

SILVER IS AT THE LOW WATER MARK

White Metal Drops to 64 3-4 in the New York Market.

WALL STREET NOW PASSES IT BY

No One Has Faith That It Will Advance as a Result of the Election. Wheat Export on the Increase. Gain of 2,720,000 Bushels Sent Abroad Over Previous Week—Gold Continues to Flow This Way.

New York, Oct. 12.—Of the many problems now being studied by financiers, stock operators and others who study ante-election indications, closely, the most interesting is the steady and further decline in the price of silver, which today touched 64 3-4 cents an ounce for certificates and 64 1/2 cents for commercial bars, against 65 1/2 cents the last quotation being the lowest price of the year. This decline was partially due to a similar drop in the London market and was also influenced by further delivery of certificates and liquidation on the part of the big silver pool which was formed last summer, when it was supposed that Bryan might have a chance of election. In such an event silver would naturally rise in value in jumps and bounds.

While silver declined wheat remained strong at the highest figure with a good demand from abroad, and consequently more gold imports in prospect. The actual amount of wheat on passage increased 2,720,000 bushels over last week. From various estimates it is calculated that fully \$5,000,000 in gold will arrive here or be in transit on the Atlantic by the end of the week. The announcements today were of \$500,000 gold sent by the Bank of England in American eagles for export and \$125,000 consigned to Muller, Schall & Co., which is now en route here on the steamship Yumuri, from Havana.

The amount of gold imported last week was \$2,213,396. At the opening of business today the treasury gold reserve amounted to \$121,250,046. It was also said that the gold withdrawn from the sub-treasury on Saturday decreased to \$99,600. Most of this gold is said to have been withdrawn for bond purchases.

Under these conditions the average layman might naturally be surprised that the predicted boom in the price of stocks in the wake of McKinley's election, would follow. It did not and the causes assigned were various.

BROKER'S OPINION.

One well known broker, whose opinions are always the result of thought said:

"While my natural position in the stock is that of a bull, I have not believed since the Maine election that the market will discount McKinley's election until the day after election. There is a large speculative interest in stocks, and outside buying or selling is not brisk. Brokers are cautious about taking orders, and the general tendency is to watch and wait. But of one thing we may be certain, if Bryan's election was in any way forecasted points of view where they are. Every one would be rushing to buy silver and get rid of stocks. No."

"The market is also largely affected by various separate conditions. There are rumors affecting Chicago (Gas, Sugar, Manure) and Kansas (Wheat) which cannot yet show an increase in business due to the grain movement."

"The coming of still more gold has little effect on the market, because of the high rate of interest. Persons argue that gold is flowing here to be loaned; but they do not consider that every dollar sent by Great Britain or Europe for that purpose is an evidence that foreign countries are convinced that their money is safe here and that we are in no danger of repudiation. To many of the large cities of the country a very prominent banker—called by many of the European correspondents last week that McKinley's election is assured."

Other financiers argued that the stock market was quieter than might be expected owing to the spirit of timidity which tempts the hoarding of gold. They said that whenever gold is at a premium, however slight, stocks are invariably depressed.

Even with these causes for advancement or depression the stock market grew stronger as the day advanced and held its own fairly well.

HONOR FOR JOHN PHILIP SOUSA.

Will Conduct the Great Philharmonic Orchestra at Berlin.

Berlin, Oct. 12.—John Philip Sousa, the distinguished American composer and conductor, who is now in this city, has been invited to conduct the great Philharmonic orchestra at Berlin at a special concert to be given in the Exhibition building in the Thier Garden tomorrow evening.

All the great conductors of Europe have led this orchestra at times, notably Von Bülow, and now this city.

Mr. Sousa has accepted the invitation, which is a notable compliment and a recognition of his high standing in the American musical world.

CIGARETTES MADE HIM STEAL.

When Sentenced His Mother Fell to the Floor Unconscious.

Willamport, Pa., Oct. 12.—In the United States court here yesterday, when Louis Droeffer, aged 20, who pleaded guilty to having extracted money from letters while a clerk in the Willamport post office, was called for sentence it was shown that the young man was so exceedingly addicted to the cigarette habit that his intellect had been shaken.

His mother fell to the floor unconscious when Judge Buffington pronounced a sentence of imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary upon the youth.

