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PRESIDENT SAVES PEACE CONFERENCE

Stands Between the Warring Countries Insisting the Portsmouth Meeting Shall Not Fail.

HAS THE CONFIDENCE OF BOTH.

The Single Point That Separates the Plenipotentiaries is the Old One Of Indemnity.

SOME COMPROMISE MAY BE MADE

If Appeal to the Czar Fails, One May Be Made to the Emperor Of Japan.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 24.—The personality of President Roosevelt becomes larger and larger in the crisis. He stands between the warring countries insisting that the peace conference shall not fail. Had not he stepped into the breach, the conference probably would already have gone to pieces. Such hopes as remain that it will end in peace and a treaty, rests upon it.

The strength of the president's position is that he commands the confidence of both sides. He has already accomplished much in using his good offices to impress upon each side the necessity of mutual concession and both sides have already yielded a great deal to his persuasion.

Only a single point still separates but it is as it has been from the beginning, the crux.

Mr. Roosevelt's compromise position which Baron Komura formally presented at yesterday's meeting in which Japan agreed to entirely withdraw articles 10 and 11 (surrender of interned warships and limitation of Russia's naval force in the east), and to substitute for articles 5 and 9 (cession of Sakhalin and indemnity), a number of articles, provided for an arrangement by which Japan should get legal title to the southern half of Sakhalin which she possessed before the treaty of 1875, while Russia should redeem or repair her title to the north half of the island for 1,200,000,000 yen or $600,000,000.

While it is President Roosevelt's proposition in substance the Associated Press is informed that as offered yesterday it varies slightly from the text of the compromise as suggested to both sides. In exactly what particular it cannot be ascertained. Russia, it can be stated, while rejecting the compromise because it included a remuneration of the cost of the war under another name, was willing, and indeed, offered the island of Sakhalin by not only restoring the status quo existing before the treaty of 1875, but agreeing to limit the frontier and forever renounce all claim to the southern half. With articles 10 and 11 out of the way by Japanese recession and article 5 settled by compromise, the only thing which remained was indemnity, which has been a stone wall across the path of a complete agreement.

Russia offered to pay liberally for the maintenance of Russian prisoners in Japan. Her cession of the Chinese eastern railroad also will place a tidy sum in the Japanese exchequer but further than that M. Witte has as yet no instructions. So the situation stood yesterday when the conference adjourned till Saturday. But the president did not surrender. He tried his appeal for peace to the czar. Ambassador Meyer's three hour audience with Emperor Nicholas yesterday during the very time when the plenipotentiaries at the navy yard were explaining to each other their irreconcilable differences may have proved the deciding factor.

There is yet no clue to the response Mr. Meyer received from Emperor Nicholas, but it is already in President Roosevelt's possession and he is in a position today to define his next step. If the emperor declined absolutely to yield there may be still time to turn to Tokio for a last appeal to forego $200,000,000 or $400,000,000 rather than protract the war indefinitely at the cost of millions and millions and thousands of lives with no surety that she will ever be able, whatever her military success, to force tribute from her adversary.

It can be stated now with absolute positiveness that it was the president's message to Emperor Nicholas yesterday delivered to his majesty in person by Mr. Meyer which was communicated to M. Witte and Baron Rosen Tuesday afternoon at the navy yard. The president desired that the Russian plenipotentiaries should be apprised of the step he contemplated and the fact that they, as is understood, approved of it is significant in the extreme. President Roosevelt until Tuesday had confined himself to communicating with M. Witte and Baron Kaneko. His role was unofficial. He had not put himself in direct communication with St. Petersburg and Tokio. Now he has made his appeal officially, personally as the head of one state to the head of another to Emperor Nicholas.

If it has failed there still remains a last appeal to the Emperor of Japan.

Today superficially, at least, there is a pause. M. Witte and Baron de Rosen were off at 10 o'clock in an automobile, announcing that they were going to Magnolia to lunch with Baroness de Rosen at the Russian embassy. They expected to return tonight, but might stay over until tomorrow. A little incident occurred just before they left which may or may not be significant. Mr. Peirce, the assistant secretary of state, was hastily telephoned for, and came to the hotel at 9:30. He was with M. Witte for 25 minutes. When they left, Mr. Peirce dismissed the visitors with the explanation that it was only to make arrangements about the trip of M. Witte and Baron de Rosen.

