

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

First National Peace Congress Will Begin in New York Today.

ANDREW CARNEGIE WILL PRESIDE

Men Prominent in All Walks of Life Will Attend as Delegates.

SPEECHES BY DISTINGUISHED FOREIGNERS

W. T. Stead, Prof. Munsterburg and Aaron Dossanops to Make Addresses.

BUSY WEEK IN FOREIGN LANDS

Premiere of British Colonies Will Meet in London—Japan Will Complete Evacuation of Manchuria.

NEW YORK, April 14.—The most important event of the week will be the first national arbitration and peace congress of America which will hold its sessions in New York City on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Delegates include representatives of the United States, the Hague, federal and state judges, statesmen, senators and representatives, labor leaders, members of state legislatures, editors of many large cities, representatives of religious, patriotic and philanthropic organizations, editors, business and labor leaders.

Andrew Carnegie, president of the group will preside. Secretaries are Sir Eilish Root, Governor Hughes and Mayor McClellan will speak on Monday. International views of the peace movement will be expressed Monday evening by Baron D'Estournelles de Constant of France, Baron Dossanops of Belgium, Prof. Hugo Munsterburg of Germany, Sir Robert Cranston and W. T. Stead of Great Britain and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Oscar Straus.

The commercial, industrial and agricultural aspects of the peace movement will be considered at a meeting Tuesday afternoon, at which there will be addresses by Secretary Straus, James W. Van Cleave of St. Louis and others. On Wednesday afternoon the legislative and judicial aspects of the peace movement will be considered and addresses will be delivered by William J. Bryan, John Sharp Williams and others. About 1,500 delegates have accepted invitations to attend the various sessions.

About 80 delegates are expected to attend the meeting of the National Publicity Bill organization in New York Tuesday. W. J. Bryan, Samuel Gompers and others are expected to speak.

Carter Handicap at Aqueduct. The horse racing season at the New York tracks will be opened Monday at Aqueduct track. The Carter Handicap will be the feature of the first day.

The Metropolitan golf season will open at Garden City on Thursday with a three days' tournament.

Premiere of nearly all the British colonies have arrived in London to attend the fourth colonial conference which will assemble April 15. Among the chief questions to be discussed are a project providing for a permanent council, preferential trade between the colonies and Great Britain, emigration and defense schemes.

Evacuation of Manchuria by the Russian and Japanese troops and the restoration of China, as provided for by the treaty of Portsmouth, will be completed April 15.

Head of War Department Reviews Troops from Balcony of the Palace.

SAN JUAN, P. R., April 14.—Secretary of War Taft and his party arrived at noon today at the government yacht Mayflower. Governor Beckman Winthrop and Secretary Regis Post went aboard to greet the secretary. The yacht was taken to the naval station landing where it was met by the naval officers here.

Secretary Taft was escorted by a battalion of marines to the city entrance. His hosts and his party were met by the lieutenant Colonel Bailey of the Porto Rican regiment and staff awaited him. Under escort of the regiment the secretary, who was in a carriage with Governor Winthrop, was driven to the palace, where from the balcony he reviewed the troops. After the review an informal reception was held and prominent citizens called on the secretary. Mr. Taft, in the sixth cabinet officer to visit the island since it was occupied by the Americans. Messrs. Alger, Payne, Moody and Metcalf preceded him.

The announcement that the Mayflower had been sighted was the signal for the gathering of thousands and soon the streets surrounding the naval station were filled with eager spectators. Secretary Taft's reception by the Porto Ricans was cordial.

FIVE DAYS WITHOUT WATER

Awful Sufferings of Crew of British Bark Wrecked in the West Indies.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Among the passengers arriving here tonight on the steamer Segurana, from Santiago, Cuba, at New York, were six members of the British bark Trinidad, the Trinidad, a British bark of 34 tons, left Santa Cruz on March 23 for New York, with a cargo of cedar and mahogany. On April 1 it ran into a hurricane. Its masts and rigging and became unmanageable. The store room and cabin were flooded, all provisions were ruined and for five days the crew had nothing to eat and no water to drink. They became completely exhausted and almost crazy from thirst.

