

NEWS OF THE WEEK

A Weekly Resume of the Really Vital News by the Editor

The populist party never grew as rapidly as it is growing now. Twenty-nine states already have an electoral and state ticket in the field and sixteen other states have called their conventions to put up tickets.

Roosevelt has written another book and it is the most tedious reading that was ever submitted to the American people. The editor of The Independent has asked fifteen very intelligent men of this city—men who read a great deal and try to keep abreast of the times—and each one of them said he had tried to read it, but positively he could not wade through it. Newspaper men whose duty it is to read all such works have all acknowledged that they did not read "all of it." The book is entitled: "Letter of Acceptance." It took ten long columns of solid minion type to get into print. It has more words than some of Roosevelt's former books which sell on the market at \$1.50. This could not be sold for one cent a copy, so it is given away. That shows how Teddy's intellect has depreciated since he became an intimate associate of Morgan, Rodgers and other predatory pirates.

Parker says that the gold standard is irrevocably established, but Roosevelt says that Parker "can not be trusted to take the additional action necessary to improve and strengthen our monetary system." Why does the gold standard need strengthening? How is Roosevelt going to do it? Will he bolster it up with branch banking? Is he going to melt the silver dollars? Is he going to burn up the 346,000,000 of greenbacks? Look out for something to happen when congress meets this fall.

Just one of Rockefeller's banks in New York boasts of \$200,000,000 of deposits. One of the Morgan banks holds deposits considerably over \$100,000,000. And these two tremendous financial circles control a number of other banks and trust companies, which bring the aggregate of deposits in their hands up to many hundreds of millions of dollars. These are the great banks which are striving to secure the establishment of a system of branch banks, coupled with the right to issue their notes with no other basis than the assets of the banks.

Tom Watson is a mighty eloquent speaker, but it was not his Cooper Union speech alone that set the woods afire down in New York and other eastern states. It got the men together to act in one party, but these men had been frightened until the hair stood on end, before Tom Watson appeared and were hunting some way of escape from financial ruin. When Tom's clarion voice arose, saying: "Follow me," these men were ready to follow. Branch banking would seal the doom of a good many of them and they had just found it out.

Some investigations by the Boston Herald have revealed the fact that twenty men own real estate in New York city to the value of \$1,000,000,000. William Waldorf Astor heads the procession of the monopolists of God's earth, his holdings being excess of \$150,000,000. And up to this year, the whole people down there continued to "vote 'er straight." At last there is a prospect that it will no longer be so.

Senator Tillman is orating again. This time he says: "Negro equality is something that will not be tolerated and that no power in the world can force upon us, a race war is inevitable, with the result that the negroes will be exterminated." Exterminate the negro! Was ever any greater nonsense uttered? Whom does Tillman think he will fool with that sort of talk? He would himself be the first man to fight against extermination. If there were no negroes in South Carolina, Senator Tillman would have to go to picking cotton himself and there is "no power" that could ever make him do that. The negro is the foundation of the wealth of the south and without him there would be little else than starvation and savagery there.

The Springfield Republican says that the great city of New York is simply a cow for William Waldorf Astor to milk. He comes near milking it dry every year.

The papers are all calling attention to the wonderful kindness and care with which the Japanese treat their Russian prisoners, as well as the skill

of their surgeons. The Japanese prison hospital reports show that almost exactly 99 per cent of the Russian wounded which have fallen into their hands have recovered. What nation ever made such a record as that before?

The hundreds of millions of dollars squandered by the republicans on the Philippine islands is all irretrievably lost. We might endure that, but it is to go on year after year indefinitely. Be sure that you put in a big wheat crop this fall so that you will be able to pay your share of it, for Roosevelt says that he is going to continue that policy unchanged.

There seems to always be some woman who is a great power in the governments of the world. A short time ago it was Queen Victoria. Now it is Tsi An, empress of China. At present she wields absolute power over more than twice as many people as the czar of Russia, and the fate of nations rests upon her, as much or more, than upon any other ruler. Her late conversion to modern ideas attracts attention from all the world. She is 70 years old and when she dies no one can tell what will happen.

Several factories that have been shut down for months are now opening up. They are all in places where the plutocrats need votes.

While down on Wall street last winter, the editor of The Independent was surprised at the frequent allusion to the possibility of maintaining order in great cities. When there to attend the notification meeting at Cooper Union, he noticed the extraordinary precautions taken to guard the president as he crossed the city, some 250 police being detailed for that duty. Tuesday's dispatches from New York say: "Murders, highway robberies, burglaries and crimes of violence in New York make such an appalling record that newspapers and committees of citizens are making frantic appeals to the authorities for better protection. The frequency of such crimes was not realized until the newspapers began to compile and publish lists of such length that the city is alarmed." Although the strike has been declared off for several days at Chicago, there was the largest riot near the stock yards there last Monday that has occurred since the strike was first called. There is a cause for all this and The Independent has been calling attention to it for the last four or five years.

