BOWLING SCORES ARE LOW

Feature of Annual American Tournament Just Ended at St. Louis.

PINS ARE SAID TO BE CHIEF CAUSE

Cincinnati, Which Gets Next Year's Meeting, Expected to Show More Hospitality to Visiting Bowlers.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 30.—(Special.)—The seventh annual tournament of the American Bowling congress, which will always be remembered for the unprecedented warm weather which existed all through, is now a matter of history, having come to an end in this city last Wednesday when the final games were rolled in the minor events. Three cities are represented in the list of new champions. Marshall Levey of Indianapolis and R. F. Matak of St. Paul tied for the individual championship with 654 pins, the Furniture Citys of Grand Rapids won the team championship with a total of 2,775, while B. G. Richter and E. M. Bigley of Louisville are the new titleholders in the doubles with 1,164. Official figures in all events were not obtainable, but it is supposed Harry Ellis of Grand Rapids is the winner of first prize for high averages for the nine games.

A feature of the tournament that stood out prominently above every other was the low scores. Never before in the history of the American Bowling congress have the general scores been so small, the winning counts in both the minor events being the lowest on record while the Furniture Citys' count of 2,775 has been beaten in every tournament with the exception of the first event in Chicago in 1901 and the fourth in Cleveland in 1904 when it was so cold the bowlers had to carry oil stoves in on the alleys to warm their hands on while rolling in the five-then event.

Secretary D. J. Sweeney has been the redeeming feature of the tournament. This untirable Irishman, who seemingly was able to go along without any sleep, lived up to his promise of getting the bowlers off in two days' time although the schedule was always somewhat late. This was caused by the schedule not allowing enough time for the minor events, the facilities for getting the bowlers off and on the alleys being entirely inadequate. It is certain that in future tournaments more time will be allowed each squad in these events even if it is necessary to start earlier in the forenoon.

Pins the Cause of Low Scores.

Many opinions have been expressed concerning the reasons for the low scores, but most of the competent critics think the pins had more to do with it than the sectional alleys or the temperature itself. In all former tournaments air-dried pins have been used, while those in use at this tournament were kiln-dried and put on the market a few months after being made. The warm weather also affected them, and they were certainly hard to knock down. Time and again a pin or two would stick on perfect hits, while lucky strikes or getaways were few and far between. The sectional alleys also came in for their share of criticism, and it seems likely that future tournaments will use continuous alleys and thoroughly air-dried pins.

Left-handed bowlers seemed to have a shade the best of it so far as the alleys were concerned. The drives ran over so fast that right-handers had a hard time keeping on the right side of the headpin with any degree of accuracy, while balls delivered from the opposite side of the alleys seemed to fall into the crotch naturally. The fact that the alleys were fast was never more thoroughly demonstrated than when "Pop" Brill, one of the steadiest bowlers in the country, made only one strike on the right side of the pins in his five-men series with the Mineralites. A feature was the large number of comparatively mediocre bowlers who landed high up in the prize lists. Especially was this a fact in the five-men event, where most of the crack teams failed to do anything of note.

Poor Accommodations Provided.

Facilities for taking care of the bowlers in the tournament building were extremely limited on account of the lack of space, and what few comforts were obtainable had to be paid for, such as towels, admission to the grandstand, drinking water, etc. Even with this additional revenue the tournament association will lose a lot of money, the expenses being unusually heavy. It is expected there will be a deficit of about $10,000. The attendance was poor, largely through the indifference of the St. Louis papers and the incompetent way in which the scores were handled. Hotel accommodations, although coming rather high, were good, the bad feature being the distance of the principal hostelries from the alleys, a ride of a quarter of an hour being necessary to reach them.

The selection of Cincinnati as the site for the next tournament has met with general satisfaction among the bowlers in attendance at the tournament. When Garry Herrmann undertook to lead the Queen City delegation in its fight for the affair, he went at the matter in a business-like way and when he left Cincinnati for St. Louis had enough signed pledges in his pockets from representative business interests to cover the expense of running the tournament. In addition he stated openly that he expected to spend some money for the accommodation of the visiting bowlers, and no one who witnessed his strenuous campaign here for almost a week has any doubt of his intention to make good.

