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KRUGER'S ALLEGED TREATY

Reported to Have Secured "Some European Power" as an Ally.

CHAMBERLAIN CONTRADICTS THE STORY

Meantime England is Reported to Be Advancing Beyond Khartoum in Order to Gain Absolute Control of the Nile.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—The Associated press made inquiries of Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, relative to the assertion recently made in the Weekly Sun that President Paul Kruger of the Transvaal republic had concluded a treaty with a European power contrary to the convention of 1884, and that Great Britain had asked for explanations. In answer to these inquiries Mr. Chamberlain wires the following: "The colonial office attaches no importance to the report. It is believed that all the treaties will be submitted to us according to agreement."

The Berlin correspondent of the Telegraph, in a dispatch published this morning, asserts that the statement of the Weekly Sun is misleading and declares that no colonial question is causing or is likely to cause any friction between England and Germany.

Referring to the statement of the Sun the Chronicle this morning says that it imagines that the Sun's statement refers to an unimportant extradition treaty between the Transvaal and Holland. Continuing its references to matters in Africa, the Chronicle says that it is learned that the British government has decided not to stop at Khartoum, but to advance eventually with the Egyptian forces to Ladorer Wadelai, the object being to effect a junction with troops from Uganda, thus being in a position to dominate the valley of the Nile, either from the north or the south. The Chronicle expresses a hope that there is yet time to reconsider so tremendous and so perilous an enterprise.

The Daily News this morning asserts that Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, has mailed an invitation to Cecil Rhodes asking him to come to England next January for the purpose of testifying before the committee of inquiry into the British South Africa company. Mr. Chamberlain has also invited President Kruger of the Transvaal republic to submit to the committee any evidence which he may possess relative to the origin and the execution of the raids conducted by Dr. Jameson and his associates.

DUKE OF TETUAN IS SATISFIED.

Expedition of Laurada Explained to the Spanish Government.

MADRID, Aug. 16.—The duke of Tetuan, Spanish minister of foreign affairs, has received a Washington dispatch giving satisfactory assurances regarding the alleged filibustering expedition of the Laurada.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The steamer Laurada has figured frequently in the claims made by Spanish authorities that American merchants there were engaged in filibustering operations. In January last the then captain of the vessel was indicted in the federal courts of South Carolina, but was acquitted after a jury trial. Frequent reference has been made to the experience of the Laurada at Mayport, Fla., in May last. The captain on that occasion failed to take out health papers required by the law, and this led to the surveillance of the Laurada by a Spanish war vessel. It was said that ten Cubans were located on board and that quantities of war material and dynamite were thrown into the water after the Spanish war vessel put in an appearance. It was also represented at the time of the appearance of the Spanish cruiser that thirty men were drowned owing to the precipitous haste in getting ashore to avoid apprehension. The Spanish authorities contended that the United States had taken no proceedings toward recommending the detention of the vessel or arms in accordance with the neutrality laws. All the State department officials were absent from the city tonight, so no statement could be obtained from that quarter.

AID FROM FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

Cretan Christians Will Receive Protection from the War Ships.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to the Times from Canea says that the French consul and the Russian naval commander there have received instructions identical in details ordering them to protect all of the Cretan Christians.

A dispatch to the Daily News from Canea says that a fresh Turkish battalion arrived at the island of Crete last week. There was sharp fighting throughout Friday in the province of Malevizi, just outside of Heraklion. The insurgents, 800 in number, were victorious. They drove the Turkish troops to the military zone of Heraklion, capturing four cannon and a considerable quantity of arms and war supplies.

More Heads to Be Chopped Off.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—A dispatch to the Times from Berlin attributes the dismissal Saturday of General Bronsart von Schellendorf, minister of war, largely to the influence over Emperor William of General von Hahnke, the aid-de-camp general. The Berlin correspondent of the Times adds that it is believed that a crisis in the internal policy of the empire has been reached, and that the gradual removal of the more independent advisers of the crown is the beginning of the inauguration of a policy of reaction which augurs ill for the peaceful developments of German political life.

Germany Fighting Standard Oil.

BERLIN, Aug. 16.—As a result of the agitation in newspaper circles and among the business men growing out of the alleged amalgamation of the last three of the independent oil firms with the Standard Oil company and the report that the American company now controls the petroleum market, it is now announced that it is possible that the government will take steps to facilitate the importation of a Galician oil. It is also rumored that an attempt will be made to impose an almost prohibitive duty on American oil.

War Ships Pass Through the Canal.

BERLIN, Aug. 16.—The Zeitung records Emperor William's pleasure at the success of the passage of thirty-nine men-of-war through the Baltic canal last Thursday. These men-of-war were moved at a rate of speed essential for naval maneuvers and their successful passage through the canal under forced draught is regarded as an indication that the new canal will be perfectly accessible in case of an outbreak or an emergency for the largest ironclads.

Open a Theosophical Mission.

PARIS, Aug. 16.—The American crusaders who are here in the interest of theosophy opened a theosophical mission for the benefit of the members of the English-speaking colony tonight. Mrs. Katherine A. Tingley of New York, who is regarded by many of the theosophists of Europe and America as the successor of the late Mme. Blavatsky, delivered the principal lecture of the evening.

Importance of Arbitration.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The Times, Daily News and Chronicle, in their editorials this morning all comment upon the importance of Lord Salisbury's recent statements concerning the adoption of a policy of arbitration.