AMERICAN IRON IS WANTED.

A Zurich, Switzerland, House Will Take 100,000 Tons.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 12.—Consul Eugene German, who is in the Department of State that American pig iron, steel and tools are wanted in Switzerland.

One of the largest houses in Zurich requests him to let American exporters know that they want 40,000 tons of pig iron for foundry purposes; 55,000 tons of blooms, billets, wire rods, bars and sheets; 2,300 tons of pipes and tubes; and 2,000 tons of hardware goods, chains, bolts, nuts, screws, etc.

KILLED BY HIS FRIEND.

A German Noblemen's Tragic Death While Touring.

Monterey, Cal., Oct. 12.—A young German nobleman and artist, Count Von Ballerstein, was killed at Point Carmel last night. A constable hurried there and found Charles Abiger wandering listlessly about the house in which lay the dead body of Ballerstein. Abiger surrendered, claiming that the shooting was accidental. The men had been traveling in the same party for six years, and this was their second trip to Point Lobos, of which Ballerstein had been making studies.

Abiger said that he took the shot to go hunting just about sundown. Ballerstein objected and grabbed the gun. We began a playful tussle and to my hor-

ror the gun went off and lodged the full charge of shot in his side, killing him instantly."

The authorities have no doubt that the shooting was accidental. The deceased was related to some of the best known noble houses of Germany. His mother is Countess Von Ballerstein. One of his sisters was a president of the German Reichstag.

RIOT QUELLED BY A WOMAN.

Wife of Sheriff Quinn Shows Pluck in an Emergency.

Kewanee, Ill., Oct. 12.—Thirteen prisoners attempted to break out of the Henry county jail last night while the sheriff was away. Several were intoxicated, and a battle ensued between them and the ones who had planned the delivery and kept sober to carry it.

A deputy was overpowered and narrowly escaped being beaten to death. The riot was finally quelled by the sheriff's wife with the aid of two revolvers.

Deputy Sheriff Stiers had gone uptown and this fact had become known to the inmates of the jail in some way.

They were not confined in cells, but were all together in one room.

The officers brought a crowd to the outside of the jail, and some one sent for Deputy Stiers. As soon as he arrived he ordered in to the jail with a loaded revolver, but a chair was hurled at him, knocking the weapon from his hand. Then the prisoners threw themselves upon him, kicking him and beating him with pieces of the frames of their beds.

Meanwhile Mrs. Quinn, the sheriff's wife, seeing the deputy's peril, rushed to her room and snatched up her husband's revolver. Rushing to the opening through which food is passed, she pushed the weapons through, at the same time crying for the prisoners to be quiet, as she was going to shoot. The sober ones saw she had the drop on them, so they calmed the others and quiet was restored with the help of the deputy.

TURF WRITER SHOT.

Gwynne Tompkins, Known as 'Grey-stone,' Is the Victim of a Jealous Husband Who Carried a Gun.

Washington, Oct. 12.—A mysterious affair occurred this afternoon in Georgetown, resulting in the shooting of Gwynne Tompkins, a turf writer and stable owner, well known by his non de plume of 'Grey-stone' by John Collins, a clerk in the office of the commission in District of Columbia. It occurred in the West End hotel and Tompkins is supposed to have been shot in the arm and side. How seriously he is hurt, however, cannot be stated, as he was once carried off by his friends in a carriage and has not yet been located by the police. Collins was arrested and is now in a police station.

He was not saying anything about the shooting, although a package of letters which he has in his possession and of which he seems to be most solicitous is believed to have something to do with it.

Tompkins was a well known and recently from his wife, herself a writer of some reputation, over the signature of 'Helen Dare.' She suddenly disappeared from New York two years ago, and was later located in Columbia in company with Norman Broughton, a prominent sporting writer, to whom she was married a few days ago.

The letters which Collins holds are said to have been written by Tompkins to Mrs. Collins, seeking an appointment with her. The husband was on hand instead of the wife and when Tompkins attempted to show the letters which he took to the hotel, he was shot.

Tompkins was taken to the Garfield hospital and his wounds dressed. The officials there say his injuries are not serious.

MUST CUT TELEPHONE RATES.

