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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. None of the other propositions were replied to because that one, the most important of the concessions requested of Great Britain, could not be acceded to.

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. It is a long document, in which the advantages pro and con to India are argued, and a strong case from their standpoint is made out in favor of the rejection of the proposal. The disturbance of values in India, with the attendant paralysis of trade, at least temporarily, the fall of silver prices confidence in newspaper reports even and they were at the complete mercy in India concurrently with the increase etc., are advanced; but the most po- market." tent reasons urged against the proposition is that the burden of failure, I fallure should come from the experiment for the re-establishment of bimetallism by France and the United States, must inevitably fall on India. Both the United States and France, the reply argues, with their supply of gold, could, to a greater or less extent, protect themselves if the experiment

did not succeed. 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 recon-

sider her refusal.

BUCCERS."

That paragraph in Lord Elgin's letter is as follows: "We note that the proposals of the governments of France and the United States are subject to the proviso that they are satisfied that they will receive demands for silver, We believe that a limited increase of the quantity of silver used as currency will exercise a very trifling influence If any, in raising the gold price of silver, and that the only assistance from other powers which can be of any real value would be the addition of other countries to the bimetalic union of France and the United States. If however, assurances of really substantial co-operation should be secured from other countries, we shall be glad to learn the exact nature of the assurances, and we shall then consider whether the promised co-operation changes the conditions of the problem

### SZAPARY PRESIDENT.

Has Been Elected Presiding Officer

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

In Austria-Hungury, the monarch exercises his legislative authority, and yesterday, with Chief Justice Lore and with the co-operation and consent of the representative bodies, namely the Reichsrath, Reichstag and the provincial parliaments (Landlage.) legislation in affairs common to the Reichsrath and Reichstag is accomplished by means of delegations, of which there are two, each consisting of sixty members, of whom twenty are from each of the upper houses of Austria and Hungary and forty from each of the lower houses of Austria and

### BOY IN A COTTON BALE.

Crawled Into the Gin Unnoticed by Workmen.

Welborn, Fla., Nov. 16 .- At the cotton- ginning establishment of T. J. Summerall, near Falling Creek, Mr. Summerall'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 ways, ready for shipment. The men cut the bale of cotton open

and found him crushed and dead.

#### 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 Mc Kinley signed the formal convention treaty and Secretary of State Sherman had the government seal affixed Postmaster General Gary has already signed. The treaty takes effect Jan. 1, 1899. It modified the convention of the Vienna congress now in force as fol-

For territorial transit, including mar-

itime 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 ents per pound for letters and post cards, and two and one-quarter cents is to be reduced every two years of the six at the rate of five, ten and safe, and well. In addition to these letters and post cards, nine cents for other articles. This is to be divided at sea drifting in a small boat at the pro rata among countries in transit, years to \$1.35, \$1.16 and 97 cents re- latter crew, its captain, James Hogdon, changed during 1896, though mails increase in weight about ten per cent. annually. Commemoration postage Olsen and Christian Olsen, seamen, stamps will not be recognized in international mails. Postage stamps are to be printed as far as possible by the various countries as follows:

Five-cent, in dark blue; two-cent, in red; one-cent, in green, Natural history specimens, except for commercial will be admitted as merchandise samples. Letters in care of consuls left Southamboy on last Friday with will be returned to origin free.

#### 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 ex-

ports to the United States, says:
"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 manufacturers. In the September quarter of 1896 seventeen consul districts sent to the United States goods amounting to \$14,481,414. In the same quarter of 1897, the same districts sent | men worked hard at the oars, At 6.30 \$7,189,112. The average loss all over the o'clock the boat shot up in the air on empire is nearly fifty per cent. In the crest of a huge wave, and Capmany cases this indicates much more tain Hogdon was swept overboard. The than mere money losses to our reve- men tried hard to reach him, but were nues. It indicates a diminution in ex- utterly helpless. The same wave that ports from this empire due to the Ding- washed the captain to his death tore ley bill. The public is told to put little the oars from the hands of the men, if accurate. Each issue urges intelli- of the elements. From that time until ent effort to retain the United States'

### METHODIST MISSIONS.

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

Philadelphia, Nev. 18.-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 ways 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 effective by prompt and liberal contributions. Providence, Des Moines, Washington and Indianapolis were nominated as cities from which to choose a meeting place for the coming year. After a close contest Providence was finally chosen to be the seat of the next conference of the committee.