Bumper Event Next Year.

Many predictions have been made that next year's tournament will eclipse any previous event, estimates on the number of five-men teams running as high as 400. These are based on the supposition of the suspension of the National Bowling association event because of the failure of its present tournament in the point of size, it being argued that the east will be more strongly represented at Cincinnati than in any previous national event. Then the date of the tournament, the middle of February, makes it possible for the ball players who have been kept out of the last two affairs, to be present, and Herrman's name is expected to swell the entry lists greatly in this respect.

Special matches on the alleys after the regular tournament was over and on outlying drives during the progress of the affair, were not as numerous as in past years. This is accounted for by the absence of the eastern delegation, few of the men from other cities being willing to take a chance against the crack Chicago men. Quiet little Glen Fisher of the O'Learys proved the most steady winner in these events, although Dave Woodbury rolled probably the best ten pins. Jimmy Blouin, Fred Mahoney and a few others of the Chicago boys also went well, while the veteran Max Dressman of Detroit proved as effective as ever. His three matches with Woodbury in the early hours of the morning after the tournament was over were among the grandest ever rolled under the circumstances, and Woodbury was returned the winner only after showing the best ten pins he had in stock—and that is probably the best in the country. Some of the Cleveland men also rolled well, although their star, Louis Franz, did not take any part in any. Lee Graff of Indianapolis was also the same steady winner as of old.

BURNS AND PARR ON CHICAGO MAT

Farmer Wrestles Gotch and Englishman French Champion.

"Well, Burns has it on me; that's all I have to say."

With this remark Jimmy Parr, England's champion wrestler, dismissed the subject of his second defeat by Farmer Burns. He and Farmer quit the mat Friday good friends, even if the Farmer's jaw was feeling the effects of Parr's kick when Burns had the two hold on him.

"Parr is a mighty good wrestler, one of the best," said Burns.

In the Burns-Gotch match at Chicago Monday night Parr will wrestle the French champion, Paul Pons, in the preliminaries. If Parr wins he gets $250; if he loses he gets nothing but his transportation.

Win or lose Burns gets a guarantee of $809. It is more than likely he will lose. He cannot be rated above Gotch, wonderful as he is. He says himself, "Gotch is the best man in the world."

Speaking of close calls: In that first fall between Burns and Parr Friday night Pete Loch had to run his hand under Burns several times to determine whether both shoulders were touching the mat. The old man held out for several minutes just that close before Parr was able to bear him down. Loch proved throughout this season to be a fair and square and able referee. And one remarkable feature of his work was that he was the promoter of these contests as well as the referee.

Had Parr won the Friday night match he and Beel would have been pitted against each other at the Auditorium soon, but as it went the season probably will end with the Burns-Parr contest. Burns wrestles Gotch in Chicago Monday night. Parr goes away from Omaha admitting he was beaten in a fair and square test of wrestling ability. He said before the match this time that he was in perfect shape and would stand or fall on his merits. He fell—and yet he proved himself to be a mighty man on the mat, whose defeat can only be accomplished by a few of the very best, such as Gotch, Burns and—and who? That's the question, "who?" Perhaps the Russian Lion and some people think Beel might do it, but that's the question. Parr is a top-liner. Burns has enjoyed so long the reputation of being the best man in the world for his weight that it is too late in the day for anybody, no matter what the circumstances are, to wrest from him that distinction now. In his 47th year it is to be expected he might be conquered, but yet it appears the only man able to conquer him is the world's champion, Frank Gotch, thirty pounds heavier than Burns and seventeen years younger.

"That talk of fakes makes me sick," said a follower of the wrestling game after the match at the Auditorium Friday night. As the crowd was leaving the building one man was heard to remark that the bout looked a little shady because the Farmer had been able to throw Parr with such apparent ease on the two last falls.

"The idea of any fake is preposterous," as it was Burns won. Do you think for a moment Parr would have let him win if he could have helped himself? One has only to consider the gain to see that too much was at stake for Parr to have him lose to Burns if he could help himself. Had Parr won Friday night he would have been matched for a go with Beel, which would have netted him $700 or $800. As it is, he simply gets his share of the receipts of the match wrestled, with no other matches in prospect until next fall. And besides, he has no claim on Gotch until he can throw Burns or Beel."