Postoffice Department Will Not Pay Over \$50 a Year.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Telephone companies supplying instruments to postoffices and branch postoffices in many of the large cities of the country will have to reduce their rates or take out their telephones.

All telephones in the Washington postoffice and its various branches were removed today by order of Frank Jones, first assistant postmaster general. The postoffice has been paying \$120 a year for the use of the telephones, and in view of the cut rates to other patrons the demand was made for a reduction. Mr. Jones refused the offer to pay a maximum of \$50 a year. The company said it could not furnish the instruments at this figure without a loss.

Mr. Jones says that there is no more use of these postoffice telephones than there is of others in business houses and professional offices where the rates are reduced. The matter will be referred to congress for action.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

Reargument Refused in Case of Geo. W. Potter vs. Scranton Traction Co.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 12.—Before the argument list was called in the supreme court this morning, the court made a decision on a number of motions for reargument.

Rearguments were refused in the following cases: George E. Bryant vs. the peal, assigned estates of Haines & Co.; Groves appeal, George W. Potter vs. Scranton Traction company; Mary McKenna vs. Dixon Power company; J. H. Davidson vs. Guardian Assurance company.

GENERAL PALMER HOPEFUL.

Thinks That Two Million Democrats Will Support the National Ticket.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 12.—General Palmer, the National Democratic candidate for president, in an interview here today said that he feels assured that 2,000,000 Democrats will support the National Democratic ticket, and believes that a great old time Democratic party will be in the field four years from now.

General Palmer said that the National Democratic ticket will carry Alabama and Florida and probably Louisiana and parts of Texas.

WOMAN'S CORSET SAVES HER LIFE.

Dress Afire but the Steel Armor Protected Her.

Waterbury, Me., Oct. 12.—About 9 o'clock this morning, while Mrs. Helen Baxter, of Winslow, was dressing for the stove and before it had been fully kindled her limbs and body were terribly burned.

The physicians said her corset saved her life, as they kept the flames from her body.

The Wise Merchant.

Seeks the public through the means of a live morning journal, and does not wait for chance or fortuitous incident to inform the people of the new bargains he has for the buyers.

Shelf-worn goods never inventory their market value. If you advertise in the Scranton Tribune you will have more buyers than in any other city.

cash drawer will represent some thing that is more tangible.

Behind the Scenes.

"Butchered to make a Roman holiday" muttered the gladiator, who had died ritually with calcium effects, as he reposed in the arms of his wife, who had painted and underlaid.

Not much. There are other holidays coming and I have an interest in the gate receipts.—Truth.

BAYARD ATTACKS CHICAGO PLATFORM

Advices Democrats to Vote for Palmer and Buckner.

ATTACKS REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Vigorous Letter to Samuel Bancroft in Which He Says that the Platform Should Justify All Constitutional Democrats in Refusing to Vote for Bryan and Sewall.

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 12.—Ambassador Bayard writes a letter to Samuel Bancroft, Jr., in which he attacks the Chicago platform vigorously, and said it should justify constitutional Democrats in refusing to vote for Bryan and Sewall. He also attacks the Republican platform, and expresses the hope that Palmer and Buckner electoral tickets will be placed in every state.

Mr. Bayard says:

"It seems scarcely possible that anyone could be in doubt in relation to my personal opinion upon the very serious issues now placed before our countrymen by the machinery of the several political organizations. The evils which surround us and the perils that confront us have not grown in a night, nor have they come without warning. The dangers of disorganizing sound financial principles have been distinctly foretold and reiterated; and looking over the last twenty-five years as a representative of Delaware in the senate and as a citizen discussing elsewhere public measures and policies, I cannot discern any failure on my part to speak with absolute plainness in opposition to the facts of the financial and commercial policies which are responsible for the present perilous and distressing conditions."

In such a crisis language of reproach, of censure, would be useless, or worse, and unworthy; each man must on his own responsibility, must ask and answer the question—whether men collectively or individually, can, with justice or self-respect, abandon a just and vital principle in the hour of its exigency, and just when the necessity of its maintenance is greatest, and fly from the field when the assault is fiercest and our countrymen are needed to defend the right. Whether the principle is embodied in the text of the written charter of our government, or is embodied in the spirit of the constitution, the measure of duty and fidelity is equal; and in these seasons of excitement, alarm, and passion, the only course is to stand firm, a patriotic, sincere, and self-respecting man will hear and heed the summons, and will feel the real trial of his soul to support, in the hour of their distress, the truths he has deliberately weighed and avowed to be his duty to sustain for the welfare of the country, to which with truth and allegiance have been pledged."

