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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The treasury department has hit upon the device of printing a circular containing in succinct form statements relative to coinage, bullion production, circulation per capita in various countries and such like information to meet the needs of the many persons seeking facts on which to base conclusions respecting the issues of the campaign.

GREAT demand was being made at the headquarters of all parties at Washington for literature to be used in the campaign.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL WILSON has issued an order to all railway mail clerks directing them not to take an active interest in the political campaign, such as attending conventions as delegates, and so on. It was expressly stated that there was no desire to control their political opinions.

A REPORT was in circulation at Washington on the 29th that President Cleveland had taken the preliminary steps toward convening congress in September on account of a communication received from Consul-General Fitzhugh Lee upon the conduct of the Weyer campaign in Cuba.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has issued another proclamation commanding United States citizens to observe neutrality towards Cuba.

The commissioner of internal revenue has submitted to Secretary Carlisle a preliminary report of the operations of his bureau during the fiscal year ended June 30. It shows that the receipts aggregated \$146,830,615, an increase of \$3,584,537 over those of the preceding fiscal year. The expenses approximated \$4,044,351.

The national committee of the people's party has decided to make Washington the headquarters of the organization.

An insurance company recently sent a circular to its policy holders and said in case free silver was adopted it would have to pay all claims in depreciated silver coin. Secretary Carlisle was asked for his opinion on the matter, and he stated that if free silver was adopted the dollars would be coined on private account and the government would be under no obligation to keep them equal to gold and that our currency would sink at once to a silver basis.

The United States treasury deficit for July in round numbers is \$12,800,000. Receipts for the month were \$29,400,000 and the expenses \$42,200,000.

GENERAL NEWS.

MRS. HENRY WEBSTER, the wife of a prominent county official, was fatally shot by John Webster, her oldest son, at La Porte, Ind., on the 31st. The deed was committed because Mrs. Webster refused to give her son money that he demanded.

The executive committee of the national irrigation congress met at Denver, Col., on the 31st and fixed the time for the fifth national meeting, which is to be held at Phoenix, A. T., for December 15, 16 and 17.

HENRIETTA WEBB, colored, was arrested near Tyler, Tex., for beating her two children to death. The mother showed evidences of insanity.

EIGHT persons were more or less injured by the crashing together of two trolley cars near Baltimore, Md., on the 31st. The cars were wrecked.

AFTER six weeks' trial at Agram, Austria, of the Stenjeve band, numbering 36 persons, charged with 18 murders and robberies, 19 members of the band, including two women, have been condemned to death, nine others have been sentenced to periods of one to 20 years' penal servitude and eight were acquitted.

DISPATCHES from Mellette and other points in South Dakota stated that a terrible hailstorm swept over a stretch of country 60 miles long and five or six wide, beating the shocked grain to the ground and in many villages breaking all the windows on the side toward the storm.

A FIRE started in Port au Prince, Jamaica, and burned until more than 100 houses were destroyed. The loss reached \$1,000,000.

The board of regents of the agricultural college, the governor of Oklahoma and the territory veterinarian have declared that Texas fever exists in Oklahoma and have ordered certain sections of the territory quarantined.

A TERRIBLE fire was reported raging in Libau, Russia, on the 31st. Several streets were in flames and the firemen were unable to cope with the situation. Libau is a seaport town of Russia on the Baltic. Its population is between 25,000 and 30,000.

WILLIAM F. HARRITY, until recently the chairman of the democratic national committee, made the announcement at Philadelphia on the 31st that he had retired from politics.

THERE were four suicides in Chicago on the 31st.

ARDMORE, Ok., received its first bale of cotton on the 30th and it sold for seven cents. A premium of \$20 was paid the owner for his enterprise.

Two men were fatally injured and three others severely burned by the explosion of a tank at the Standard Oil Co.'s works at Cravens Point, Jersey City, N. J.

FAILURES for the week ended the 31st (Dun's report) in the United States have been 281, against 261 last year, and 40 in Canada, against 28 last year.

A RUMOR that Queen Victoria intended to abdicate in favor of the prince of Wales is current in London.

AN explosion of gun cotton in the chemical works at Maas & Waldstein at Newark, N. J., did considerable damage to buildings. Fortunately, the explosion did not occur during working hours, so there was no loss of life.