On the fifth day they were picked up and taken to Nassau by a small sprigging schooner. Mate Quess said that when rescued they were chewing bits of lead to keep from drinking salt water.

THAW SPENDS QUIET SUNDAY

Another Report that Attorney D. M. Delmas Has Withdrawn from Case.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Harry Thaw spent a quiet Sunday in the Tombs today. Early in the afternoon his wife called to see him, but Warden Flynn told him that she would have to abide by the usual prison rules, consequently she was not permitted to see her husband as she had done on previous Sundays during the eleven weeks that Thaw had been in trial.

It had been stated by one of the counsel who acted for Thaw in the recent trial that D. M. Delmas will not return for another trial to do with the case, but that Messrs. Peabody and O'Reilly would act for him in the future.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Monday, April 15, 1907.

Table with 7 columns: Day, Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat. Rows for 1907 and APRIL 1907.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA—Showers and cooler Monday; Tuesday, fair. FORECAST FOR IOWA—Showers Monday; Tuesday, fair, colder in west, showers in east portion.

TEMPERATURES AT OMAHA YESTERDAY:

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Rows for 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m.

DOMESTIC

First session of the National Peace congress will convene in New York City today.

James H. Eckels, former comptroller of the currency, died suddenly at his home in Chicago of heart trouble.

President Roosevelt sends a special message to the school children upon the lessons of Arbor day.

Dr. Emil G. Hirsch makes an address at a choral service, held in Carnegie hall, as a prelude to meeting of National Peace congress today.

Jam J. Bryan and John M. Thurston gathering of veterans at Washington on anniversary of death of Abraham Lincoln.

Judges Kennedy and Sutton discuss problems of childhood at the First Methodist church.

Rev. Howard Agnew Johnson of New York preached at the First Presbyterian church on "Work of Presbyterian Missionaries in Foreign Fields."

New orders and decrees are installed by Lowe Avenue Presbyterian church.

Pope Plus will discuss relations of France and the Vatican at the Consistory today.

Premiere of British colonies will meet in London this week to discuss relations with mother country and each other.

Japan expects to complete the evacuation of Manchuria this week.

Omaha base ball team loses its first game of the season to the Wichita team of the Western association.

Chicago Americans win from St. Louis, 6 to 2.

COUNCIL BLUFFS AND IOWA

Council Bluffs council committee and hydraulic expert will begin work today formulating schedule of water rates to be incorporated in new water franchise.

State Railway commission will visit Council Bluffs today to inspect grade crossing of Great Western and Wabash bridge across Mosquito creek.

Iowa legislators are preparing to explain to their constituents their reasons for voting against the binder twine bill.

SECRETARY TAFT AT SAN JUAN

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PRELUDE OF PEACE CONGRESS

Choral Service in Carnegie Hall Attended by Five Thousand Persons.

BISHOP HENRY POTTER PRESIDES

Dr. Emil G. Hirsch of Chicago Makes an Address and a Paper Written by Archbishop Farley is Read.

NEW YORK, April 14.—A choral service, a fitting prelude to the first national arbitration and peace congress which is to be opened tomorrow, was held at Carnegie hall tonight. Probably 5,000 persons were admitted, while thousands were unable to get within the hall.

Andrew Carnegie was to have presided at the meeting, but owing to a delayed train he failed to reach the hall until the meeting was well under way and when once inside the place he was unable to make his way through the throng to the platform. In his absence Bishop Henry C. Potter presided.

It had been expected that a peace message from President Roosevelt would be read, but no mention of the message was made.

Archbishop John M. Farley, who was to have been one of the speakers, was detained in Washington and his prepared address was read by Manager M. J. Lavelle of St. Patrick's cathedral.

The other speakers were Rabbi Emil G. Hirsch of Chicago and Bishop Potter. The former spoke from the words: "The Advent of the Plough."

In concluding Bishop Potter said: "Let us thank God for the Hague congress and that an American has built the building in which it is to meet and may it hasten the triumph of universal peace."

