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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

COMMISSIONER FORMAN, of the internal revenue service, has issued a circular calling attention of collectors of internal revenue to the provisions of the Dingley tariff act relative to tobacco, cigars and cigarettes.

TERENCE V. POWDERLY, of Pennsylvania, formerly master workman of the Knights of Labor, took the prescribed oath on the 3d and received his commission as commissioner-general of immigration.

INCITED by the newspaper publications recently made, some of the high government officials at Washington have been looking up the title to the Klondike gold fields and say that they are unquestionably within British territory, lying east of the 141st meridian, which defines the boundary line, by about 25 miles at least.

THE United States government has sent an ultimatum to the Peruvian government requiring the immediate payment of the McCord claim of \$50,000.

THE commissioner of the general land office is having a new map made of the Alaskan country, which will be of the greatest value to persons contemplating a trip to the gold regions. It will show all the rivers and lakes and all the routes to the gold fields, including those through British Columbia. The maps will be out in a couple of months.

THE British government has informed the American bimetallic commission that it will probably reply to the proposals of the commissioners on behalf of the United States in October.

THE Russian mission has been tendered formally to Ethan Allen Hitchcock, of St. Louis, by President McKinley.

MR. PRESTON, the director of the mint, estimates the gold production of the world for 1896 to have been \$205,000,000, of which the United States contributed over 53,000,000. For 1897 he believed the world's gold product would reach at least \$240,000,000, an increase of \$35,000,000 over 1896.

THE postmaster-general proposes to recommend to congress at its next session the establishment of postal savings banks and he is collecting all the information possible on the subject.

GENERAL NEWS.

ACCORDING to the National Apple Shippers' association at Buffalo, N. Y., the probable yield of apples for 1897—based on an average of 100 as a full crop—in Missouri will be 80; in Kansas, 75.

AT Houston, Tex., Esseck White was taken from jail by a mob and hanged and his companion, Armas Phillips, narrowly escaped the fury of the lynchers. The two had attempted a criminal assault upon two young women.

THE New York World recently published an interview in which Secretary Sherman was represented to have said that Spain would lose Cuba, that there would be no Hawaiian protectorate unless extraordinary occasion should arise, and that there was no longer a shadow on Anglo-American amity.

THE August crop report of the Orange Judd Farmer, of Chicago, based upon returns from all the principal agricultural counties of the country, makes the condition of the corn crop on August 1 86.4, against 88.4 on July 1.

MR. SOLOMON TIMMERMAN and his wife, each 75 years old, were both killed while driving across the West Shore railroad tracks at St. Johnsville, N. Y.

AT the free-for-all pacing race at the Columbus, O., driving park on the 6th there were four starters—Joe Patchen, Star Pointer, Lottie Lorrain and Badge. Joe Patchen not only won the race on its merits, but paced the fastest mile ever made in the Grand circuit, equaling the world's record of 2:01½, made by John R. Gentry at Glens Falls.

A DISPATCH from Chicago stated that an agreement had been reached between the important distilling and distributing interests of spirits in the United States for the control of output and prices.

THE miners of the Ohio & Mississippi Valley Coal & Mining Co., at Marion, Ill., struck for a raise of ten cents per ton for digging, secured it and returned to work within two hours.

FOUR persons were burned to death at Cincinnati the other morning in a frame dwelling by a fire which started from the explosion of a gasoline stove,

JUDGE THOMAS, in the United States court at Muskogee, I. T., has declared the incorporation of towns in the Indian territory under the Arkansas law a nullity. The decision affects many towns and places a damper on municipal government in the territory.

By an explosion at the cartridge factory of Rusechuk, Bulgaria, 46 persons were killed and many others injured and the lives of 60 of the latter despaired of.

A RECENT dispatch from Siloam Springs, Ark., said that there was a rush in the Cherokee strip by white men to marry Indian maids, as August 15 was the last date upon which squaw men could qualify as Cherokee citizens. Each dusky maid carries a dowry of 160 acres.

A NEGRO named Nathaniel Mason attempted an assault upon his employer's wife at Glenwood, Ga. He was captured and a mob of 50 decided to shoot him in military fashion. He was placed against a pile of rocks, given an opportunity to pray and, at a signal, every trigger was pulled and a shower of lead found lodgment in his body.