AGED WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Tripped, While Carrying a Blazing Dragger, Into the Flames.

Gottsburg, Pa., Oct. 12.—The funeral of Miss Eva Hull, aged 82, will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in the Methodist church. She lived in the town of Lewisburg, Adams county, and Friday evening, while striking a match, set fire to the contents of a drawer.

While carrying the burning drawer into the yard she fell and ignited her dress. Passing children saw her and gave the alarm. She died a few hours later.

HOT KENTUCKY CAMPAIGN.

Pistols at a Speaker's Head to Cause an Anklebender.

Middlesboro, Ky., Oct. 12.—General James S. Walker, Republican nominee for congress in the tenth Virginia district, was interrupted by toughs while speaking in Lee county.

Pistols were placed at his head, and he was made to acknowledge that he came to the county to see the voters.

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Blackburn became ill yesterday at Mount Vernon, where he had an appointment to speak.

Doctors say he may not be able to make any more speeches before election. He has appointments in Kentucky until October 15, and after that for every day until election in Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota.

MET SILVER WITH BULLETS.

Political Discussion Results in a Fatal Shooting.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 12.—At McKeesport, Pa., this morning, John Jack, a Republican voter, entered into a political discussion with George and William Welsh, brothers, both of whom are silver Democrats.

The discussion became so warm that the men came to blows, and Jack shot George Welsh. The latter will hardly recover. Jack says the shooting was in self-defense.

WELL WORTH HEARING.

Three better orators than Charles Emory Smith, James H. Hoyt and D. D. Woodman, who will speak next Thursday evening at the grand Republican mass meeting in the Frothingham theater, are not to be found. This meeting will be open to all and every voter will find it worth his while to be there.

WANTS OF ALL KINDS COST THAT MUCH. WHEN PAID FOR IN ADVANCE, NO CHARGE WILL BE LESS THAN 25 CENTS. THIS RULE APPLIES TO SMALL WANT ADS. EXCEPTED SITUATIONS, WHICH ARE INSERTED FREE.

HELP WANTED—MALES.

WANTED—AN ACTIVE MAN AT \$12.00 A WEEK. MUST BE A BOILER MAKER OR WELDER. WILL GUARANTEE PERMANENT POSITION IF RIGHT. IF INTERESTED ADDRESS QUICKLY TO MANUFACTURER, P. O. BOX 533, BOSTON, MASS.

WANTED—AS AGENT IN EVERY SECTION TO CAUSE \$4.00 TO \$5.00 A DAY MAKE. SELL AT SIGHT; ALSO A MAN TO SELL STAPLE GOODS TO DEALERS. SIDE LINE ON A MONTHLY SALARY OF LARGE COMMISSION MADE. EXPERIENCE UNNECESSARY. CLINGMAN SOAP AND MANUFACTURING CO., CINCINNATI, O.

WANTED—WELL-KNOWN MAN IN EVERY TOWN TO COLLECT STOCK SUBSCRIPTIONS. A MONOPOLY; HIGH MONEY FOR AGENTS; NO TRAVELING EXPENSE. W. D. C. FISH & CO., BORDEN BLOCK, CHICAGO, ILL.

HELP WANTED—FEMALES.

WANTED—YOUNG LADY FOR OFFICE CORRESPONDENT; SUBMIT REFERENCES. ADDRESS A. CARA TRIBUNE.

WANTED—COMPETENT NURSE GIRL TO TAKE CHARGE OF CONVALESCING INFANT. MUST BE RELIABLE. CALL TODAY AT 921 PINE STREET.

LADIES—MAKE BIG WAGES DOING pleasant home work, and will gladly send you a full description of our system. MISS M. A. STEBBINS, Lawrence, Mass.

WANTED—LADY AGENTS IN SCRANTON TO SELL AND INTRODUCE Snyder's cake. Experienced canvasser preferred; work permanent; very profitable. Write for particulars at once and get benefit of