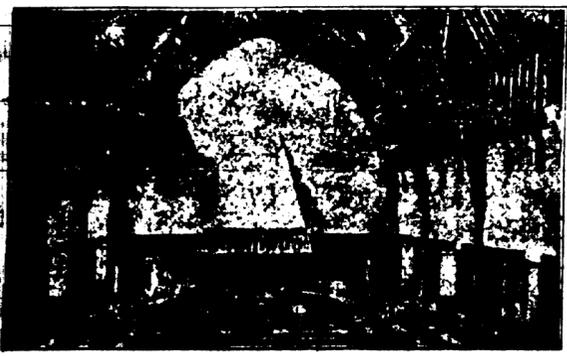


WHERE PEACE DELEGATES MEET



The Ridderzaal, where the second Peace conference is being held, stands on the eastern side of the Binnenhof or Inner Court of the ancient official buildings of The Hague. The Binnenhof occupies the site of a palace built in 1130 by Count William of Holland. Within the court on May 13, 1819, John of Barneveld, Chancellor of Holland, was put to death by his rival, Prince Maurice.

BELL UNDER THE SEA

NOVEL WARNING TO SHIPS OF APPROACHING PERIL.

Electricity Conveyed by Cable From the Shore Operates Mechanism—Sound Travels Five or Ten Miles Through Water.

Washington.—A novel method to inform ship captains of the approach of their vessels to the danger zone has been perfected in connection with the use of the system of submarine bell signals in places where the bell cannot be placed on a light ship or lighthouse.

The electric bell is hung from a tripod set on the bottom of the sea at the edge of the shoal at the required point and this bell is struck by a mechanism operated by a current of electricity conveyed through a cable from the signal station on shore. Such a station at Point Allerton, Mass., and another at the entrance to Halifax harbor are operated with cables more than two miles long.

The light house board has made arrangements to place these submarine signals on all light ships not already so equipped, including the five vessels approaching completion at the yards of the New York Shipbuilding company and the four to be built at the Fore River yards at Quincy, Mass.

JUDGE LINDSEY AIDS LAD.

"Wanted to Get Ahead"—Gets Place Paying \$2,000 a Year.

Denver.—"I want to get ahead, so I came to work for you." Two years ago Judge Ben. B. Lindsey was interrupted at his work by a boyish voice. Looking up, he saw a youngster with a shock of bright red hair and mischievous blue eyes.

So Jay Bacon was kept in the juvenile court and given a chance to advance. First he was made a sort of messenger boy and "handy Andy" for everyone. He was given the dignified title of clerk, but the young man is authority for the statement that he frequently did many services beneath the dignity of his title.

He had studied stenography at home with his stepfather, D. H. Colburn, who is one of the probation officers, and his first attempt at taking dictation from Judge Lindsey convinced the latter that his clerk could hold his own.

Then Judge Lindsey was appointed judge of the new juvenile court. Under the statute creating the court he was to name a stenographer at a salary of \$2,000 a year, almost as much as stenographers to district judges receive. The next promotion had come to Jay Bacon, for without considering any other applicant Judge Lindsey appointed him to the place.

Brick Lost with Body in It. Pittsburg, Pa.—Friends of Herman Unger, the musician who committed suicide in Boston some time ago and who directed that his body be cremated and the ashes made into a brick, are much alarmed over the present whereabouts of the brick. It has disappeared and all efforts to locate it have been fruitless.

The brick was shipped from Boston more than a week ago by the secretary of the Boston lodge of Odd Fellows to Morris Nosokoff, of this city, the nearest friend of the dead musician. Nosokoff has the priceless violin that Unger owned, but he was very anxious to secure the brick as well.

GRENADES OF WAR OF 1812.

Ordnance Found at Fort McHenry Is Over Century Old.

Baltimore, Md.—While examining the contents of the ordnance storehouse at Fort McHenry, Lieut. J. L. Holcombe, of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth coast artillery discovered several boxes of old hand grenades which are supposed to be more than 100 years old.

The missiles are of the earliest make used by the United States government, and were probably placed at the historic old fort when it was first erected in 1812. Owing to the way in which they were packed the grenades had only the slightest trace of rust on them.

The discovery of the weapons recalls a bit of the ancient history of the country. In explaining their use Lieut. Holcombe said that the grenades were handled only by the grenadiers of the ship, who, walking out upon the yard-arms of the old-fashioned fighting vessels, threw them into the ranks of the enemy. An explosion followed which created havoc.

They weigh about four pounds and are shaped after the fashion of the bombs used by anarchists, and are iron and loaded with gunpowder.