Dr. Paul Hannibal Ellis, at the residence of Judge Duffie, won the winter tournament of the Saratoga Whist club with the remarkable score of fifteen points ahead of his nearest competitor. His success in this regard is almost phenomenal, having won the recent tri-state championship series at Sioux City, and two years ago beating all competitors in the five-for-all at Put-in-Bay, O., open to all comers and participated in by the world's greatest players. The doctor bears his honors modestly and his success is due to careful study and remarkable judgment. His judgments are quick and uncring; he is a rapid player and makes his decision on the instant as to what his play shall be and he rarely makes a mistake. The Saratoga Whist club, of which he is president, owes the inspiration for its success almost wholly to his enthusiasm.

WEE BITS OF SPORTING GOSSIP

Autrey Arrives and Then the Rain Clouds Open.

And Forecaster Welsh is a base ball fan, too.

"Autrey has arrived," shouted the populace, and the next day it snowed. Which was the day set for the first game.

"Down there in Mexico what do you think they called me?" asked Autrey of a crowd of his fellow players. "Why, they called me 'Omaha Breeze.' I'd be going down the street and some fellow would yell, 'Hello, there, Breeze.'"

"I want to say here at the outset that my name has no 's' on the end of it," observed Buck Franck—Captain Franck.

For the last seasons Omaha has had corking good third basemen. If what many believe proves to be true from Schipke to Perring to Austin will be graduated scale upward. But think back before the days of Schipke.

Muggsy McGraw preaches peace during the winter here, at the very outset of the new season, in simply a practice game, he starts his old bluff and bluster by calling his team off the field on a provocation as slight as a dispute over the balk rule, a rule that never has been rigidly and discriminately enforced. Muggsy is Muggsy and will be till he dies, and then he'll be an angel.

William Belden, Pa's new outfielder and brother of Ike Belden, who has played for several years in the Western league, arrived in Omaha Saturday morning and said he was in shape to enter the game as soon as the umpire called time. He comes from Cleveland and brings a good record along with him.

ANNUAL TOUR FOR GLIDDEN CUP

Two Weeks' Competition is Settled on by the A. A. A.

NEW YORK, March 30.—A two weeks' competition for the Glidden cup, to be conducted for the third time this year, as the annual tour of the American Automobile association has been decided upon. The tour will start in the west early in the summer, probably in June, at Cleveland. From that point the motorists will travel west, going through Detroit, Toledo and Lansing to Chicago, where a stop for two or three days will be made. From Chicago the route may run south, with stops at Indianapolis, Columbus, and either down to Pittsburg or back to Cleveland and to Buffalo, running into Pennsylvania from the latter point, going through Harrisburg and Philadelphia, and then ending at New York. The entire tour will be from 1,500 to 1,700 miles, occupying about two weeks, and, with the exception of over-Sunday stops, the daily runs will be from 100 to 125 miles.

Two or three short-distance pleasure tours are in contemplation by the association, as it is desired to make more of a feature this season, if possible, of the pleasurable side of automobiling. It has been announced by the committee of the New Jersey Automobile club the fuel test conditions will not be embodied in the three-day endurance run to be held May 30, 31 and June 1. It was found impossible to draw up equable rules for touring cars and runabouts of different horse power, so the competition will be based upon a strict adherence to local speed regulations and a prompt arrival at the controls. A penalty of two points will be inflicted for every minute that the car is too early, and one point will be the penalty for each minute too late. The three days' trip will cover about 400 miles.

The Quaker City Motor club of Philadelphia has perfected plans for its Memorial day hill climb. A stretch of hill about a mile long in Fairmount park has been selected, and prizes have been offered for eight classes. One event will be for American cars of all types, one a free-for-all, and another for the local club championship. The contest committee of the Long Island Automobile club is arranging a series of tours and tests for the year. The two-day economy run to Southampton or some other point at the eastern end of the island will probably be repeated.

