

COURT OF NATIONS

The Hague Conference Adopts Court for Permanent Tribunal.

SEVERAL NATIONS DO NOT

Others Make Reservations as to Regulations for Its Conduct.

BELGIUM'S PROPOSAL APPROVED

Declaration Regarding Obligatory Arbitration Unanimously Adopted.

DRAGO DOCTRINE ALSO WINS

Modification of Proposition Prepared by General Horace Porter Receives Thirty-Nine Votes.

THE HAGUE, Oct. 16.—The ninth sitting of the peace conference today voted upon the question of establishment of the proposed permanent arbitration court.

There were thirty-eight votes in favor of the project, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Roumania, Switzerland and Uruguay did not vote, and Mexico, Brazil, Greece, Colombia, Salvador, Peru, Guatemala, Haiti, Venezuela, San Domingo, Paraguay, Panama, Ecuador, China, Bolivia and Nicaragua voted favorably to a permanent court, but with the reserve that such court and the regulations in that direction should be conducted on the basic principle of absolute judicial equality.

The report of Baron Guillaume, Belgium, on the declaration of Count Terzetti, Italy, regarding obligatory arbitration, was adopted unanimously, with several reserves, including the United States and Japan, David J. Hill, America, saying that the United States would not depart from its traditional policy of non-interference in the affairs of other states.

ARMY CAPTAINS USE FISTS

Transport Logan Brings Two Officers to San Francisco Under Arrest.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—The transport Logan yesterday brought as prisoners Captain James B. Lindsay and Captain Henry S. Wyant, both of the Thirteenth regiment.

While the Logan was lying in quarantine at Maravilla, near Manila, the two officers engaged in a fist encounter, and their commanding officer, Colonel Louthborough, ordered both under arrest.

Both officers refused to disclose the reason for their encounter.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—The Thirteenth infantry will proceed to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where it will be stationed. It is assumed here that the court martial charged with the case of the two officers will be held at Fort Leavenworth.

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SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Thursday, October 17, 1907.

Table with columns for days of the week and dates from 1907 to 1907.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast till 7 p. m. Thursday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Fair Thursday.

For Nebraska and Iowa—Fair Thursday. Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Table showing weather forecast and temperature data for Omaha.

DOMESTIC.

Thirty-eight victims are dead as a result of the Fontanet powder mill explosion.

A plot to kidnap the child of Superintendent Grieg of the Homestake mine at Lead was foiled and suspects are under arrest.

George Mackown was granted a change of venue at Webster City on one count of embezzlement. He will be tried there on the arson charge.

Theater managers of Kansas City must stand prosecution for keeping the places open on Sunday.

A severe earthquake shock was registered on the instruments at Albany, N. Y., and at Washington. It is said to be as severe as the San Francisco shock.

Striking telegraphers have applied for their old positions at San Francisco.

Army captains of the Thirteenth infantry are brought to San Francisco under arrest because of a fight during the trip from Manila.

Call of the national committee to fix the republican convention will be issued next Monday.

Secretary Taft opens the Assembly of the Philippine Islands.

Japanese immigration companies have come to the wall and a bureau will be formed by the Japanese government.

The Hague conference holds next to the last session and votes favorably on the court of arbitration, many of the countries making reservations.

Emperor Francis Joseph shows no change of condition.

Lincoln-exchange asks governor to issue proclamation requiring dipping of cattle. Railroads to perfect appeal in grain rate case. World-herald loses in supreme court on case involving county jail building.

Lawmaster county officials, and not the secretary of state, must decide whether there is a vacancy on the senatorial ticket from that county.

LOCAL.

Fremont night at the Horse Shows draws large crowd, society women in brilliant costumes being prominent.

Business men are forming club to promote commercial progress of the city.

Grand encampment of Odd Fellows in session in Omaha elect officers for coming year.

First flour from new Updike mill is used to make biscuit for Commercial club luncheon.

Cases against G. H. T. Babcock and others charged with land frauds will start in federal court Monday.

City Engineer Rosewater appeals to Mayor Dullman to veto action of council letting Iard street sewer contract.

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SCHEME TO KIDNAP FOILED

Superintendent Grieg of Homestake Mine Object of Plot.

BIG SUM OF MONEY DEMANDED

Threat to Steel Child and Murder Him Unless Payment Was Made—Austrians Are Suspected.

LEAD, S. D., Oct. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Black hand methods have reached Lead, and although the plot to extort money from the threat of violence has failed for the time, it is believed the end of the scheme of blackmail, which originated among a group of Austrians who are temporarily making their homes in Lead is not yet, and that further effort will be made by them to carry out their threats.

