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THE SCHEME FAILED

AN ALLEGED PLAN OF LONDON SPECULATORS.

Sought to Corner the Election Returns and Thus Hoped to Reap Great Benefits from the Effect It Would Have Upon the Markets.

The Scheme that Failed.

CLEVELAND: A story of an audacious scheme on the part of a syndicate on London speculators to control all the European cable offices on the night of the United States presidential election is printed here on authority of a high character. The plan is said to have been to secure the issuance of a report from the European cable offices to the effect that Bryan was elected, which it was believed would send the stock market rapidly tumbling. It is alleged the schemers thought then to buy everything in sight and realize fabulous sums after the public had received the correct news and the reaction set in. They believed \$5,000,000 could be made if the scheme was worked.

Fifty thousand dollars was subscribed when the enterprise was abandoned. The work began three weeks before the election. It was believed that if work had been begun earlier it would have succeeded. Those concerned in the project would have stopped at almost nothing to effect their designs.

WEYLER HEMMED IN.

Gen. Maceo Said to Have Forces on Each Side of Him.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.: A special Key West dispatch says: The steamer Whitney brought Havana news in relation to Maceo and Weyler. Passengers state that Weyler himself is now encamped ten miles from Artemisa, and his army is scattered along the trocha and through the Pinar del Rio district.

When Maceo retreated from Weyler in his first campaign his plan was to surprise Weyler at the first opportunity, and now Maceo has his army on either side of Weyler and they are having daily skirmishes.

Weyler is completely hemmed in and if he shall attempt to move he will be compelled to go to Artemisa. Small bands have crossed the trocha into the Havana district and are attacking the outposts and villages of that province.

Insurgents numbering 7,000 are encamped in Havana province, twenty miles from Havana, and will go to Maceo's assistance when needed. Spies in Havana are keeping the insurgents posted as to the movement of the Spanish troops. A movement is on foot to capture Weyler if he shall attempt to go to Havana by rail.

MR. BRYAN'S BOOK.

The First Battle' to Be the Name of the Publication.

LINCOLN, Neb.: It has been learned that the title of William J. Bryan's book is to be "The First Battle." In the preface he states his reasons for writing the work. In part it is as follows:

"The campaign of 1896 was a remarkable one, whether we measure it by the magnitude of the issues involved, or by the reports of the interest aroused. I have been led to undertake the present work by a desire, felt by myself and expressed by others, to have the more important incidents of the campaign put into permanent form, for the convenience of those who have taken part in the contest and for the use of those who shall hereafter desire to review the struggle."

It is understood here that the publishers, W. B. Conkey & Co. of Chicago, will issue the book in the early part of January.

WILL BE AN EXTRA SESSION.

Confidants of McKinley Declare that It Is a Certainty.

WASHINGTON: There is practically no longer any doubt of the intention of Mr. McKinley to convene the Fifty-fifth congress in extra session early next spring. There have been several arrivals of friends and confidants of the president-elect direct from Canton who bring the very positive announcement that a call for a special session to convene a few days after the 4th of March has been decided on.

This decision has been reached after a conference with Mr. Dingley, chairman of the house committee on ways and means. Mr. Thurston practically admits the truth of this and says the call will be for about March 15. He declares this course will be pursued regardless of the results of the senatorial elections this winter.

Feeble She Has Foundered.
ONTARIO, Ont.: The schooner Pierton, a coal laden, from Oswego for this port, has been out since Wednesday. It is feared that she foundered with all on board in Wednesday's gale. She carried a crew of seven.

Government to Back Notes.
RIO JANERO: The chamber of deputies has passed a bill authorizing the government to assume responsibility of the note circulation and lease the Brazilian railroad.

Kills Child and Attempts Suicide.
NEWARK, Ohio: Mrs. A. F. Gleisner, formerly of La Salle, Ill., killed her infant child and then probably fatally shot herself. She is thought to be insane.

Democratic Delegate Elected.
SANTA FE, N. M.: The official canvass of the recent election shows Ferguson, Democrat, was chosen congressional delegate by a plurality of 1,930.

Three Dead and Four May Die.
BOSTON: Escaping gas in two houses in Roxbury district caused the death of three persons by asphyxiation. Four others are likely to die.

Horsewhipped by Two Women.
GUTHRIE, Oklahoma: At Arapaho, Ruth Richenburg and Jessie Fiddler, respectable young women, created a sensation by publicly horsewhipping Silas Richardson, a prominent business man, who they alleged insulted them. Both were arrested.

Wire Nail Trust Breaks Up.
NEW YORK: At a meeting of the Wire Nail Manufacturers' Association held at the Waldorf Hotel it was voted to dissolve the organization. John H. Parks, treasurer of the nail association, said that its affairs would be wound up at once.