STARNAGLE BELONGS TO CAPITAL

Former Lincoln Player Must Stay in Washington

CINCINNATI, March 30—Player Starnagle, formerly of the Lincoln (Neb.) and later of the outlaw league, was today declared by the National Base Ball commission to belong to the Washington American league team. When the case was referred to the National association the Washington claim had not been presented and today's decision followed application for a rehearing on new evidence.

The application of Player Guy O. Woodruff to be declared a free agent was denied by the commission, it appearing that his transfer from Baton Rouge to Cleveland and later release to Des Moines were entirely regular, his failure to receive his contract within the usual time not being the fault of the Des Moines club, which tried unsuccessfully to locate him.

Player Thomas Hughes, formerly with the Washington American league team, is to be reinstated on payment of $100 fine. He became ineligible by playing with the Logan Square club of Chicago while under suspension.

HOLMES THOUSAND TO THE GOOD

Award of Starnagle to Washington Helps Lincoln Magnate.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 30.—Manager Holmes of the Lincoln club said tonight that the award of Starangle to the Washington Americans meant a thousand dollars for him (Holmes). At the beginning of the season a year ago Holmes secured the services of Starangle from Sioux City by paying that club $500. The player refused to come to Lincoln and jumped to the outlaws. Later Washington proffered Holmes $1,000 for Starangle, provided the latter would join that club. Holmes accepted the offer and today's action settles the trapsfer.

DES MOINES BEATS THE MILLERS

Western League Champions Take First Game from Minneapolis.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Des Moines Western League champions beat the Minneapolis American association team on the Des Moines league grounds today 5 to 2. For the first time in the week the wind was from the north and the cold interfered with the game which was poorly played.

Diamonds and Mets.

The Diamonds and Mets teams will open the season on the grounds of the former, Forty-fourth and Howard streets, this afternoon. Winslow and Sanders will be on the firing line for the Diamonds, while Brodbeck will do the stunts for the Mets team. Game called at 3 p. m. The lineup:

Diamonds.	Position.	Mets.
Greenleaf	Catch	Deuser
Winslow	Pitch	Brodbeck
Sanders	Pitch	
Greenleaf	Pitch	
Yousem	First	Bayadorfer
Drummy	Second	Lynch
Gurnett	Third	Hamilton
Schneiderwind	Third	
Kane	Short	Gibson
Hughes	Left	Dygert
Kirkendall	Center	Renchen
Ratican	Center	
Hawley	Right	McGrath

Townsends and Peoples Store.

The Townsend Gun company team will open the season today with the Peoples store team. A good game is expected, because both teams were among the top notchers last year and they intend to make a better record this season. The game will be played at Fort Omaha immediately after the Hollys game with the soldiers' team. Following is the lineup:

Townsends.	Position.	Peoples Store.
Baker	Short	T. Archer
Goodrich	Catch	Frankfurt
Garvey	First	O'Connor
Barto	Second	Lear
Weberg	Third	Cross
Morearty	Pitch	Sampson
Biestak	Right	Morearty
Quigley	Center	Reed
Eastman	Left	Brown

English Oarsman Offer Championship

LONDON, March 30.—Ernest Barry of Brentford, who stands as the most promising sculler in England, is out with a challenge to George Towns of Australia for the world's and English sculling championship, which latter carries with it the Sportsman Challenge cup, valued at $1,000. The stakes are to be $1,000 to $2,500 a side. Barry is 25 years of age, stands six feet and has won both Doggett's and the London Coat and Badge. He has developed a most polished style, and, being favored by speed, is thought by numerous good judges to possess a very fine chance of bringing the honor back to England. At present the Sportsman Challenge cup is held by Towns, who, by defeating W. A. Barry (a brother of the present challenger), in 1899, and James Wray (who coached the Harvard crew last year), in 1900, has won it twice. By the conditions, the race has to be rowed on the Thames, the course being from the Star and Garter at Putney to a flagstaff above the Ship at Mortlake, a distance of four miles and a quarter. Towns, who within the last eight months has defeated both Stanbury and Durnan for the world's championship, is in Australia, and, according to the conditions, has six weeks in which to reply.