Some months ago Superintendent Grieg of the Homestake Mining company began to receive threatening letters, dropped in the postoffice at Lead. The letters were not signed, but all of them were filled with threats of murder should the superintendent not comply with the demands of the gang to make a payment of a large sum of money. On Saturday last Superintendent Grieg received a letter which not only threatened to dynamite his residence, but also informed him that should not a large sum of money be at a specified place before Monday evening his residence would be blown up and that an effort would be made to kidnap one of his children, and that then, did he not pay over the money, the child would be sent back to him piece by piece. Mr. Grieg's friends became alarmed and induced him to consent to a personal bodyguard and to allow his residence to be guarded night and day by armed men. This was done and a guard was also placed over his children and now accompanies them to and from school and watches over them while at play.

Sunday a dummy package was left at the place designated by the gang and a watch was set over it. During Sunday no one approached the package, but Monday afternoon a woman, Mrs. Chris Miljas, an Austrian, was seen to take the package. She was followed to her home in South Lead and placed under arrest, together with her husband and an uncle who were found in the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Grieg are absent in the east and will sail from New York tomorrow for a visit in Scotland, but during their absence their children will remain in Lead under guard all the time, for it is believed that the three arrests made include all who are implicated in the plot. The works and hotels of the mine are being guarded night and day, for previous letters contained threats to burn them down, destroy the tramways with dynamite and to inflict other injury to the mine which would cost thousands of dollars to repair.

The sum demanded in all of the previous letters received was \$20,000. The city is worked up over the matter, and should an accident happen to any of Mr. Grieg's children or any of the works suffer injury, there will certainly be a riot and the suspects, besides being put under arrest, will be roughly dealt with.

Mr. Grieg left for New York Sunday evening, accompanied by Marshal Bullock, who remained with him until the danger zone was passed.

Mrs. Miljas, who belongs to one of the best known Italian families in Lead, was taken quietly before a police magistrate this morning for a preliminary hearing, but on the request of her attorney the hearing was postponed. The woman, who had previously been arrested on a charge of larceny and forgery at the time she was taken into custody yesterday, was held on bonds for her appearance before the grand jury.

MANY OBJECT TO NEW BILL

Railroads and Shippers Request Modification of Uniform Bill of Lading.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—At the meeting of the interstate commerce commission today the matter of putting into effect upon the railroads of the United States the proposed uniform bill of lading, framed by the shipping and railroad interests, was considered. There was present a large representation of the shipping, banking and railroad interests. All of these interests are being given an opportunity to present their views on the subject, in order that an instrument which will meet the requirements of interstate commerce may be put into operation at the beginning of the new year. Considerable opposition to the proposed bill in its present shape has developed and if the commission accepts the views of those who already have been heard a new instrument will be perfected or the one already proposed will be materially modified. Today's program included arguments of representatives of both the commercial interests and the railroads.

NOTORIOUS FOOTPAD FREED

Technical Error Causes Release After Seven Years Spent at San Quentin.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—After seven years of hard servitude in San Quentin penitentiary, Simon Munck von Vetters, scion of a noble Austrian family, and a notorious footpad who terrorized San Francisco and the suburban towns in the spring of 1900, has been freed through the instrumentality of the Austrian government. Superior Judge Thomas J. Lennon of Marin county issued yesterday a writ of habeas corpus and Vetters was released on bonds. The court took this action because the record of the cases were found to be faulty, noting the fact that Vetters had pleaded guilty on three charges of assault with intent to commit robbery, but not stating the particular offenses of which he had been accused.

With only the record to go upon, it appeared that sentence imposed upon Vetters, twenty-eight years at hard labor in San Quentin, had been too severe, five years on each count being the maximum.

APPOINTMENTS FOR SHELDON

Governor to Get into the Campaign and Several Dates Are Announced.

LINCOLN, Oct. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The republican state committee has made the following speaking appointments: Governor Sheldon, Dubuque, October 25; Pawnee City, 2 p. m., October 26; Table Rock, 8 p. m., October 26; Schuyler 8 p. m., October 26. Appointments for Senator Norris Brown and Congressman Poland will be announced in a day or two, and those of Senator Burkett as soon as he returns from Washington.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

Instruments at Albany and at Washington, Register Heavy Earth Tremor.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 16.—An earthquake of great proportions, in direction of Creighton, began to register at Albany at 9:15 a. m. today on the seismograph at the state museum. At 9:35 a. m. the movement was still in progress, undiminished.

The vibrations were traceable for an hour. The record shows that the disturbance originated about 2,600 miles from Albany, and the vibrations of one of the instruments were so violent as to exceed its limit for registering. The direction of the transmission cannot be stated with certainty, though from a comparison of the two records received the disturbance would seem to have been southern.