Several days after the discovery one of the new recruits at the fort was found trying to dry the powder in one of the missiles by roasting it on the fire. A report was made to Lieut. Watson, in command of the post, who said that he intended to write to the authorities and ask permission to dump them in the middle of the Chesapeake bay, as they were so old-fashioned that they would be of practically no use whatever in modern warfare.

BIG DOG ADOPTS CHICKENS.

Five Orphan Chicks Are Cared For by Large Black Brute.

Des Moines, Ia.—Performing all the functions of a mother to five orphaned chickens, a large black dog is attracting wide notoriety on the east side. The chickens lost their mother in some unaccountable manner and five little screaming fowls made the neighborhood miserable with their piteous cries. The chickens belonged to M. M. Friedman on East Fifth street, where the dog also belongs. The chickens huddled together after losing their mother and during the night were taken in charge by the dog, who protected them from the chilly night air. Now the dog has come into constant attendance on the five chickens and watches over them all day long.

Ed Sunberg, constable of Lee township, hearing of the strange incident, went to investigate and tried to take one of the chickens out of the box where they had huddled around the dog. He received a bite on his hand as a reward for his attempt to molest the little chicks and the dog is now left severely alone with his little family.

NO SLEEP FOR 25 YEARS.

Man with Continual Grief Sits in Chair, Wide Awake.

Erie, Pa.—Joseph Root, a hermit resident of Presque Isle peninsula, claims he has not slept in 25 years, and those who have become interested in the case believe his story.

A number of well known physicians examined him. They say he is in a healthy condition and he was awake all the time they observed him. His close friends also vouch for his story. Drugs have been administered, but have no effect on Root. The man has lived for a long time on the peninsula and tells an interesting story.

He says that about 25 years ago two dear relatives were killed suddenly in a railroad accident. He suffered so much from shock that he gave up the idea of sleep, and now remains in a chair all night with his eyes wide open.

After his rest in the chair he feels as much refreshed in the morning as if he had enjoyed a good night's sleep.

Doyle Will Hunt for Jewels.

London.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, anxious to justify his reputation as a real Sherlock Holmes, has offered his services to Sir Arthur Vickers, the Elster king of arms, in unravelling the mystery of the loss of the jeweled insignia of the order of St. Patrick, which was recently stolen from Dublin.

LEAVES BEET FOR HUSBAND.

Leader of Strange Religious Clan in Iowa Renounces Power.

Des Moines, Ia.—Forced to choose between the leadership of the strange religious sect of which she was the originator or divorce from her husband, an Iowa supreme court justice, Mrs. Scott M. Ladd, selected the first course and renounced her mission. She has placed the guiding lines of the religious organization in the hands of Rev. W. F. Morgan, agreed to abstain entirely from participation in the services of the clan, and promised to devote herself in the future to her husband and children.

The mission on the south side, where the demonstrations which brought the organization into public notice were held and where many marriages under its forms have been celebrated, has been disposed of, but the new leaders have leased the old church at Seventh and Grand streets and will continue their worship there.

Mrs. Ladd's congregation first gained prominence by the reports of strange actions which occurred during their services, many of the worshippers being so overcome with emotion that they would lose consciousness, roll on the floor in frenzy, and go into trances from which they would recover in an exhausted and almost lifeless condition. It was this extreme passion and the notoriety which the sect had gained which caused Justice Ladd to object to his wife's connection with the institution.

ESCHEWS HAT TO COAX HAIR.

New Husband Arrested Thrice as Lunatic as a Result.

Rochester, Minn.—Because his wife was jokingly twitted by her friends for having married a bald headed bachelor, Emil Ruff is raising a crop of hair under circumstances that would turn gray the "wool" of an ordinary mortal. He has been arrested three times as a result of his efforts to cover the great bare spot.

Ruff's pate was as barren as a billiard ball a few weeks ago. It is now partially covered by a fuzzy growth which is a promising indication that he will soon have a head of hair that will be the envy of his fellows.

Ruff is in the habit of walking 10 to 20 miles at a stretch. When he began to go without a hat so that the sunshine and rain might propagate an expense of hair on his bald head his troubles began. The place where the hair ought to grow became tanned to the brownness of an autumn meadow, and his appearance caused a stir.

An asylum for the insane is located here and on three different occasions Ruff has been taken into custody in as many towns and accused of being an escaped lunatic. Ruff, who is manager of the local gas works, threatens to procure a card from the superintendent of the asylum stating that he is perfectly harmless.

FRANCE SEEKS OUT AGED MEN.

Statistics Prepared Showing Department Where Life is Longest.