Tomorrow at 3 o'clock the first deliberative session of the peace congress proper will be held.

Speech of Dr. Hirsch.

Dr. Emil G. Hirsch of Sinai congregation, Chicago, speaking on "The Advent of the Plough," said:

"Intensely the productive methods which coax from the earth the blessings stored therein and hunger's dominion consequently shrinks. None need starve if all work together to prevent famine's capricious and iniquitous intrusion."

"We hail the advent of the plough. It is the sign of triumphant democracy. With co-operation as the basis, the polar star, friction will be minimized, the courts are competent to maintain the social equilibrium between different contestants and litigants in one country shall we despair of international tribunals' efficiency in making for equilibrium among the nations? If all nations were united would one single nation dare reject the decree?"

"Let nations dream of peace and peace will be sure of consummation. The hands that guide the plough carry credentials of nobility and strength less doubtful than do the fingers that pull the trigger."

"The archbishop said no horror, moral or material, was lacking to war, and added: 'It benefits, if any, are indirect and uncertain; its evils are inevitable, inevitable and universal; it is a waste of human character, waste of life and gain, arrest of human progress, injustice to the helpless and innocent, popular and permanent legacies of hate and all the fiercest and most ruinous passions of the human breast.'"

Mass Meeting in Boston.

BOSTON, April 14.—Over 5,000 people assembled in the Christian Science church tonight "to swell Boston's voice," as one speaker said, "in recognition and support of the national peace and arbitration congress," which begins in New York tomorrow.

Former Secretary of the Navy John D. Long, former Governor John L. Bates and William Lloyd Garrison made addresses, pleading for universal peace.

William Lloyd Garrison did not spare the churches in his criticism and said the bearings of the moral power and the power ready to uphold and justify legalized murder when their own country was involved.

Mr. Garrison denounced the war with Spain and said:

"This guilty nation and our kindred in guilt across the Atlantic are ripe for reprobation, which should manifest itself in acts."

Former Governor Bates referred briefly to ex-Secretary Long as the bravest man that ever issued orders to a fleet of warships, and to Mr. Garrison as the son of the man who did more to bring on the civil war than anyone else in the country and who at the end was still shouting that he would never retreat. He declared universal peace is no longer a dream.

Italian Delegates to The Hague.

ROME, April 14.—From the exchange of official communications between them, it is apparent that Germany, Austria and Russia are unanimous concerning the question of limitation of armaments at the Hague conference and that they permit of a discussion of the question, but not participating in it, not considering the proposition a practical one.

Italy has chosen as its representatives at the Hague Count Tornelli, ambassador to France; Deputy Pompy, an under secretary of state for foreign affairs, and the duke of Cavello, minister at the Hague, all as plenipotentiaries, and General Robilant and Admiral Callandri as technical delegates. It is not likely to have a large delegate, both Count Tornelli and Signor Pompy being experts in law.

THREE MEN KILLED IN WRECK

Passenger Train Flung into an Open Switch Near Alexandria, Louisiana.

ALEXANDRIA, La., April 14.—Three men killed and one probably fatally injured in the result of what is believed to be the work of train wreckers at Cheneyville, thirty miles southeast of here on the Texas & Pacific railroad today, when a west bound passenger train plunged into an open switch.

The dead: ENGINEER JOHN J. COVINGTON of New Orleans; FIREMAN MICHAEL KASS of New Orleans; ONE UNKNOWN MAN.

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

Dinner at White House.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Attorney General Bonaparte, Secretary Garfield, Postmaster Clegg, Chief Justice Moody, Chief Forester Pinchot and Indian Commissioner Luapp were guests at an informal dinner given by President Roosevelt at the White House tonight.

VATICAN AND UNITED STATES

Holy See Considers Number of Matters Affecting the Church in America.

ROME, April 14.—The Vatican is coming to recognize the existence in the United States of an increasing Catholic element which continually voices a demand for the regulation of Catholic membership in the various fraternal organizations that are not strictly Catholic. Even organizations that are Catholic are not exempt from this demand, for such are accused of accepting as members laymen of every sect.