The official bulletin says: "The only disturbance, comparable in violence that has been recorded this year is the earthquake of April 14, which was so destructively felt in Mexico. The present one may very well mark a continuation of the movements that have been under way for some time in the Cordilleran and Caribbean areas, to which may be traced also the earthquakes of San Francisco, Valparaiso and Jamaica."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—An earthquake of great violence was recorded by the seismograph at the weather bureau today. The official bulletin says: "The earthquake began shortly after 8 o'clock this morning and subsided about six minutes later, the approximate time as first shown by the government instruments being from 9:14 to 9:20."

The weather bureau issued the following bulletin:

After the sheets of the seismograph were changed this morning a great earthquake was recorded, the record of which has not yet been entirely completed. The precise beginning of the disturbance cannot be made out as yet. The strong part of the motion began at 9:14 a. m., but its duration was relatively short and subsided at about 9:20 a. m.

The amplitude of the strong action was apparently as great as four-tenths of an inch at Washington. Full details of the record cannot be made out until the instruments have ceased recording and the record sheets removed for examination.

The earthquake, which was one of the most violent ever recorded here, was also shown on the seismograph at the coast and geodetic survey magnetic laboratory at Cheltenham, Md. The instrument there showed the vibrations began at 8:56:46 a. m., eastern standard time, and continued about two hours.

At Washington, Md., Oct. 16.—The seismograph at John Hopkins university shows that the earthquake was the strongest recorded by that instrument since the San Francisco shock. The record shows that disturbance began a few minutes past 9 o'clock and continued for two hours. The switch which controls the recording cylinder and during the eleven minutes following the needle of the seismograph was shaken entirely off the recording cylinder.

Prof. Reid said that the record of the shock was of about the same intensity as the record of the San Francisco earthquake.

JAP COMPANIES GO TO WALL

Oriental Government Will Organize Bureau of Immigration Because of Condition.

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 16.—According to advices received by the British consul in Japan, the Japanese government will organize a bureau of immigration and colonization. A recent action of the government, resulting from the protests on the Pacific coast, have forced into liquidation twenty-eight immigration companies.

The government raised the indemnity which is now held for deceased members. At the conclusion of this interesting service the assembly took a recess for a trolley ride.

Prior to the opening of the regular business sessions of the assembly the assembly degree was conferred upon about 30 members. Among those named were: Mr. P. J. Dew of Iowa, Kansas and other adjacent states as visitors.

Headquarters for the grand lodge have been removed from the Rome hotel to the Her Grand, where the officers and records will be found during the remainder of the grand lodge session.

PATRIARCHS MILITANT ELECT

Schuyler Man Heads Office of Military Branch of Order.

The department council of the Patriarchs Militant, the military branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, elected officers Wednesday evening for the ensuing year as follows:

President—John E. Arnold of Schuyler. Vice President—E. P. Davis of North Platte. Secretary—W. P. Gage of North Platte. Treasurer—J. P. Gage of North Platte. W. P. Gage of North Platte. Pickett—Jacob Marks of Omaha.

The following were recommended for the degree of chivalry: I. P. Gage of Fremont and James E. Shaw of Tekamah, which is to be bestowed upon the postulant at the next meeting of the sovereign grand lodge in 1908. This degree is bestowed for efficient service on behalf of the order.

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The grand lodge sessions will be resumed this morning, as will be in the Rebekah assembly. Both orders will elect officers during the day.

STRIKERS APPLY AT 'FRISCO

Seven Old Men Have Asked for Old Position from the Western Union.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—Superintendent Miller of the Western Union Telegraph company reports that seven striking telegraph operators applied for their old positions today. Five of them were given employment.

Clowry Re-elected President.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Colonel Robert C. Clowry today was re-elected president of the Western Union Telegraph company. All the other officers were re-elected.

FUN AND WORK FOR LODGES

Business and Trolley Rides Engross Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

FOUR HUNDRED WOMEN PRESENT

W. G. Parcell of Broken Bow Is Elected Grand Patriarch by the Encampment of Odd Fellows.

The second day's session of the grand lodges and assemblies of Odd Fellows was greeted with an increased attendance and growing interest Wednesday morning. The grand lodge convened at 9:20 in its fifth annual session at Creighton hall, fifteenth and Huron streets, with Grand Master J. E. Morrison presiding.

The Rebekah assembly convened a short while earlier and marched in a body from its hall in Odd Fellows' temple to Creighton hall to participate in the opening exercises of the grand lodge. About 400 women were in the line and made an imposing parade on the street headed by their president, Miss Katherine Jackson. As they entered Creighton hall they were given a cordial welcome by the grand lodge and visitors assembled there to participate in the opening exercises.

After the gathering was called to order by Grand Master Morrison, Past Grand Master Charles A. Patterson of Omaha delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the city of Omaha. Grand Master Morrison responded on behalf of the visiting Odd Fellows and Miss Katherine Jackson on behalf of the Rebekah assembly.