Paris.—According to statistics recently prepared by the minister of public works, the departments of France having the best average number of aged people are the Yonne and the Aube. The department of the Creuse, too, has a good record, for there in 1,000 men of advanced years 27 were found between 85 and 95 years old. The Yonne and Aube together show 45 men between those ages.

These two departments adjoin, whereas their neighbors of the Creuse don't approach their standards. Furthermore, the average highest in the Yonne district is 36 years, and four months, as against an average for the nation of 32 years and seven months.

The Normand and Breton districts have the lowest average longevity. The Mayenne and Ile et Vilaine departments have, according to statistics, only eight men each per 1,000 between the ages of 85 and 95 years, the computation being made in the same manner.

As regards mountain districts, the Pyrenees have a better average than the Alps in the figures in question.

CELL TOO SHORT FOR PRISONER.

Giant Complains He Cannot Sleep with Knees Under Chin.

New York.—Henry Meyer, a gigantic prisoner in the Hudson county, N. J., jail, is beseeching the warden to cut a hole in the corridor wall of his cell big enough for him to stick his feet through, and about seven inches of his legs.

Meyer is seven feet one inch tall; the cells in the jail are six feet six inches long. Meyer yearns to lie at full length on his cot. If the warden will not perforate the wall Meyer is willing to lay him down to sleep and pray the Lord his soul to keep in the jail corridor, but that would be against the institution's rules.

Meyer, who lives at North Bergen, is serving 60 days as a disorderly person. He is a native of Germany, but has associated so long with American citizens of another berth that he talks with a brogue.

Earl's Son to Punch Cattle.

Denver.—Francis Patrick Clements, brother of the earl of Leitrim, who recently crossed the ocean serving as a stoker, is on his way to Denver to become a real cowboy. He writes that he wants no tomfoolery, but expects to commence at the bottom and learn the business.

PAWN HOME; BUY AUTO

PITTSBURG WOMEN IN MAD SOCIAL RACE.

Many Are Driving Their Husbands Bankrupt by Trying to Present Appearance of Wealth on Moderate Salaries.

Pittsburg, Pa.—So mad has the race for social supremacy become that many owners of houses worth from \$5,000 to \$10,000, which they have acquired after years of toil and saving, are mortgaging them in order to buy automobiles. So fearful are they of being outshone by their neighbors that they are resorting to the most reckless extravagance and trying to present the appearance of wealth on an income not exceeding \$150 a month.

This is a portion of the report of a committee of the New Era Women's club, of Pittsburg, which has been investigating social conditions in this city.

"Something must be done and done quickly," the report says, "to prevent the women of Pittsburg from resorting to the means they do to acquire social prestige in their set. Existing conditions in Pittsburg are such that active measures must be taken. Mothers are neglecting their children, and young wives are driving their husbands to the wall for the sake of the appearance of wealth."

The club women charge that women and girls who have married men receiving salaries from \$100 to \$150 a month are gradually driving their husbands bankrupt, in many instances, for the sake of possessing some means of distinguishing themselves.

Homes which have been secured through years of saving and hard labor are being threatened with the auctioneer's hammer or the foreclosure of a mortgage because the women have seen their neighbors' big red touring car and do not wish her to gain the reputation of possessing something they cannot have.

After trying to figure out how to secure an automobile by saving from her husband's weekly or monthly income, the wife with said aspiration concludes it is not feasible and casts about for some other means to raise the money. The automobile by this time has become a permanent fixture in her brain and she must have one. How to get it is the chief and most important point.

Many ways suggest themselves, but none practicable until the thought strikes her that they can get money on their home by taking a mortgage. The interest and part of the principal can be paid in monthly installments. It is a brilliant thought and seems to afford an easy way out of the difficulty.

The husband strenuously objects at first until the woman's pleadings and tears bring the desired result, and the deal is consummated. It looks at first as though the mortgage can be paid off easily, but something turns up—the baby gets sick and the auto uses an immoderate quantity of gasoline. The monthly installment on the mortgage is not paid. The salary, all of it, must be used to keep up the house and pay the unexpected expenses that have been incurred.

Pittsburg club women interested in the subject ask: "By what means can a stop be put to this state of affairs?" They agree that the solution of the problem is not clear, but that something must be done.

BAY STATE AUTOS ARE DEADLY.

Record of Twenty-Six Days Shows Nine Dead, Thirty-Four Hurt.

Boston.—Nine pedestrians have lost their lives and 34 have been injured as a result of automobile accidents in Massachusetts within the last 26 days, according to statistics compiled and made public by the Safe Roads Automobile association. During the 26 days there have been 92 collisions in which automobiles took part.

The investigation conducted by the association show that out of 16 cases looked into the operator was to blame in 13.