DISTINCT vibrations of an earthquake were recently felt at Basalt, Col., windows being rattled, houses rocked and plastering cracked.

JUDGE MURPHY, of the court of criminal correction at St. Louis, has ruled that the Breeders' law is unconstitutional and pool rooms may reopen.

"MISS" LUCY SMITH, of Omaha, Neb., has filed a sensational plea for divorce in the Douglass county court. She set up that on May 31 last, while she was confined to her bed, Harvey Boone bribed her nurse to drug her, and while she was stupefied he came to her bedside with a minister and license and they were married.

A BRIDGE at Kertsch, Russia, which had been weakened by a flood, collapsed recently. A number of people were crossing when the bridge fell, and 38 of them were drowned.

THE queen's speech was read to the British lords and commons at London on the 6th and parliament was prorogued until October 6.

JACK WILLIAMS was lynched near Barbourville, Ky., for assaulting a deaf and dumb girl.

A CALL has been sent out to the state presidents of ex-slaves' Pension associations for a national convention to be held in Nashville, Tenn., September 20, 1897.

THERE were 214 business failures in the United States for the week ended the 6th, according to Bradstreet's report, against 269 for the corresponding week last year.

A NEGRO farm laborer, named George Turner, attempted to assault his employer's daughter in Barbour county, Ala., was caught by a posse a few hours after his escape and then promptly hanged to a tree in a swamp.

THE two largest silver mines in Utah—the Ontario and Daly—have been ordered closed, owing to the decline of silver. The mines gave employment to 700 men.

A TERRIBLE disaster occurred recently at Kremenchuk, Russia, a town on the river Dneiper. Owing to the high stage of water in the river a women's swimming bath anchored along the bank was swept away. The bath was occupied at the time by 400 women, 200 of whom were drowned.

FIFTY leading society ladies of Lafayette, Ind., moved the electric cars and gathered in fares for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian association. Thousands patronized the lines, and many paid extravagant fares for a brief ride. No change was returned by the handsome collectors.

ONE hundred women employed as warpers in the Rhenia silk mills at College Point, L. I., made a demand for an increase of wages and for the re-employment of the men who struck two months ago in consequence of a reduction of 30 to 40 per cent. in wages. Both were refused and the women struck.

CHARLES DIETZ, of Philadelphia, quarreled with Katherine Skollen, his sweetheart, shot her, probably fatally, and then killed himself.

THE long-standing breach in the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the United States, which occurred in 1884, has been closed and the 195,000 members of the order are again affiliated under one head. The union was effected at a joint conference of the national officers of the rival factions held in Atlantic City, N. J., on the 5th.

It was reported at Ardmore, I. T., on the 4th that the Kiowa and Comanche Indians were putting on war paint and a general uprising was feared.

THE report that Chief Quannah Parker had been killed and robbed by a gambler was false. It originated in the fact that the chief was one of several Indians who had trouble with outlaws and that Running Antelope, a Comanche, was injured by being thrown from his horse.

A CLOUDBURST occurred at Castle Rock, Col., on the 4th which caused the most serious flood ever known in that section. Plum creek became a raging torrent and not less than 100 bridges on that stream and its tributaries were washed away. The damage to wagon roads will cost the country thousands of dollars.

THERE were five victims of the heat at Cincinnati on the 4th and 23 prostrations.

CLARA HALL, 19 years old, and Lena Herrick, 18, were drowned at Grand Rapids, Mich., while bathing.

E. R. MOSES, of Great Bend, Kan., has issued the official call for the sixth national irrigation congress to be held at Lincoln, Neb., September 28-30.

LIZZIE HOFFMAN threw her baby, sewed in a bag, into the Hudson river at New York, but the bag filled with air and floated, saving the child's life. The mother was arrested.

THIRTY thousand people witnessed the final contests of the national meet of the League of American Wheelmen at Willow Grove, Philadelphia, on the 7th. The finishes were all intensely exciting, but only one record was broken, Fred Schade covering one-third mile in 32 4-5 seconds.