According to telegrams received by the Vatican this matter was considered by the American archbishops recently in conference at Washington. These messages declared that the Mar. Falcoini, the apostolic delegate in the United States, has decided that Catholics belonging to the organizations in question who have been organizing insurance premiums for years may continue these payments in order not to lose their insurance, but that they shall not take part in parades or be buried according to the rites of the fraternal societies to which they belong.

It is understood here that the archbishops, instead of answering the queries referred them from Rome on this matter, referred them to Mr. Falcoini.

The Vatican has refused heretofore to send to the various religious communities in the United States, speaking a language other than English, bishops of their own nationality, but when it comes to a question of the oriental rites it is inclined to consider the matter from a different standpoint. For instance, the case of the United Rutenian Catholics in America, who, while acknowledging the headship of the pope, retain the old Greek Slavonic liturgy and allow their secular clergy to marry. Thus the congregation of propandists has taken under advisement the appointment of a Rutenian bishop for America. The Austrian embassy has urged this step for many years, as most of the Rutenians in the United States emigrate from Austria, Hungary. The Vatican fears, however, that the nomination of a foreign bishop may be considered by the American government as a hindrance to the Americanization of the many foreigners flocking every year to the shores of the United States.

PROTEST FROM THE PONTIFF

Pope Will Discuss Relations with French Government at Today's Consistory.

ROME, April 14.—In his allocution at tomorrow's consistory Pope will devote an important passage to the conflict between France and the Vatican. It will be in protest against the conditions the new law has made for the church and the methods the French government has adopted all through the controversy, especially the seizure of the papal nunciature and their publication. The Vatican denies that it intends to publish a white book in answer to the publication of the documents of Mr. Montaigne.

The congregation of the propandists has decided to grant the claims of the Rutenian Catholics in the United States for the appointment of a bishop, and has named Stephen Store Etrynsky, who is a member of the Rutenian order of Basilians order as titular bishop of Greece, with the mission to assist the Rutenian Catholics throughout the United States. His nomination will be announced at tomorrow's consistory. It is expected that the pope will receive the claims of the Rutenian Catholics, for years have desired their own bishop, but whose requests have been denied.

Political Crisis in Belgium.

BRUSSELS, April 14.—King Leopold's unprecedented action in withdrawing his royal decree the government bill concerning the hours of labor in the mines, has aroused the greatest indignation in all parties. The situation is aggravated by the fact that the decree was counter-signed by the minister of labor in the mines, who is a member of the government.

The government, under the law, is entitled to withdraw a bill presented in both houses until the senate adopts it, but in tomorrow's session the king's minister resigned and the bill was passed. The government is considered as being guilty of political shabby practices.

The situation is grave and dissolution of Parliament appears inevitable.

New Time System in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 14.—Russia is experimenting with the twenty-four-hour time system, the hours being numbered consecutively from one to twenty-four, instead of two periods of twelve hours. The minister of railroads has directed that the summer time tables for the railroads to Moscow be printed in the new system.

NEW POSTMASTER IN CHICAGO

Daniel A. Campbell Succeeds Fred A. Buse, Who Has Been Elected Mayor.

CHICAGO, April 14.—Daniel A. Campbell was installed as postmaster of Chicago this afternoon. The hundred superintendents and clerks witnessed the ceremony. In a brief address Mayor Fred A. Buse, the retiring postmaster, formally turned the office over to his successor. The funds in possession of the Chicago office when the transfer was made were found to be \$2,358.58. Mr. Campbell will take active charge tomorrow.

HEAVY DAMAGE TO FRUIT

Killing Frosts Are Reported in Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, April 14.—There was a killing frost again last night in the fruit districts of Kansas and western Missouri, adding to the damage already done. All reports agree that heavy loss has been caused—millions of dollars, according to Secretary L. A. Goodman of the Missouri Valley Horticultural association. Several days must elapse before the full extent of the injury can be estimated accurately. The weather tonight is cloudy and warmer, and further frost is not expected.