But 25 minutes is a long time, and there is a suspicion that M. Witte delivered to Mr. Peirce a communication for the president. There is a report which cannot be absolutely confirmed that late last night Baron Komura and Mr. Takahira were at the navy-yard. If this is true, it is possible that the president had some communication with them after hearing from Mr. Meyer.

It seems that the protocols signed at yesterday's session of the conference were not protocols now in the proper sense of the word. They were simply what in diplomacy are called the "precis verbal," or minutes of the meeting. In Russia they are called "protocols," and as the Russians have made the announcements, the word implied lead to a misunderstanding. As the conference had sat on seven different days when seven protocols had been signed, four yesterday and three the previous day, the hasty conclusion was drawn that he meant the protocols of seven articles only had been signed.

PRESIDENT AWAITS DEVELOPMENTS.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 24.—Persident Roosevelt is awaiting developments in the pending negotiations for peace. Beyond his direct appeal to Emperor Nicholas of Russia he does not feel that he can go at this time. There are reasons for the statement that the president had made some representations to the Tokio government, but whether they were made direct to the Japanese emperor is not known. No confirmation of the report, however, is obtainable here. Acting Secy. Barnes said today that Ambassador Meyers report of his audience with Emperor Nicholas cabled yesterday from St. Petersburg had not been received. Asst. Secy. of State Pierce at Portsmouth is keeping the president advised constantly of the developments of the conference.

KAISER APPRECIATES PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS.

Berlin, Aug. 24.—Emperor William, the Associated Press is informed, has expressed to the members of his entourage, his cordial recognition of President Roosevelt's efforts for peace and his hopes that they will prove successful.

Precisely what the president is doing seems to be unknown to the German government, but the postponement to Saturday of further sittings of the conference is regarded as indicating that both belligerents desire to prolong the negotiations and that each is seeking fresh grounds for agreement. All Russian shares were higher on the bourse today, bonds advancing three-tenths of a point, Russian bank stock 1¼ and Warsaw and Vienna railroad stocks 1½.

Both the belligerent governments are putting out news paragraphs designed, seemingly, to strengthen their diplomacy.

The Krupps, contrary to their usual custom but doubtless in accordance with the desire of the Japanese government, announced the receipt of an urgent request yesterday to hurry Japanese orders for armor plate and guns costing $11,250,000, while the Russian government has issued an authoritative statement that it will never pay a kopec for indemnity.

It is reported that the president will send some one to Magnolia to communicate direct with Baron de Rosen and M. Witte during their stay there.

RUSSIA STANDS FIRM.

She Will Not Pay Indemnity or Make Cession of Territory.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 24.—The correspondent of Reuters' Telegram company was today authorized by Count Lamsdorff, the foreign minister to state officially and in the most formal manner, that Russia will pay Japan no contribution, direct nor indirect, nor will it make any cession of territory whatever.

SECY. TAFT'S PARTY WILL SEPARATE AT HONGKONG

Tacloban, Aug. 24, via Manila.—The transport Logan arrived here at 10 o'clock this morning with Secy. Taft and party on board. The distinguished visitors, after enjoying a ride through San Juanico strait on coast guard cutters, witnessed a great parade of citizens of Tacloban, who showed every sign of business prosperity. They were frequently entertained at luncheon after which they witnessed a dance of native school children. Gov. Curry of Samar island introduced a delegation of 500 natives from that place, whose appearance constituted one of the most picturesque features of the festivities.

The transport Logan will sail for Legaspi on the island of Luzon, tomorrow, Aug. 25.

The party will separate at Hongkong. The following will return on the Pacific mail steamer Korea, sailing on Sept. 6: Secy. Taft, Senators Patterson, Foster, Dubois, Scott and Long, Representatives Payne, Grosvenor, Curtis, Smith, De Armond, Hepburn, Jones, Loud, Driscoll, Mill, Cooper, Scott, Gilbert Otjen, Howard, Wiley McKinley, Sherley and Foss, Col. Edwards, Major Edie, Capts. Thompson and Kelly and Secys. Carpenter and Pedigo.