THE discovery of new diamond fields was reported in the district west of the Kimberly mines in Africa, the find being said to be fully equal to those of Kimberly.

SENOR CANOVAS DEL CASTILLO, the prime minister of Spain, was shot and killed by an anarchist at Santa Agueda, Spain, on the 8th. The assassin was arrested. Great excitement prevailed in the place.

THE sensational story sent out from Ottumwa, Ia., to the effect that Gov. Drake was on his death-bed at his home in Centerville was denied by his son-in-law and physician, who said that the governor had never been in a critical condition, and that he was improving rapidly.

THE men at the Reading iron plant at Danville, Pa., who recently struck against a reduction of wages, have finally agreed to accept the reduction and go to work. Seven hundred men were affected.

THE grand stand at the White Horse race track near Lancaster, Pa., gave way just as the winning horse passed under the wire. There were fully 2,000 men, women and children on it and hundreds of them were buried in the debris. Over 200 were injured and four killed.

A NIGHT watchman at Homestead, N. J., heard a woman shrieking "I am burning up; save me!" He rushed to her rescue, beat out the flames and picked her up, but she was dead. It proved to be his wife, who was the victim of a lamp explosion.

OFFICERS of the Florida Fruit exchange, who keep themselves posted on the condition of the orange crop throughout the state, estimate that the crop this fall will amount to between 150,000 and 200,000 boxes.

THE Glucose Sugar Refining Co., with an authorized capital stock of \$40,000,000, has been incorporated at Trenton, N. J.

JURSE PERRYMAN was legally hanged at Hattiesburg, Miss., for assaulting a woman.

FIVE lives were lost and scores of persons sustained serious injuries, 51 of them being firemen, in an explosion which took place during the burning of the Northwestern grain elevator at Chicago. Either the bursting of a boiler or the explosion of mill dust caused the awful havoc. The building was of composite construction and the explosion caused a perfect bombardment of tiling, bricks, etc., at almost white heat, leaving little of the building save the framework and a great pile of blazing wheat. The loss was estimated at \$300,000, fully insured.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

LEADERS in Chinese mission work at San Francisco were recently circulating a petition to be sent to President McKinley asking him to get congress to appoint a commission to investigate the horrors of human slavery in that city. It was said that over 1,000 Chinese women were bought and sold as chattels and kept in involuntary servitude.

A GRADING company at work near Valley, Neb., exhumed 19 skeletons recently, five being women. Residents of the locality could not account for them being there nor recall any burying ground as having been located at the place. The bodies were not buried in any coffins.

WHILE on his way to serve warrants on charges of "wildcatting," Dink Wharton, a deputy sheriff, in Cleburne county, Ala., was assassinated from the bushes. His body was literally filled with lead.

A NEGRO attempted to assault a 14-year-old girl near Edwardsville, Ala., but she screamed and got away. A short time after armed men with dogs were after the fiend. When they returned they said they had "lost" the negro, intimating that he never would be found alive.

Work is being pushed in a vigorous manner at the Brooklyn navy yard on all the government vessels which are undergoing repairs, but the officials deny that there is any special significance in the fact.

It was said that the Spanish government was aware that a meeting of anarchists had been held early in July and that it was decided to murder Senor Canovas del Castillo before August 15.

THE gravel train on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad struck a street car which was passing over the track at Janesville, Wis., and badly injured half a dozen passengers.

A riot broke out among the prisoners in the jail at the Four Courts, St. Louis, on the night of the 9th and it took a large force of policemen and detectives to quell the disturbance. About 20 of the rioters were placed in dungeons.

JOHN GORDON, a negro who murdered a white man, was captured and taken to Brunswick, Miss., the other evening. The next morning his body was discovered dangling from a pecan tree.

THE towboat Fritz blew up on the Mississippi about ten miles below Cairo, Ill., on the 9th and ten negro roustabouts were afterwards missed.

KISER IS KING OF ALL.