Confined that radical measures must be adopted if these accidents are to be stopped the association has offered rewards for conviction of operators who do not leave their names after an accident, and have also offered to pay for evidence which will secure the conviction of persons operating automobiles while under suspension or after revocation of their licenses. Evidence leading to the conviction of persons attaching numbers to vehicles other than those to which the numbers have been assigned will also be rewarded by the association.

Bee Swarm on Sleeping Boy.

Somerset, Pa.—Apparently to match the remarkable weather there have been many remarkable stories of the vagaries of bees in their annual swarming, but the oddest to date comes from Mill Run, near Addison, Somerset county, where members of the Frazee family hold a reputation as apiarists.

Hiram Frazee came home from work in a field last week, and on a bench in the apiary yard he saw his nine-year-old son fast asleep. From head to foot the youngster was covered with bees to the depth of several inches, it seemed, but he slept on.

It appears that the queen bee had been crippled and had crawled upon the boy's body, where she was shortly joined by the whole bee community.

WOMAN SEES 35 LANDS.

Mrs. Noble, of Detroit, Mich., Completes Record-Breaking Trip.

New York.—A lone woman traveler, who since last October has covered a distance equalling the circumferential circumference of the earth, arrived here the other day aboard the North German Lloyd steamship, Friedrich Der Grosse. She is Mrs. Lucy S. Noble, of Detroit, Mich., a widow of middle age, with a taste for exploration and means to gratify it. She headed for the unknown world by way of San Francisco last October, whence she took steamship to Japan.

"I have covered 25,000 miles," said Mrs. Noble, "and have seen something to interest and instruct in each of the 35 countries I have visited. I went alone and when I came to a place where help was required I hired guides and interpreters. I have traveled in almost every kind of conveyance, from the continental railway cars to the mule and the camel."

Mrs. Noble went to China, Korea, Siam, Burma, India, Egypt, Ceylon, Persia, Arabia and every country in Europe.

The most notable feat was a trip into the interior of Korea, where Mrs. Noble was accompanied by guides, went into parts of that country where, it is said, not a white man has ever gone. Her advent created the greatest excitement among the natives, though she was actually in danger at no time.

Mrs. Noble says nobody stopped her anywhere and she did not have any adventures that she can write a book about. She picked up coins and postage stamps and other substantial souvenirs. Her baggage is plastered with more fantastic placards in all the languages of the world, than that of any voyager who has been in this port in many years.

ELEPHANT EATS ROLL OF BILLS.

Gunda of Bronx Park Cuts Short a Honeymoon Trip.

New York.—Gunda, the financier elephant of the Bronx Zoological park, who collects pennies with his trunk and hoards them in a bank up above his head, put through a big deal the other day. It netted him between \$200 and \$300.

James Henchiff and his bride, who were married at Pawling, N. Y., stood in front of Gunda's cage when the bridegroom pulled out the roll of bills. He wanted to make sure pickpockets hadn't got it.

Gunda's trunk reached over and deftly absorbed the roll and transferred it to his mouth. He was munching placidly when the bride's scream brought Keepers Helmel and Davis. They prodded the elephant, but he wouldn't give up the money. Finally Helmel coaxed him to spit out the greenbacks. There was only a single dollar bill that looked passable. The tens and twenties were a mass of pulp. The bride wept bitterly but Henchiff said they had money enough to get to Pawling anyhow. He will take his pulp mass of currency down to the treasury and see if he can get any part of it redeemed.

"RUBBERNECK" AT OYSTER BAY.

President Routed from Veranda by Voice of the Megaphone Man.

Oyster Bay, L. I.—The rubberneck wagon is still after President Roosevelt. Megaphone and all, it has followed him even to the wooded fastnesses of Sagamore Hill. The wagon started the other day for the first time to make regular trips between Huntington and Oyster Bay. It stops at all intermediate villages, cross roads and objects of interest, but tarries longest in front of the president's farm.

The president was seated on his veranda after breakfast, when a voice floated to him through the shrubbery. "On our right you see Sagamore Hill, the home of President Roosevelt, the greatest man in history," it said. "It is here the president turns farmer every summer and works with his hired men in the hayfield. To the right is the swimming hole he used to swim in when a boy. Right in front is his tennis court, where all his visitors must tackle him before they are allowed in the house. Over there is the stable."

At this point the president was seen to jump from his chair and retreat precipitately into the house.

Gets \$15,360 for Lost Hair.

