

## ALL FOUR EXPECT ITALY'S SUPPORT

Germany, Austria, England and France Look for it at The Hague Peace Congress.

### APPREHENSION AT BERLIN.

Sympathies With Limitation of Armaments But Sees no Prospect of Finding a Solution of Problem.

Rome, June 4.—The situation of Italy at the second Hague conference, and especially her attitude in connection with the limitation of armaments, has a peculiar importance because no other country is so directly affected by the struggle for supremacy which is going on among the leading European powers.

Germany and Austria expect the support of Italy because she is their ally under the triple alliance, England because of the affinity of their views and their traditional friendship, and France because of the commercial and economic interests binding them.

The people and government here have always followed with interest and approval every move tending to abolish or at least to render more difficult international armaments. The Italian minister of foreign affairs, Signor Tittoni, was strongly influenced at the outset by his previous service as Italian ambassador at London. While there he had heard the statement of the British premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, in favor of a reduction of armaments, and later the official announcement by Sir Edward Grey favoring a diminution of military expenses. When he returned to Rome, Tittoni was recalled to become minister of foreign affairs, he announced to the chamber of deputies that, as foreign minister, he adhered to the humanitarian British ideas which, as ambassador, he had previously approved in London. He added: "The government will give its representative to the Hague the mission to support and second the English initiative."

This declaration awakened considerable apprehension at Berlin, where it was pointed out that Italy, although a member of the triple alliance, was pursuing a policy which the other members of the triple alliance, Germany and Austria, could not follow.

The situation suddenly changed as a consequence of a meeting between Signor Tittoni and the German ambassador, Prince von Bülow, at Capri. The two statesmen were together nearly three hours, entirely alone and without notes being taken of their conversation, so that there is no evidence to the arguments dealt with. From what has leaked out from different quarters, it seems, however, that Prince von Bülow, after acknowledging that the situation of Italy was delicate and difficult, and that Signor Tittoni was very able in steering the ship, complimented the Italian government, whenever a question of international character arose, did not think it necessary to show a united front with the other members of the triple alliance.

Several instances were cited to support this contention, beginning with the Cretan question, in which Italy joined Russia, France and England, while Germany and Austria refused to enter the group of the protectors of that island, and ending with the more recent subject of the Albanian conference, where, according to Germany, Marquis Visconti Venosta and Henry White, with the greatest diplomatic tact, ended by isolating Berlin and Vienna.

At the time of the Rapallo meeting, it was reported that Mr. White, who had just gone as American ambassador to Paris a few weeks before, had the mission to bring France around to the views of America and England with regard to the limitation of armaments, which would have meant, again the isolation of Germany and Austria.

The arguments of Prince von Bülow were not without weight from the point of view of an ally to an ally, so that Tittoni had the idea of a middle course, which would save the susceptibilities of all powers concerned, by proposing such a procedure in the discussion of the limitation of armaments as to be acceptable to all. Prince von Bülow agreed, so immediately after his return to Berlin, he made the great power the proposition which the thought would settle the matter, but unfortunately it was not accepted, not only by England and the United States (the answer of Secretary Root being couched in very courteous terms), but by Germany herself. It appears that Prince von Bülow had misanderstood the proposition when laid before him at Rapallo.

The struggle which had been going on to secure Italy's support finally led to Signor Tittoni's statement in the chamber of deputies on May 15. This may be taken as Italy's final stand, and in substance it reflects a conservative middle course, by which Italy maintains her friendly attitude to the British peace proposals, and at the same time renews her loyalty to Germany and Austria by sharing their reservations on the impracticability of the immediate realization of the British plan.

"While I today reaffirm," said Signor Tittoni, "the sympathy with the Italian government in its sympathy with the most noble objects suggested by the broad-minded British initiative, yet we fully agree with the Austro-German reservation on the impracticability of immediately finding a practicable and acceptable solution of the problem."

"Thus the three members of the triple alliance enter the Hague conference united in their reservations against the present practicability of limiting armaments, but with Italy declaring herself in sympathy with the principles of limitation."