#### COUGHED UP A TOOTH. Curious Cause of a Pain of Several

Years' Duration. Newark, Del., Nov. 16 .- David Cullen, aged 70, of Strikersville, was seized

with a coughing spell on Saturday night that lasted thirty minutes, when he coughed up a tooth.

in the lungs for several years, and a tude 40.23, longitude 68.25. When the doctor thinks that the tooth caused the trouble. Mr. Cullen cannot tell how the tooth got in the lung.

### MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Four Children Are Made Orphans by Spickler's Act.

Cushing, Ia., Nov. 16.-I., D. Spickler, a farmer, today shot and killed or adds materially to the chances of his wife and blew out his own brains. not die for several hours.

Four children are made orphans by the tragedy. They were the children of the woman by a former husband, Spickler separated from his wife over a year ago on account of family troub-

### LASHES FOR A BICYCLE THIEF

Ten Strokes and Three Months in Juil the Sentence.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 16.-The No. vember term of county court opened Judges Spruance and Boyce on the bench. W. P. Biggs was made foreman of the grand jury.

Seventy applications to sell liquor were filed. Isaac Cannon, for the larceny of a bicycle, was sentenced to ten lashes and three months in jail.

### Fritz Meyer Gutlty.

New York, Nov. 16.-The jury in the ase of Fritz Meyer, accused of the mufer of Policoman Frederick Smith in the Church of the Mont Holy Redeem brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree today. Meyer was found guilty after only 25 minutes' deliberation. The rime was committed about two weeks

Boy Murde er Exonerated. Carson City, Nev., Nov. 16.-Julian Julian, the boy who shot and killed District Attorney Charles Jones recently was today exonerated by the grand jury.

Yellow Fever at Mobile. Mobile, Ala., Nov 16.—Four cases of yellow fever were reported today. There were no deaths. Four new cases are re-

ported at Whistler.

#### EXPERIENCE OF A SHIPWRECKED CREW

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

BY THE BELGENLAND

Crew of the Theodore Denn 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 Belgenland, which arrived here today from Liverpool, brought to the capes the water-logged and sailless per pound for other articles. This rate schooner Willie L. Maxwell, together with the vessel's captain and crew, all fifteen per cent respectively. For mari- the Belgenland also had on board the time transit about \$1.45 per pound for ship-wrecked crew of the schooner Theodore Dean, who were picked up mercy of the winds and waves. Bewith graduated reduction each two fore the Belgenland had sighted the spectively. Transit expenses will be had been washed overboard and further reduced as payments will be drowned. The rescued crew of the Dean made only on the basis of weights ex- were James Butler, mate, of Tremont, Me.; Frank Miller, the colored cook, of Providence; Thomas Thompson, Marion

The ship-wrecked mariners of the Dean were rescued after having spent two nights and a day in the little boat, during which their sufferings were intense. Mate Butler told the story of the wreck of the Dean and the experiences of the men up to the time of the rescue. The Theodore Dean a cargo of coal for Norfolk. It was blowing strong and when off Abecon lights she lost her main sail in a particularly heavy blow. Saturday at noon, when 45 miles E. N. E. of Barnegat, a plank was torn from her side and she began to fill rapidly. In a short time there were four feet of water in the hold, and at 1.30 p. m. Captain Hodgdon ordered the small boar lowered and all hands got aboard, leaving the doomed vessel to her fate. The crew kept her in sight for an hour, when she was seen to sink from sight. All this time there was a heavy sea running, and the wind was blowing a gale. The little craft with the six souls aboard, was kept on its keel with the greatest difficulty, and many times was in immediate danger of capsizing. The

NO SAIL IN SIGHT Daylight broke and there was not a sail in sight, nor the least sign of a passing steamer. All that day the boat drifted, and the men, wet and cold. were on the point of giving up, but through Sunday night they clung to the boat and on Monday morning at 9 o'clock the Belgenland hove in sight. and its lookout saw the signals of the crew and brought them safe aboard and furnished them with dry clothing

the next m

they know not where,

and nourishment. Captain Hodgdon's home was in Somerville, Mass., and he leaves a widow, two daughters and a son. His daughters recently graduated from the Boston university. Mate Butler, who has sailed with the captain for over nine years, says this was the first accident he ever experienced. The place where the crew was rescued is 187 miles from the Delaware capes, in latitude 29.36, longitude 71.42,

The Theodore Dean was built in 1864 at Tottenville, N. Y. Her gross tonnage was 349, and her net tonnage 291 The rescued men spoke in high terms of the treatment accorded them by Captain Duxrud and the officers and crew of the Belgenland.