A thing happened last week that, if it had not been for the wars in progress, and the political campaign, would doubtless have occupied a large space in the news columns of the daily press. The fact, astonishing as it was, was only given about three inches of space. Wireless telegraphy was established between St. Louis and Chicago, the first message sent being over three hundred words which was read without the least difficulty. It is claimed also that messages were sent simultaneously to Seattle, Wash., and the Philippine islands. The system employed is the invention of Dr. Lee De Forest. It may be that the Western Union company had something to do with the small notice given it. If the system is what is claimed for it, that grabbing corporation will perhaps in the near future receive its just deserts, which will consist of being wiped out of existence.

The government at Tokio has sent out an official statement of the losses of the Japanese in the fighting around Liao Yang. The killed and wounded amounted to 17,523, which substantiates what The Independent has said, namely, that just in proportion that arms and high explosives have improved, the casualties in war have decreased.

There has been no news of importance from the seat of war during the week. The Russians have evacuated Mukden and are hiking for the north. The Japanese are pressing slowly on after them, while by means of the railroad from New Chwang, reinforcements are coming up in large numbers. The short distance from their base when compared with Russia, whose base is 6,000 miles away, gives the Japanese a very great advantage.

The Russian Baltic fleet has sailed for the far east, that is, it is so announced, but no one believes that it has

any intention of getting into the neighborhood of Admiral Togo.

There has been no severe fighting around Port Arthur. The defeat of Kuropatkin, and the retreat of his army further north, seems to be relieved upon by the Japanese to force the surrender of Port Arthur without any further loss, and they have consequently stopped their assaults. However, the correspondents keep sending stories about the plans the Japs have in view to take the place.

The Russian armed transport Lena, to the surprise of everybody in this country, sailed into the port of San Francisco the other day. Of course the newspapers went wild over it. The fact about the matter is that the transport is in a very bad condition. It no doubt came out of Vladivostok when the Russian squadron there made its last raid and the Japs cut it off. The only recourse was to sail for the Pacific coast of the United States. It will doubtless lay in that port, under the neutrality laws, until the close of the war. What is to be done with the crew is not so clear.

A Democratic Democrat

Editor Independent: Democratic democrats belong this year in the populist party. It is their duty as I see it, to aid in the defeat of Parker. The first reason is that the populist principles are more democratic than are those now advanced by the democratic party, if the indefinite propositions which form its platform can properly be called principles.

The second reason is that defeat for the democratic party this year will result in definite democratic principles as a foundation for the party in 1908 while success for the democratic party this year will mean republican success in 1908 or the present republican doctrines for the then democratic party.

The evidence is that the next four years will be lean and hungry. The crisis of the present depression must be passed and the recovery will be slow. Let the republican administration reap this harvest. The people will then be ready for democracy and the democracy will come from the pure fountain of principles for which democratic democrats now must turn to the populist party.

A Parker administration now will stay the march begun with the progress begun with the birth of Progress and Poverty toward the goal of freedom. "Free land, free trade and free men." Another term of Roosevelt will ripen this fruit of freedom and bring the issues of democracy up against the doctrines of plutocracy. For the industrial crisis to come during a Parker administration will mean the issues of "democratic incompetency" against "high tariff" in 1908, and high tariff will win.

Let us not deceive ourselves with the hope that should Parker win, imperialism will end. If Parker wins it will be by favor of plutocratic support and assistance and this element will as surely dominate his administration as it did Cleveland's, and as it has the two more recent administrations. On the other hand a good heavy populist vote will become the beacon light to guide the democratic party of 1908 aright.

E. O. BAILEY.

Boulder, Colo.

Sham Democracy.

Editor Independent: Now that sham democracy has disappeared from the political arena, it behooves true democrats, by which I mean all who possess the characteristics of honesty and intelligence, to rally round the flag of the people's party and help to perpetuate true democratic and republican principles.

We may not get a million votes. We may not get half a million votes, but truth will prevail and ere long the masses, who are already feeling the pinch of sham democracy and sham republicanism, will rally to the standard of a party which is not and by support of which they may hope for a satisfactory settlement of the labor problem.

PHILIP KELLY.

St. Louis, Mo.

(They are coming to us, brother Kelly, and half a million votes and even a million votes will be no marker for the number of votes Watson and Tibbles will receive. The single taxers of the United States, at least two million, are coming to our standard almost en masse. The east is aflame with the fires of populism—a thing that has not occurred in days past—and the vote for Watson and Tibbles in New York and other eastern states will be a dazzler. The giant is awakening.—Associate Editor/Q.)

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