When it was decided to extend the invitation to the second Hague conference, also to those countries which did not participate in the first conference (excepted by all with the exception of the republic of Panama), the question came up again whether the pope should be included. At the Hague conference, the Russian ambassador, and St. Van Wende, the Dutch minister, approached Signor

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Tittoni, who, however, said that there had not been the precedent of the conference of 1899, when his predecessor, Admiral Couraud, strongly opposed any direct or indirect participation of the Vatican, he might discuss the matter, but given that precedent, any change would be impossible. Instead, it would produce a storm throughout the country. Besides, France this time objected to any interference of the pope just as much as Italy did in 1899. With regard to the Russian program communicated to the powers, Italy is disposed to widen as much as possible the functions and competencies of the navy without further limit the questions affecting the "honor and vital interests," so much discussed in 1899, which have to be excluded from arbitration. To the Italian ambassador to Paris, and one of the plenipotentiaries at the present conference, is competent on the question of establishing the rights and duties of the neutral countries in time of war, he having made special reports on the subject since the time of the Spanish-American war.

The most important discussion, outside the limitation of armaments, will be on the rules and usages of naval warfare, which will bring forth quite a number of problems arising from the use of torpedoes, submarines, and other modern weapons, especially with regard to the bombardment of ports, laying of torpedoes, transformation of steamers into warships, treatment of private property, etc. The discussion of the limitation of armaments, of which the Italian delegates only from a technical, military and humanitarian point of view, being convinced that the understanding on these points is of the greatest interest, which will be much easier raised if politics is excluded.

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### MR. BRYAN OPPOSED TO THIRD TERM IDEA.

Baltimore, Md., June 4.—William J. Bryan, in an interview today said: "When in Congress I endeavored to secure an amendment to the Constitution making the president ineligible for a second term, and in both of my campaigns I also announced that if I was elected I would not be a candidate for a second term. I would hardly look favorably, therefore, upon a third term. I assume that the president will adhere to the opinion which he has expressed on the subject, and will not be a candidate again. It would be a reflection upon the success of his administration if, coming in by an enormous majority, he had so reduced the popularity of his party as to make it impossible for any other Republican to be elected."

His reforms are of a substantial character, there ought to be some other Republican sufficiently identified with him to represent them as a candidate. It would be strange if the president was strong enough to make the anti-term precedent set by Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe and Jackson, and yet was not able to develop a worthy Republican successor."

### CADETS SAIL FOR JAMESTOWN.

West Point, N. Y., June 4.—The entire strength of the military academy's cadets, in charge of Col. Robert L. Howe, the commandant, and the six hundred and thirty-five cadets, sailed for Jamestown today aboard the army transport Sumner.

The cadets will be quartered a week upon the exposition grounds.

### PORTLAND GOES DEMOCRATIC.

Portland, Ore., June 4.—The Democratic and Independent candidates were re-elected mayor of Portland today by about 1,500 majority over T. C. Devlin, Republican. Mayor Lane carried the "wet side" by an estimated plurality of 2,000, but ran behind about 1,000 votes on the "dry side." Portland proper. The election culminated the hottest and most exciting campaign that has occurred in Portland for many years.

### PASSED OVER McLELLAN'S VETO

Albany, N. Y., June 4.—By a vote of 116 to 111 the assembly today repassed over Mayor McLehlan's veto the public utilities bill. It now goes to the senate.

### LINEMEN ORDERED BACK.

San Francisco, June 4.—The linemen who left the service of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company yesterday out of sympathy with the striking work operators will have to return to work unless they choose to disobey the order of the district council. President Kelly of the latter organization sent a communication to the company this morning, stating that the men had

### LOTTERY CONSPIRATORS SENTENCED TO PAY \$284,000

Mobile, Ala., June 4.—Thirty-two men who pleaded guilty in the United States court yesterday to an indictment prohibiting the carriage of lottery tickets were sentenced today by Judge Taft to pay fines amounting to \$284,000.