The schooner Willie L. Maxwell, which was in tow of the steamship when the mate and crew of the Dean Cullen had complained of pain day morning off Nantucket in latiwere rescued, was picked up on Sun-Belgenland sighted her she showed the American ensign, Union Down, The oat was sent to her and it was learned | sued. that the vessel was short of canvass and the captain was ignorant of his earings. A line was made fast and Captain Goth asked the Beigenland to tow him to Sandy Hook. This was re fused and an offer to tow to the Delaware capes was made and accepted. At 10 o'clock Captain Goth felt he The wife was shot in the breast and did safe and the line was cast off and the steamship proceeded on its course. Torch signals were seen from the Maxwell and the Belgenland returned. Captain Goth again wanted to be towed to Sandy Hook, but Captain Duxrud would only tow him to the Delaware capes, and this offer was finally ac cepted and the Maxwell arrived there this morning.

## SHOPLIFTER IN RICH GARB.

Mysterious 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. Mrs. Alexander's gown ment. was a gorgeous tailor-made affair, and her eyes sparkled through a white veil as the hearing progressed. The hearing was adjourned until Monday.

A detective who viewed her thought she was Mrs. Annie Colton, of Bloomington, Ill., who is wanted there to answer a charge of having murdered one of her children a few weeks ago, The general impression is that whatever Mrs. Alexander's real name may be, her home is in Brooklyn. Some intimated that she is a woman with a pull, and that she will not be convicted when her case is tried Monday next.

Henry E. Dixey as a Magician. New York, Nov. 16.-In the "Adonis" ostume of years ago Henry E. Dixey tonight, for the first time as a magician, appeared on the stage of Charles Frohman's Garden theater before an audienc which was large and generous.

## FOUGHT A MAD DOG.

liss Mend's Only Weapon Was at Umbrella.

Mcorestown, N. J., Nov. 16.-Pedesrians on Main street were thrown ino consternation this afternoon by the appearance of a large dog with the rables. The beast snapped and bit at everything that came his way. Men, vomen and children ran helter-skelter for doorways and other means of escape. Just as Miss Lydia Meade stepped from a store into the street she came face to face with the dog, and without a moment warning he sprang her throat. Miss Meade knocked him to one side with her unbrella, and for fully ten minutes battled with the east, which repeatedly sprang at her, but each time came in contact with the well-directed blows of her unbrella. Finally the dog retreated.

Meanwhile citizens arrived with guns istols and clubs, and gave chase, and was only after the dog was riddled with bullets that he succumbed. Miss Mende's dress was torn in shreds by the beast's claws, but beyond the neryous shock she was not injured.

#### 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 soon reached there is every reason to believe that the entire district will have to be temporarily abandoned. This morning every property in Smuggler mountain had to be abandoned on account of gas. Some narrow escapes are reported from the Cowen Haven tunnel. Engineer Irwin, on the Park Regent, was brought out insensible, and several other men were found wholly or partly unconscious brought out. The exact number of men driven out this morning is estimated at 200. This makes a total of about 600 now thrown out of work by the gas. Between forty and fifty miles of workings have been abandoned on Smuggler mountain, eight of which are in the Smuggler mine.

#### FRESHMAN INJURED.

Auchoncloss, of Yale, Unconscious

from a Blow on the Head. New Haten, Conn., Nov. 16.-The Yale football team was this afternoon put through one of the stiffest practices of the season. The secret practice lasted about three-quarters of an hour. The eleven lined up against the college side. They rushed the college side all over the gridiron, scoring easily. The open practice lasted half an hour and was one of the best as well as one of the flercest of the season. The men who played against Harvard worked with great ferocity and showed more aggressiveness than ever before. Auchoncloss, a member of the freshmen squad, was injured this afternoon, He received a blow on the head and was unconscious for a short period. His injuries, however, are not serious.