The following members of the party will proceed to Pekin to be royally entertained by the dowager-empress of China, accompanying Miss Roosevelt, the specially invited guest of the empress: Senators Newlands and Warren, Representatives Longworth, Gillette and Cochran. The party will be in charge of Maj.-Gen. and Mrs. Corbin and Mrs. Slocum.

The Pacific mail steamer Korea will sail from Yokohama on Sept. 17 direct for the United States, and will attempt to make a record run across the Pacific. Miss Roosevelt and party will sail from Yokohama for America on the Pacific Mail company's steamer Siberia, leaving Oct. 7.

MORGAN ESTATE SWINDLER.

Trusted Employe Forged Checks Amounting to Thousands.

New York, Aug. 24.—Through forgeries said to have been committed by a trusted employe in the office of the estate of D. P. Morgan, New York banks have been victimized to the amount of about $15,000. The Morgan estate was left by the late D. P. Morgan, and among the heirs are Hewitt and D. Perry Morgan and Mrs. Rudolph Hermann Kissell, who was Caroline Morgan.

The clerk in question, by means of checks torn from the back of a check book, obtained the proper form and, it is charged, forged the name of Hewitt Morgan to several checks, varying from $1,000 to $3,000. So closely was the signature of Mr. Morgan imitated that the paying tellers of three banks in which the estate had deposits readily paid out the sums called for by their face.

A statement made by one of the Kissell family is to the effect that the forgeries were discovered by Rudolph Kissell, who happened to be in the cashier's office when notice of an overdraft was received from a New York bank. One of the clerks said it was a mistake and started for the bank ostensibly to have the matter rectified. Not returning, he was traced and found in another state. Then he confessed and returned to New York voluntarily.

A Big Load of Lumber.

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—The steamer Francis H. Leggett arrived here today, having in tow a log raft containing 10,000,000 feet of lumber which was brought from the Columbia river without accident.

COL. ELLETT ON THE WAR PATH.

Incensed at Lack of Attention in A Swell New York Restaurant, He Attacks the Waiters.

HE SOON CLEARED THEM OUT.

He Knocked Down Four Policemen, When Reserves Were Called Out and He Was Subdued.

New York, Aug. 24.—Incensed by lack of attention in a well known up-town restaurant last night, a man of athletic mould who said he was Col. Tazwell Ellett of Richmond, Va., gave battle to several waiters and caused a stampede of diners to the street. Police who interfered were badly mauled by the colonel and it required the joint efforts of five officers to land him in the station.

Just what started the battle is not known. The unusual noise attracted a large crowd around the doors and the police had to force their way in. They found the irate colonel charging the waiters in all directions. He was dragged to the sidewalk, and on reaching Broadway, he turned on his captors, knocking four of them down in quick succession. Reserves were called, and the prisoner was soon over-powered by the reinforcements.

IRRIGATION CONGRESS IN GENERAL SESSION FOR LAST TIME

Portland, Or., Aug. 24.—After two days devoted to deliberating in sections, the National Irrigation congress reassembled in general session today for the second and last time. Before the consideration of the business of the congress, the submission of reports, election of officers and selecting next year's meeting place, William Z. Curtis of Chicago made an address on the subject of "Irrigation in India."

Mr. Curtis' paper was a highly interesting description of the irrigation projects instituted by the British government in order to do away with famine arising from drouths in India and elsewhere.

Mr. Curtis' paper was followed by the reading of a letter to the congress from President James J. Hill of the Great Northern railway, and the submitting of committee reports.

Mr. Hill's letter to the congress was read by E. W. Eberlin of San Francisco, who was introduced by Gov. Pardee of California, to the congress. Gov. Pardee said Mr. Hill was unable to appear before the congress in person, owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Hill.

Chairman George E. Barstow presented the report of the nomination committee recommending the following officers for the ensuing year:

Governor George C. Pardee, California, president.