LIGHTNING set fire to the barn on the dairy farm of William McGregor, west of Findlay, O., and the structure was destroyed. It contained 25 fine Jersey cows, and all efforts to save the animals were unavailing and they were cremated.

GEORGE WILSON was executed by the federal authorities in the jail yard at Fort Smith, Ark., for the murder of Zachary Hatch. He protested his innocence to the last.

LEVI SANCOMB, aged 12, and Nellie Buchy, aged 18, were crossing the railroad tracks near Chateaugay, N. Y., in a wagon when it was struck by an express train and both of them, together with the horse, were killed.

I. N. COFFEY, president of the state board of pharmacy, was stabbed and killed by Dr. Crabtree, a prominent druggist at Cairo, Ill., in front of the latter's store. No reason has yet been assigned for the assassination.

A BODY of striking miners went to the Hymera mine at Sullivan, Ind., set fire to the plant and then burned the mine below. The loss was estimated at \$50,000.

By an explosion of gas at the Bear Ridge colliery, at Pottsville, Pa., on the 27th Michael Brazil, Preston Hill and William Kinne, fire bosses of Connor's Patch, were killed and James Mahaney, of Girardville, was injured, perhaps fatally.

A CYCLONE struck Beulan picnic grounds at Cleveland, O., recently, completely destroying eight or nine houses, a large tabernacle and other valuable property. The loss was estimated at many thousands of dollars.

THE Gus Gennins, a towboat, sprung a leak near Evansville, Ind., and sunk. She will be a total loss.

A CLOUDBURST occurred near Steubenville, O., on the 30th and 300 people were rendered homeless, the water rushing down the valley and carrying everything before it. The damage will aggregate \$200,000.

THOMAS WATSON is out in a strong editorial in his paper at Atlanta, Ga., stating his grounds for accepting the populist nomination for vice president. It is regarded as an ultimatum that he will not withdraw.

THE official stenographer of the democratic national convention at Chicago declares that Senator Hill's amendment to the currency plank was adopted, although the senator believed the contract clause was defeated.

A ROME dispatch of the 30th stated that Father Martinelli, prior-general of the Augustinians, has been appointed successor to Mgr. Satolli as papal legate to the Roman Catholic church in the United States.

W. E. BURT, of Austin, Tex., killed his wife and two children and placed their bodies in a cistern and then disappeared. The foul smell caused the crime to be discovered.

ARTHUR SEWALL, the democratic nominee for vice president, was interviewed at Bath, Me., on the 30th and said that he did not intend to resign in favor of Watson.

GEORGE GRAMATA, a 12-year-old boy was literally roasted alive at Midvale, Pa., by the explosion of a kerosene lamp, the blazing oil being scattered over his clothing.

THE arbitration committee appointed by the Kentucky Distilling association has accomplished its end and all but two of the largest distillers will suspend for 18 months. The purpose is to allow a production of 12 1/2 per cent. to fill existing contracts.

DUNQUE, Ia., was greatly damaged by a heavy rainstorm on the 27th.

THE hot weather on the 28th prostrated more than 60 militiamen at Camp Lincoln, near Springfield, Ill.

THE Grindelwald conference opened at Berne, Switzerland, on the 28th with a long address by Dr. Lyman Abbott, of Brooklyn, upon the subject of Anglo-American arbitration.

A WILD woman was captured in the swamps near Palmer, Tex., by Deputy Sheriff Vestel and another man. She was a giant in stature and her hands and feet were twice the size of a man's.

A DISPATCH from Chee Foo stated that the German gunboat Ilitis was lost in a typhoon on the China coast. Only ten of her crew were saved. The vessel mounted 22 guns.

THE political campaign of 1896 was opened at Madison, Wis., on the 31st in the presence of 8,000 people. Senator John M. Thurston, of Nebraska, and Clarence S. Darrow, of Chicago, presenting the respective sides of the currency question.

TWENTY-FIVE houses and business premises were totally destroyed and 12 others partially destroyed by a fire at Grass Valley, Cal. Loss \$150,000. The fire was believed to have been of incendiary origin.