WEYLER HAS A BITTER ENEMY.

General Ochondo is Enraged and Will Demand His Recall.

KEY WEST, Fla., Aug. 16.—Captain General Weyler and General Ochondo were the principals in a sensational affair which occurred shortly before the latter sailed for Spain. The death of General Ochondo's nephew, who was a lieutenant in the Spanish army, was the cause of the trouble. There were ugly rumors in circulation reflecting on the young lieutenant, who was accused of conducting a treasonable correspondence with Maximo Gomez, the insurgent chief. When Weyler heard of the rumors he summoned the young man to the palace and questioned him. Weyler was apparently satisfied of the young man's guilt and told him that if he did not commit suicide in twenty-four hours he would be court-martialed and shot. The lieutenant left the palace, went to his room and in six hours was a corpse, having shot himself through the heart. The affair was hushed up and the Spanish official report said the young man died of yellow fever.

Shortly afterward General Ochondo arrived in Havana and learned the true story of his nephew's death. He was greatly enraged. He immediately went to the palace to call Weyler to account. The meeting of the generals was most sensational. Ochondo denounced Weyler in the bitterest terms, alleging that the lieutenant was guiltless and had been driven to his death. Ochondo termed Weyler a murderer and butcher and challenged him to a duel. The men drew swords and would have fought in the palace but for the interference of other officials. Two days later General Ochondo sailed for Spain. He is greatly enraged and says he will make the affair public when he reaches Spain and demand Weyler's recall.

Cubans Wait for the Three Friends.

TAMPA, Fla., Aug. 16.—The seizure of the Three Friends at Mayport yesterday by the United States authorities has upset the plans of the Cubans here completely and they are now awaiting developments. Yesterday afternoon a special train was to leave here with about seventy Cubans. They were to meet the Three Friends somewhere between Jacksonville and Fernandina, but advices from Jacksonville detained them here. Everything was ready for them to leave today, but as the Three Friends is still held, they will remain here till she is released.

Bryan is Not Yet Defeated.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The Morning Post, in its editorial columns, asserts that the reported failure of Mr. Bryan as a political logician, as a result of his recent speech at the notification meeting at Madison Square Garden, New York, is no assurance that his policy will fail at the polls.

Monson to Go to Paris.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—A dispatch to the Telegraph from Paris says that Right Hon. Sir Edmund John Monson, British ambassador at Vienna, is certain to become English ambassador to Paris.

THINKS THE POLE IS ON LAND.

Greeley Comments on Nansen's Report of His Arctic Trip.

EXETER, N. H., Aug. 16.—Brigadier General A. W. Greeley, in an interview with an Associated press reporter in regard to the Nansen expedition, said that the reports thus far published were yet too meager to form an opinion from. General Greeley said: "Nansen apparently wintered on Franz Josef land, and he says he saw no land north of 82 degrees. The journey was one of extreme danger and it is most remarkable that he returned alive. According to the reports the land reached by my expedition is the most northerly land yet attained. Nansen's most northern point is at sea. He went just two degrees and 52 minutes further north than did Lockwood and Brainerd of my expedition in 1882. When Nansen's observations are worked out they will prove his explorations and will also make interesting reading. Every explorer should be given credit for having made a truthful report."

General Greeley said that, notwithstanding Nansen's reports of an ocean to the pole, recent deductions show that there is land near that point, but that it is north of North America rather than Siberia. "Apparently, Nansen traveled only 120 miles from where he abandoned his ship. This is less than half the distance that Lockwood and Brainerd traveled from the headquarters of my expedition at Lady Franklin bay, but I want to say right here that Nansen's perseverance is worthy of the old Scandinavian race. I think that the expedition will disappoint those who believed that Franz Josef land extended to the pole. My predictions of six months ago that Nansen's safe return lay in the possibility that he would make and winter on Franz Josef land seem to have been verified."

As to the possibility of the Fram drifting to Spitzbergen, General Greeley said that the sea drift was in that direction, but that the Jeannette and Tegetthoff were both lost in this sea by the action of the ice. General Greeley placed little dependence upon the reported discovery of great depth and much warmer water. In conclusion, General Greeley said that he was convinced that if Nansen had not met Jackson he would never have returned.

SHOT DEAD BY A NEGRO ROBBER.

Captain John Blassingam Killed by Chris Cannon, Who is Wounded.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Aug. 16.—Captain John H. Blassingam, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of this city and state, was shot and killed this afternoon by Chris Cannon, a negro boy. Captain Blassingam was alone at his sister's house and Cannon entered the house for the purpose of robbery. Pistol shots were heard and the negro was seen running from the house. Captain Blassingam was found dead, shot twice through the head. The negro was tracked to a house half a mile distant, where he was found shot through the chest. Two empty pistols found in the house indicated that both parties engaged in the shooting. The negro was taken to jail. His wound is not thought to be fatal. There is some talk of lynching, but the law will take its course. Captain Blassingam was a member of one of the most prominent families in the state and a man respected and honored by all. He was a gallant confederate soldier and before the war was a colonel in the United States army.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 16.—John W. Joyce, a saloon keeper, had a terrible encounter with a negro burglar who had gained access to his room early this morning. In the struggle and after the negro had cut Joyce's face and neck in a terrible manner the saloon keeper succeeded in putting two bullets into the intruder's body. The burglar escaped, but his dead body was found nearby later.

FORECLOSE OREGON IMPROVEMENT.