ST. LOUIS AMERICANS WIN

Browns Win First Game in Contest for Mound City Championship.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 30.—The local American league team won the first base ball game of the season today by defeating the National leaguers 6 to 2 in the first of a series of seven games for the championship of St. Louis. The attendance was estimated at 18,000. Score:

Americans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	6	9	3
Nationals	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	1

Batteries: Howell and Buelow; McGlynn and Marshall.

CY YOUNG WILL MANAGE BOSTON

Veteran Pitcher Temporarily Placed in Charge of Team.

WEST BADEN, Ind., March 30.—The Boston American league team, under the temporary management of the veteran pitcher, Cy Young, left today for Cincinnati, where they are to play an exhibition game tomorrow.

President Taylor wired Young from Omaha, ordering him to take charge of the team.

WITH THE BOWLERS.

The last week closes the schedule of the Commercial league on the Metropolitan alleys, with the exception of a few postponed games to be played.

The Falstaffs are now the champions of 1906-07, Life-Malts, last year's champs, winning second honors. Berger of the Falstaffs carries off all high individual honors, averaging 186 26-66 for 66 games. Joe rides the National bicycle this summer, which was given by the Omaha Bicycle company for high individual average.

A league meeting is called by President Grotte for next Sunday, April 7, at the Metropolitan alleys. It is hoped that all captains will be sure and attend, as business of importance is to be transacted. Election of officers for the ensuing year, applications for franchises for next year and division of prize money.

Individual averages of the Commercial league:

	Ave.		Ave.
Berger	186	McKelvey	164
Judy	182	Clark	164
Lavigne	181	Polcar	163
Dudley	181	Collins	162
Klanck	179	Nelson	162
Beselin	179	Solomon	161
Hull	177	Rush	161
Seaman	176	Camp	161
Walenz	174	Weimer	161
Keyt	173	McGee	161
Lehmann	173	Boord	160
Stapenhorst	172	Frisbie	160
Peterson	172	Havens	159
Drinkwater	172	Patterson	159
Voss	171	Baker	158
Jay	170	Lindrooth	158
L. Rice	169	Traynor	158
Carman	169	Fagerberg	155
Sutton	169	Hunter	155
H. Primeau	169	Spetman	155
C. Primean	167	Baehr	153
Foley	167	Parmalee	153
Gilbreath	166	Stine	153
Hinrichs	166	Griffith	152
Bonnie	166	Huff	151
O'Brien	166	Paxton	151
Caughlan	166	C. Rice	150
Grotte	165	Matthes	150
Mahoney	165	White	147
Kaufman	165		

Team standing of the Commercial league:

	Games.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Falstaffs	75	60	15	.800
Life Malts	75	51	24	.680
Omaha Bicycle Co.	78	47	31	.602
Colts	72	41	31	.569
Gold Tops	78	40	38	.513
Pat's Daily News	78	34	44	.436
Black Kats	78	29	49	.385
Armours	75	27	48	.360
O'Brien's M. Cristos	75	25	50	.333
El Caudillos	72	22	50	.306

Schedule for next week: Monday, no game; Tuesday, Gold Tops against Colts; Wednesday, El Caudillos against Armours; Thursday, Colts against Life Malts; Friday, Black Kats against O'Briens.

Standing of teams in the Omaha Bowling league at the end of the twenty-fourth week:

	Games.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Pins.
Storz Blues	66	46	20	.697	63,566
Krug Parks	72	47	25	.653	67,073
Metz Bros	72	41	31	.569	66,238
O. D. Ks	69	33	36	.478	63,753
Onimods	66	29	37	.439	59,717
Hamiltons	72	30	42	.417	64,260
Cudahys	69	26	43	.377	59,102
Dreshers	72	27	45	.375	61,159

Detailed work of the teams:

	P.C.	Stks.	Sprs.	Splits.	E.
Storz Blues	.914	1386	1387	266	261
O. D. Ks	.890	1287	1508	341	
Krug Parks	.836	1420	1496	354	
Onimods	.880	1323	1293	313	
Metz Bros	.876	1306	1617	273	[illegible]
Hamiltons	.848	1297	1453	323	497
Cudahys	.826	1129	1428	354	539
Dreshers	.808	1104	1526	326	644

Individual averages of the Omaha Bowling league:

