

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 17, 1897.

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REJECTION OF BIMETALLISM

The Indian Government Refused the Responsibility.

NEGOTIATIONS ALL FAIL

The French Government Was Willing.

Suggested Further Proposals Dividing the Burden--Report of United States Commission's Negotiations Discloses Nothing New--Lord Elgin's Letters.

Washington, Nov. 16--The official report of the correspondence in regard to bimetallic proposals of the United States Monetary commission to the government of Great Britain, together with the report of the proceedings at the conference of the British premier, the secretary of state for India, the first lord of the treasury and the chancellor of the exchequer, with the French ambassador and our commissioners, has reached this country.

The negotiations fell through, notwithstanding the expressed willingness of the French government to open its mints, owing to the rejection by the British government of the proposition to again open the Indian mints to free coinage of silver.

The government of Great Britain, in making her answer, deferred to the wishes of the government of India, to which the proposal was referred, and the reply of the government of India, therefore, is the most important communication in the correspondence.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT SHY.

In other words, the Indian government as a preliminary proposition, declared that it could not risk the success of the suggested measures. This definite and absolute rejection of the proposal was fully set forth in the cable reports of the correspondence, but the document contains a reservation, which would seem to indicate that if the scope of the proposed experiment were sufficiently broadened, India might be willing at least to reconsider her refusal.

SPAPARY PRESIDENT.

Has Been Elected Presiding Officer of Hungarian Delegations.

Vienna, Nov. 16--Count Julius Szapary, has been elected president of the Hungarian delegations. In his speech accepting the post, he laid stress upon the necessity of harmony between the halves of the empire and praised the president, which he declared to be "a main stay of peace."

POSTAL CONGRESS.

Ratification of the Recent Treaty Adopted.

Washington, Nov. 16--The final act on the part of this government in the ratification of the treaty adopted by the recent universal postal congress was taken today when President McKinley signed the formal convention treaty and Secretary of State Sherman signed the government seal affixed. Postmaster General Cary has already signed. The treaty takes effect Jan. 1, 1899. It modified the convention of the Vienna congress now in force as follows:

For territorial transit, including maritime transit of not more than 300 nautical miles, each country in the line of transit is to be compensated by the country of origin at the rate of what amounts in American currency to 18 cents per pound for letters and post cards, and two and one-quarter cents per pound for other articles. This rate is to be reduced every two years of the six at the rate of five, ten and fifteen per cent respectively.

GERMANY ALARMED.

Feels the Loss of the Patronage of Uncle Sam.

Washington, Nov. 16--Consul Monaghan at Chemnitz, in a report to the state department on Germany's exports to the United States, expressed the feeling that Germany is alarmed. Exports to the United States are dropping off. Nothing so alarming has appeared in twenty years. America was always the best customer in many lines of manufactures.

METHODIST MISSIONS.

Plans in Operation for Cancelling the \$1,500,000.

Philadelphia, Nov. 16--The principal work today of the general committee of the missions of the Methodist Episcopal church was the consideration of appropriations for foreign missions. Resolutions were presented by the resolutions and means committee, commending the plan already put in operation for cancelling the \$1,500,000 indebtedness of the missionary committee, and urging the people to make it effectively by prompt and liberal contributions.

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Curious Cause of a Pain of Several Years' Duration.

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LASHES FOR A BICYCLE THIEF.

Ten Strokes and Three Months in Jail the Sentence.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 16--The November term of county court opened yesterday, with Chief Justice Lore and Judge Spurgeon and Justice on the bench. W. P. Biggs was made foreman of the grand jury.

FRITZ MEYER GUILTY.

New York, Nov. 16--The jury in the case of Fritz Meyer, accused of the murder of Policeman Frederick Smith in the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree today. Meyer was found guilty after only 25 minutes' deliberation. The crime was committed about two weeks ago.

BOY IN A COTTON BALE.

Crawled into the Gin Unnoticed by Workmen.

Wellborn, Fla., Nov. 16--At the cotton-ginning establishment of T. J. Sumner, near Falling Creek, Mr. Sumner's little 5-year-old boy Tommy managed to get in the press unnoticed, and was not missed until the bale had been sewed up and thrown out on the way ready for shipment.