The entire morning was given over to the annual address of the grand master, reports of the several grand officers and the appointment of committees. The reports show that the order is in a prosperous condition throughout the grand jurisdiction, with both lodges and membership increasing. The finances of the order are in an exceptionally good condition and the beneficent work of the order is manifest in all parts of the state.

The sessions of the grand lodge were resumed Wednesday afternoon until 4 o'clock, when an adjournment was taken until Friday morning.

Thursday morning the grand lodge will hold its closing session at Creighton hall, when officers will be elected for the year.

REBEKAH ASSEMBLY.

Upon its return from the visit to the grand lodge at Creighton hall to participate in the formal opening of the grand lodge session, the Rebekah assembly opened its twenty-fourth annual business meeting in Odd Fellows' temple, with the largest attendance ever gathered for a like occasion in the history of the order. Nearly 600 delegates and visitors were present, including these officers: Miss Katherine Jackson of Lincoln, president; Mrs. Clara Eskew Davis of North Platte, vice president; Mrs. Emma L. Talbot of South Omaha, secretary; Mrs. Mary E. Stuhl of Omaha, treasurer; Miss Melita Taylor of Blair, warden; Mrs. Parthena Thomas of Fremont, chaplain; Mrs. Kate Jackson of Omaha, marshal; Mrs. Florence Dew of Tecumseh, conductor; Mrs. Alice Stuhl of Sidney, inside guard; and Mrs. Mary E. Osborne of Omaha, outside guard.

The assembly was called to order by President Jackson, who read her annual report, which was followed by the reports of the several officers. These reports show there has been an increase of nine lodges during the year and a very large increase of membership with an awakening interest in the work in all quarters of the state.

At 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon a brief fraternal service was held for deceased members. At the conclusion of this interesting service the assembly took a recess for a trolley ride.

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CONSCIENCE PROVED MASTER

Escaped Convict Returned to Indiana Prison to Serve Balance of Sentence.

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—Immaculately attired as a minister of the gospel, a convict escaped the office of the Indiana state prison at Michigan City, Ind., yesterday and declared that he was an escaped convict and had come to serve the rest of his sentence.

"My name is Allen J. Lawrence and I escaped from this prison in September, 1888," he said. "Then he told me that his strange story. He traced his wanderings in the harvest fields of Kansas and Nebraska, where he sought only to keep from too close association with his fellow men lest his secret be discovered. He described an accidental visit to a revival meeting on the prairie, where, in the flickering light of a torch, he caught in front of the 'prairie schooler' of a wandering missionary, there was opened the vision of the comfort which came with a belief in God."

Then he told of his decision to preach the gospel and of the success which had attended his efforts as a Methodist evangelist, and, last, his conviction that for which I am being punished."

Lawrence was sentenced in April, 1896, from Laporte, Ind., where he had been employed as a laborer. He was found guilty of attacking a girl and was sentenced to serve from two to fourteen years. After he had been in the prison less than five months he was made a trusty. Almost immediately he escaped. He assumed the name of James Williams.

His wife's belief in his innocence had never faltered until he escaped, when she declared that if he really had not been guilty he would not have run away. She applied for divorce immediately and it was granted.

Lawrence said he was converted in Nebraska while attending a revival service conducted by Rev. John Williams.

NINE-STORY HOTEL, SAYS DEAN

Kansas City Man Declares This Is Smallest to Be Considered.

Dean Brothers, Kansas City hotel magnates, have visited Omaha and gone. They "visited" P. E. Dean and promised to come again. A. J. Dean told a reporter for The Bee that the smallest building which the company considered was a nine-story structure 133 1/2 feet, and that a twelve-story building was by far the most practicable.

"But there is nothing to say yet," said Mr. Dean, before he took the train for Kansas City Wednesday night. "We dropped in here for the day and have looked the situation over. The proposition involves a large expenditure of money, and we will return to Kansas City and think the matter over."

Dean Brothers propose to lease the present site of the Her Grand hotel, now conducted by "Sam" Campbell, who was with the firm for some fourteen years. Should they decide to do so, they will take not only the site of the Her Grand, but a ground which will give them a floor space of 133 1/2 feet.

A. J. and D. J. Dean arrived in Omaha Wednesday morning and spent the entire day with Mr. Dean. They are proprietors of the Baltimore and Midland hotels at Kansas City and have just completed a \$1,000,000 hotel at Japan. In branching out they have been interested in Omaha for some time and have frequently promised to look the situation over with Mr. Dean. It is felt now that the firm will come to Omaha, and Mr. A. J. Dean himself says that if they come they will "enter Omaha as it deserves and do things right."

Taft Opens New Assembly