

WHAT ALL THE WORLD IS DOING

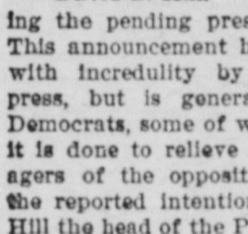
Trend of Civilization in All Lines From Week to Week

POLITICS and GOVERNMENT

General.

Hill's Farewell to Politics.

David B. Hill, for many years the leader of the New York state Democracy, twice governor of the state and United States senator for one term, caused the announcement to be made Aug. 29, his sixty-first birthday, that he would retire from political activity and leadership Jan. 1, 1905, no matter what the result of the present campaign might be either in the state or the nation. He would continue, however, his present labors for the Democratic cause during the pending presidential election. This announcement has been received with incredulity by the Republican press, but is generally accepted by Democrats, some of whom believe that it is done to relieve the Parker managers of the opposition arising from the reported intention of making Mr. Hill the head of the Parker cabinet.



David B. Hill.

La Follette For Secret Ballot.

In an article for Collier's on the Republican issue in Wisconsin Governor La Follette takes the ground that the right to make the ballot is as sacred as the right to cast it. He believes that men nominated and elected to office will serve the people if they are made accountable to the people by direct nomination under the Australian ballot. He says the contest for control of legislation in Wisconsin and throughout the country is the more dangerous because sought in the name of industrial progress and general prosperity.

Fairbanks in Vermont.

The Republican candidate for vice president made his first formal speech at White River Junction, Vt., Aug. 27, in the presence of a large gathering of people. It was near there that Mr. Fairbanks' father was born. The principal feature of the candidate's address was his warning of business disturbances similar to those following the panic of 1893 in the event of Democratic success.

Gossip of the Campaign.

At the Chicago Democratic headquarters it was said during the week that the numerous requests throughout Indiana and Illinois for speeches by W. J. Bryan had caused the campaign managers to arrange a schedule for the Nebraskan.

Representative Babcock as chairman of the Republican congressional committee at Washington in a newspaper interview said that the present campaign was the closest since 1898. He said his committee was waging the campaign chiefly on the protection of the business of the country.

The Democratic campaign in Massachusetts was opened at Cambridge with a big rally Aug. 27, during which Governor Garvin of Rhode Island, E. M. Shepard of New York, Charles S. Hamblin and other prominent Democrats made addresses. The keynote was reciprocity with Canada.

The Democratic national committee is circulating extensively throughout the country a leaflet containing a number of extracts from the various writings of President Roosevelt, so grouped and arranged as to show up opinions particularly objectionable from the Democratic point of view. The title and page accompanies each quotation. They include various opinions of past presidents, congressmen, laboring men, lynch law, commercial interests, etc.

The Socialist presidential candidate, Debs, has published in his party paper, the Appeal to Reason, a reply to the Cleveland article in the July McClure's dealing with the Chicago railroad strike in 1894. This is the article which Debs says was refused by McClure's. Its main feature is the citation of the report of the Carroll D. Wright strike commission appointed by President Cleveland, which appears to contradict in some important respects the statements made by Mr. Cleveland. Mr. Debs says that the Chicago strike is not yet settled and that its concluding pages are yet to be written.

Executive.

Race of Commerce Destroyers.

The United States cruiser Minneapolis reached Newport News, Va., Aug. 27, three minutes in advance of the cruiser Columbia, both of which had sailed from Newport, R. I., the day before on a speed test of triple screw boats, after being ten years in the service. The distance traveled was 520 knots, with an average speed of 20.4 knots and in twenty-eight hours and thirty minutes.

Battleship Louisiana Launched.

The first class battleship Louisiana was launched successfully at Newport News, Va., Aug. 27, in the presence of 25,000 spectators, being christened by Miss Juanita Lallande of New Orleans. The Louisiana is 450 feet long by 78 feet and 10 inches wide and has 16,000

tons displacement. Her armament will be the most powerful on any American warship. It will include four twelve-inch guns in two turrets, eight eight-inch and twelve seven-inch besides a large secondary battery of rapid fire rifles, small pieces and four submerged torpedo tubes.

Souvenir Coins For the Fair.

Twenty-five thousand gold dollars have been minted at Philadelphia to be used as souvenirs of the Lewis and Clarke expedition having a profile of the explorers on either side. The world's fair management expects to sell the coins to collectors and others at a nice profit.

Stopping "Sick Leave" Evil.