EXPERIENCE OF A SHIPWRECKED CREW

Sufferings of a Handful of Men Drifting in an Open Boat.

RESCUED BY THE BELOENLAND

Crew of the Theodore Dean Spend Two Days and Two Nights Drifting in a Small Boat at the Mercy of the Waves--Schooner Willie L. Maxwell Towed Into Port.

Philadelphia, Nov. 16--The steamship Beloenland, which arrived here today from Liverpool, brought to the city the water-logged and shivering crew of the schooner Willie L. Maxwell, together with the vessel's captain and crew, all safe and well. In addition to these the Beloenland also had on board the shipwrecked crew of the schooner Theodore Dean, who were picked up at sea drifting in a small boat at the mercy of the winds and waves.

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FOUGHT A MAD DOG.

Miss Mead's Only Weapon Was an Umbrella.

Moorestown, N. J., Nov. 16--Pedestrians on Main street were this morning to consternation this afternoon by the appearance of a large dog with the rabies. The beast snapped and bit at everything that came his way.

SITUATION AT ASPEN.

Unless Smuggler Fire is Extinguished the Region Will Be Abandoned.

Aspen, Colo., Nov. 16--The situation here grows hourly more desperate, and unless the seat of the Smuggler fire is soon reached there is every reason to believe that the entire district will be abandoned.

FRESHMAN INJURED.

Auchonocloss, of Yale, Unconscious from a Blow on the Head.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 16--The Yale football team was this afternoon in a practice game at the stadium. The game was a hard one, and the players were very fatigued.

CHRISTIAN GRAND JURY.

Kentuckians Make Up a Purse for an unfortunate Boy.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 16--The grand jury of Carroll county, Ky., did a queer thing at Newport today. The case of Charles W. Shotwell, aged 17 years, was heard for house breaking.

COLORADO BANK ASSIGNS.

Delta County Institution Suspend Business.

Delta, Col., Nov. 16--After a prolonged session the directors of the Delta county bank decided to suspend business and place the institution in the hands of an assignee.

CURSE OF KRUGER'S COUNTRY.

He Declares Those Who Saw Discontent His Worst Enemies.

Pretoria, South African Republic, Nov. 16--President Kruger, in pronouncing the Volksraad yesterday night, February, made a speech at which he said the dynamite monopoly was not the greatest curse of the country.

SHOPLIFTER IN RICH GARB.

Mystic Woman Who Baffles the Brooklyn Police.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 16--"Mrs. Alexander," the mysterious shoplifter, and her still more mysterious male friend, Edward Davis, who were arrested in a Fulton street store in Brooklyn Friday, were arraigned in court yesterday.

SENTECE OF A TURK.

Boston, Nov. 16--Joseph A. Isagi, formerly Turkish consul in this city, who was arrested in New York last summer charge with embezzlement of large sums from trust funds held by him, and who was recently found guilty in the Suffolk county superior court, today sentenced to serve a term of not more than eighteen nor less than fourteen years in state's prison, with one day solitary confinement and the rest of the term at hard labor.

RAILWAY UNION MEETS.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 16--An important special meeting of the American Railway union will be held in Chicago Nov. 22 to attend the legislative of various states for the purpose of looking after the interests of members of the order. It is expected that 400 delegates will be present. The headquarters of the order will be moved from Columbus, O., to Chicago.

VAN VALKENBURG CASE SETTLED

The Matter of Costs Satisfactorily Adjusted.

LAST OF THE WANAMAKER TROUBLE

The Case of E. A. Van Valkenburg, Charged with Conspiracy, is Finally Settled--Costs Are Increased to \$1,516.12--The Amount Paid by Attorneys for the Defense.

Pottsville, Pa., Nov. 15--The case against E. A. Van Valkenburg, charged with conspiracy to bribe Representative Weiss to vote for John Wanamaker for United States senator, was not settled yesterday, as had been announced. After the case had been presumably disposed of, the previous estimate of costs, on which a settlement had been based, was found to be less than should have been, consequently a dispute arose and the settlement was declared off.

THE INDIAN BORDER WAR.

The Submission of the Maddakheis Accepted by the British.

