old man with a tendency toward doddering

tric ideas of the duties of a presiding officer.

He opened the sessions by striking his desk

whatever, except this wooden mallet's blow.

Then he sat down and left the delegates to

their own devices. There was no "getting

on his legs. But, despite his age, he has no

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. It will be remembered that during the Spanish war in Cuba he was so terribly wounded that he has practically lost the use of his limbs, and this almost adjoining, the symbol of the nation journey to The Hague theroic in the circumstances) was the first important enterprise which he has been able to undertake of the pompous self-importance which in since his dreadful experience on the battle- all times gone by has marked the conduct field. He was admitted to the Palace in the of the Spaniard on such occasions, Woods through special arrangements made by the Dutch government and was accompanied while there by a representative of made not one single propostlon to the con-Holland's little queen, while a detail of ference during the first three weeks of its Dutch soldiers was told off to give him such existence. Even little Servia had a message physical assistance as was necessary in get- to the congress, but poor Spain, disheartened ting about the building. During his stay in and bowed down, did naught but listen. The Hague he was photographed at the special request of the czar. Mr. Marshal's wide | Doelen is a superb apartment with a ceiling experience in European correspodence, his about forty feet from its highly polished broad information and his personal acquaint- | hardwood floor. At any time from 8 to 10 | throughout concerning the plans of the con-

AMERICANS AT THE HAGUE them that we were a people likely to either in committee. It was in these committee reformed ruler in his new role meetings and not in the measions of the conversal peacemaker? ference had been called a year ago and our ference that the real work was accomplished. The sessions of the conference in the Palfelegates had attended they would have been Seth Low, Captain Mahan, Frederick D. which was really the center of interest around which the peace conference revolved. Not even the Russian delegates, representing the monarch who called the conference, were regarded by the others with the interest shown in the Americans.

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?

was the absolute unimportance of the Spanish delegation. Poor, broken Spain! Her haughty hidalgos received no more consideration than did the delegates from Servia or Siam. As they left the door of their apartment in the Hotel Vieux Doelen they saw in the little flag nailed on another door which rose through their fall, and they went quietly to the sessions entirely bereft

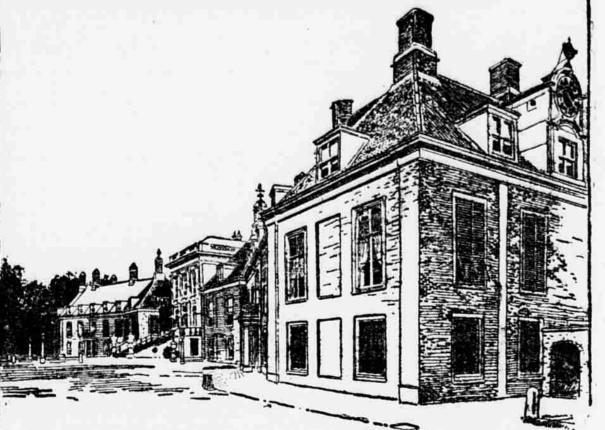
Spain in the Background.