Suit at San Francisco on a Fifteen Million-Dollar Mortgage.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—The Farmers' Loan and Trust company of New York has filed a suit in the United States circuit court to foreclose a mortgage executed in their favor in 1885 by the Oregon Improvement company. The litigation arises over a mortgage for $15,000,000 issued in 1880 and given to the Farmers' Loan and Trust company as a guaranty for the redemption of bonds for a like amount indorsed by the company.

Fires of a Day.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Aug. 16.—The chemical laboratory building at the University of Illinois was almost destroyed by fire this morning, the result of a stroke of lightning. The four walls remain standing, and the basement and rear part of the first and second floors are intact, but their contents are damaged badly. The damage to the building is $30,000, and to the contents about $50,000.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Aug. 16.—Fire gutted the Woodruff block on Seventh street early this morning, causing a loss of over $100,000. T. T. Goldman, who conducted a department store, is the principal loser, his loss being estimated at $35,000, with an insurance of $25,000. The loss on the building is $50,000, partially insured. Half a dozen other smaller firms were also losers, and many poor families living in the second story of the block lost everything they possessed, barely escaping with their lives in their night clothes.

SAMOA IS NOT FLOURISHING

Consul Mulligan Says the Berlin Treaty Was a Big Mistake.

MALIETOA IS ONLY A KING IN NAME

Everything Waits for Something to Turn Up—Government Powerless Away from the Coast—Clash of Conflicting Interests.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Consul General James H. Mulligan at Apia, Samoa, has made a voluminous report to the State department upon the conditions of the islands. A portion of the report is devoted to a review of the protectorate of the islands by Great Britain, the United States and Germany, under the Berlin treaty. This treaty, Mr. Mulligan concludes, was a mistake, and to maintain it is to persist in a mistake. "The present status," he says, "is an injustice to the people of the United States, and a grave wrong to those of Samoa. If it be said that the treaty, so far as it concerns Samoa, has made matters no worse, it can be said with equal truth that it has failed to make them better in any particular. The admission of either postulate is to confess a failure."

As to the present government of Samoa, he says: "A recognized and reigning king is dependent for his support on the voluntary contributions—the charity, in fact—of that portion of his family tribe who adhere to him, while foreign officers of his government enjoy salaries from his revenues far in excess of the value of services performed. When a pittance of his nominal salary, long in arrears, is doled out to him, it comes through the hands of a foreign official, who exercises his pleasure to pay or withhold. His lawful wife is in no sense queen, nor more entitled to consideration than the half clad women who file back and forth along the beaches. A straggling village within any part of the kingdom levies import and export duties on every dollar's worth of merchandise brought into or shipped out of the kingdom, lending out of its revenues to the kingdom barely enough to pay the most meager expenses and the salaries of foreign officials. All the machinery of government, perhaps, it is not too much to say of several governments, is in active operation within the precincts of this little town. The guns of the great men-of-war, year in and year out, frown ominously upon the shore in support of the government and the law which does not exist within their effective ranges, and yet an offender within half a dozen miles of the seat of so many authorities defies the processes of the courts and rebuffs the power of the invalidated government. In the midst of all, white clad messengers of crown and consul flit to and fro along the blazing beach, the bearers of imposing envelopes, in which are covered the state communications that round out the measures of time in this kindergarten of diplomacy.

"In the meantime, no clearing is made; no plantation is extended. The country, which at best, under its many disadvantages, needs all the stimulus of peace, all the security that government can assure, visibly languishes. There is no immigration, influx of capital, or suggestion of enterprise. All wait for that undefined something, that change which is to come; wait as they have waited for thirty years; wait for the abrogation of the treaty as they and their fathers waited for its coming."

Only a small part of the islands, he says, are under control of this government, back from the shore and the town the people do as they please. The treaty, made by three governments for the government of a third, is not considered a success. The different forms of government sought to be brought together are irreconcilable. There is too much friction. It is said that before any step can be taken the three representatives must unite; then oftentimes reference must be made to powers on the other side of the globe. There is a diversity of opinion, a conflict of interests and a clash of rights.

NEW ISSUE OF GOVERNMENT MAPS.

General Land Office Turns Out a Finely Executed Set.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The big general maps of the United States issued by the general land office for this year have been just been issued. The result of the work of engraving and printing is one of the most complete and finely executed sets yet issued by the government. The feature is the division of the country into sections, marking the various cessions and purchases from other governments. The tracts covered in the original thirteen colonies and the Gadsden purchase, the Texas annexation, the cessions of Louisiana, Alaska, Mexico and Florida are clearly set out for the first time. Commissioner Lamoreaux is the originator of the idea. Only a limited number of maps have been issued, and a large saving over previous years is made in the contract price of 62 cents each to the government.

RECOMMENDED FOR RETIREMENT.

Four Officers of the Army Who Are Considered Incapacitated.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—During the last week the army retiring board heard, or partly heard, six of the ten cases which it is convened to pass upon. The medical examiners, Drs. Forwood and Wiste, have just passed upon several cases and submitted the following recommendations, which it is firmly believed will be endorsed by the full body:

Lieutenant Colonel J. H. Bradford, Seventeenth infantry, retirement; incapacitated by wounds received in action.

Major John G. Tunbull, First artillery, retirement; incapacitated for service by deafness.

Captain Horace B. Sarson, Second infantry, retirement; incapacitated for service by age.

Captain John B. Haden, Eighth infantry, retirement; incapacitated for service by defective eyesight.