	Ave.		Ave.
C. J. Francisco	203	Molyneaux	180
Anderson	198	Sheldon	180
Cochran	193	Liggett	179
Neale	191	Frush	179
Gjerde	191	Norene	179
McCague	191	Zarp	178
G. O. Francisco	191	Magill	178
Johnson	190	Williams	177
Marble	189	Tracy	177
Huntington	189	Jones	177
Sprague	189	Chandler	177
Weber	188	Chatelain	176
Fritscher	187	Greenleaf	176
Tonneman	187	H. D. Reed	176
Denman	187	Taylor	174
French	185	A. C. Reed	173
Hartley	185	J. C. Read	173
Pickering	185	Remien	170
Zimmerman	185	Goff	168
Blakeney	184	Heaton	168
Forscutt	184	Griffiths	166
Rempke	184	Gordy	162
Bengele	183	Gardiner	161
Nicoll	183	Catherwood	160
Encell	183	White	154
Brunke	182		

Scoot Wagons on the Nile.

"The number of automobiles in Egypt has greatly increased this winter," writes Consul General L. M. Iddings from Cairo. "Machines registered in Cairo now number 364; last season, seventy-five; in Alexandria, 127, as compared with 120 last season. Most of the cars owned by residents are French, but the tourists have brought in all kinds. The opinion of everybody is in favor of cheap cars, which have a closed top and are of small horsepower. There are no hills to climb."

Factory Forces in Rush Season.

The rush of the shipping season in automobile factories now is in full swing. Thousands of men are working day and night, making a superhuman effort to meet the great demand for motor cars. Many of the factories find themselves overrun with orders for immediate shipment and for lack of ability to meet the demands placed upon them are losing orders. Others, being more fortunate, are able to cope with conditions.

Simmer Easy for Burns.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—M. A. Simmer was tonight defeated in a wrestling match by Farmer Burns, who won two straight falls, the first in twenty minutes, with a barlock hold, and the second in fourteen minutes, with crotch and neck hold. Burns weighed 175 and Simmer 256, but the strong man was completely at Burns' mercy throughout the contest.

Rooney to Meet Jensen.

ATLANTIC, Ia., March 30.—(Special.)—Peter Jensen of this place has been matched to wrestle Peter Rooney of Omaha at the opera house here on April 4. Jensen has been trained by Farmer Burns and has gained more than a local reputation on the mat. Rooney is to throw Jensen three times within an hour, and Jensen's friends are betting heavily on the result.

Ramblers and Mid-City Team.

A game of base ball will be played Sunday afternoon at Thirteenth and I streets, South Omaha, between the Ramblers and the Mid-city teams. The Mid-city team has played two games this season and a good contest is expected. McMasters and Millett will be the battery for the Mid-city team and James Cavanaugh or Benson will do the twirling for the Ramblers.

Colt of Royal Parentage.

CLEVELAND, March 30.—Lou Dillon, the world's champion trotter, foaled a pretty bay filly early today at C. K. G. Billings' private stable at the Glenville track. The foal's sire is the champion wagon trotting stallion, John A. McKerron, thus making her one of the most distinguished equine juveniles living, in point of speed heritage.

Bostons at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, March 30.—The Boston American league team arrived here today and will play three exhibit games with the Cincinnati National league team.

PROGRAM FOR THE HAGUE

Statement that Conference Will Be a Failure Emphatically Denied.

TWO PROPOSITIONS MAY BE EXCLUDED

Limitation of Armaments and the Drago Doctrine Meet with Opposition of Some Governments.

LONDON, March 30.—Great Britain has made a formal and official request upon Russia to include in the program of the next Hague conference the question of the limitation of the expenditure on armament, and has notified the powers invited to attend the conference of this action. This was done some days ago and up to the present the Foreign office has not been advised of any opposition to Great Britain's proposal. Neither has Great Britain learned the nature of the negotiations in St. Petersburg between the ambassadors of Germany and Austria and Emperor Nicholas, but it is believed these exchanges have had to do with the form in which the subject of disarmament should be introduced.

