

was placed under arrest. He denies that he is in any way responsible for the bank's loss.

Madrid cablegrams say that government reports indicate that the revolt in Spain has been checked.

The entire Cuban cabinet has resigned.

For ten minutes on July 30 snowflakes fell in the city of Omaha.

An earthquake occurred July 30, covering an area of more than 1,000 square miles in central Mexico. The towns of Acapulco and Chilpancingo were partially destroyed.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Washington, July 31, says: "Orville Wright traveled 47,431 miles an hour in his flight today in returning from the Alexandria end of the course to Fort Myer. This is the official report made by the trial board at the war department today. His speed to Alexandria from the Fort Myer end of the course was 37,735 miles an hour, making his average 42,583. The Wright brothers will receive \$30,000 for their aeroplane, \$5,000 of which is the bonus for excess in speed over the contract requirement."

Ten persons were killed and sixty were injured in a head-on collision of two electric cars on the Spokane & Inland railway late Saturday afternoon. The wreck occurred at Caldwell, Wash., a station between Couer d'Alene, Idaho, and Spokane. No. 20, the westbound train, had left Couer d'Alene at 4:30 p. m., and just reached Caldwell when it met No. 5, eastbound. Both trains were going at the rate of about fifteen miles an hour. They crashed together without warning to the crew or passengers.

An Associated Press dispatch from New York says: "Dr. Luk Wing, Chinese vice consul at New York, a graduate of Lehigh and Yale universities, and who married an American girl, sixteen years old, was mortally wounded in his office on the fifth floor of No. 18 Broadway by a Chinaman who gives contradictory reports of himself in pigeon English. Dr. Wing died tonight in St. Gregory's hospital, shortly after 8 o'clock. He was shot in the back with a revolver, and the bullet, entering below the shoulder blades, lodged in the lower lobe of the left lung. No attempt to probe for it was made. Mrs. Wing, who is ill herself, was driven to the hospital in time to be at the bedside. Her husband recognized her and smiled, but at no time was he strong enough to make an ante-mortem statement."

**EXPLAINING THE MULE'S NAME**

"What's that you call your mule?" "I calls him Corporation," answered the old colored man. "How did you come to give him such a name?" "F'um studyin' de animal an' readin' de papers. Dat mule gits mo' blame an' abuse dan anything else in de township an goes ahead havin' his own way, jes' de same."—Washington Star.

**THE FALLING BAROMETER**

The rich man was enjoying his first cruise on his new yacht. Suddenly the captain came aft. He looked anxious. "What's the good word, captain?" the owner asked. "The barometer is falling rapidly," the skipper nervously answered. "You must have hung it on a loose nail," the owner pleasantly suggested.—Cleveland Plaindealer.

**Letters from the People**

Lewellyn E. Pratt, President Bryan Club, Coshocton, Ohio.—I hasten to add my word of congratulation to the many you are doubtless receiving upon the unanimous espousal by the United States senate of the income tax idea, one of the platform planks which you and all of us who have followed you since 1896 have been called anarchists for suggesting. Kind regards and best wishes.

G. W. Gorman, Clinton, Mo.—Please allow me to congratulate your correspondent, Mr. J. M. Fender, Muncie Ind., for having left the so-called republican party, the party of trusts and monopolies. Our protected industries having organized into trusts in order to obtain (among other things) the full benefit of the prices fixed by the tariff. According to the tariff law in my possession it appears that the Standard Oil trust, the steel trust, the sugar trust, the coal trust, the lumber trust and the meat trust, are all protected; in fact there are several hundred of them on every conceivable product of universal use. The census of the United States shows illiteracy, crime and insanity to be increasing three times as fast as the population, and having so increased ever since 1860, ever since we have had protection. It would therefore appear that protection was filling our land with poverty, crime and insanity in order to feed and fatten billionaire trusts. Indeed, Mr. Editor, why can not the democrats unite on pushing the wall of protection down, "down to hell, and say we sent it thither?"

F. N. Marquis, Johnson City, Tenn.—In response to the question submitted by Mr. George B. Padget in your issue of February 5, "How can it be accomplished?" I beg to submit for the consideration of all who write in, or read these columns, the initiative and referendum as illustrated by its application to the liquor traffic, and as applied in Oregon and other states. There is little, if any, doubt that if any one of a half dozen of the planks of the democratic platform was submitted to the people of the country at a referendum election but that it would be carried by a large majority. The trouble with national platforms and elections is that there are

so many issues pressing for solution that voters are almost compelled to ignore all but one or two which appeals to them. It may be suggested that the initiative and referendum is too slow or that it will not work, but that is just what was said against local option, but it has, does and will work if only it is applied.

C. F. Roark, Greenfield, Iowa.—I have been reading with much interest the articles that have appeared in your paper concerning the last election. From the drift of it all there seems to be a strong undercurrent of hope—that the democratic party is a power not easily eliminated from the field of activity. For the last decade the democratic party has been a check to hasty and unregarded legislation, it has been and is today, that secret monitor of the nation, and yet an open book of moral principle to all the world. Its principles are co-extensive with the foundation of our government. It is the party of faith and quiet force. It is the publicity bureau to the masses of those things which gloat in darkness or touch our national pride in the weakest point. Commercialism has been the enchanting song of the sirens calling us into the shoals of inequality. It has been the diverging point between the artificial and individual effort in the sense of arbitrary limitation. Too often the case, organized government becomes a benefactor to one class while a greater burden is placed upon the other. One becomes a mighty power while the other must go on "making bricks without straw." We can not disfranchise one nor enthrone the other, but it has been the opportunity of the democratic party to bring these unharmonized classes in all different conditions to the public mind. In doing so it has made a place in American politics that it can never vacate. The young minds of the nation have caught a view from the leaders of democracy who, like a towering mountain catch the first light of a new day and reflect its rays back below. There are men in the democratic party whose horizon is large and far-seeing. They are leaving a moral impress that time will not efface. These men bring us nearer to "love thy neighbor as thyself." Humanity would lose its protecting

care and the public welfare must not suffer for the democratic party has its duty. The rectitude of its principles can not be questioned nor can the public suffer its loss. The hope and aspirations of the young men of today will triumph in its principles. The fires of patriotism still burn as brightly as when kindled on the altar of freedom.

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