HUNDRED AND EIGHT IN THE SHADE

People of Northern Texas Suffer from a Blistering Heat.

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 16.—The sun went down last night upon a parched and withered earth, the mercury registering 105. It came up boiling hot this morning and at 10 o'clock it scored 104. At 3 o'clock the mercury reached the unprecedented height of 108 degrees, the hottest weather on record for this section. Men panted like tired hounds in the chase and sought in every way to avoid the intolerable heat. At 11 o'clock a little shower of rain with a gust of wind came up on the famished earth, which sent the thermometer down to 98 and gave the people hope that this was the culminating day of the most extraordinary heat period ever experienced in Texas.

Cloudburst Demolishes a Church.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 16.—An electric cloudburst struck a church where a protracted meeting was being held at Berea in Ashley county, totally demolishing the building. Rev. W. W. Cochrane was instantly killed and Rev. J. W. Van Trease and Rev. J. J. Colson fatally wounded. Jack Simpson, George McDougall and Miss Lena Colson were dangerously injured, and a large number of others were more or less wounded by falling timbers. The visitation was in the nature of a terrific explosion and was accompanied by very little rain.

Lost All Interest in Life.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Alois Dingleman, aged 50, shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide early this morning at his home in this city. Dingleman was once in a good financial condition, but it is alleged that the treachery of business associates wrecked him. His wife had to convert their home into a boarding house. These misfortunes caused him to lose interest in life, and murder and suicide followed.

KEEP THE ENEMY ON THE JUMP.

Energetic Campaign of Republicans is Telling in Nebraska.

MINDEN, Neb., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Yesterday was a gala day for the republicans here. A rally had been advertised, and a fair crowd expected. But no one had thought that the town would be overrun and the house crowded as it was. There was speaking at 4 p. m., also at 8 p. m. A large drum corps, commanded by McQuinn Wheeler, commonly known as "Jo Jo," led the women's marching club in fine style. On the platform at 4 p. m., were: G. M. Lambertson, Orlando Tefft, H. C. Russell, P. O. Hedlund, W. E. Andrews, J. A. Piper and the women's club. After short speeches by Messrs. Piper and P. O. Hedlund, Mr. Lambertson came forward and delivered one of his most masterly talks on money. He was well received. A few availed themselves of the opportunity to ask questions and were thoroughly satisfied. At 8 p. m. Orlando Tefft, H. C. Russell and W. E. Andrews spoke to a crowded house, and the enthusiasm, as in the afternoon, was unbounded. Kearney county is going at a fine rate now toward McKinley, protection and reciprocity.

WOOD RIVER, Neb., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—A McKinley club has been organized here with 150 members, and as soon as they know such has been organized many more will join, and by November we will show the people that McKinley is strictly "in it" in this section of the country, as well as the balance.

WASHINGTON, Neb., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Rain prevented a large attendance at the McKinley meeting last night, but a sound money club was organized with twenty-six signers. Attorney Howell of Blair addressed the meeting, also J. P. Cook of Arlington. The Arlington Gee club was present and received much applause for its fine rendering of "Saving the Nation," "The Democratic Vote" and "Good-By, Billy Bryan, Good-By." A clipping from The Bee, showing up the World-Herald's position on silver in 1892 was well received and caused much comment. J. G. Zetfel was elected chairman, J. W. Fitch treasurer and F. J. Coates secretary. Another meeting will be held in about two weeks. Among those who signed the roll are: James Christensen, Nels K. Enmark, Albert Hansen, John W. Fitch, Fred W. Christensen, Frank Knight, John Schultz, L. P. Fitch, N. H. Hansen, O. S. Harold, L. B. Kristensen, H. Retzluff, B. Gottsch, F. J. Coates, Lars Hansen, Max Klotz, Louis Christensen, Gilbert Johnson, Andy Anderson, Arnt Hansen, C. Bendle, Fritz Stark, Hans Johansen, Kres Suunds, Jasper Wheaton, Charles Schrader. Quite a number of foreign-born citizens have joined and many more will follow, for they believe one dollar should be like another and want money that will pass in the "old country," as they say.

ALMA, Neb., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Alma has a republican club of 100 voters, not a man who is under age or who lives outside the township, and when Hon. John L. McPhelay speaks at Orleans next Tuesday a big demonstration such as Harlan county seldom witnesses will be made.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Hon. E. H. Hinshaw, republican nominee for county attorney, is making a vigorous campaign for the entire ticket. Friday night he addressed a large McKinley meeting at Harbine and last evening a large delegation from the McKinley club accompanied him to Steele City, where he delivered an address before the McKinley club of that place.

WAHOO, Neb., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—The McKinley and Hobart club held its regular weekly meeting Friday night at the city hall. The club now numbers over 300, twenty members being taken in Friday night. The club was addressed by ex-County Judge Newman and present county Judge Gruver. The republican campaign is progressing steadily and enthusiasm is keeping pace with it. Sheriff Buck, Editor T. J. Pickett of the Wasp, County Attorney E. E. Good and L. W. Gilchrist went out near Malmo to a picnic yesterday, where Mr. Good and Mr. Gilchrist addressed the people. Meetings are being held at frequent intervals throughout the county and it is the intention to roll up a very decided majority for the republican ticket in Saunders.

GANDY, Neb., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Hon. J. H. MacColl, Hon. A. E. Cady and Hon. J. S. Hoagland will be at Gandy next Thursday evening.