THE Ohio Lad Won Two National Championships at the L. A. W. Meet. PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 9.—The greatest race meet in the history of American cycling came to an end Saturday evening at Willow Grove park, when the 18th national meet of the League of American Wheelmen closed. In attendance there has never been a national or local race meet that has approached it. During the two days of racing nearly 45,000 persons witnessed the great contests. Fred L. Longhead, the Sarnia, Ont., lad, who carried off the honors Friday, kept up his fine work Saturday, but little Earl Kiser landed on top, winning the half-mile professional and the great mile open professional. Eddie Bald also added to his reputation, and, while no firsts appeared to his credit, yet his seconds in the mile open and the five-mile professional finals were within a hair-breadth of being firsts.

BIG INSURANCE COMBINE.

Proposed Trust to Control Business West of the Allegheny Mountains. CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—A gigantic combination of companies to control insurance in all the states between the Allegheny and Rocky mountains will, in all probability, result from the meeting here yesterday of representatives of 39 non-union companies. This union of the companies will be backed by unlimited capital, and will have absolute supervision over rates, forms, compensation, interinsurance and all matters appertaining to insurance and property in all western states except those west of the Rocky mountains. The representatives of the non-union companies who were present voted to arrange a meeting of all the companies at Saratoga, on September 7, the date and place of meeting of the Western union, when a new organization will be formed.

FOG WAS TOO THICK.

For That Reason William B. Feltz Did Not Make His Jump from Pike's Peak. COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Aug. 9.—William B. Feltz did not make his jump from Pike's peak yesterday, but that was not his fault. With the conditions of cloud and fog it would have been a blindfolded leap to certain destruction. Feltz went up to the summit of the peak carrying his immense aeroplanes with him. Two hours were required in adjusting the big wings, but heavy clouds gathered and a slight snow falling at the time convinced him that a leap from the peak would have been suicidal. The leap was postponed, but Feltz is still on the peak, and it is said he will stay there until the conditions are favorable, when he will sail down into Colorado Springs, 12 miles distant.

GLOOMY FOR CORN.

Orange Judd Farmer Reports a Decrease in Condition Since July. CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—The August crop report of the Orange Judd Farmer, based upon county returns from all the principal agricultural counties of the country, makes the condition of the corn crop on August 1, 86.4 against 88.4 on July 1. This is below the average for a series of years, and it has been lower but once in recent years, in the year of partial failure, 1894.

AWFUL CATASTROPHE.

An Explosion in a Bulgarian Factory Kills 46 Persons and Injures 60 Others. RUSTEHUK, Bulgaria, Aug. 9.—An explosion occurred in a cartridge depot in this city yesterday, demolishing the buildings and killing 46 persons. Sixty others were injured, and all of them are in a hopeless condition. Rustehuk is a city on the south bank of the Danube, 40 miles from Bucharest.

Riches in Wheat Alone.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 9.—The winter wheat raised this year in a block of six adjoining counties—Barton, Ellis, Ellsworth, Pawnee, Rush and Russell—at 60 cents a bushel, would be equal to a per capita of \$139.90 for every child, woman and man in the counties. The aggregate sum it would yield is \$6,394,987. Sumner, with its 4,585,000 bushels, probably has more winter wheat than was ever produced by any like territory in the world.

A Rich Fodder's Gratitude.

MUSKOGON, Mich., Aug. 9.—Jerome E. Turner, an attorney of this city, has been notified that he is heir to \$75,000, bequeathed to him by William Seymour, of Chicago. During the world's fair Turner met Seymour on Clark street, Chicago, just as he was being arrested by police officers. For the novelty of trying a case in Chicago he appeared as Seymour's attorney and succeeded in having him acquitted.

A Pardon Applied For.

DENVER, Col., Aug. 9.—Alfred Packer, convicted of killing five companions who were lost in the mountains with him in 1873 and eating their flesh and sentenced to the penitentiary for 40 years, has applied for a pardon. He claims that four of his companions were killed by the fifth who had become crazy and that he shot the madman dead as the latter was rushing at him with a hatchet.

Lightning Causes Five Deaths.

NEWBRO, Ky., Aug. 9.—During a storm last night the home of a farmer named Bostwin, near Gibbs' cross roads, in Tennessee, was struck by lightning and burned and Bostwin and his wife and a grown daughter perished. A son and a farm hand jumped from the window, but in their fright ran to the Cumberland river and were drowned.