THE Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution published a telegram from Senator James K. Jones on the 31st that he could not consider any proposition for the withdrawal of Sewall, but would entertain any fair proposition for fusion on electoral ticket.

GODFREY GOULD, colored, was lynched at Clarendon, Ark., on the 31st by a party of 150 men for an assault upon a white woman.

THE intense heat still continued on the 30th in St. Louis, Cincinnati and Indianapolis. In St. Louis there were fully 50 prostrations, ten of them being fatal, with prospects of several more proving so. In Cincinnati 29 prostrations were reported, five of them being fatal. In Indianapolis two deaths were reported. Dispatches from many other cities indicated much the same condition.

AN awful railroad accident occurred on the evening of the 30th near Atlantic City, N. J., where two railroad tracks cross one another. An express train crashed into an excursion train broadside and plowed through, literally cleaving it in twain. A rough estimate placed the number of killed and injured at 100, but it was hoped that this might be an exaggeration. The number, however, was undoubtedly more than 50.

SPEAKER THOMAS B. REED opened the republican national campaign of 1896 at Alfred, Me., on the 29th, on his renomination to congress. Mr. Reed discussed the currency question from the standpoint of the republican platform.

At Huntington, Ind., a tornado damaged many dwellings, twisted off trees and rendered worthless many fields of corn and oats. It was accompanied by a deluging rain.

DISPATCHES on the 29th from St. Louis, Cincinnati, Louisville, Chicago and other places told of the extreme heat and many deaths from prostration were reported.

BERT GREEN, colored, convicted of the murder of Miles P. Mitchell, in December last, was hanged at Jackson, Tenn., on the 29th. He protested his innocence to the last.

S. D. WORDEN, the railroad striker charged with wrecking the railroad bridge near Sacramento two years ago and thereby causing the death of Engineer Clark and three United States soldiers, must hang, the supreme court having affirmed the judgment of the lower court, which convicted him.

JOHN CLARK RIDPATH, of Greencastle, Ind., the historian, was nominated for congress on the 29th by acclamation by the democrats of the Fifth Indiana district.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

A TIDAL wave recently inundated the coast of Hai-Cha, China. Many villages were destroyed and it was estimated that at least 4,000 people were drowned. In addition an immense number of cattle also perished. The rice fields were submerged and a famine is feared in the district during the coming fall.

A DENVER, Col., evening paper printed an extra edition on the 2d stating that at a meeting of leading republicans in that city it was decided to demand the resignation of Senator Wolcott on account of his support to the republican national ticket.

STEPHEN PERLETRICE, an Italian at Chicago, was troubled with rats and to get rid of them he caught two, poured cold oil over them, set them on fire and then let them go. His house and the adjoining one both got burned down in consequence and Perletrice is in trouble with the police, the insurance companies and the humane society.

At Columbus City, Ala., Maynard Covans and Miss Proctor and Miss Bishop took refuge in an old building from a storm, when the structure collapsed and Mr. Covans and Miss Proctor were instantly killed and Miss Bishop fatally injured.

A VICIOUS hog in Benton county, Ark., during the temporary absence of Mrs. Mary Smith, attacked the woman's infant twins and her four-year-old boy, who were playing in the yard, and killed them.

THE Columbus Buggy Co., of Columbus, O., made an assignment on the 1st. The firm had branch houses in a dozen leading cities of the country. The cause of the failure was said to be the general business depression.

Two Choctaw Indians became involved in a quarrel at Krebs, I. T., and they stabbed each other to death, literally cutting each other to shreds. The killing occurred in a beer joint.

ON a ranch near Canyon City, Ore., sheepmen and cattlemen engaged in a bloody fight, resulting in the death of five men.

Two passenger trains collided on the Illinois Central road at Birkbeck, near Clinton, Ill., on the 1st and two persons were killed and ten injured.

PLANS have been perfected for an ice trust in Chicago. It will ultimately take in the dealers of all the large cities of the country.

NAT and Tom Butler at Cambridge, Mass., broke the world's record of 203 for the unpaired tandem mile, made on the San Jose, Cal., track, by doing it in 1:53.25.

NEW METALS FOR COINS.