36 DAYS IN AN OPEN BOAT.

Terrible Trials of a Shipwrecked Crew on the Pacific.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.: A harrowing story of shipwreck and suffering, following the burning of the British ship Flora P. Stafford at sea June 8, while en route from New Castle, N. S. W., to Manila with coal, due to spontaneous combustion, is told by Capt. Oscar W. Smith, her master, who has just arrived here from Singapore, via London, where he was in the hospital for some time after his adventures in an open boat for thirty-six days, naked and with scarcely enough food to keep life in his body. He and his men not only suffered the pangs of hunger and thirst, but their naked bodies were burned raw under the powerful rays of the tropical sun. Exhausted after twenty-one days' sailing in a diminutive boat, in company with five of his seamen, Capt. Smith sighted the almost desolate island of Waygion, which lies about ninety miles across from Papua, and here made a landing to secure some fresh water and food. Approaching the island, their boat was surrounded by a band of savages in canoes. These natives were of immense stature and exceedingly fierce and warlike. In return for some burn meat and bread, the captain and his men were obliged to hand over all their clothing, and then, fearing the savages meant to steal their boat, the castaways made sail and soon left them behind.

ECHO OF HAYWARD CASE.

Insurance Company's Answer to the Suit of Julie Ging.

MINNEAPOLIS: The answer of the Travelers' Insurance Company of Hartford to the suit brought by Julia Ging as administrator of the estate of Catherine M. Ging, to collect the \$5,000 alleged to be due under the accident policy issued on the life of the murdered girl has been filed. The nugget in the answer is found in the allegation that the policy does not cover "intentional injuries (inflicted by the insured or any other person)." By special agreement this clause was made not to exclude claims for personal injuries, fatal or non-fatal, received by the insured while in the act of defending himself. The injuries are claimed to have been received "while not defending herself." The answer sets out the fact also that the insurance was procured by Harry T. Hayward for the express purpose of murdering the insured and thus fraudulently procuring the money on the insurance.

GOLD DEMOCRAT WINS.

To Represent Indian Territory in the Next Congress.

MUSKOGEE, I. T.: Indian Agent D. M. Wisdom has issued a certificate of election to George E. Nelson, gold Democrat of Muskogee, to represent Indian Territory in the Fifty-fifth congress. Col. Thomas Marcus, silver Democrat, also received a certificate from the Indian agent showing he received a majority of the votes cast at the late delegate election, but the omission from his ballot of the words "for delegate to fill the existing vacancy," which were placed upon the Nelson ballots, entitles Mr. Nelson, according to the decision of the Indian agent, to represent the territory in congress, provided he is admitted.

Gold Democratic Party.

INDIANAPOLIS: Wm. D. Bynum, chairman of the National Democratic party, who has been in the east several weeks conferring with leading men in the party, has returned home and announced that he had called a meeting of the executive committee of the party for this city, December 10. The committee at this meet will probably decide on the future course of the party. From all over there has come a demand that the organization be made permanent and remain in fighting trim. As long as the silver Democrats continue to talk it seems certain that this will be the policy decided upon.

Hanging in Illinois.

MCLEANSBORO, Ill.: Fred Behem was hanged here Friday afternoon. His death was almost instantaneous. The crime for which he paid the penalty was one of the most fiendish ever committed in southern Illinois. After braining his wife with an ax, he took his 3-year-old son to the barn, put a halter around his neck and hung him to a rafter. The weight of the child being insufficient to strangle him the inhuman monster pushed down on the child's shoulders until his tongue protruded from his mouth.

To Wed an Indian Belle.

WASHINGTON: The approaching marriage of Van H. Manning, of the United States geological survey, to a beautiful Indian girl, Miss Elizabeth Crabtree, belle of the Creek Nation, is the topic of discussion in the social circles of this city, where Mr. Manning is well known, his father being the late Representative Manning of Mississippi, member of congress for many years, and his mother and sisters residing in Georgetown.

Wisconsin's Official Vote.

MADISON, Wis.: The official canvass of the late election shows McKinley carried the state by 102,612. The next legislature will be almost solidly Republican.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 79¢ to 80¢; corn, No. 2, 22¢ to 24¢; oats, No. 2, 17¢ to 19¢; rye, No. 2, 41¢ to 42¢; butter, choice creamery, 22¢ to 25¢; eggs, fresh, 22¢ to 24¢; potatoes, per bushel, 20¢ to 30¢; broom corn, common green to fine brush, 24¢ to 54¢ per pound.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 91¢ to 93¢; corn, No. 2 white, 21¢ to 22¢; oats, No. 2 white, 22¢ to 23¢.