L. W. Shurtliff, Utah, first vice president.

J. H. Stephens, Texas, second vice president.

E. L. Smith, Oregon, third vice president.

H. B. Maxon, Nevada, secretary.

Issue was made over the selection of Maxon as secretary by F. J. Kiesel of Ogden on personal grounds and the congress referred the report back to the committee with instructions that it endeavor to agree on a nomination for secretary.

When the matter of selecting a meeting place for the next session came before the congress, cordial invitations were tendered by Chicago, Bismarck, N. D., Denver, Spokane, Wash., and Boise, Ida. Chicago's invitation was not seconded and both Bismarck and Spokane were withdrawn in favor of Boise. Admirers of the two contesting cities voiced the merits of each. After over an hour of oratory, Denver withdrew and Boise, alone in the field, was named as the convention city for 1906.

YELLOW FEVER.

It Continues to Spread in Various Parishes

New cases at noon since 6 p. m. Wednesday, 12.

Total to date, 1,568.

Deaths, 3.

Total to date, 222.

The educational campaign in the yellow fever situation is showing itself in many phases and can be readily noticed in the decrease of cases under treatment.

New Orleans, Aug. 24.—Dr. Ralph C. Marcour, formerly of the navy, started today for Leeville and will send additional yellow fever nurses and doctors. It is desirous to prevent an exodus of Leeville people to New Orleans, in order that there may be no increase in the situation here.

Pass Christian, Miss., has opened her doors to all points on the Mississippi coast except Mississippi City, but still refuses to have communication with New Orleans. Wilson, La., has quarantined all freight trains that run over the Baton Rouge road. Responding to the protests, the Illinois Central has given orders to run its train at full speed through Kenner and Hansen City, both of which are infected.

The appearance of a number of new cases at Lake Province has caused a revival of the quarantines against that city. There have been no new cases at Alexandria. The fever continues to spread at Riverside and Patterson in St. Mary, and in the parishes of Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Bernard and St. John, which are in close proximity to New Orleans.

Mrs. Charles L. Wells, wife of Dean Wells of Christ church cathedral, is convalescent. Dr. R. B. Leach of Minnesota said today that he was making preparations to return home, and will leave here on Saturday, having abandoned his effort to secure an actual test of the arsenic theory.

TO STOP BOYCOTT.

Chinese Merchants to be Ordered To Resume Trade with America.

Shanghai, Aug. 24.—The senior consul here has interviewed the taotai, who stated that it was his intention to issue a proclamation ordering Chinese merchants to resume their former trading in American goods, but apparently, the local officials are somewhat half-hearted in the matter.

Opera Singers Arrive.

New York, Aug. 24.—Fourteen opera singers on their way to San Francisco arrived in this city today on the steamer Sicilia from Genoa and Naples.

FRANCE WILL BRING MOROCCO TO TERMS

Ministry Hold a Meeting and Discuss the Disciplinary Measures To be Taken.

A MILITARY DEMONSTRATION

Will be Made if Satisfaction is Not Given, and French Legation Will Be Withdrawn.

Paris, Aug. 24.—The ministers, under the presidency of Premier Rouvier, held a lengthy special session today.

It was principally devoted to a consideration of the disciplinary measures to be taken against Morocco, should the sultan not yield to the demands of the government for redress for the recent arrest of a Franco-Algerian citizen.

An official communication says that unanimous approval was given to the instructions to be sent to the French minister at Fez, Strene Taillandier, and to the subsequent motion to be taken to compel the sultan to give complete satisfaction. The nature of the action is not disclosed, but it is known that it contemplates the military occupation of a Moroccan town near the Algeran frontier, probably Oudjda, owing to its proximity to a large French garrison in Algeria and to its strategic importance as it commands the route to the interior of Morocco and the capital, Fez. The latest of the advices from Fez show that the sultan continues to hold the Algerian a prisoner. The communication does not refer to the peace negotiations, although it is understood that the ministers informally discussed the general prospects of war.

Following the meeting, Premier Rouvier sent instructions to the French minister to demand the immediate release of the prisoner, informing him that a military demonstration would be made in case of a negative response.