The reports emanating from the continent that Great Britain and the United States would withdraw from the conference if their wishes to discuss the termination of armament were not complied with, and that Germany and Austria would follow a similar course if Russia included this question in the program, are stigmatized by officials of the Foreign office as pure inventions.

"That any power would thus break up the conference, which doubtless will render much good to the cause of humanity, because all its wishes do not meet with favor, is incredible," said a Foreign office official today. "Great Britain, supported by America, Japan and Italy, will continue to press its point with every confidence in a successful outcome."

Failure Not Probable.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Based on concise and accurate reports from its representatives in the European capitals upon the progress of the negotiations relative to the subjects to be covered at the approaching second Hague conference, State department officials have reached the conclusion that there is no reason to apprehend a failure of the great international gathering. A program already has been arranged with the assent of every power of importance, that deals with topics of the greatest value to mankind. Most of the subjects are legacies from the first conference, matters which from lack of time or because the delegates at that conference were not empowered to treat, were by resolution left to be dealt with by a second conference. Others were the outcome of the sanguinary wars that have occurred since the first conference. These subjects, proposed by Russia last June, were accepted as a definite program for consideration by all of the nations addressed.

If nothing more were accomplished at the second conference than action upon these propositions the gathering surely would result in great benefit, and it is entirely within the power of the conference to limit its scope to such a program. But to allow for the development of new conditions, a paragraph in the call for the second conference provided that new topics might be considered if a majority of the delegates present at the second conference by vote express a willingness to do so.

Topics May Be Eliminated.

Great Britain wishes to avail of this condition to discuss a limitation of national armament, and the United States to urge the adoption as a rule of international law of the Drago doctrine prohibiting the use of force by any nation to collect international debts. Both are controversial subjects, and to reduce possible friction the Russian government has been sounding other governments to develop their attitude, with results that are not wholly encouraging as to the reception that will be accorded these propositions. Great Britain's present naval predominance and the fact that European nations are generally creditors have proved to be grave obstacles. But the opinion among officials here is that, regardless of the fate of the conditional subjects, the conference will assemble and discuss with beneficent results the subjects already accepted as its program.

STOLEN DIAMOND RECOVERED

French Woman Secures Jewel and Thief is Taken in South America.

PARIS, March 30.—(Special.)—While in the office of a diamond syndicate in Paris, Mme. Wormus-French, a jewel dealer of the Rue Lafayette, happened to see a very fine diamond, which a traveler was offering for sale. She at once recognized the stone as being one which had been stolen from her five days' previously by a young employe named Roger Weill, who had quickly disappeared.

The traveler explained that his firm had received the stone that very morning from Madrid. A detective was promptly dispatched to Madrid and discovering that a man answering to Weill's description had sold the diamond in that city, by continuing his inquiries found out that the man had proceeded to Lisbon.

The detective proceeded to Lisbon, where he learned that the fugitive had taken a passage on the Amazon for Vaiparaiso, only a few days before. He ascertained that the Amazon would call at Rio de Janeiro and he immediately telegraphed this fact to the Paris police. A warning was cabled to the Brazilian authorities, as a result of which Weill was arrested on his arrival at Rio.

ELEPHANT ON RAILWAY TRACK

Engineer Waits Until Wild Tusker Gets Ready to Leave the Rail.

CALCUTTA, March 30.—(Special.)—Stephenson gave a ready and a contemptuous reply to the famous poser about the cow on the railway, but in Madras the modern engineer finds the local variant of the problem sufficiently embarrassing.

A correspondent informs the Madras Mail that as a train was approaching Edaman on the Tinnevelly-Quilon railway a huge wild elephant was seen disporting itself on the line, and no amount of whistling could scare it off the track. Eventually it moved off, and the train was taken through, but not before the driver had had some anxious moments wondering what the big tusker was going to do.

Morocco Situation Discussed.

PARIS, March 30.—Foreign Minister Pinchon and Premier Clemenceau conferred at length today on the subject of Morocco. The premier has definitely postponed his visit to Spain owing to the pressure of ministerial affairs as officially announced. It is suggested in several quarters, however, that the visit was postponed because too great significance was likely to be attached to it if made at the same time as the meeting of King Edward and King Alfonso at Cartagena.

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