Simla, Nov. 16--The British officials have accepted the submission of the Maddakheis, on the surrender of the property and rifles looted at Malzar, and as the British reinforcements are cut off, now is the time to strike a blow for Islam.

HENRY GEORGE MEMORIAL.

Committee Appointed to Receive Subscriptions.

New York, Nov. 16--It has been determined to appeal to the public at large for subscriptions to a memorial for Henry George on the broadest grounds of respect for the memory of a man who devoted himself unselfishly to the public good and entirely irrespective of difference of opinion as to his economic or political views.

TWO PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH.

Mrs. Terrill and Her Nephew Victims of the Kerosene Lamp.

Plattsburgh, N. Y., Nov. 16--Mrs. Terrill and her nephew, Edward Mason, were burned to death on a farm a few miles from Peru, this county, last night. Mrs. Terrill, who was seventy years old, started to her room to retire at 9 o'clock carrying a kerosene lamp. In some unexplained way the lamp was overturned and fell on her clothing, enveloping her in flames.

SULTAN BOWS TO AUSTRIA.

Removes Officers and Salutes Franz Joseph's Flag.

Vienna, Nov. 16--The Turkish government, in reply to the demands of Baron De Calice, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador to the Porte, for the dismissal of the Vail of Adana in Asia Minor, and of the Mussuloff of Merzina, the port of Adana, for the recent indignities offered to the Austrian merchant, Brazzaffoli, agent at Merzina of the Austrian Lloyd Steamship company, has agreed to dismiss both officials and to salute the Austrian flag.

Mrs. McCusker Indicted.

Camden, N. J., Nov. 15--Mrs. Florence McCusker, the wife of Michael McCusker, who was shot at his home in this city last Tuesday and died the following day, was today held responsible for her husband's death by the coroner's jury. McCusker in his post-mortem statement accused his wife of having shot with intent to kill, but the woman insisted ever since her arrest that the shooting was accidental.

BERING SEA MEETING.

The Seal Experts Make a Unanimous Report.

Washington, Nov. 16--The Bering sea meeting in which representatives of Great Britain, Canada and the United States have participated, came to a close tonight. The seal experts make a unanimous report concerning the condition of the seal herds and the diplomatic representatives of the respective governments, including the understanding by which they hope at a later date to effect final adjustment not only of the Bering sea question but of other pending border controversies.

RICHARD CROKER TALKS.

Views on Plan of Establishing Tammany Clubs.

New York, Nov. 16--Richard Croker today when asked what he thought of the plan of establishing Tammany clubs in Kings county, with the view of having one Democratic organization in Greater New York, said:

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Three Hundred Representatives of Pennsylvania Lodges Meet at Odd Fellows' Hall, Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Nov. 16--The semi-annual session of the grand encampment I. O. O. F. of Pennsylvania, being concluded last night the grand lodge and the same order held its semi-annual session today in Odd Fellows' temple. Over three hundred representatives of the lodges in the state were present. Grand Master W. Baylord Thomas was in the chair, and all the officers were in attendance. The proceedings occupied the entire day. The lodge decided that each individual lodge is responsible for twenty-five cents dues on April 1 of each year for each member on its raising funds to maintain the orphan asylum. Two petitions requesting the privilege of opening an employment agency in connection with the order were referred to the board of grand officers with power to act.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather indications today: Fair; decidedly colder. 1 General-Official Report of the Monetary Commission. Van Valkenburg Case Officially Settled. Offerings of a Shipwrecked Crew. Remarkable Indians Off 'Frisco' Coast. 2 State-National Grange Meeting at Harrisburg. 3 Local-Tenth Anniversary of Rev. Dr. Robinson's Pastorate at the Second Presbyterian Church. Boy's Narrow Escape from Death. 4 Editorial. Comment of the Press. 5 Characteristics of the Average French Jew. Incidents Recalled by the Death of a Veteran Engineer. 6 Local-Traction Company Mulcted for \$3,000 Damages. 7 Local-St. John's Church Apparition. Want Mulberry Street Pave Assessment Rejected. 8 Local-West Side and Suburban. 9 Lackawanna County Happenings. 10 Whitney's Weekly News Budget. The Markets.

THEY WALK ON WATER

Remarkable Race of Indians in California Gulf.