### CHRISTIAN GRAND JURY.

Kentuckians Make Up a Purse for an Untortunate Boy.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 16.-The grand jury of Campbell county, Ky., did a queer thing at Newport to day. The ase of Charles W. Shotwell, aged 17 years, was heard for house breaking. The boy had been in jail three months. He was in rags and almost barefooted when brought before the grand Jury. He'said his parents died years ago and he was without home or friends. older person in atempting to break into a house. The other party escaped. Shotwell concealed nothing, and his stery was corroborated. The jury returned no indictment, but made up a purse for him and also procured new clothing and started the lad out with promises of leading a better life.

### COLORADO BANK ASSIGNS.

Delta County Institution Suspends Business.

Deta, Col., Nov. 16.-After a proonged session the directors of the Delta county bank concluded to suspend business and place the institution in the hands of an assignee. The bank has been regarded as one of the soundest on the western slope. An accountant has been put to work on the books, but a statement has not yet been is-

The capital stock of the bank is \$50,-000, and the deposits are about \$52,000,

### CURSE OF KRUGER'S COUNTRY.

He Declares Those Who Sow Dissention It's Worst Enemies.

Pretoria, South African Republic, Nov. 16.-President Kruger, in proroguing the Volksraad yesterday until February, made a speech at which he said the dynamite monopoly was not the greatest curse of the country. The greatest harm, he explained, was done by the persons who were trying to create dissensions among the people of the states of South Africa.

### MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION.

Report That the Pope Does Not Accept the Compromise Confirmed.

London, Nov. 16 .- The Daily Chroncle today publishes the decision of the Pope on the Manitoba school question, confirming the Montreal Star's version plainly setting forth that he does not accept the Laurier-Greenway settle-

Boston, Nov. 16.-Joseph A. Issigi, for-merly Turkish counsul in this city, who was arrested in New York last summe charge with embezzlement of large sums from trust funds held by him, and who was recently found guilty in the Suffolk county superior court, was today sen-tenced to serve a term of not more than eighteen nor less than fourteen years in state's prison, with one day solltary coninement and the rest of the term at hard

Railway Union Meets.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 16.—An important pecial meeting of the American Railway nion will be held in Chicago Nov. 22 to attend the legislatures of various states for the purpose of looking after the in-terests of members of the order. It is expected that 400 delegates will be present. The headquarters of the order will since her be moved from Columbus, O., to Ohicago. accidental.

#### VAN VALKENBURG CASE SETTLED

The Matter of Costs Satisfactorially 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 ed an international commission to acwith 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 it should have been, consequently a dispute arose and the settlement was declared off. This morning Mr. Van Valkenburg, his counsel and witnesses for the defendant were in court, as was the district attorney. The latter and a person who is said to represent the one who agreed to pay the bill of

costs, were at work on the list. The costs were at first said to be about \$1,500, but today's examination increased them to \$1.516.12, on which basis the case was officially settled by the district attorney. The money is said to have been handed over to one of the attorneys of the definse by the representative of a prominent state politician and by the attorney turned over to the court officials.

#### THE INDIAN BORDER WAR.

The Submission of the Maddakhels Accepted by the British.

Simla, Nov. 16.-The British officials have accepted the submission of the Maddakhels, on the surrender of the property and rifles looted at Maizar, and on the payment for such property as is not forthcoming. This tribe also has to pay a fine of 19,000 rupees and to surrender twenty hostages for their future good conduct.

Official dispatches which reached here today from the camp in the Maid-Valley announces that General Kempster's brigade, while coming in yesterday evening, was attacked by The tribesmen the enemy in force. were driven off with the assistance of enable the tribesmen to be seen.

The British officers found in the residence of Muliar of Said Akbar, shortly homes. before the latter was destroyed, let- privilege of opening an employment ters from the Haddan Mullah, saying: agency in connection with the order and have seized the approaches to In- officers with power to act. dia, and, as the British reinforcements are cut off, now is the time to strike a mitted to membership. Grand Master 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 their report of the session of the sovlarge for subscriptions to a memorial for Henry George on the broadest grounds of respect for the memory of made: Grand muster, Semuel Mc-Driven to desperation, he joined an a man who devoted himself unselfishly Keever, of Philadelphia; deputy grand to the public good and entirely irrespective of difference of opinion as to grand worden, B. H. Part. No. 117; his economic or political views, in the Richard H. Graham, 463; Robert W. hope that all the various projects which Montgomery, 754; Herman Becked, 583; have sprung up in different parts of James S. Montgomery, 719, Elias Johnthe country having this purpose in son, 463; James Bingham, 127; John view can be brought into harmony. The following-named gentlemen, rep- George S. Roe, 309; Joseph H. Brown, resenting all shades of political opin- 270; John Cossart, 271; Edwin L. Ritadded in their discretion, have agreed | Kernas, 196; Benjamin Nusbaum, 271; to serve on a committee for this pur-