KENTUCKY FEUDIST ARRESTED

Clay Thomas, Who is Charged with Murder of Jesse Abner, Pleads Self-Defense.

HEATHTVILLE, Ky., April 14.—Clay Thomas was arrested today for the murder of Jesse Abner Thursday night. Thomas says Abner struck him with a rock and that he drew his revolver and shot him. The killing is in which John Abner, a relative, is a central figure. The men are known to have quarreled here at the time John Abner was in jail charged with the assassination of Dr. Cox and Thomas had accused Abner with having been against the Hargises.

A Full List of Laws

Passed by the Nebraska Legislature at its late session, has been published in

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JAMES H. ECKELS IS DEAD

Former Comptroller of Currency Expires Suddenly of Heart Trouble.

PROMINENT IN BUSINESS LIFE

He Was Director in Number of Large Corporations—Funeral Will Be Held Tuesday Evening.

CHICAGO, April 14.—James H. Eckels, president of the Commercial National bank of this city, and formerly comptroller of the currency, died here today of heart disease. Mr. Eckels died while asleep in his bed.

The fact that he was dead was discovered by the butler, who entered Mr. Eckels' room after hearing a telephone within ringing continuously without receiving an answer. Other members of the family were summoned. Dr. Frank S. Churchill gave it as his opinion that Mr. Eckels had been dead for some hours.

Mrs. Eckels and her daughter, Phoebe, 13 years old, are in Paris, where the latter is attending a finishing school for girls. They have been abroad since last fall and planned to return to Chicago within a few weeks. They were last seen communicated with by cable. It is understood they will sail from France for New York tomorrow.

The death of Mr. Eckels came on the eve of a breakfast party which he had planned for a number of his friends and relatives. Judge K. M. Landis of the federal district court, Mrs. Laddie Judge and Mrs. E. H. Gary of New York, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Eckels, brother and sister-in-law of the deceased, and others were to have been his guests.

Father Died Two Weeks Ago

James H. Eckels died of Princeton, father of James H. Eckels, died two weeks ago. On the morning of the death of the elder son was a host of former President Cleveland. The former president and Mr. Eckels were at breakfast when news of the father's death was received at the residence. Mr. Eckels was kept in ignorance of the fact for several hours, until Mr. Cleveland had left the city.

It developed during the day that the person who was trying to communicate with Mr. Eckels over the telephone, the ringing of which led to discovery of the death, was George M. Eckels, a brother. Half an hour later he was called to his own telephone and notified of his brother's death.

A post-mortem examination was held and a statement issued giving the cause of death as organic heart disease. A formal coroner's inquest will be held Tuesday morning. The funeral will be held Tuesday evening from the Fourth Presbyterian church. Rev. W. R. Nautman will conduct the services. Interment will take place at once. It having been decided to place the body in a vault until the return of Mrs. Eckels and daughter, when a private funeral will be held.

Prominent in Business Life

Mr. Eckels was a stockholder and prominent in the management of several companies, among them the Hewitt Manufacturing company and the Union Traction company, of which he was vice president; the Featherston Foundry and Machine company, the Chicago Real Estate Trustee's association, the Allis-Chalmers company, the American and British Securities company, the Bankers Trust company of New York, the Calumet National bank of Detroit and the First National bank of Baltimore. He was a member of the Union League, the Merchants' and the Commercial clubs of Chicago and of various clubs in the east. Mr. Eckels was one of the organizers of the Chicago Union Traction company appointed several years ago.

Mr. Eckels was born at Princeton, Ill., November 22, 1864, and most of his life has been spent in Illinois. He received an early education in the schools of his native city, later taking the study of law at Albany, N. Y., graduating from the Albany Law school in 1887. He practiced law at Ottawa, Ill., until appointed by President Cleveland to the post of comptroller of the currency in 1893. Mr. Eckels, during the agitation of the currency question, became prominent as an advocate of the gold standard.