GRAFTON, Neb., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Hon. J. M. Caldwell of Lincoln addressed a large audience last night in behalf of the gold standard. He was sadly troubled with hoarseness, but managed to awake some enthusiasm. Robert Sloane of Geneva followed in a very clear and forcible speech, showing up Bryan's plagiarisms and inconsistencies in fine shape.

EFFORTS OF THE OPPOSITION.

Desperate Endeavors of the Bryanites to Catch On in York County.

YORK, Neb., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Desperate efforts are being made by the Bryanites to gain a foothold in York county, but they do not seem to meet with very flattering success. The democrats, populists and a few free silver republicans have amalgamated their forces and established Bryan headquarters. Last night an attempt was made to organize a Bryan club at Lockridge town hall, but those who were there are reluctant in giving particulars. Charles and E. A. Gilbert spoke last evening at Waco on the silver question, but failed to make very many converts to the free silver religion. York county is strong for sound money and it is getting stronger every day. The republicans will roll up a big majority here this fall.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—The Jefferson county democratic convention was held here yesterday afternoon and the compact made with the populists at the time of their convention was carried out. W. H. Barnes was nominated for county attorney, Charles York for representative and Alex Bell for county commissioner. All the nominees had been previously designated by the populist convention. The following delegates were selected to attend the state and congressional conventions: E. F. Lyons, J. C. Hartigan, W. F. Bonawitz, D. Ravanaugh, J. Bartels, D. J. Kesterson, G. H. Clark, J. Conrad, Charles Andrews and Conrad Bruer. Delegates were also elected to attend the conventions for the Twenty-third senatorial and Thirty-sixth representative districts. W. M. Green was elected chairman of the county committee.

The Bryan club has opened headquarters on the east side of the square, where it keeps open house and reading matter for all comers.

HOKE SMITH WILL NOT BE THERE.

Ratification at Augusta Must Go On Without His Aid.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 16.—Hoke Smith, secretary of the interior, will not attend the big ratification meet at Augusta next week and for two weeks he has been advertised as one of the star speakers. A letter has been received from him, stating that he cannot come. The comment here is that while the secretary is for Bryan and Sewall and would like to come he cannot afford to do so while the relations between himself and the president are so strained.

Lewelling for the Senate.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 16.—A special to the Times from Wichita says populist ex-Governor Lewelling, who was recently beaten by John W. Leedy in his race for the gubernatorial nomination, is being groomed for the race for the United States senatorship. There appears to have been an agreement entered into at Abilene, whereby Leedy was to throw his support to Lewelling for the United States senate in consideration of a boost from the latter, and this agreement is the basis on which Lewelling will make his fight.

Makes a Good Committeeman.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 16.—A special to the Times from Topeka, Kan., says: The Kansas democrats are pleased with the selection of J. G. Johnson to be a member of the national campaign committee. Mr. Johnson is an untiring worker and his acquaintance with the people of the west and with the presidential candidate will enable him to give valuable assistance to the committee.

CRASHES INTO A FIRE TRUCK

Motorman of a Buffalo Street Car Hears the Gong but Does Not Stop.

ONE FIREMAN DEAD AND SIX INJURED

Street Car is Smashed to Pieces While Running at Full Speed—Motorman and Conductor Are Arrested.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 16.—Early this morning fire truck No. 6, with a crew, consisting of Lieutenant Hedden and six firemen, while responding to an alarm, collided with a trolley car at the corner of Woltz avenue and Sycamore street. The truck was stretched across the street car tracks when the trolley, which was running at full speed, struck it. Every fireman on the truck was injured. John F. Clark was pinned under the wreck and crushed to death, his lungs being perforated by the rung of a ladder. Fred Jackey went under the truck and received a concussion of the spine. He cannot recover. The other injured men are:

Lieutenant Hedden, hip bruised.

Michael Rosenberger, left leg sprained and contusions.

John W. Brechtel, arm sprained.

Nicholas Noeller, hip bruised.

Anthony Manhard, bruised.

The motor car was smashed to pieces, but the motorman escaped with but slight injuries. Both the motorman and conductor of the car have been arrested. James Cowan, the motorman, says he heard the fire gong, but did not slow up, as he thought he could cross the street ahead of the truck.

WIND KILLS FIFTEEN IN ALABAMA.

Tornado Blows Down Houses and a Rain Does Further Damage.

SELMA, Ala., Aug. 16.—News was received here today from Augustine, Perry county, fourteen miles from a telegraph station, that a destructive tornado swept over that place on Thursday last, leveling everything in its path. Twelve negroes and three white people were killed by houses falling in on them and ten other persons were more or less injured. Twenty-four head of horses and mules were bruised to death by falling barns. The wind was followed by the heaviest rain that has fallen in that section in fifteen years. Creeks and branches were converted into raging torrents, sweeping away cotton, corn and other crops, causing heavy losses to planters.

FLORENCE, Ala., Aug. 16.—A terrific storm passed over Florence about 5 o'clock this evening. Great damage was done, but no fatalities have been reported. Two frame houses were blown down and awnings, chimneys and trees were wrecked. Trees were uprooted all over town and on Court street large plate glass windows were broken by the fury of the wind. The storm came from the north, the storm cloud being met by another black cloud from the southwest.

AERONAUT IS CAUGHT IN A TREE.

Thrown from a Parachute When Almost on the Ground and Killed.