> Mayor W. L. Strong, Seth Low, Isidor Straus, C. T. Christensen, Edward M. Shepard, Thomas G. Sherman, August Lewis, Tom L. Johnson (Cleveland), and William Lloyd Garrison (Boston). George Foster Peabody, of this city, has been appointed treas-

## 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 Maon, 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 upset. The burning oil fell on her clothing, enveloping her in flames. Her nephew, who was fifty years old, tried to help her, and in his endeavors, his own clothing took fire. When he had succeeded in putting out the flames, Mrs. Terrill was unconscious. She died soon after the arrival of the neighbors. Mason was so horribly burned that he died a few hours later.

### 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 Vali of Adana in Asia Minor, and of the Mulessarif of Mersina, the port of Adana, for the recent indignities offered to the Austrian merchant, Brazzafelli, agent at Mersina of the Austrian Lloyd Steamship company, has agreed to dismiss both officials and to salute the Austrian flag.

The incident is now closed. Mrs. McCusker Indicted.

Camden, N. J., Nov. 15.—Mrs. Plorence 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. Mo-Cusker in his ente-mortem statement ac-cused his wife of having shot with intent to kill, but the woman insisted ever since her arrest that the shooting was

#### BERING SEA MEETING.

The Seal Experts Make a Unanimou 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 unanimous report concerning the condition of the seal herds and the diplomatic representatives of the respec governments having an under standing by which they hope at a lat-er date to effect final adjustment not only of the Bering sea question but of other pending border controversies, For the present, however, no final action was taken as to the suspension of pelagic sealing. The Canadians urged that other questions be embraced in any plan of settlement and suggestcomplish this end.

This proposition was fully discussed and an agreement reached that the Canadian officials would put their riews in writing after returning to Ottawa and submit them to the authorities here. All parties concerned say that the outlook is favorable to a satisfactory adjustment.

#### RICHARD CROKER TALKS.

Views on Plan of Establishing Tam-

many 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 but one Democratic organization in Greater New York, said:

"I am opposed to the plan. The Kings county and other county organization should be maintained. If an effort is made to carry out the plan I will do all I can to defeat it." The Brooklyn organization, Mr. Croker said, would get all the patronage

#### It was entitled to. SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Three Hundred Representatives of Pennsylvania Lodges Meet at Odd

Fellows' Hall, Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Nov. 16 .- The semi-anount session of the grand encampment I. O. O. F., of Pennsylvania, being concluded last night the grand lodge of 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. Jaylord 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 star shells, which illuminated the for twenty-live cents dues on April 1 of scene of the encounter sufficiently to each year for each member on its books, in compliance with the law for raising funds to maintain orphans Two petitions requesting the "The Turks have beaten the Greeks were referred to the board of grand

Twenty-five past guards were ad-Thomas in his report said that since the annual session two new lodges have been instituted; three charters. surrendered; five Rebekah lodges in stituted, and four charters surrendered, and four district deputy grand masters appointed. Grand Representatives R. E. Wright and F. M. Rea submitted ereign grand lodge.

The following nominations were then master. Estu Loomis, West Chester; Gallagher, 114; Alfred W. Ott. 130; which other names may be ter, 114; T. B. M. Addis, 284; Lewis B. C. B. D. Richardson, 731; William S. Shindler, 190; William H. Roe, 330 Edward Zepp, 596; J. Samuel Eveland, 262; George H. Banes, 295; and Henry W. Bailey 14d. Grand Secretary, James B. Nichelson, P. G., and W. A. Kershaw, of Chester; grand treasurer, Colonel M Richards Muckle, Philadelphia; grand representatives, Marsh, Cerry: Robert E. Wright, Allentown; J. P. Hall Jenkins, Norristown; Charles Chalfant, Danville, and