Later it was announced that the ministers had decided that in case Morocco refused the French demands, the entire personnel of the French legation would leave Morocco simultaneously with the military demonstration.

NEW YORK BUILDING OPERATIONS INCREASING

New York, Aug. 24.—Building operations in New York City have been increased to such enormous proportions within the last six months, says the Herald, that the forces of the borough building departments are unable to take care of the work, and an application made yesterday to the authorities for an appropriation sufficient to double the force of inspectors, clerks, and other employes. One of the most interesting features in the situation is the fact that the greatest increase in buildings has been shown in Manhattan. Since rapid transit lines pushed into outlying districts, it had been generally expected that building operations on Manhattan island would decrease rapidly, but figures submitted by the department of buildings show that the reverse is true. It is shown that from January 1 to June 22, 1905, plans filed in Manhattan represented a greater cost than in all the other four boroughs combined. The excess in Manhattan amounts to $44,278,428.

From Jan. 1 to June 22 there were filed in Manhattan 2,421 plans for new buildings and alterations, representing a cost of $66,106,116.

This is nearly as large an amount of work as has been recorded in the department during the entire years since 1900.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

Machine Struck by Trolley Car, Injuring Four People

New York, Aug. 24.—Two men and two women were badly hurt early today in a collision between a trolley car in Brooklyn and an automobile returning from Bergen beach. Both women and one of the men may die. The injured are: Miss Emma Judge, Miss Agnes Rice, Otto Novis and Frank Brown, owner of the motor car. One of the women sustained a fractured skull, while the other was injured internally. Brown is so badly hurt that he could not be removed from the scene of the accident.

G. A. R. APPOINTMENTS.

Announcement of Three Important Ones is Made.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 24.—Announcement of three important appointments in connection with the coming national encampment of the G. A. R. has been made at headquarters of the local executive committee.

Orders were received from Commander-in-Chief John R. King of Baltimore assigning Gen. George W. Cook, chairman of the local executive, to the position of assistant adjutant general. The duty of the new assistant is to scrutinize the plans of the local committee in charge of the arrangements for the encampment and give the commander-in-chief's endorsement. The appointment is a practical endorsement in advance of Gen. Cook, as head of the local committee. In his new capacity as assistant adjutant general, Gen. Cook has endorsed the appointment of Col. Geo. A. Randolph of Denver as marshal of the parade, and Gen. Sherman M. Bell of Denver, former adjutant general of Colorado, as vice chairman of the information committee. The latter will have complete supervision of the care of the encampment visitors from the moment they arrive in the city until they reach their quarters. He will be assisted by 300 uniformed men.

Most complete emergency plans have been made by the chairman of the medical and public comfort committee. Two hundred experienced men have been engaged to act as ambulance attendants, and all the physicians and surgeons in the city have volunteered to devote a certain amount of time on duty at dressing stations which will be located at intervals throughout the downtown district.

Gen. Cook has given it as his opinion that previous estimates of the number of visitors to Denver, during the encampment have been low; that at least 125,000 will attend. As an indication of the probable total, Gen. Cook said that Kansas alone will send 25,000.

DR. M. H. HARDY IS CALLED HOME.

Late Superintendent of State Mental Hospital Succumbs to Heart Failure.

DEATH SUDDEN, UNEXPECTED.

Had Been Ailing for Some Time, but Was Thought to be on the High Road to Recovery.

(Special to the "News.")

Provo, Aug. 24.—Dr. Milton H. Hardy, one of the best educated men in the state and until quite recently medical superintendent of the State Mental hospital, died last night at his residence in this city, a victim of heart failure. Dr. Hardy had a severe attack of leakage of the heart early in the spring and was confined to his bed for several week. He recovered sufficiently to be out and was thought to be on the high road to complete convalescence, when early this week he suffered an attack of bowel complaint from which he was believed to be recovering. Last night about 11 o'clock Mrs. Hardy prepared

DR. MILTON H. HARDY.