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 16.—Guy Borson, an aeronaut, was killed while descending in a parachute at Oak Cliff, a suburb of this city, at 6 o'clock this evening. His death was a very remarkable one and occurred when least expected. When within forty feet of the earth and falling gracefully his big umbrella struck an electrical wire pole, almost capsizing the machine and throwing the man into a small elm tree nearby. His head caught in a fork only ten feet from the ground, dislocating his neck and causing instant death. Borson hung between the limbs as though of a hangman's rope. He had been here only a few days and nothing is known of his history.

QUINCY, Ill., Aug. 16.—B. Frank Jacobs, an aeronaut, traveling with a circus, met with a horrible death here today in the presence of his wife and an assembled throng. He was having a balloon race at Baldwin park, with Prof. Dudley, when his balloon burst 200 feet from the ground. His parachute failed to open and he was dashed to the ground, breaking almost every bone in his body. The same balloon burst Friday night and he then had a narrow escape from death.

MENA WAS BUILT IN A MONTH.

Mushroom City of Arkansas Developed by the New Railroad.

MENA, Ark., Aug. 16.—It has been many years since there has been anything in the west to compare with the rapid development that has been witnessed during the last thirty days in this new town. Four weeks ago there was not a house or inhabitant at Mena. Today, on the commencement of a second month, there are over 3,000 people, seventy business houses completed and under construction, two sawmills, one planing mill and five lumber yards, besides dozens of homes. Mena has a wide area of fertile country about it never before tapped by a railroad and the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf road, whose advent has just recently been made here, will make the town a division point.

ARRESTED ON LANDING IN BOSTON.

Henry Berfield Confesses to an Embezzlement in England.

BOSTON, Aug. 16.—Henry Berfield of London, England, was arrested today as he landed from the Cunard steamer Pavonia, on a complaint of British Vice Consul Keating, charging him with the embezzlement of £415 from the London postoffice. Berfield was a postoffice employe in London and charged with taking the money from two packets. His wife, who is a bride of only a month, is detained by the immigration officers as an undesirable person, while Berfield is in jail awaiting extradition. Berfield made a confession and turned over $1,600 of the stolen money. He will be arraigned before United States Commissioner Fiske in the morning.

Deaths of the Day.

STUART, Neb., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Mrs. D. N. Bigelow, proprietor of the Stuart house, died this morning. She entered business here with the founding of the town, had a large circle of acquaintances and was esteemed for her many excellent qualities.

WEST POINT, Neb., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—The death occurred last night of Robert Fuerst, a pioneer settler of Cuming county. The deceased left a family of five children, Mrs. F. K. Melcher, wife of the clerk of the district court; Mrs. C. H. Puhls of Omaha, and three sons, Robert, Charles and William. The funeral this afternoon was very largely attended, all classes of citizens being present to do honor to the memory of the deceased.

Three Friends Brought Back to Port.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Aug. 16.—The tug Three Friends left port yesterday with a schooner in tow. The tug was coaled and provisioned for a long trip and had aboard eight large surf boats. Going down the river the tug was seized by the revenue cutter Boutwell and Captain Broward, the master, one of the owners, was brought back to the city. The tug is held pending instructions from Washington, though not a gun or a pound of ammunition was found aboard.

A hundred Cubans prepared to leave Tampa last night for this place, with the intention of joining the Three Friends' expedition.

Fell from a Street Car.

WINSTON, N. C., Aug. 16.—Captain J. W. Goslin, editor of the Winston Republican, in stepping off a street car this afternoon fell, striking his head on the macadamized pavement, producing concussion of the brain and causing death in two hours after the accident. Deceased was 55 years old. He was a gallant soldier during the war, and was promoted to captain of his company.

BRYAN'S SPEECHMAKING PLANS.

Candidate Wants to Add Two Places to the List Prepared for Him.

IRVINGTON, N. Y., Aug. 16.—To the itinerary already published Democratic Candidate Bryan has added Baltimore and St. Louis. The fact that Baltimore has been added at the special request of Senator Gorman is evidence that pleasant relations exist between Mr. Bryan and the Maryland senator and that Mr. Bryan will assist Senator Gorman in his Maryland campaign in return for assistance from the senator.

Mr. Bryan was a trifle annoyed today by the story that he and Senator Jones were at loggerheads over the choice of national headquarters. He intimated that while he had favored Chicago personally, he had not demanded its selection, but had left the choice to a number of democratic leaders, among them Governor Stone, Mr. Sewall, Senator Jones and Governor Altgeld, and that the majority had decided on the western city. Washington, he said, would have a branch and Senator Gorman would do a good deal of work there; in fact, as much as he could, in view of the demands of his own campaign.

The program of Mr. Bryan after his vacation includes speeches in Buffalo, Erie, Cleveland, Baltimore and St. Louis. It is undecided whether the proposed second New York speech shall be made before Mr. Bryan goes west or when he returns to speak in New England. He said tonight that it lies with the campaign committee whether he speaks in New York.

The candidate's party spent the day very quietly. This morning they attended the Presbyterian church in Irvington, in company with General Samuel Thomas and Mrs. Thomas. It was not known that Mrs. and Mr. Bryan would be present, so the congregation was only of its usual size. Rev. Mr. Ingham preached. No political allusions were made in the sermon and after the service the pastor and many others shook hands with Mr. and Mrs. Bryan. In the afternoon, after luncheon, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, Mr. Sewall and Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Smith went for a drive. They visited many of the places made famous by the pen of Washington Irving, saw the monument erected to the memory of the captors of Major Andre and saw the author's grave in Sleepy Hollow cemetery. In the evening there was present Albert Shaw, editor of the Review of Reviews.