REPORT OF CONSUL LONG

Supposed Fate of Captain Porter and Party.

Thought to Have Been Murdered by the Seris Indians--An Extraordinary Race of Savages Who Look Solely to Physical Development--A Community Where Disease is Almost Entirely Unknown--Women of Peachy Complexion.

Washington, Nov. 16--United States Consul Hugh Long, at Nogales, Mex., has furnished a state department particulars of the supposed murder of a party of Americans headed by Captain Porter, by the Seris Indians on Tiburou Island in the gulf of California. According to the statement made to the Mexican customs officials by Martin Mendez, master of the steamboat "Otila," Captain Porter sailed from San Diego, Cal., with his companions in a small boat, to engage in collecting shells. They left the port of Guaymas Aug. 9, under special permission from the Mexican government to explore the shores and islands of the gulf. The consul says the island of Tiburou is one of the largest and most picturesque in the gulf of California and is peopled by a most remarkable tribe of Indians who are noted for their large size and extraordinary athletic and extraordinary strength. They are, writes the consul, expert fishermen and hunters, having rigid ideas as to the maintenance of game preserves on their island and limiting the killing of game under severe penalties.

They destroy all children in infancy that are malformed or appear to be lacking in intelligence. In this way the standard of physical and mental conditions in both sexes is kept very high. It is currently believed that at one time the native women were exterminated to make room for a whiter and superior race of women. The nucleus of this race of higher women was formed from captives made at various times, extending over a series of years on land and water. They have no schools, but each home has a system of physical training. The natives guard their shores day and night, and no man is allowed to penetrate the island even if he should make a landing. It is said that no epidemics have ever prevailed on the island and disease is scarcely known among this extraordinary people, so that the men and women are magnificent in their physical endowment. No man or woman is allowed to live beyond the age of seventy years, no matter how well preserved in body and mind. By careful selection a large percentage of the natives are made a transparent, peachy complexion and deep auburn hair.

BICYCLE RACES.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 16--The four-cornered race at the Coliseum here tonight between Eaton, Bald, Cooper and Loughhead was the closest and most exciting of the season. Jay Eaton won by a foul and holds his title of king of the indoor tracks. His win was no easy one, and in one heat the judges said that it was a dead heat. Cooper's track record was smashed as was the world's indoor competition record. The time was 1:57 1/2. Summary: First heat, Bald vs. Loughhead--Bald won; time, 2:04 1/2. Second heat, Eaton vs. Cooper--Eaton won; time, 2:01 1/2. Third heat, Bald vs. Cooper--Cooper won; time, 1:57 1/2. Fourth heat, Eaton vs. Loughhead, dead heat--Loughhead disqualified for fouling; Eaton given heat. Fifth heat, Loughhead vs. Cooper--Loughhead won; time, 2:07 1/2. Sixth heat, Bald vs. Eaton--Bald won; time, 2:00 1/2. This gave Eaton and Loughhead each two heats and Bald and Cooper each one. Two heats were then run to see who took first and who third money. Seventh heat, Eaton vs. Loughhead--Eaton won; time, 2:05 1/2. Eighth heat, Bald vs. Cooper--Bald won; time, 2:07 1/2.

RACES AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, Nov. 15--Another large crowd witnessed the races at Benning today and saw some interesting sport. The track was somewhat slow from recent rain. Speculation was rapid, though the talent was successful in picking only two winners. First race, 5/8 furlongs--Red Spider won, Athly second, The Manxman third; time, 1:11 4/5. Second race, 6 furlongs--Characrae won, Prince of India second, Duchess Annette third; time, 1:18 4/5. Third race, one mile--Molokah Prince won, Summer Sea second, James Monroe third; time, 1:47 1/2. Fourth race, 4/5 furlongs--Senator McCarron won, Mont d'Or second, Hair Pin third; time, 1:25. Fifth race, one mile--Bally Clagat won, King T second, Volley third; time, 1:43 1/2. Lexington, Ky., Nov. 16--On account of rain, the races were postponed till tomorrow.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, Nov. 16--Sailed: Lahn, Bremen, Cleared; St. Paul, Southampton, Prinsland, Antwerp; Britannic, Liverpool, Southampton--Arrived: Trave, New York for Bremen, and proceeded.