Marionette, Wis.—The Marionette and Menominee Paper company has settled with Miss Jessie Vandebogart for the injuries received by her while an employe of the company. The settlement amounted to \$14,000, and interest since the case started, or a total of \$15,360. Miss Vandebogart's hair was caught in the machinery August 24, 1903, and her scalp was torn off. After her recovery she entered suit against the company for \$20,800. A judgment of \$14,000 with interest was affirmed by the supreme court.

To Sell Mark Twain's Old Home.

Kahoka, Mo.—Mark Twain's old homestead, located on Hill street, Hannibal, is to be sold. It is one of the sights always shown to visitors. Here the humorist lived when a boy; here he learned to "set type" and write stories; here his boy friends gathered to hear his marvelous tales and help him devour the watermelons he had "hooked" from some farmer's wagon. The now famous building has undergone but few changes since it was occupied by America's most noted humorist.

INDIANS SLAY AT HUB

REDSKINS MASSACRE SEALS DAILY IN HARBOR AT BOSTON.

Three-Dollar Bounty for Each Tail Brings Passamaquodics from Maine to Take Part in the Hunt.

Boston.—That real, live Indians are supporting themselves by killing seals in Boston harbor is not known to everybody around here.

For some seasons several Passamaquoddy Indians from Eastport, Pleasant Bay, Old Town and other parts of Maine have been earning a living during the summer months by killing seals and presenting the tails at the city hall in Quincy, where they get a three-dollar bounty for each tail.

So far this year Town Clerk Keith of Quincy says \$543 has been paid out in bounties to these enterprising Indians, who make their camp at Squantum or on Peddock's island.

One of the Indians, Willie Nicholas, lives with five others near the Portuguese village on Peddock's island. In the winter he and his people make baskets; in the spring they fish with weirs; in the summer they hunt seals, and in the autumn they guide. But they get more money from killing seals than from any other source.

Two men go out in canoes painted sea green and bark like seals until they attract the animals to within shooting distance, when they kill them with shotguns. Sometimes they hunt by day and sometimes by night. When hunting from canoes they always have to get to the leeward of the seals in order to avoid being detected, for seals have a very keen sense of smell. Sometimes the crafty Indians wrap themselves in dark canvas or blankets and lie on Hangman's or Veazie's rocks, and they are so successful in imitating the call of the seal that they are able to attract them near enough sometimes to kill them with a club.

It is not an easy matter to get near enough to shoot a seal, but it is far more difficult to get him after he has been shot, for he circles around in the water for a few moments and then his tremendously heavy body—which often weighs 500 or 600 pounds—sinks to the bottom. Some nights a couple of Indians will get eight or ten seals, which makes a fairly good night's work.

It has been said that the Indians present the snouts for the bounty in Maine and then come up here with the tails for another bounty. That there is nothing to prevent this being done except the Indian's sense of honor is perfectly true. Of course, they are obliged to swear that the seals have been killed within the confines of the town or city in which the bounty is applied for, but perjury has been known to exist among Indians as well as among white men. Then, too, the tail is only two or three inches long and very small around, and therefore lends itself very readily to transportation.

Many people have wondered why the state encourages the killing of the seals. The answer is to be found in the seal's stomach. Last year a fish and game warden found in the stomach of one seal 11 eels, several lobsters, a few flounders and general assortment of snail and other small fish to the amount of one peck by actual measurement. Multiple several meals per diem of this sort even by the number of seals that have already been killed in Quincy say this season—that is 181—and you get some idea of the competition which seals afford the local fisherman.

GERMAN JUSTICE SOLOMONLIKE.

Married Women Called On to Settle Late Saloon Pleas.

Berlin.—To the court at Schonsee, that was hearing pleas for an extension of the closing hour from 11 to 12.30, the saloonkeepers presented many witnesses who testified that the whole town was for the change. The judges retired to consider and, when they reappeared, the chairman said: "We shall take great pleasure in granting the extension, but the plea must be supported by the signatures of at least ten married women."

The saloonkeepers and their adherents have been engaged in a fruitless search for these ten signatures.

At Dortmund was a girl with her baby before the court, claiming support from a man whom she alleged was his father. The man denied the paternity and in a voluble manner, in reply to the questions of the court, pointed out the differences between his own features and those of the infant.

"You're the father right enough," said the judge. "If you were not, you would know nothing of the baby's looks. Twenty marks (five dollars) a month."

Higher Pay for Soldiers.

Washington.—President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft committed themselves to a determined effort to have the pay of the enlisted men in the army and navy increased. The department of commerce and labor has been called upon to prepare for the president statistics showing the comparative increase in cost of living and in wages. The commissioned officers of both branches of the service also hope to receive some favorable treatment. It is expected that congress will be asked to increase the pay of the enlisted men 25 per cent.