and applied bandages and retired to an adjoining room. Shortly after she returned and found the doctor asleep, and about half an hour later she again went to his bedroom and was shocked to discover that he had closed his eyes in the sleep of death. His little son, who was sleeping with him, had his arms around his neck, showing that the doctor's passing must have been calm and peaceful. The immediate cause of his demise was heart weakness resulting from the disease which attacked him early in the spring.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Dr. Milton H. Hardy was born in Groveland, Mass., Sept. 26, 1844, and was the son of Josiah G. and Sarah C. Parker Hardy. His parents became converted to the teachings of "Mormonism" and came to Utah in 1852, bringing the members of their family with them and locating in the Twelfth ward, Salt Lake City. Milton entered the deseret university and in a short time took charge of one of the departments, at the same time pursuing his studies. In 1871, while Dr. Park was absent in Europe, he was acting principal of the University. Dr. Hardy filed a mission to Europe early in the seventies, and for 13 months of his absence was president of the Leeds conference in England. While abroad he pursued his educational studies, visiting the leading cities of Great Britain and the continent in pursuit of knowledge. In 1875, having returned home, he became principal of the Twelfth district school, and in 1876 was appointed by President Brigham Young to assist in organizing the Young Men's Mutual Improvement associations throughout the state.

When the B. Y. academy, now university, was organized, Dr. Hardy was selected as first assistant to Dr. Karl G. Maeser, remaining till 1883 and also filling the office of county superintendent of the schools of Utah county; superintendent of the Provo city schools and in 1882 was elected territorial superintendent of schools. In 1883 he went to New York to study medicine, entering the medical department of the University of New York, from which he graduated with honors in 1885. After his return he practiced medicine and served as instructor in the University of Utah. In 1896 he was appointed medical superintendent of the insane asylum, which position he held till June of this year. Dr. Hardy made an enviable record in this institution, his great desire for order and cleanliness attracting attention and eliciting highly favorable comment from all visitors. He was instrumental in having the name change from the Insane asylum to the State Mental hospital. The doctor was also active in Church work and has filled many positions of importance and responsibility. He was a member of the general board of the Y. M. M. I. A. and at the time of his demise was first counselor to President Booth of the High Priests' quorum.

Dr. Hardy was married to Miss Libbie Smoot, daughter of the late President A. O. Smoot, in 1878. She, with five children survive him. The funeral will likely be held on Sunday.

A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

Automobile Struck by Train But No One Seriously Hurt.

New York, Aug. 24.—Three men, guests of Commodore Frederick G. Bourne of the New York Yacht club, had a miraculous escape from death late yesterday when their automobile, traveling about 50 miles an hour, was struck by a train on the Long Island railroad at Oakdale and demolished. The men were thrown 30 yards with the wrecked engine, but received nothing more than a few bruises.

Fictitious names were given by the lucky automobilists, who are said to be men well known in business and club circles in New York. They had been guests of Commodore Bourne at his country place and were returning to New York when the accident occurred. The engine driver did not see the automobile until he was upon it and the fender hit the motor squarely in the center and hurled it into the air.

So great was the force of the collision that the heavy touring car was broken in two parts, each of which landed 30 yards away in the bushes.

JOHANN HOCH ESCAPES GALLOWS A THIRD TIME

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Johann Hoch, the man of many wives, convicted for the murder of one of them and under sentence of death, has escaped the gallows a third time. He was to have been hanged here tomorrow, but a supersedeas was issued today on an order of Justice Magruder of the supreme court.

The justice said that he had carefully examined the record presented by Hoch's attorneys and his study of it convinced him there was enough doubt to justify a review of the entire case by the supreme court.

The case will come up at the October term of the court at Springfield, Ill.

Hoch has been confident that the sentence of hanging would not be inflicted. He had very little to say when informed of the action of the justice. Jailer Whartman said it was the first time in his experience that a prisoner has exhibited no concern about his fate the day previous to the execution.

Hoch was smoking a cigar when told of the issuance of the writ.

"I am not guilty of this horrible murder," he said, "and now I will have the opportunity of proving myself innocent before the highest court in the state. I never felt that I would go to the gallows. I may be guilty of other crimes, but never of that murder."

A MURDER MYSTERY.