Spain alone of all the nations represented, The dining room of the Hotel Vieux

It was in one of the first committee meet- ace of the Woods were interesting to watch eated courteously, but their opinions would lings that the delegates for these European because of their absolute lack of formality. have had little weight in the deliberations countries which had endeavored to conspire It might have been expected that this fathof the body. As it was Andrew D. White, against us at the time of the Spanish-Ameri- ering of diplomatists would be the most can war showed their hostife hands for the formal of all bodies in its procedure, bu Holls and Captain Crozier formed a group first and last time. At this meeting it be- the choice of M. de Stael, the head of the came evident that certain governments in- Russian delegation, as president made this tended to take advantage of the peace con- impossible. De Stael is a weazened little ference to clip the wings of the American Within the year they had been taught that these wings were mighty, and were tendency toward sensitive in his mind. He excapable of carrying the interesting bird not hibited, however, some unique and eccenonly from ocean to ocean in his own dominon, but wherever else he pleased to soar. This effort on the part of the Europeans to a gentle tap with the gavel. There was no prevent future American flights came in the prayer, there were no opening exercises shape of a blow at America's Nicaraguan canal plan. There is no American enterprise at which Europe looks with more suspicion and dread than she does at the probability of complete American control of this proposed water highway between the two great oceans. It fell to the lot of Frederick W. Holls, the secretary of the American delegation, to discover a fittle joker in one of perfect babel. the propositions submitted which might have resulted seriously. This joker was a passage adroitly and diplomatically worded which provided for nothing less than control by a committee of the powers of all interoceanic canals in time of war. Mr. Holls so vigorously and completely shattered this bright European dream that Europe could no longer doubt the ability of our delegates to look after the affairs or doubt the positive certainty of a firm stand on the part of the United States against anything which might

Discord Avoided.

greatest secrecy was maintained



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

of more than ordinary value.

United States was fighting in the Philippines. no means secured peace in Madagascar. sions. Russia inside of three weeks had countrymen in Paris were trying to over-Loubet found it necessary to call out 15,000 soldiers to guard him while he drove less than five miles to a race track.

dicative of an armed struggle between the English government and the Boers in South Africa-a cloud which has by no means been

Certainly there was reason for the meeting of the hundred men who went to The

The Center of Interest.

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. I have been much in Europe and much with their feeling toward America has, in the past, been friendly enough, they still failed to take us seriously. It did not occur to

When a mother thinks she is going to die and rather wishes she could, what happens to the child? Where else shall the child get the love, kindness and care that is to ripen it into useful, happy maturity?
Where is the husband to turn for the com-

fort of homeport that only a strong, cheerhelp-mate can Who is to be Mother - fath-

er-child? Whose fault

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Pleasant Pellets, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

Mrs. Claus Nelson, of Pico Heights. Los Angeles, Cal. Box 31, writes "I send you my picture taken with my little boy. I do not look so sad now as I do in the picture. I was sick then and I thought my days would not be long, but your kindness and medicine would not let me die. You have my heart-felt thanks for your kindly advice to me in my sickness, also for your book which I received two years ago, and which I could not do without. It is all the Doctor I have had since I got it. I had female trouble, and Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, together with the advice given in his book, cured me of five years sickness."

The book Mrs. Nelson mentions is Dr. Pierce's I, ooo page "Medical Adviser." the most useful "doctor book" published. A copy in stiff paper-covers sent on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps to pay expense of mailing only in cloth-binding ten stamps extra. Dr. E. V. Pierce, Buffale, N. V.

England is never without its little wars in I his simple breakfast. Mr. Holls, tall, fat, India and in other of its colonial posses- bald-headed, good-natured, read the amazing mail which poured in to him as the Amerthree small insurrections to put down, and | ican secretary, while he drank coffee and | was fighting the natives in China. Holland | munched his Dutch rolls. Captain Mahan for twenty-five years has been conducting a and Captain Crozier freuenqtly ate towar in Sumatra. While the French dele- gether while the secretaries and employes gates sat and calmly discussed means of of the delegation occupied another table. wiping out international warfare, some of The elaborate respect which delegates from the most prominent and influential of their other countries showed to the Americans was much greater than the careful courtesy throw the republic at home and President | which men of their stamp would naturally exhibit toward each other.

The Russians would bow pleasantly to the German delegates, but nothing more, Besides these actual warlike disturbances and voce versa. When, however, either there rose on the horizon a black cloud in- passed the American delegates or met them in the smoking room, the salute was sure to be not only pleasant but profound. The Americans went to The Hague in-

structed to try to bring about a permanent board of arbitration made up of members of the state departments of all nations; to Hague to talk of peace. Ten times their bring about the abolition of privateering on number, while they sat in conclave there, the high seas during war, the neutralization were busy in their respective nations plan- of all floating property owned by private owners and not by belligerent governments, and the measurement of indemnity, not by the nations at warfare, but by a jury of the other nations. How many of these things were accomplished will be definitely known by the time this article is printed, for this congress will probably have adjourned by then and the ocean telegraph will have told European diplomats. I know that while the story of its closing work. But the inside tale of how that work was done is never likely to be told in full, although some interesting details can be given here.