E. P. Sawyer, Pittsburg. These officers will be voted for in March by the subordinate lodges, and the successful ones will be installed at the annual meeting in Wilkes-Barre,

May 17, 1898. The Herald's Weather Forecast. New York, Nov. 17.-In the middle states and New England, today, partly cloudy to fair, much colder weather will prevail, preceded by rain on the coasts n the morning, with brisk to fresh northwesterly winds, high on the coasts, fol-lowed by freezing temperature. On Thursday, in both of these sections, clear and slightly colder weather, fresh north-westerly and westerly winds will prevail, with freezing, followed by alightly higher temperature in the afternoon.

### THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today:

Fair: Decidedly Colder,

1 General-Official Report of the Mon etary Commission. Van Valkenberg Case Officially Set-Sufferings of a Shipwrecked Crew. Remarkable Indians Off 'Frisco's

Coast. State-National Grange Meeting at

Harrisburg. Local-Tenth Anniversary of Rev. Dr. Robinson's Pastorate at the Second Presbyterian Church Boy's Narrow Escape from Death.

Characteristics of the Average French Incidents Recalled by the Death of Veteran Engineer. 6 Local-Traction Company Mulcted for

\$3,000 Daminges. Local-St. John's Church Apparition Want Mulberry Street Pave Assessment Readjusted.

8 Local-West Side and Suburban. 9 Lackswanns County Happenings, 10 Whitney's Weekly News Budget. The Markets.

Editorial.

Comment of the Press.

# 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 the state department particulars of the supposed murder of a party of Americans headed by Captain Porter, by the Seris Indians on Tiburon island in the gulf of California. According to the statement made to the Mexican customs officials by Martin Mendez, master of the sloop "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 Guayamas Aug. 9, under special permission from the Mexican government to explore the shores and islands of the gulf. The consul says the island of Tiburon 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 athlettes on land and water. Those who have witnessed their aquatic sports at a respectful distance declare that many of them can actually walk, or rather run, upon the water with no other assistance than broad raw hide shoes, They are, writes the consul, expert fishermen and huntsmen, having rigid ideas as to the maintenance of game preserves on their island and limiting the killing of game under severe pen-

alties. They destroy all children in infancy 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 women have a transparent, peachy

#### complexion and deep auburn hair, BICYCLE RACES.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 16 .- The four-cornered race at the Collseum here tonight between Eaton, Bald, Cooper and Loughead was the closest and most exciting race 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 between Eaton and Loughead, but Loughead was disquali-fied on account of a foul and the heat was awarded to Eaton. In the heat between Bald and Cooper the track record was mashed as was the world's indoor

First heat, Bald vs. Loughead-Bald won: time, 2.04 3-5. Second heat, Eaton vs. Cooper-Eaton won; time, 2.01 4-5.

competition record. The time was 1.57 i-3.

Third heat, Bald vs. Cooper-Cooper won; time, 1.57 1-5. Fourth heat, Eaton vs. Loughead, dead heat-Loughead disqualified for fouling; Eaton given heat, Fifth heat, Loughead vs. Cooper-Loug-

Sixth heat, Bald vs. Eaton-Bald won; time, 2.05 3-5.
This gave Eaton and Loughest each we heats and Bald and Cooper each one I'wo heats were then run to see who look first and who third money. Seventh heat, Eaton vs. Loughead→ Eaton won; time, 2.08%. Eighth heat, Bald vs. Cooper—Bald won;

RACES AT WASHINGTON. Washington, Nov. 16.-Another large crowd witnessed the races at Bennings 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 rase, 516 furlongs-Red Spider won, Athy second, The Manxman third; time, Second race, 6 furlongs-Charagrace

won, Princess India second, Duchess Annette third; time, 1.18 4-5. Third race, one mile-Mohawk Prince won, Summer Sea second, James Monroe won, Summer Sea second, James Monroe third; time, 1.47 2-5.
Fourth race, 6½ furiongs—Senator Mc-Carren won, Mont d'Or second, Hair Pin third; time 1.25.

King T second, Volley third; time, 1.45 2-5, Lexington, Ky., Nov. 16 .- On account of rain, the races were postponed till tomorrow.

Fifth race, one mile-Sally Cliquot won

Steamship Arrivals.

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