The defendants also agreed to surrender for destruction all lottery books, plates and other paraphernalia and to furnish a bond for the return of the National Lottery company, located in Wilmington, Del., and operated under the name of the Jones & Rogers Trust, which the lottery tickets have been printed for many years.

With these pleas of guilty and the surrender of all lottery material, the confessions of the National Lottery company, which is the successor of the old Louisiana State Lottery company, passed out of existence, ending a long endeavor of the federal government to suppress the lottery. The defendants included William P. Parkhouse, James R. W. Brown, William P. Johnson, Louis G. Graham, David H. Morris, Alfred H. Morris, Frank L. Howard, Albert Baldwin, J. J. Thomas, Paul Couraud, John Demarest, Walter J. Demarest and Edward J. Demarest, all of New Orleans; Louis Morris, J. K. Baylis and Lester K. Baylis of Wilmington, Del.; C. W. L. Cabell of Dallas, Tex.; Herman Bruner of St. Louis, and a dozen others residing in eastern and southern cities.

The district attorney, who pressed the cases against Walter J. Demarest, S. Meade, Hammer and Walker, the cases against John Hoag and Francis X. Fitzpatrick were continued, although fines were named. All others indicted were fined.

### A QUESTION OF JURISDICTION.

Raised by One Chinaman Killing Another on the Collier Bratus.

Washington, June 4.—The commander of the Collier Bratus has been instructed to turn over to the authorities at Norfolk, Va., the Chinese fireman who last week stabbed to death a Chinese officer on that vessel because he had refused to pay a fine of \$1. It appears that neither of the United States under the terms of the exclusion law, hence an interesting question may be raised as to jurisdiction in this criminal proceeding.

### COTTON LEAK CASES.

Not Certain Defendants Will be Taken to Washington for Trial.

Washington, June 4.—Whether Frederick A. Packham and Moses Haas of New York will be brought to Washington for trial upon the charge of being parties to a conspiracy to divulge information concerning the crop reports of the agricultural department in 1903, was the subject of a sharp tilt today between counsel connected with the trial of Edwin S. Holmes, Jr., former assistant statistician of that department, upon the charge of giving misinformation. Atty. Morgan H. Beach, employed by the government as special counsel to prosecute the cotton leak case, was making the opening statement, and in outlining the alleged agreement by which Haas was to supply confidential information through Packham and Haas to the New York brokers, he said that those two men would be brought here later for trial.

"Object," shouted Atty. Worthington, rising from Holmes' side. "The courts will not allow them to be brought here for trial."

sharply responded Mr. Beach.

### SMELTER FLUE COLLAPSES.

Butte, Mont., June 4.—The collapse of a flue leading to the great stack of the Washoe smelter in Anaconda today caused the death of one man, except in the concentrator for from three to five days. The mines in Butte will not close. The damage is not stated.

### MRS. MCKINLEY'S ESTATE.

Canton, O., June 4.—Mrs. M. C. McKinley, widow of President McKinley, and sole heir, was today appointed administratrix of Mrs. McKinley's estate. The Mrs. McKinley estate is valued at \$125,000. In addition to the estate, Mrs. McKinley owned a house and \$65,000 in real estate. This is exclusive of the estate of the president, which will go to his direct heirs, Mrs. Deacon and Miss Helen McKinley of Cleveland, and Mrs. Hermann Baer (Mabel McKinley).

### SUCCESSFUL BALLOON TRIP.

Harrisburg, Pa., June 4.—Capt. C. D. F. Chandler of the United States signal corps, and J. C. McCoy and Yeo of New York, made a successful trip from Washington, D. C., to this city in 4 hours and 37 minutes today. The balloon left Washington at 1:08 o'clock, landing at Langhston, nine miles north of this city, at 5:45. The trip was without incident.