Exclusion of the Press.

The secrecy which was decided upon and widely criticized was an absolute necessity. The admission of working newspaper representatives to the sessions of the conference would undoubtedly have prevented the acomplishment of anything whatever.

There were many misunderstandings and

nistaken reports concerning the matter of press representatives. There were no objections whatever to the presence of journalists at the opening session of the conference, but the hall in which the meeting was held was absolutely crowded merely by the delegates themselves. Their secretaries and other employes literally could not find standing room. Sixty feet above the floor of the hall, under the very top of a dome, is a little circular gallery. This furnishes crowded sitting room for about eight people, and is the only place from which the interior of the hall can be seen. It was decided to offer this gallery to as many journalists as could get into it, and the Dutch government, which had charge of the arrangements, out of courtesy to the delegates, settled upon the plan of admitting one newspaper representative for each of the important countries. It was, owing to this plan, which the crowded condition of the hall made absolutely necessary, that the amusing tale was published, saying that certain newspapers had been solemnly selected by the conference as the representative journals in their respective ountries. After the first day I was the only newspaper man admitted to the Palace in the Woods, and I was not admitted as a

orking journalist. ference began, that England and the United States would work absolutely in harmony. They did to some extent support each other's ositions, but it was against the will of England that the American plan of arbitration and mediation was selected by the conference as the one to be most carefully considered. Three plans were submitted-one by America, one by Russia and one by Eng-

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

ance with the delegates, make this article | o'clock in the morning one of its small | ference in relation to a revision of the rules tables was likely to be occupied by one of actual warfare. Early, in the private or more of the men who came here from gossip of the delegates, came talk about a THE HAGUE, July 6.—Every important the land of the stars and stripes. Mr. sensational possibility. It was very generation represented at the peace conference. White, delicate and fragile in appearance, ally believed by some that the actions of excepting only Germany had a war on its with the deep-set eyes of the penetrating Spain during the war in Cuba would be hands when its delegates talked peace. The thinker, with the whitened hair which is as carefully investigated by the conference much the result of so much unremitting and that some of her violations of the ac France was fighting in Algeria and had by mental toil as it is of age, made the final cepted rules of warfare would form the pressive uniform of the United States army plans of the delegation's work while he ate basis for new regulations. The fact that Spanish officers, high in command, ordered their troops to fire on our Red Cross flags that attacks had been made on our wounded as they were taken from the battlefields and that the Red Cross flag had been used by the Spaniards as a mask for their batteries was freely commented on. The possibility that I myself might be called as a witness before one of the subcommittees was early suggested by two members of one of the European delegations. The American delegation, however, immediately saw the inad visability of introducing any such note of discord into the conference and it was decided, in consequence, to avoid action of any kind along these lines, although the delegates all realized the necessity of some omparatively immediate congress at which these matters could be discussed. This it was that gave rise to the announcement that a second Geneva conference would be one of the prompt results of the congress at

The Hague. The work of the American delegates was never finished. It began with the rising of the sun and ceased not with its going down. It was the impression of many delegates, as well as laymen, before the conference began, that the gathering would be a junket, but the preponderance of serious design among the American, English and Russian the conference met. The English and American delegates had evidently gone to The Hague with the dignified and earnest intention of accomplishing something along the lines which the czar had laid down. The German delegation had as evidently gone there with the firm intention of preventing any useful work in these directions. The Russian delegation was, of course, desirous

of glorifying their ruler. Leading Advocates of War.