Acting Secretary of Agriculture Moore, who is head of the weather bureau, has caused quite a sensation in departmental life at Washington by taking the ground that an employee who has thirty days vacation with pay each year and then takes advantage of thirty days more absence under the sick leave rule is not well enough to perform the duties of responsible positions satisfactorily. By transferring a number of such to smaller salaried positions he has greatly decreased the number of applicants for sick leave.

Legal and Criminal.

Blue Law Riot at Pittsburg.

The recent efforts of the Sabbath Observance association at Pittsburg to enforce the blue laws of 1794, which prohibit the sale on Sunday of ice, soda, candy, cigars and other "luxuries," resulted in riot and bloodshed when a mob attacked the association's detectives. Several persons were injured, and one man, Knox, an ice wagon driver, was shot and killed by Detective N. Starkey.

Connecticut's Murder Farm.

Gershon B. Marx, an eighty-year-old farmer of Norwich county, Conn., who has been in jail since last spring charged with the murder of two farm hands whose bodies were found buried on his land, is now accused of the killing of a boy and a Jewish peddler who disappeared about two years ago. The authorities are searching for the bodies on Marx's farm. The motive for the crime is thought to be an insane desire to escape paying money to his employees. Marx's wife is held as a witness for the state.

2,500 Druggists Guilty.

As the result of a war waged by Isaac Platt against the National Association of Retail Druggists of Chicago 2,500 retail druggists in the United States, members of the association, were declared guilty of contempt of court by Judge Dunne and the association fined \$2,000. Platt secured an injunction in 1902 to restrain the association from interfering with the securing of supplies by himself, he having incurred the association's displeasure by refusing to join it.

Foreign.

Hidden Boer Treasure Found.

A relative of General Kemp, the Boer commander, is said to have located in the mountainous district of Spelonken, northern Transvaal, the \$1,250,000 treasure which was removed from Pretoria at the time President Kruger fled before the advent of the British conqueror. Half of the treasure is to go to the present British government of the Transvaal. Four different expeditions had tried to find the treasure along the South African coast, where it was supposed to have been hidden.

Belgian Princess Flees.

Princess Louise of Coburg, eldest daughter of the king of Belgium, whose relations with Matassich-Keglevitch of the Austrian army caused a scandal seven years ago and who has been kept under strict watch since,

Half Million in Battle at Liaoyang

Early on the morning of Aug. 31 Field Marshal Oyama gave the command which sent the whole Japanese front, comprising the armies of Kuroki, Oku and Nodzu, to the number of 250,000 men, forward against the main body of the Russians under General Kuropatkin entrenched just south and east of the walled city of Liaoyang in Manchuria. The Russians were believed to number over 200,000, with many thousands more supporting their line of retreat.

Thus the greatest battle of modern times, in point of men engaged and guns in action, and one of the greatest in all history was begun—a battle on the result of which might hinge the whole struggle between Japan and Russia. Kuropatkin's army lay with its center south of the city, and its flanks resting on the river Taitse, running east and west.

During the week preceding the Japanese armies had been steadily engaging the Russian outposts in a series of skirmishes, and driving them in until by the use of war balloons the Japanese could locate the intrenchments and batteries of the Russians. More than 1,000 Japanese guns searched the Russian line for many hours, while covering the repeated advances of the infantry and cavalry. General Oku attacked on the Russian right, Nodzu on the center and Kuroki began a vigorous flanking movement of Kuropatkin's left. The Russian army was believed to be almost completely surrounded by the Japanese after two days of fighting in which more than 30,000 men were reported to have fallen. At many points the Japs were repulsed by the Russian bayonets with frightful slaughter. From the walls and house tops of the old Chinese city the noncombatants watched anxiously from day to day the progress of this great battle. Japanese re-enforcements were coming up from Newchwang, and the Russians were reported to have begun a general retreat. Kuroki's columns were threatening Mukden.

disappeared mysteriously and romantically from a hotel at Bad Elster, Germany, Aug. 31. Ladders and an automobile were made use of, and it is supposed the princess fled in company with Matassich-Keglevitch.

Canada Takes Foreign Rails.

The government at Ottawa has put into effect the tariff of \$7 a ton on steel rails as authorized by the act of 1903. A rail mill is now in successful operation at Sault Ste. Marie, thus enabling Canada to produce her own rails.

Notes.

It was reported last week that the Tibetans had yielded terms satisfactory to the British mission and that the latter would leave Lassa earlier than anticipated.

A renewal of anti-Semitic excesses in Bessarabia, Russia, was reported through private sources at Berlin. Many Jews had been killed or wounded. Strong military measures were taken to restore order.

