Russian grabs in China and outrageous Russian oppression in Finland; to counteract the efforts of Tolstoy's campaign in behalf of the Russian Quakers and against compulsory military service, and to generally hoodwink the world's diplomatists and politicians, than to bring about the disbandment of armies and the cessation of war.

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THE PALACE IN THE WOODS WHERE THE PEACE CONFERENCES ARE HELD.

ance with the delegates, make this article of more than ordinary value.

THE HAGUE, July 6.—Every important nation represented at the peace conference excepting only Germany had a war on its hands when its delegates talked peace.

Besides these actual warlike disturbances there rose on the horizon a black cloud indicative of an armed struggle between the English government and the Boers in South Africa—a cloud which has by no means been dispelled as yet.

to an American layman among the delegates it was intensely impressive to reflect on the change in the position of the United States in the family of nations which the Spanish-American war has brought about.

When a mother thinks she is going to die and rather wish to see her child, what happens to the child? Where else all the child to get the love, kindness and care that is to ripen it into useful, happy maturity?

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o'clock in the morning, one of its small tables was like to be occupied by one or more of the men who came here from the land of the stars and stripes.

The Russians would show pleasantly to the German delegates, but nothing more, and vice versa. When, however, either passed the American delegates or met them in the smoking room, the salute was sure to be most obliging and profuse.

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The idea of disarmament was promptly abandoned as impracticable. It instantly became evident that the peace delegate had taken this proposition seriously, and the conference did not even take time to discuss it.

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AN UNLUCKY FAKE TELEGRAM

Experience of Captain Jasper E. Brady on the Western Frontier.

EPISODE OF THE PINE RIDGE WAR

It Happened Nine Years Ago When the Indians Were on the War-path—Stirred Up Some Excitement.

In December, 1890, the Sioux Indians again broke loose from their reservation at Pine Ridge and all of the available men of the pitifully small but gallant United States army were hurriedly rushed northward to give them a smash that would be convincing and lasting.

Whatever happens before the conference adjourns; whatever results are achieved by it; whatever failures mark its sessions; whatever successes are its record, the United States of America may feel perfectly certain that its interests will be guarded carefully, that its dignity has been preserved and that its influence on this most important international movement has been felt as strongly, if not more strongly, than that of any other nation represented.

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A Serious Joke.

One morning shortly after Wounded Knee, with its direful results, had been fought I thought it would be a great joke to post a startling bulletin, just to start the men's tongues a-wagging.

"BULLETIN."

"San Antonio, Texas, 1226, 1899." "Reported that Sixth and Ninth cavalry were ambushed yesterday by Sioux Indians under Crazy Horse, and completely wiped out of existence. Custer's Little Big Horn massacre outcome. Not a man escaped."

"I chuckled with fendish glee as I posted this on the bulletin board and then started for breakfast. I thought some soldier would read it, tell it to his company, and in this way the fun would commence. My scheme worked to perfection, because some men of G company (mine was D) had seen me post it and had to come post haste to read it.

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Illustration of two men in military uniforms. One is older, with a mustache, and the other is younger. They appear to be in conversation. Below the illustration is a caption: "GEE! BUT THAT ROOM WAS BECOMING WARM."

On the Carpet.

"Corporal," said the colonel, "what time did you receive this bulletin?" "About 6:15, sir, immediately after reveille," I replied, with a face as expressionless as a mummy's.

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