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Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 94¢ to 95¢; corn, No. 2 yellow, 21¢ to 24¢; oats, No. 2 white, 21¢ to 22¢; rye, 40¢ to 41¢.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 96¢ to 97¢; corn, No. 2 mixed, 21¢ to 23¢; oats, No. 2 white, 18¢ to 19¢; rye, No. 2, 40¢ to 42¢; clover seed, \$5.35 to \$5.45.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 79¢ to 81¢; corn, No. 3, 23¢ to 25¢; oats, No. 2 white, 20¢ to 22¢; barley, No. 2, 30¢ to 35¢; rye, No. 1, 40¢ to 42¢; pork, mts., \$6.50 to \$7.00.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 99¢ to \$1.00; corn, No. 2 yellow, 25¢ to 27¢; oats, No. 2 white, 28¢ to 30¢.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 89¢ to 90¢; corn, No. 2 white, 28¢ to 30¢; oats, No. 2 white, 22¢ to 24¢; butter, creamy, 15¢ to 25¢; eggs, West ern, 20¢ to 25¢.

HAVANA IS GIVEN A SCARE.

Suburb of the Cuban Capital Attacked by the Insurgents.

HAVANA: The insurgent attack on Guanabacoa, a suburb of this city, Tuesday, was more serious than at first reported. According to the insurgent accounts the town was attacked simultaneously at several points, while another insurgent force fired on the Spanish outpost at Bucaramanga, on the coast. The garrison of the fort left the place to resist the attack, but was ambushed between the stone walls and farm fences by 300 insurgents, and all the Spaniards killed.

The local authorities are doing everything possible to conceal the facts in the case, but there is no doubt that they have received a bad scare and the insurgents have demonstrated it will not be a very difficult matter in spite of the reports of the military commanders to create just such another "scare" in the city of Havana itself.

THE DANGER IS PAST.

Government Engineer's Opinion of the Chippewa Falls Situation.

CHIPEWA FALLS, Wis.: "The river is falling at the rate of a foot per day, and there is no reason whatever for apprehension," said W. A. Jones, U. S. A., Friday, after he had put in a busy day investigating the situation along the Chippewa River. Col. Jones is in charge of the engineering works in the northwest, had been called here by the local authorities, who sought his advice in what seemed like an extremity and a critical situation. The people of the Chippewa valley will undoubtedly feel much relieved over such an opinion from such a well known authority, and they certainly need to be relieved, for a sort of demoralization has seized on business men here, which does not seem warranted by the actual facts of the case. At the lower end of the gorge near Eau Claire is banked a mass of logs, containing 20,000,000 feet of lumber, and this large amount it is desired to save by holding it right where it now is.

ARE GIVEN RED HATS.

Satolli and Other New Cardinals Receive New Headgear.

ROME: There was an unusually impressive ceremony at the public consistory when the Red hats were bestowed on Cardinal Satolli and the other cardinals nominated at the last two consistories. After the service the new cardinals proceeded to the Sistine Chapel to return thanks to the pontiff, who returned to the vatican amid exhortations of "Long live the pope; long live the king!" Later the pope held a secret consistory and appointed several bishops, including Rev. Edward O'Dea of Portland, Ore., to be bishop of Nessqually, embracing the state of Washington.

FOR WORSHIP OF CONFUCIUS.

CHICAGO: The Tribune says: "Within less than a month a temple dedicated to Confucius is to be opened by the Chinese residents of Chicago in a down town hall, and a missionary campaign against Christianity is to be begun by the celestials. Wong Chin Foo, the Chinese editor of Chicago, will become the chief priest of the temple, and a number of American disciples of Confucius will become his supporters. As soon as is practicable it is planned to build a mammoth temple in this city."

He Found Cronin's Body.

CHICAGO: The suit of John Rosch, who found the body of Dr. Cronin in a sewer, to recover the reward of \$5,000 offered for evidence leading to the conviction of the murderers, was dismissed by the court. The court held that the finding of the body was not evidence leading to the conviction of the murderers, as no weapon indicating murder was found by Rosch. The reward was offered for evidence sufficient to convict, not for the recovery of the body.

Want No Liquor in White House.

CHICAGO: In accordance with the instructions of the national W. C. T. U., at the recent convention at St. Louis, the corresponding secretary, Catherine Lente Stevenson, has written a letter to Mr. McKinley expressing the appreciation of his total abstinence principles and the belief that the use of intoxicants will be excluded from the White House during his administration.

PENT CHAINED TO THE WALL.

DENVER: An appeal has been made to the Humane Society on behalf of Grace Solomon, aged 21, who is violently insane, and is kept without clothing chained to the wall in an apartment over a pawnshop in this city, of which her father, J. Solomon, is proprietor. The father is desirous of having the young woman placed in an asylum, but the mother refuses to consent.

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MARSHALL DISTRICT.

WISCONSIN

DISTRICT THREATENED BY FLOODS.

with two score of women and children on board who were driven from their homes by the water and were found nearly dead from exposure and cold. The engineer said he could not finish the trip on account of the rising water. It looks as though the entire city will be inundated.

A great number of visitors are at the scene of the ice gorge. To realize the great danger it is only necessary to visit the banks of the Chippewa. It is a double-headed danger that is threatened.

What means relief to Chippewa Falls will bring devastation to Eau Claire, Durand