ENGLAND IS SLOW.

American Bimetallic Commissioners Must Wait Until Next October. LONDON, Aug. 7.—The British government has informed the American bimetallic commission that it will probably reply to the proposals of the commissioners on behalf of the United States in October. The commissioners have been waiting in London since their conference with the cabinet, and, desiring to know the exact position of England before opening negotiations with other governments, they wrote to the cabinet inquiring when they might expect a decision, as they were anxious to arrange their future programme. Yesterday Senator Wolcott received a reply from Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, in the course of which the chancellor expressed a fear that the British government was not yet in a position to reply to the proposals of the envoys of the United States and the French ambassadors on the question of an international agreement.

KANSAS MINERS WIN.

Conference at Pittsburg Results in Concessions from Mine Operators. PITTSBURG, Kan., Aug. 7.—The conference between the operators and executive board of miners held in this city yesterday had a larger attendance than the one a week ago. All the mining companies were represented except four. The meeting was presided over by George Wallace, chairman of the executive board of miners, and A. B. Kirkwood, superintendent of the Wear Coal Co., acted as secretary. The operators practically agreed to accede to all the demands made by the miners. They were given a choice of any kind of powder at \$2 per keg. The semi-monthly pay day was agreed to, as well as \$2 per day for day men, and \$1.80 per yard for entry work.

A WHEAT BLOCKADE.

Grain Arriving at Kansas City Faster Than It Can Be Handled. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 7.—A blockade of wheat in the Kansas City yards is imminent. It was estimated last evening that fully 1,800 cars of wheat were being held here, about half of which are billed through to Galveston. The gulf roads are short of engines, principally for the reason that all of their extra motive power has been put into use in the grain belt. Another cause for the blockade on the tracks here lies in the fact that the elevators have been unable to handle the grain consigned to them as rapidly as it comes in. There are over 500 cars of wheat on the Suburban Belt, and the elevators can only take care of about 150 a day.

TWO KNOTTY PROBLEMS.

Settlement of the Cuban and Hawaiian Questions Will Require Great Diplomacy. WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—There is a growing belief, strengthened by the actions and statements of high officials, that the highest powers of the diplomatic branch of the government will be required to prevent serious issues with Spain or Japan, or both. The true statement of affairs, as it confronts the administration to-day, is not realized by the superficial observer of events, but there is no doubt whatever that the experienced men who are at the head of the state department are prepared to use all the resources of diplomacy before a settlement of the Cuban question or the annexation of Hawaii is realized.

MINES ORDERED CLOSED.

Two of the Greatest Producers to Suspend Because of the Silver Slump. PARK CITY, Utah, Aug. 7.—Superintendent Chambers, of the Ontario and Daly mines, has received a telegram from New York to close down both mines at once, owing to the recent decline in silver. These are two of the largest silver mines in the state and give employment to about 700 men. The Ontario mine is one of the greatest producers in the country and has been in active operation for 20 years and has paid about \$13,500,000 in dividends. It is claimed that these mines cannot be worked with profit at the present price of silver.

The Russian Mission.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The Russian mission has been tendered formally to Ethan Allen Hitchcock, of St. Louis. More than that, the president has expressed to Mr. Hitchcock the reasons why he is particularly desirous that the appointment shall be accepted. A business man of wide experience is wanted for this post. Relations between Russia and the United States which will call for business rather than legal qualifications are foreseen.

Fatally Hurt in a Bicycle Race.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Aug. 7.—Lloyd Welman, from Dallas, Tex., who came to Lawrence to participate in the state bicycle meet, was probably fatally injured yesterday. It was in the five-mile professional race, in which there were a large number of starters. There was a big spill and in the fall Welman's head was caught and pushed through the wheel and horribly cut.

Threatened the Wrong Woman.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 7.—Yesterday, in the office of Magistrate W. W. Martin, at Decher, Mrs. Charles Olmstead, while applying for a warrant against her husband, was threatened with death if she persisted in trying to have him arrested. Suddenly Mrs. Olmstead drew a pistol and shot him in the stomach, inflicting a mortal wound.