Last Suspect in Mize Case Will Be Released.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—William Bracey, the negro waiter of the Holland hotel who was seen following Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mize shortly before she was killed by a robber Tuesday night will be released today. Inspector Hunt declares he is satisfied Bracey is innocent. With the release of Bracey the police have lost the only prisoner against whom circumstantial evidence points strongly as being implicated in the murder of Mrs. Mize. It leaves the mystery of the crime more dense than heretofore.

MEYERS STORE COLLAPSE.

Workmen Had Nearly an Hour's Warning of Impending Danger.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 24.—The coroner's examination of workmen who were digging a cellar under the Meyers department store at the time of its collapse recently, shows that the men were warned of the impending disaster, nearly an hour before the structure fell and killed 13 persons. When it was noticed that the earth was crumbling from two of the big piers in the cellar, the whole force was put to work to brace the piers. The men continued their work till the last minute, when, realizing that their efforts were useless they rushed out. All escaped uninjured but Foreman Mitchell, who was caught and badly bruised.

National Tennis Championship.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 24.—Having successfully cleared away 73 matches in two rounds of singles, and the two matches in doubles in the National Tennis championships at the Casino, the committee in charge of the event found their task today of completing the third round of singles of 16 matches a comparatively easy one. There was some difficulty, however, in picking out a good match for the exhibition court.

The defeat late yesterday afternoon of B. Alexander removed from the tournament one of the strongest aspirants for semi-final honors, if not for the finals, and left only Hobart and Collins as probable winners in the upper half of the draw. In the lower half, however, there were left such men as Larned, Wright, Clothier, Little, Behr, Allen and Waidner, but no two of them were scheduled to meet today, so that surprises were not anticipated when the play started this morning.

The weather was again ideal.

Bennington in Dry Dock.

Vallejo, Cal., Aug. 24.—The Bennington went into the dry dock yesterday and was visited by many people. The boiler and engine rooms still present a frightful spectacle, only the debris having been removed. The gunboat will be taken out of the dock today, and as no authority has been received to make repairs, she will go out of commission. A survey will be held to determine what will be done with the vessel.

SWIMMING THE CHANNEL.

Three People Will Try to Duplicate Capt. Webb's Feat

Dover, England, Aug. 24.—The thirteenth anniversary of the success of Capt. Mathew Webb, in swimming across the English channel, which occurs today, brought out three candidates to duplicate the fame of the famous swimmer. They are: Miss Annette Keller, the woman champion swimmer of Australia; T. W. Burgess, who has already made three unsuccessful attempts to swim the channel, and Horace Mew. All three made an early start from this vicinity, under favorable weather conditions.

After covering six miles Miss Keller was overcome by sea sickness and gave up the attempt.

Mew gave up after being in the water seven hours. Another candidate, Montague Holbein, who has already made several attempts to swim the channel, started at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AM. BAR ASSOCIATION

Adjourns Meeting to Take a Ride On a Steamer.

Narragansett Pier, R. I., Aug. 24.—Alfred Hemenway, of Boston, addressed the American Bar association at today's session of the annual meeting of that organization on "The American lawyer."

The meeting adjourned at noon, to accept an invitation of the Rhode Island Bar association, to a steamer trip and shore dinner.

Baseball Players Sold.

St. Paul, Aug. 24.—President George H. Lennen of the St. Paul baseball club today confirmed the report that Manager M. J. Kelley, Walter Ringle, Jack Powers and Charlie Hemphill had been sold to the St. Louis American league club. Mr. Lennen also added that Price Walker had been disposed of to the same club.

Yellow Fever in Michigan.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 24.—A case of yellow fever has been discovered in Cracklery township, Ottawa county, 15 miles from here. The patient is Jeff Ottburg, a telephone lineman, who left New Orleans a week ago last Tuesday. He was taken sick Saturday, but a physician was not called at once.

FORTY-FIFTH STAR SHINES AT PORTLAND

Utah Day at the Fair Crowded Home Building Much Beyond Its Capacity.

CHOIR'S SINGING CAPTIVATES

Miss Gates Makes a Decided Impression in Her Rendition of Favorite Mormon Hymn.