Mr. Eckels became affiliated in 1894 with the gold standard democrats. He retained the office of comptroller of the currency until the end of President Cleveland's term, in 1897, when he became president of the Commercial National bank of this city.

Mr. Eckels leaves only four near relatives. He is his wife and daughter, Mrs. Phoebe Eckels, and a sister, Mrs. Jane E. Palmer of Princeton, Ill. George M. Eckels is an attorney of this city.

Tribute to Mr. Cleveland

PRINCETON, N. J., April 14.—Former President Grover Cleveland was deeply touched when he learned of the death of Mr. Eckels. He said: "I was closely related to Mr. Eckels and his death comes to me with a peculiar shock. In important work I learned to know him and appreciate and I learned to know him and appreciate his rare qualities. Mr. Eckels illustrates traits that make the best American citizen. Deeply interested in every question connected with the public welfare, he studied them with soberness, to the end that he might increase his usefulness. He was a public spirited man who saw duty all about him and whose influence was impressed on all his surroundings for good. There was nothing frivolous about Mr. Eckels. In every relation of life, as a citizen, as a business man and as a friend, he was earnest and whole hearted. Neither the immediate community in which he dwelt nor the country at large can afford to lose a man like James H. Eckels."

CASS REFUSES TO TESTIFY

President of Telephone Company Says He Might Incriminate Himself.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—Respondent to a letter from Fremont Older, managing editor of the Bulletin, withdrawing charges brought by him, the grand jury today voted no true bill against John P. Barrett, news editor of the Examiner, and formally dropped the investigation which followed the alleged confession of Eddie Grady that at a cost of \$400 Barrett had hired him and James Williams to tamper with the ballot box stuffing in the primaries of August, 1904.

Mr. Older in his letter to the grand jury stated that he withdrew his charges because their pursuit at this time might hinder and hamper the Ruef-Schmitts and corporation prosecutions.

Asked whether today's action by the grand jury precluded that body from taking up the Barrett investigation at a later date, Assistant District Attorney Henry said: "There is no law to that effect." The grand jury was in session one hour today and no testimony was taken. Only two witnesses were in the courtroom, A. B. Cass, president of the Home Telephone company of Los Angeles, and Fred Hilbert, the latter of whom is under subpoena in connection with charges of petty grafting by Mayor Schmitt. Neither was called. Cass stated to Henry that if placed upon the stand he would, in obedience to the advice of his counsel, George A. Knight, refuse to answer any questions of the grand jury that he might incriminate himself.

Mr. Henry said after adjournment: "Mr. Knight is quoted in the press as saying that he advised Cass to forego any testimony before the grand jury because of a published official statement that no such jury had been called to attend them. 'No such official statement' was made. No such official statement was made. No such official statement was made."

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The situation is simply this: Under the state constitution it is the duty of the grand jury to extend to an accused person the right to be heard in his own behalf by witnesses who give evidence against him "which is incapable of explanation." To illustrate: If it were known before the grand jury that they saw John Jones shoot a man to death, that evidence would be explained in full and the grand jury would give him the privilege of explanation.

That is all the grand jury has done in the cases of Cass, Torrence and Adams. It has explained the evidence against them, but they themselves, by incriminating themselves, they undoubtedly lost their right to be heard.

Cass, Torrence and Adams already have testified before the grand jury regarding the raising of large funds by the Empire State building stockholders, who, besides themselves, were Deweller and Phillips. But their testimony stopped before a sworn statement as to how this money had been disbursed. Deweller is now under thirteen indictments returned by the grand jury against him for the sum of \$600 each to award to the Home Telephone company a franchise competitive with that held by the Pacific States Telephone company. He is a fugitive from justice and if arrested must furnish bonds in the sum of \$100,000 to go to trial.

The grand jury adjourned until Tuesday.

BRYAN AND THURSTON TALK

Nebraskans Address Gathering of Veterans on Anniversary of Lincoln's Death.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—"More than a century our nation has been the greatest of world powers," declared William J. Bryan tonight in an address on "Abraham Lincoln," at a meeting of the National Union of Veterans held in the