The appointment by Emperor William of Stengel, an avowed and recorded advocate of war, was much more seriously regarded by the delegates of other countries than they permitted the journalists to know. This appointment, with certain actions on the part of the German delegates, quickly outlined the emperor's policy of obstruction If by the time this article appears in print some of the larger plans of the other participating powers, notably the establishment of a permanent board of arbitration and mediation, have not been finally adopted, it will have been purely because of Germany's hindrance. The plans of no delegation were more frequently interfered with by Germany than those of the able gentlemen who represented the United States.

Russia's attitude was of course intensely interesting. It is not likely that any of the liament of man. In the meanwhile, I think delegates believed entirely in the absolute the steps likely to be taken will depend so sincerity of the great white czar, who, sitting in his palace in St. Petersburg, had spoken through the mouth of Count Mora- In other words, I think we shall give pop vieff, his prime minister. It was impossible ular opinion a chance easily to substitute that the czar should believe that all his arbitration for war and this being done, pub levely dreams of boundary lines marked by olive branches and loving white doves as intercapitalian messengers could be realized in

With all due respect for, and much admirasian grabs in China and outrageous Russian oppression in Finland; to counteract the effect of Tolstoi's campaign in behalf of the Rursian Quakers and against sympulsory military service, and to generally hoodwink the world's diplomatists and politicians, than and the cessation of war. But Russian sleeves are large and commodious and afford much room for side issues. Up the sleeve of tile czar was the realization that whether or not his peace conference manifesto resulted In bringing about the political ends which have been mentioned, it could still scarcely fail to redound to his own credit. What

tices at all. The delegates simply talked French, with an occasional lapse into their native tongues. At times, under this system, the conference became at times a None of the sessions were lengthy, and the way in which they were terminated was quite as unique as the manner in which they were opened. M. de Stael would quietly slip ut of his chair and go away. Sometimes his merely meant that he wished to speak mittee room. But if it chanced that he thought that the delegates had talked enough he did not return. Of course, it was impossible for the delegates to know if his absence was to be brief or permanent without waiting for him to come back. If, after in the slightest degree prove contrary to the | waiting for him a reasonable time, De Stael did not reappear the delegates went home. Votes were taken in the simplest manner possible. A motion having been read, De Stael asked the delegates if they liked it. Some of them said yes, some of them said

> no. De Stael gave a fairly close guess as to the number on each side and the fate of the motion was decided. Such was the procedure of the peace conference from the be-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. One or two official receptions and dinners at which Holland's charming little queen played her part pleasantly, as she ever does, constituted all the official entertaining. There were few exchanges of

no. De Stael gave a fairly close guess as to

Quarters of the Americans.

social visits between the delegates.

The quarters of the American delegation at the Hotel Vieux-Doelen were elegant and commodious. It is one of the most extraordinary structures in Europe and dates back to about 1470. It is at the same time, however, much better managed and equipped than most European botels. In view of the coming of the American delegation its owner bought a large adjoining residence which he turned over entirely to our representatives, giving them their own entrance and at the same time connecting them by means of new doors and new corridors with the body of the hotel proper. The rooms were furnished in the florid gold and red which is likely to prevail wherever a Dutchman thinks elegance is necessary. For some reason Seth Low did not take advantage of these fine quarters, but went alone to the Hotel Belle Vue, where Mrs. Low joined him shortly after the sessions of the con ference began. The complete apathy of the Dutch public

concerning the doings and personality of the peace delegates was quite as surprising as their own lack of ceremony in conducting the conference. Only one delegate wen habitually to the sessions of the conference in uniform, and he, strangely enough, was Captain Crozier, the American attache. believe, although I am not certain, that some regulation of the service made it necessary for him to wear the sober and imat the sessions of the conference. The czar sent a special photographer to The Hague for the purpose of making pictures of the delegates for a great album to be kept in the winter palace at St. Petersburg. When this photographer was at work the foreign delegates made bright spots of color in the court yard of the Vieux-Doelen. Characteristic uniforms covered with decorations and bedecked with gold lace appeared by the dozen, but the moment the photographer went away the informal dress which was worn at the sessions of the conference was immediately resumed. The only decorations indicating that a great international gathering was in sesssion at The Hague were the dozen or so of flags whose gorgeous folds draped impressively against the old red of the bricks in the Hotel Vieux-Doelen's front. They were the flags of the delegations quartered there.