### CAPT. ANISWORTH SEIZES BRITISH SEALING SCHONER.

Washington, June 4.—The secretary of the treasury has received a telegram from Capt. Anisworth of the revenue cutter Rush, stating that he had seized the British sealing schooner Charlotte G. Cox, which was found illegally catching seals in Fairweather grounds off Alaska. The Cox, it is said, evidently was taking seals during the closed season within the area of the island in violation of articles of the tribunal of arbitration agreed to by the governments of Great Britain and the United States. She had 75 seals on board. The department has directed the commander of the Rush to deliver the Cox to the British authorities at the nearest port in British Columbia in accordance with the joint regulations of the two governments in case of seizure.

### KNOX FOR PRESIDENT.

Pennsylvania Republican State Convention Will Endorse Him.

Harrisburg, Pa., June 4.—United States Senator Knox will be formally endorsed for president and placed the support of the Pennsylvania delegation to the next Republican national convention by the Republican state convention, which will be held in this city on Thursday for the nomination of a candidate for state treasurer. Senator Baugher is in nearly agreed with the movement.

## SUIT TO COMPEL HARRIMAN TO TALK

Before July 1 Government Will Begin Proceedings to Make Him Answer Certain Questions.

### RELATE TO THE ALTON DEAL.

Will be Brought in Southern District of New York—May be Year or More Before Final Decision is Reached.

Washington, June 4.—The question as to whether the government will begin criminal prosecution against E. H. Harriman, the railroad magnate, for violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, was considered at a conference between President Roosevelt and Franklin K. Lane, interstate commerce commissioner, at the White House tonight.

Mr. Lane was with the president for more than an hour, and upon leaving the White House announced that before July 1 legal proceedings would be instituted to compel Mr. Harriman to answer certain questions propounded to him by members of the commission at the recent hearing in New York, when the Alton deal was under investigation.

Previous to his conference with the president, Commissioner Lane had conferred with Frank B. Kellogg, special counsel for the government in the Harriman investigation. Mr. Kellogg, it is understood, will have a conference with the president some time this week, and will later go to New York to institute suit against Mr. Harriman to compel him to answer the questions regarding the Alton transaction. At this conference all the members of the commission will be present, and it will be definitely decided what action the administration is to take in regard to the criminal prosecutions against Mr. Harriman. While no date has been set for this conference, it probably will be held on Thursday or Saturday of this week.

The proceedings to compel Mr. Harriman to answer the questions referred to will be brought in the courts of the Southern district of New York. Whether the prosecution or the defense should win the decision, the case is expected to be appealed to higher courts and, ultimately, to the supreme court of the United States. According to opinions already expressed by members of the interstate commerce commission, it may be a year or even more before final decision can be reached on these efforts to compel answers to the questions to which Mr. Harriman declines to respond. For these reasons it was announced several weeks ago that the commission did not intend to await the result of these proceedings before taking action on the general subject of the investigation of the Harriman lines.

### CAVALRY FOR SNEELING.

St. Paul, June 4.—Senator Chapp today received a telegram from Secy. of War Taft saying that as soon as the squadron of the Fourth cavalry, now turned from the Philippines, it would be established at Fort Snelling. The secretary said the absence of troops in Cuba necessitated the removal of the cavalry from Fort Snelling, and Kellogg for the purpose of concentrating the squadrons into regiments.

### THREE PERSONS KILLED BY GASOLINE EXPLOSION.

Reddick, Ill., June 4.—Three persons were killed here tonight by the explosion of a car loaded with gasoline. One of the men killed was Fred Hattling, a barber of Reddick. The names of the other two men are unknown, as they were strangers, having come to Reddick on a freight train earlier in the afternoon. The three men, together with several other persons, were watching three freight cars burn that had become ignited from a hot box on one of the trucks. As the train passed the junction of the Chicago, Indiana & Southern railroad and the Washburn railroad, the car with the hot box was derailed, two other cars loaded with oil were also dragged into the track, and caught fire. Right next to these cars was another car loaded with gasoline, which caught fire from sparks from the burning cars. A fearful explosion followed, which broke all the windows in the village and demolished chimneys of houses for miles around. Three men were killed, who were standing close to the gasoline car.

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