Mr. Bryan said that he had decided to leave for Red Hook in the morning, going by boat to Poughkeepsie and then by train. Asked tonight whether Governor Altgeld would take an active part in the campaign, Mr. Bryan said: "The executive or campaign committee will decide that and not the opposition press."

The present arrangements for Mr. Bryan are that he will go from Cleveland to Lincoln, where he will remain a few days. Then he will make a trip to St. Louis and through Missouri and the south.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Aug. 16.—A committee of the citizens of Red Hook village, Upper Red Hook and the nearby villages of Madelina, Tivoli and Barrytown are arranging a reception to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan tomorrow evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Perrine, whose guests the nominee and his wife are to be for the next week or ten days. Mr. Perrine is a republican. The candidate and his wife, it is expected, will reach Red Hook on an afternoon train and the reception will be tendered in the evening.

M'KINLEY WILL DO NO SPEAKING.

Mark Hanna Announces that He Will Not Even Go to Milwaukee.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 16.—Major McKinley and Chairman Hanna met at the latter's home in this city today and talked over the campaign. Mr. Hanna said he was very much pleased with the progress of affairs. More than 15,000,000 documents had been mailed from the Chicago headquarters within the past two weeks.

"The situation in the west is improving daily," he remarked. "The work of education is having a good effect."

Mr. Hanna said the speaking campaign would probably be well under way within the next ten days. When asked if Major McKinley would take the stump, Mr. Hanna replied: "Major McKinley has made no change in his plans. He will not take the stump in this campaign. It has been hinted that he might go to Milwaukee to address the convention of the republican league. He will not do so."

Major McKinley will return home tomorrow and Mr. Hanna will start for New York tomorrow evening. The national chairman said he was not informed as to the progress of the campaign in the east, for the reason that he had been busy in Chicago and had had no time to read his letters.

INGALLS IS FILLED WITH FAITH.

Confident that McKinley Will Carry Kansas and the Country.

HOLTON, Kan., Aug. 16.—Ex-United States Senator John J. Ingalls, who is campaigning in Kansas, spoke here to an enthusiastic crowd of 4,000 people, expounding republican principles. After the meeting he aired his views on the political outlook. Stopping to speak of Mr. Bryan's notification address, Senator Ingalls said, among other things: "It is not undue eulogy to say that in his Madison Square garden speech he (Bryan) has put himself on a higher plane than he has yet occupied intellectually."

Continuing, Senator Ingalls said: "From the audiences I have met so far I conclude that the people are much less interested in the silver question than in the other aspects of the campaign. I look for an entire change of front in our line of battle before the campaign ends. I feel entirely confident that we shall carry this state and the country. There will be much independent voting and I anticipate many surprises, but I have never felt more faith that the appeal to the conscience and courage of the American people will not be made in vain."

BRECKINRIDGE OPPOSES BRYAN.

Fayette County, Kentucky, Democrats Are Not for Free Silver.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 16.—A special to the Commercial-Tribune from Lexington, Ky., says: Ex-Congressman W. C. P. Breckinridge and the Fayette county democratic convention yesterday renounced the Chicago platform and advocated a third ticket. The convention was to select delegates to the democratic state convention at Louisville next Thursday. Breckinridge, as chairman of the committee, drew up and read the resolutions. The resolutions as passed contained the following financial paragraph:

The free coinage of silver can never be obtained, and the futile attempt to accomplish it has caused the democratic party to lose power, caused lack of confidence, paralyzed business, bankrupted thousands, deprived labor of employment and suspended manufacturing, and until this agitation is ended the present condition will continue.

Stone May Take the Place.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 16.—A special to the Journal from Washington says: Now that it has been settled that Senator Gorman will not accept the chairmanship of the democratic national executive committee, the preference of the leaders seems to be for Governor Stone. Mr. Bryan, too, is said to favor the Missouri executive. A gentleman who recently talked with Governor Stone about the prospects of his being named as chief adviser to Chairman Jones says that the governor gave him the impression that he was seriously considering the acceptance of the place. According to this gentleman Governor Stone said: "Of course, if I accepted, I would have to resign the governorship."

Railroad Man for Congress.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 16.—Henry N. Garland, western passenger agent of the Wabash railroad, is being strongly urged to become a candidate for the nomination for congress on the republican ticket. The boom in favor of Mr. Garland's candidacy was started a few days ago by some of his personal friends and it at once took popular favor. Few railroad men in the west are more widely known or held in higher regard.

BRYAN AS A PAID SPOUTER

Thurston Addresses an Open Letter to Senator Stewart.

SAYS HE DID NOT ORIGINATE THE CHARGE

Nevada Silver Man Asked to Reply to the Statements that the Western Mine Owners Employed the Boy Orator.

Senator Thurston has sent the following open letter to Senator Stewart of Nevada:

OMAHA, Aug. 16.—Hon. William M. Stewart, Editor "The Silver Knight," Washington, D. C.—Sir: On return from a recent campaign tour I find your open letter of August 1, which you so kindly gave to the press of the country before awaiting its receipt by me.