The coming of the delegates from all parts of the earth on their tremendous mission attracted no attention whatever from the lay citizens of this picturesque military-ridden. gin-besotten, beautiful old town. During all my stay here I have seen practically no manifestation of any interest in the presence of the delegates. A company of stupidfaced Dutch soldiers, tight-trousered and Scotch-capped, with a discordant band at its head, never failed to draw the people of delegates became instantly apparent when Gravenhagen from their homes and their business places in curious mobs. But during my stay at The Hague I have not at one time seen more than a dozen people gathered to watch the delegates or do honor to the conference.

American Interests Guarded.

Whatever happens before the conference adjourns; whatever results are achieved by whatever failures mark its sessions whatever successes are its record, the United States of America may feel perfectly certain that its interests have been 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. While I am writing this it looks as if practical provision for mediation and arbitration will really be incorporated into international Honorable Seth Low, whose influence toward good international government has been exerted at The Hague with as much earnestness as he ever exerted toward the promulgation of his ideas of good government in municipal, state or national matters at home, expressed me this opinion: "It must be by the route of mediation and arbitration that will recognize the interdependence of nations that the world will progress toward the poet's dream of the parentirely upon the voluntary actions of the nations that no reaction is to be dreaded. lic opinion must do the rest."

With, as a member of its delegation next most important to Andrew D. White, its chairman, a man with ideas as simple and sensible as these, America would need to tion of the emperor of all the Russias, it have no fear of the record she would make may be readily believed that his letter to the at the peace conference, even without the nations, inviting the peace conference, was all-seeing and all-managing Secretary Holls, induced much more by a desire to hide Rus- without the greatest naval expert in the world, Captain Alfred T. Mahan, and without the intimate knowledge of military affairs possessed by Captain Willard It is impossible to doubt that the business-like attitude taken from the first by the American and British delegations to bring about the disbandment of armies had done more than any other one thing to save the conference from practical failure EDWARD MARSHALL

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

It Happened Nine Years Ago When the Indians Were on the War-

In December, 1890, the Sioux Indians again | caped." broke loose from their reservation at Pine Ridge and all of the available men of the pitifully small but gallant United States for breakfast. I thought some soldier would army were hurriedly rushed northward to read it, tell it to his company, and in this give them a smash that would be convincing and lasting. There was the Seventh worked to perfection, because some men of cavalry, Custer's old command, the Sixth G company (mine was D) had seen me post and Ninth cavalry, the First, Second and it and had to come post haste to read. I Seventeenth infantry, the late lamented and gallant Capron's flying battery of artillery, esides others. The campaign was short, sharp, brilliant and decisive. The Indians were lambasted into a semblance of order

tion of the bible and theology. A Serious Joke.

"San Antonio, Texas, 1226, 1890. "Reported that Sixth and Ninth cavalry were ambuscaded yesterday by Sioux Indians, under Crazy Horse, and completely

wiped out of existence. Custer's Little Big Horn massacre outdone. Not a man es-I chuckled with flendish glee as I posted this on the bulletin board and then started way the fun would commence. My scheme started the fun in my own company, and jabbering like magpies as to the result of this awful massacre. Of course the regi-

ment would be hurried north.

on almost any old subject from the result read it carefully, and then reaching of a coming prize fight to the deepest questore it from the board, and as quick tore it from the board, and as quick as his little legs would carry him he made a beeline for the commanding officer's quar-One morning shortly after Wounded Knee, would regard that bulletin it he found out ters. I knew full well how the colone! with its direcul results, had been fought I it was a fake. I was able to discern a thought it would be a great joke to post a summary court-martial in my mind's eye startling bulletin, just to start the men's and that would knock my chances of a comission sky highwards, because a man's military record must be spotless when he appears for examination. What was I to do. Just then I saw the captain go up the colonel's steps and in a moment he was admitted. My corpse was laid out right there and the wake about to begin.