NUMEROUS SPEECHES DELIVERED

Among Those Who Were Heard Were Governors Chamberlain, Cutler And President Goode.

(Special to the "News.")

Portland, Or., Aug. 24.—Utah's sun is in the ascendant at the Lewis and Clark exposition today. In fact, it is Utah day officially, and in any other way. Early this morning the crowds commenced to wend their way towards the Utah building, which has been the scene of so much activity and interest this week. Before night thousands will have paid their respects to the people of the Beehive State. Governor Cutler and staff are in attendance and the former may be said to be in charge of the program, which includes patriotic exercises and music by the Ogden choir and the soloists who accompanied it here. Governor Cutler delivered a stirring address this afternoon and other speeches were made by Congressman Howell, Hon. Fred Kiesel, Attorney Hiram E. Booth, President Goode of the exposition, Governor Chamberlain of Oregon and a number more who will close late in the afternoon.

"UTAH, WE LOVE THEE."

"Utah, We Love Thee," by Prof. Stephens of Salt Lake, was the choir's first number, and right ably was it given. The outburst from home people and from strangers as well, was of the most enthusiastic sort. At the close of the program an informal reception will be held at the Utah building by Governor Cutler. Tonight he gives a banquet to prominent Utah and other persons at the New York building, which is better equipped for that purpose than any of the other state buildings, and which was courteously tendered by the Empire State officials.

LAST NIGHT'S CONCERT.

Last night's choir concert, the final one, was a triumph of the highest order. Many hundreds of persons endeavored in vain to obtain admission to Festival hall to hear the Utah singers, and 500 more stood and sat on the stairways leading to the galleries. McClellan's "Irrigation Ode" was repeated at the request of the public press and many local musicians and delegates to the Irrigation congress. It was most enthusiastically received and at the instance of Governor Pardee and Hon. Fred Kiesel 1,000 copies were printed and distributed gratuitously at the doors.

SOME PLEASANT SURPRISES.

The work of the choir was again of high standard, though some of the singers we evidently much worn with sight seeing. There were some pleasant surprises during the evening. As a token of the good will and appreciation of leading Portland citizens, specially cast handsomely engraved badges were presented from the stage to Profs. Ballantyne, McClellan, Weihe and Miss Gates. The presentation speech was made by Homer Davenport, the famous cartoonist, who paid a glowing and eloquent tribute to the people of Utah, speaking of their musical abilities and other evidences of culture and refinement.

PIN FOR BALLANTYNE.

After the program had ended, Prof. Ballantyne was made the recipient of a handsome diamond pin, the gift of the choir members. A general love feast was held, and Mr. Ross as business manager of the excursion, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. As an encore number, Miss Gates sang the well known "Mormon" hymn, "O Ye Mountains High," the choir joining in the chorus. The effect was electrical and the applause unbounded. The young soloist was showered with American beauty roses and other flowers. Weihe's violin playing caused a veritable cyclone of appreciation to sweep over the house and he was again designated the "Mormon Yesye".

RECEPTIONS TO CHOIR.

The choir attended two receptions yesterday afternoon and evening, the first at the California building where a fine program was given by the soloists of the organization, and one in the evening at the Washington building, the latter lasting from 6 to 7:30 o'clock. It was this sort of thing that came near wearing many of the singers out. Today they have visited the famous Homer Davenport farm on the exposition grounds on the special invitation of the owner. Tonight they will attend the Commercial club, whose guests they are at a big social function of that body to which something over a thousand invitations have been issued to leading citizens and officials. Tomorrow morning they take boat for the Cascade, boarding the train at the Dalles which will be "Ho for home" with arrival there Saturday evening. Many other Utah people will also leave tomorrow, among them the Hon. John Henry Smith. Hon. C. W. Penrose will remain over Sunday to attend the conference of the Northwestern States mission, that will be held in this city on that day and on Saturday.

LOOKS LIKE BOISE.

The struggle between Denver and Boise to capture the next Irrigation congress has been an almost nightly affair. Last night it appeared for a time that Denver with its big money offers would get it, but Boise hope rose considerably this morning and on the