Pure Nickel for Nickels and Aluminum for Cent Pieces.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Experiments with pure nickel and aluminum as substitutes for the present nickel pieces and one and two cent bronze pieces will be made at the mints by order of Director Preston during September or October. A resolution was passed by the house of representatives authorizing such experiments. There is some doubt whether the actual adoption of a new metal for the minor coins will be recommended at an early date by the treasury officials, even if the experiments prove successful. The objection to a change in any form of coins or notes is the disposition of the public to refuse the old forms and insist upon having the new. This would drive into the mints for recoinage \$14,000,000 in nickel pieces, which are now in circulation, and \$7,500,000 in pennies. The advantage claimed for pure nickel, instead of the alloy now used in five-cent pieces, is its greater hardness, durability and distinctness of impression.

RELIGIOUS INNOVATION.

Baptist Church Convention of Iowa Will Listen to a Joint Political Discussion.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 3.—A remarkable innovation in religious meetings has been arranged as a feature of the state convention of the Baptist church, to be held at Humboldt, August 8. It will be a joint debate on the money question. Rev. A. L. Stetson, president of Des Moines college, the Baptist institution of the state, has arranged the matter, and it has been approved by the leading members of the church. The board invited Judge C. C. Cole, of this city, a leading free silverite, to address the convention. Afterwards the local committee invited Congressman Dolliver to address the meeting, and now it has been decided to have them divide the time and make it a joint debate.

THE BUILDING COLLAPSED.

Two of Three Persons Who Sought Shelter Instantly Killed.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 3.—At Columbus City Maynard Covans was escorting Misses Dovie Proctor and Della Bishop, daughters of prominent families, out for a walk when a heavy rain and windstorm came up. The trio stepped into an old building to keep from getting wet. The building collapsed and all three were caught in the debris. Covans and Miss Proctor were instantly killed and Miss Bishop so badly injured that death will result.

COINAGE AND CIRCULATION.

Gold and Silver Dollars Coined During July—Increase of National Bank Notes.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—The coinage executed at the United States mints during July aggregated 2,935,260 pieces of the value of \$4,031,200. Of the coinage \$2,918,200 was gold and \$1,062,000 was standard silver dollars. National bank notes outstanding August 1, aggregated \$25,942,455; an increase during July of \$29,495, and since July 31, 1895, of \$14,660,547.

Tidal Wave Drowns Thousands.

SIANGHAI, Aug. 3.—News reached here of a tidal wave, inundating the coast of Hai-Cha, in the northeast of the province of Kiang-Su, destroying many villages and drowning 4,000 people. Immense numbers of cattle perished, the rice fields were almost totally destroyed. Kiang-Su is one of the most fertile provinces of the empire and exports more silk than any other part of China.

Children Killed by a Hog.

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., Aug. 3.—In Benton county Mrs. Mary Smith, wife of a farmer, became alarmed at the absence of her ten-year-old daughter, and started to search for her, leaving her other children, infant twins and a boy aged four, playing in the yard. During her absence a vicious hog attacked them and killed them. The little boy tried to drive the hog away, and was himself fatally bitten.

Bryan Makes Denial.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 3.—Regarding the rumor that he had promised to appoint Gov. Altgeld attorney-general, Mr. Bryan said last night: "In order to answer once for all rumors in regard to places promised, I desire to say that I have not directly or indirectly promised any office, of any kind, to any person whomsoever, and shall not during the campaign promise any office of any kind to any person whomsoever."

Potatoes a Nickel a Bushel.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 3.—Illinois and Missouri farmers in this vicinity, at a meeting at Alton, voted to sell no more potatoes until the dealers' price should be increased. Potatoes dropped to 15 cents a bushel Tuesday, Wednesday they brought only ten cents and Saturday the middlemen squeezed the price to five cents a bushel.

Cost of Uncle Sam's Business.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—The comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures, issued by the treasury department Saturday, shows the total receipts from all sources during July to have been \$29,029,209, and the expenditures \$42,088,468, leaving a deficit for the month and the fiscal year thus far of \$13,059,249.

Hard Coal Rate Cutting.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—The warring freight officers of the western roads have turned their attention from grain to hard coal, and a big tumble in rates on the latter commodity from Chicago to the west is threatened.

WOLCOTT'S POSITION.

