

method of congressional procedure on the Cuban reciprocity treaty. It was made known that in all probability an entirely new tariff law must be enacted to make good the treaty terms owing to the defective nature of one provision of the treaty as amended by the senate. It is believed by others that the treaty may be made operative by joint resolution of congress.

News of an uprising in Southwest Africa was reported on November 5 by the Cape Town correspondent for the London Daily Mail. It seems that the Bondelzwar tribesmen are engaged in a native rebellion in Damarland, a province in the German possessions in Southwest Africa, and recently made an attack on a fort held by the Germans, destroying the fort and the village, massacred all the Germans and took the English families prisoners. The trouble is said to be due to the execution of a native chief by German officers.

At a conference of the organization known as the Missouri River Improvement association, which conference was held at Omaha, Neb., on November 5, several questions were discussed. Among these questions were the following: "How shall we go about it to have the ravages of the Missouri river checked; to have our property protected from floods and currents; to interest the national government in our behalf?" Delegates from four states were present at the conference. A permanent organization was effected, H. T. Clarke of Omaha being elected president. Resolutions were adopted asking the government to adopt means to prevent the ravages of the Missouri river and to take steps to render it a navigable highway.

The clash between the federal Indian authorities and the state of Wyoming over the question of right to punish the Indians who recently participated in the struggle in Wyoming wherein a sheriff and one deputy were killed, resulted on November 5 in the returning of the nine Indians captured in South Dakota to Wyoming for punishment.

A dispatch from Butte, Mont., under date of November 6, says that fire in the Kearsarge mines, six miles from Virginia City, Mont., caused the death of nine men and several others were entombed. These mines are considered to be among the most valuable gold mines of the state.

It is believed that all hope of averting a general strike of coal miners in district 15, which includes Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming, must be given up, despite the efforts of the governor of Colorado and Commissioner of Labor Montgomery to settle the difficulty. Notices have been posted ordering the men to quit work on November 9.

From recent reports the insurrection in Santo Domingo is still continuing, the insurgents being in the vicinity of the capital of the island. It was reported on November 6 that a steamer destined to Puerto Plata had been stopped by a Dominican warship and not allowed to land its cargo at the destination stated.

In Justice to Mr. Bryan.

It is to be confessed that no little of the newspaper comment upon Mr. Bryan in his relation to the Bennett will is not only unjust, but lacking in

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kindness. Nothing to this date has transpired in the matter which reflects upon the Nebraskan's honesty or honor, and so far as the inquiry goes, it seems to reveal that he has acted throughout with scrupulous fidelity to exalted ideals. Mr. Bennett, it seems, was not only a devoted admirer of Mr. Bryan, but a most enthusiastic believer in the political dogmas which he represents. In making his will he naturally desired to leave a portion of his large estate to the man who was not only his friend, but his political prophet. This he did without in any manner causing hardship to any who had a right to expect to share in his estate.

That Mr. Bryan drew the will does not demonstrate that he used undue influence upon the mind of the testator. Indeed, had he had ulterior motives in the matter, he would not have appeared in the transaction, nor would the Bryan bequest have been made in the peculiar manner that it was. His conduct since has been open as the day. Between a natural desire to accede to the well known wish of his dead friend and an aversion to doing anything that would pain Mrs. Bennett or give pretext for scandal, he has occupied a delicate and very difficult position. His rights in the case have not been urged uncompromisingly. His proposition to defer to the will of the widow in the disposal of the fund bequeathed him is certainly all that he can do without positively violating the solemn testament of his dead friend. In the light of the facts criticism is hardly justified. Mr. Bryan the politician is one thing, Mr. Bryan the man is entirely another thing. Political opponents are justified in combatting his economic theories. He himself is the last to shrink from such criticism. When it comes to his private life, however, the most rudimentary conceptions of justice indicate that he should be judged fairly and according to standards which everywhere prevail.—Newark (N. J.) News.

Johnson Still Fighting.

Tom Johnson comes up smiling and announces that the fight will continue. He says:

"The result is due to several causes, of which the chief was the successful attempt of Senator Hanna to impress on the people that a continuance of undisturbed business conditions demanded his return to the senate.

"In the last few weeks of the campaign the closing of mills and discharge of thousands of workmen, together with bank and business failures throughout the country, gave color to Senator Hanna's claim.

"I hope Senator Hanna's statement that his re-election will preserve the industrial and business situation from disturbance will be verified, and that confidence, which he believes to be the basis of prosperity, will be preserved.

"The republican party used a fund larger in amount than any other similar fund in the history of state politics. This campaign fund was furnished by privileged interests throughout the country, they not un-naturally feeling that Senator Hanna was their national representative.

"The ultimate success of the democratic principles is only postponed by this defeat, and I urge the people of Ohio to begin now the campaign for the election of the next legislature, the selection of which will not involve the election of a United States senator, or any other national question, but which can be chosen solely with reference to the questions of home rule and just taxation, in which an overwhelming majority of the people of Ohio now believe."

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