A few moments later the commanding officer's orderly came in, and, looking around "Corporal, the commanding officer wants

a minute, caught sight of me and said: to see you at his quarters at once," and out he went. "Start up the band," thought I. "because here's the beginning of a parade in which I am to play the leading part." I walked as slowly as I could and not appear lagging, but I arrived at my crematory all too soon. I rapped on the door and was bade to come in by the old man in tones that made me shiver. The colonel was standing in about a minute there were fifty men all in the middle of his parlor, wrapped in a gaudy dressing gown, and in his hand he held my mangled bulletin. Right at that No other minute I wished I had never heard a teleand that personification of deviltry, Sitting | regiment could do the work of aunihilation

graph instrument tick. 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 expres-

sionless as a mummy's. "Why did you not bring the bulletin direct to me as you have heretofore done?" "Well, sir, I didn't think you were awake

yet and I did not want to disturb you." "Have you had any later news, corporal?" "No, sir, none, but I haven't been back to the office, since, sir." Gee! but that room was becoming warm.

"Are you certain as to the truth of this awful report?" "It is probably as authentic as a great many stories that are started during times

like these-that is all I know of it, sir." (Lord forgive me.) "Seems almost too horrible to be true, and yet one cannot tell about those Sioux. They're a bad lot-a devilish bad lot"-this

to my captain-and then to me: "You go back to your office, corporal, and remain very close until you have a denial or a confirmation of this story and bring any news you may receive to me instanterthat's all, corporal." The "corporal" needed no second dismissaf

and saluting I quickly got out of an atmcephere that was far from chilly to me. Now, by my cussed propensity for joking

I had involved myself in this mess, and there was but one way out of it, and that was to brazen it out for a while longer and then post a denial of the rumor, but the denial must come over the wire. I reached my office I called up Spafford and told old man Livingston what I had done, and in about an hour and a half he sent me a "bulletin" saying that the previous report had happily proven unfounded and the Sixth and Ninth cavalry were all right, This message I took the colonel, and as he read it he heaved a big sigh of relief, but he dismissed me with a very peculiar look in There were no more "fake reports" from

that office. JASPER E. BRADY, U. S. A.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land which is not afraid to be generous to the needy and sufwas about to tell them it was a fake, I happened to glance towards my office, and holy smoke! there was my captain standing on his tiptoes (he was only five feet four) reading that confounded bulletin. I hadn't counted on any of the officers reading it. Generally they didn't get up until 8 o'clock Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat. Chest and Lungs are surely cured the Throat. Chest and Lungs are surely cured. the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on Kuhn & Co., druggists, and get a free trial bottle. Regular size 50c and Every bottle guaranteed or price re-

In Norway the membership of the Roman Catholic church has doubled within the last two or three years. In Sweden the growth



Bull, given his transportation to the happy | so well as the Eighteenth. Oh, no; o My regiment, the Eighteenth infantry, was

left unprotected. During all these trying times my telegraph office at Fort Clark was naturally the center of interest and I had made an arrangement with the chief operator in San Antonio to send me bulletins of any im-portant news. I always made two copies,

osting one on the bulletin board in front

of my office and delivering the other to the clonel in person. Soldiers are very loquacious as a rule.

course not! By this time the news had spread and

too far away to go and besides the Rio the entire barracks were talking. Just as I Grande frontier, with Senor Garza and his was about to tell them it was a fake, I hapband prowling around loose, could not be pened to glance towards my office, and holy and by that time I would have destroyed the fake report.

Trouble Ahead The officers' club was in the came building

as my office, and the captain had come down early, evidently to get a- to read the morn-Go into a squad room at any time the men ing paper (?) (which came at 4 p. m.) and are off duty and you can hear a discussion his eye lighted on my bulletin. I saw him has been not quite so rapid.