The czar has issued a decree summoning the estates of Finland to convene at Helsingfors Dec. 6 next. Under the same order the next session of the Finnish diet will be held in 1907.

Professor Jenks of Cornell university, who was delegated by the United States to confer with the Chinese authorities regarding the introduction of the gold standard in that country, has left Peking to return to America.

SCIENTIFIC

Germany's Hay Fever Expert Here.

Professor W. P. Dunbar, the American born scientist in the employ of the German government who discovered a serum treatment for hay fever, has come to this country to take charge of the German hay fever exhibit at the world's fair. He says that the disease is caused by the chemical action of certain kinds of plant pollen. In Europe it is the pollen of rye grass that causes most of the trouble, while in this country it is goldenrod and ragweed. He finds that the pollen of these plants contains minute quantities of albuminous poison. He estimates that there is enough of this substance in one grain of rye grass pollen to infect 4,800 hay fever patients. Only certain persons are subject to the infection, due to some nervous connection with brain fatigue.

Comet Medal to Brooks.

The Astronomical Society of the Pacific has awarded its prize medal to Dr. William R. Brooks, director of Smith observatory at Hobart college, Geneva, N. Y., for his discovery of the Brooks comet of 1904. This was the twenty-fourth comet discovered by Dr. Brooks.

New Test For Old Eggs.

A new but extremely simple method for testing the age of eggs, reports Consul General Guenther from Frankfort, Germany, is based upon the fact that the air chamber in the large end of the egg increases with age. It is found that a fresh egg placed in a saturated solution of common salt tends to float in a horizontal position, but the large end gradually rises toward the vertical position as time passes, so that an egg eight days old floats at an angle of forty-five degrees, one fourteen days old at sixty degrees, one three weeks old at seventy-five degrees, while an egg more than a month old floats vertically upon the pointed end.

Nearest Star Located.

A bulletin just issued by Lick observatory, University of California, giving the results of the recent astronomical work at Mount Hamilton, says the distance to the nearest star, Alpha Centuri, has been determined spectroscopically. The result is in harmony with observations by means of the ordinary telescope, to the effect that light traveling 186,000 miles a second, requires four and a quarter years to reach us from that star.

Wives Should Keep Young.

A certain amount of social life is absolutely essential to all of us, to the old as well as to the young. A woman never grows so old that she ceases to enjoy the company of others, and generally the older she grows the more she enjoys it. It is always a pity to see a man fall into a state which he explains by saying, "Oh, we are getting old and don't care for so much variety in our lives." In the pure selfishness of his soul he always speaks of "us" and "we," as if it naturally follows that because he is getting antiquated his wife must keep pace with him in his decline. It is more credit to a husband to keep his wife young than to make her grow old. His actions and his habits necessarily influence those of his wife. Let him keep in touch with the world, and both he and his wife will be the better and the younger for it.

Color Effect in Rooms.

In discussing color as affecting room proportions the Upholsterer gives the following general rule for the treatment of the long, narrow parlor met with in the average city house: "Do the room in harmonies of anology or related colors of a light tone and, moreover, receding colors." Receding colors are those which contain blue in the ascendancy, while advancing colors contain red and yellow in the ascendancy. The article further states that even in a small or narrow room with northern exposure it is inexpedient to use warm colors. Such a room should be treated in light tones, gray preferred, and the deficiency in sunlight should be supplied through a warm tone in the curtains.

Wesley U. Herr, the Salona market gardener, planted a bushel of Early Puritan potatoes, which yielded a crop of twenty-five bushels. One of these potatoes was taken to the store of Chas. Sigmond at Salona, Thursday and when measured was found to be 10 1/2 inches long and weighed within one ounce of two pounds.

Man Still Missing.

Latest reports from Milroy state that three searching parties, composed of about eighty people, have been out all day and no trace has yet been found of James B. McManigle, who has been missing since last Sunday. His description is as follows: 53 years of age, slender built, about 5 feet 7 inches in height, blue eyes, gray hair and mustache, and when last seen was dressed in a dark suit and a dark soft hat. Any information as to his whereabouts will be gladly received by his friends or the authorities at Milroy.—Sentinel in inst.

A pointer on Corn Planting.

R. E. Woodside, of near Unityville, Lycoming county, was among the number who planted his corn the second time. The planting was about two weeks apart. He said that he learned that soaking the seed in saltwater would keep away the ants and other insects. He did so with the second planting and found it not only as stated, but the growth was so much accelerated by the soaking that in about a month it had fully caught up to that first planted.

Soldiers Reunion.

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