In your letter you refer to the address delivered by me at the Chautauqua assembly at Madison, Wis., on July 31. You must have known when you penned your letter that I did not make any charge against Hon. William J. Bryan of any kind whatever; that I did nothing except to read portions of an editorial published in the greatest democratic journal of the west, the Chicago Chronicle, on the 11th of last month. (The senator then repeats the article already published in The Bee, asserting that Bryan was a paid agent and spokesman of the free silver combine of mine owners.)

I did not, directly or indirectly even, express an opinion as to the truth or falsity of the charge thus clearly, explicitly, unequivocably and editorially made by a great democratic newspaper, reputable and responsible. I did say, and I still say, "that the man posing as the advocate of the downtrodden masses of his countrymen, holding a crown of thorns in one hand and the bugaboo, a cross of gold, in the other, owes it as a duty to every man, woman and child in this country to say whether that charge, thus publicly and deliberately made, is false or true.

NOT THURSTON'S CHARGE.

Now, my dear senator, you must have known, and you did know, when you indited your open letter to me, that the charge was not mine; no, not even by adoption; that I had not even expressed an opinion with respect to it, and that I no more than fulfilled my duty as a citizen in insisting that Mr. Bryan should tell the American people whether or not the charge made by the Chicago Chronicle was true. One word from Mr. Bryan on the 12th day of last July would have set the public right; one word from him on any day since that time would have accomplished the same purpose. The charge thus editorially made by the Chronicle, while the Chicago convention was still in session, was reproduced in many of the leading journals of the country. It came to the attention of Mr. Bryan's own paper, the Omaha World-Herald, of which he was at the time managing editor, and the only reference ever made to it in that paper was on the 15th day of July, when in its editorial column appeared the following:

IN WHOSE PAY.

The Chicago Chronicle wants Mr. Bryan to explain in whose pay he has been since he was dropped out of congress.—Sioux City Journal.

Mr. Bryan did not drop out of congress—he stepped out—but he has been in the employ of the World-Herald, and it is generally conceded that he has fully earned his salary.

The press dispatches from Lincoln, Neb., show that Mr. Bryan was asked on the 1st day of August to make such answer as he might desire to the charge of the Chronicle as read by me at Madison, and the press report is to the effect that Mr. Bryan had nothing to say, except that he would answer in due time and manner.

SIX THOUSAND A YEAR.

In a recent issue of the Chicago Post, another prominent and reputable journal, I find the statement that Mr. Bryan's stated salary from the silver mine owners or the Silver league was $6,000 per annum, paid to him in monthly checks which went through the Lincoln banks.

I also find in a recent issue of the Philadelphia Ledger an article by its well known Washington correspondent, Major John M. Carson. (This article, already published in The Bee, says it is well known that Bryan has had financial assistance in his political campaigns from silver mine owners in Colorado and asks that he give details of the deal by which certain shares in the Omaha World-Herald were purchased or controlled, the financial distress of its editor relieved and Mr. Bryan made titular editor of the paper at a fixed salary during the campaign of 1894.)

These are only a few of the direct and positive charges of a similar kind which have appeared from time to time in the most reputable and responsible newspapers of the United States.

I would be the last man in the world to assail the character of Mr. Bryan. I have not done so in any instance or by any word of mine. Mr. Bryan is the candidate of a great party. It is not just to the American people that charges of this kind should go unanswered. He is the man and the only man who can make definite and conclusive answer.

Now, my dear senator, having thus disabused your mind of any possible idea that I am the author of any charge made against Mr. Bryan, I suggest that you turn your batteries upon those reputable editors and newspapers making the charges.

LET STEWART REPLY.

I cannot refrain from expressing in this connection my surprise at the long-continued and inpenetrable silence of yourself and fellow mine owners with respect to the charges so publicly and distinctly made in the editorial columns of the Chicago Chronicle, which I have copied above; and my still greater surprise at the immediate flutter in the flock by my simple discharge of the same article, with appropriate quotation marks, some weeks after its first publication.

I am especially interested in that statement in your letter, as follows:

As to contributions for the circulation of silver literature, they have been small, and they have all been paid to the American Bimetallic league up to within the last few months, since which time contributions have been made to the American Bimetallic union. These contributions have come from all sections of the country alike. These organizations can account for all moneys received and the use made of it.

The American people, however, can best judge as to whether or not the contributions for the circulation of silver literature have been small, if you will submit a detailed account; and as you say that these organizations—for which you appear to stand sponsor—can account for all moneys received and the use made of it, I hope you will not longer delay in publishing your itemized balance sheet. I have no doubt it would be very interesting reading and be greatly appreciated by a waiting public.

Now, my dear senator, I must take issue with you—much as I deprecate the necessity—when you say "you may mock at the poverty of the silver men." I assure you I have never done any such thing. On the contrary I have always been profoundly impressed with the colossal fortunes of yourself and other bonanza mine owners. But the American people do not intend that you shall double them at their expense, at least not this year.

In conclusion permit me to suggest that I know of no possible reason why the American Bimetallic union and its contributors should not employ orators or distribute literature. I concede that employment by your union is honorable, providing it is open and avowed, so that the people, whose interests are so vitally at stake, may know in whose behalf they are appealed to.

I now hope, my dear sir, that you will frankly acknowledge the undue haste and stupidity with which you have misrepresented me in this matter, and I sincerely trust that you will immediately transfer to that great democratic journal, the Chicago Chronicle, the honor of an opportunity to substantiate its editorial. Yours very truly,

JOHN M. THURSTON.