The Colorado Senator Gives His Reasons for Supporting the Republican Ticket.

DENVER, Col., Aug. 3.—Senator Edward O. Wolcott has issued a signed statement outlining his position in the present campaign. He says the silver question is most vital, and that while recognizing that international bimetalism is the most desirable means by which silver could be restored as a money metal, he firmly believes the United States could restore it independently of other nations. He maintains that his position has always been, during his seven years in the senate, the same as that of the other silver senators. The financial plank of the republican platform, he says, is far from satisfactory, but he holds that the pledge for the furtherance of international bimetalism must be taken in good faith in view of the party's record on other questions. The platform is, he affirms, aside from the money question, without a flaw, and the nominee of the party a man of highest presidential qualifications.

A BIG FAILURE.

Columbus Buggy Co. Makes an Assignment on Account of Business Depression.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 3.—The Columbus Buggy Co., the largest in the world, assigned Saturday night, the result of general business depression. The estimated assets are \$1,000,000, and the liabilities are of the class known as contingent. It is believed that the numerous branch establishments operated by the Columbus concern will be closed and the factory here run by the assignees. The crash was not looked for as the trade had fallen off largely in the last few years, and three years ago there was financial trouble which threatened to force the concern to the wall. The pay rolls carried 1,000 men, and there were nearly a dozen branch houses in various cities east and west. The branch house at Kansas City, Mo., which was reported prosperous, was closed Saturday.

DOOLIN UNJUSTLY ACCUSED.

The Outlaw Did Not Rob the Stage Coach Between Okeene and Lacy.

PERRY, Ok., Aug. 3.—Several days ago the mail stage between Okeene and Lacy was robbed of registered letters containing large sums of money, and the report was given out that the mail carrier, Hempmeyer, also was robbed of a big sum. The driver described the robbers as Bill Doolin and Dynamite Dick, two of the most desperate men that ever operated in Oklahoma. Officers and citizens went in pursuit. The actions of Stage Driver Hempmeyer were rather suspicious. He is only 19 years old, but he handled large quantities of money. He was arrested and placed in jail on suspicion of being his own robber. He confessed yesterday.

BIG DAMAGE BY STORMS.

Crops in Many Iowa Counties Literally Destroyed by Hailstones.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Aug. 3.—During the last week there have been a series of hailstorms in northwestern Iowa and southeastern South Dakota, covering about a dozen counties. Insurance adjusters, with headquarters here, have been out over the district and report that the damage to crops within 50 miles of this city has been not less than \$300,000. In some counties the path of the hailstorms show fields utterly devoid of vegetation, and the injury to live stock from the heavy hailstones was also great. Hailstones are reported to have broken timbers 2x4 inches in size, and to have torn large limbs from trees.

WATSON FOR SENATOR.

A Deal Said to Be on to Get Him Off the Vice Presidential Track.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 3.—A special to the Republic from Savannah, Ga., says: A rumor reached this city that negotiations for the withdrawal of Tom Watson, the populist candidate for vice president, are on. It is said that Watson has been promised the Georgia senatorship to succeed Senator Gordon. An editorial in the Savannah News mentions the matter. "It would not be at all surprising," the paper says, "to see Mr. Watson a democratic senator." Mr. Crisp now has a walk-over for the senatorship, and it depends upon him to say if the deal with Watson shall be made. It is suggested that Crisp might go in the cabinet.

MAY WIN A MILLION.

A Chicago Inventor Claims He Can Make Millionaire Rousers See Again.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—With a view to claiming the reward of \$1,000,000 offered by Charles Broadway Rousser for the restoration of his sight, Walter W. Felts, a Chicago inventor, has been experimenting upon Martin, the substitute, and claims to have been so successful that the formerly blind druggist can distinguish medium sized objects. Felts has expressed himself as confident of securing the reward.

Republican Chances in the South.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—The republicans are hopeful of carrying several southern states for McKinley. They regard West Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, Alabama and Georgia as good fighting ground. Maryland they regard as pretty nearly a sure thing. The situation in Georgia, as represented by gold democrats, is much more favorable to McKinley than might naturally be supposed, even without the practical certainty that the middle-of-the-road populists will fight the Bryan ticket.