AMERICA IN THE LEAD

Our Athletes Take Lion's Share at Paris.

WIN SIXTEEN OUT OF TWENTY-ONE.

Number of Seconds and Thirds Als Secured-Kraenslein of Penusylvania Says He Has Run His Last Race.

PARIS, July 17.—Twenty-one championship contests in connection with the exposition have been decided during the last three days, and America can boast of winning 16 and of securing 13 seconds and 12 thirds.

Nine events took place yesterday, in which the Americans placed six firsts, six seconds and seven thirds to their credit. They captured the 200 meter hurdle race, the standing high jump, the three standing jumps, the long jump, the hop, step and jump, the hammer throwing and the standing long jump, and they did it easily. In fact, the facility with which the American athletes carried off prizes finally grew monotonous.

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Three events were won by foreigners. One, the tug of war, was not contested by the Americans. In the 800 meter flat race, which was won by an Englishman, Tysoe, the Americans took second and third places. In the remaining race, the 4,000 meter steeplechase, they failed to get a place, Englishmen taking all three. This result was somewhat of a disappointment for the American spectators, as they had hoped to see Orton repeat his splendid performance of Sunday. Eight ran—three Americans, Orton, McClain and Grant; three Englishmen, Rimmer, Bennett and Robinson; Chastanie, the French champion, and Diehnoe, a German. Rimmer took the lead at the outset and was never passed. McClain ran in close for two-thirds of the course, while Orton and Grant brought up the rear.

The Americans had the hammer throwing contest to themselves, their two Swedish rivals being utterly outclassed. The apparent unfamilfarity of the latter with the hammer caused some amusement among the spectators, not unmixed with a certain amount of apprehension, and once of twice the crowd behind scattered precipiately as the direction of the hammer showed a tendency to eccentricity.

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Finangan was heartily cheered on his longest throw, as it was thought that he had broken the record, but measurement shows the throw to have been three inches short. T. Truxton Hare of the University of Pennsylvania was second with 151 feet 9 inches and J. C. McCracken, University of Pennsylvania, third with 146 feet.

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The tug of war proved more entertaining than scientific. The Scandinavian team was composed of much heavier men than the French. The Americans declined to enter the contest.

This ended the day's programme.

A. C. Kraenzlein, University of Pennsylvania, has run his last race. He made a statement to this effect yesterday afternoon at the conclusion of the 200 meters, which he won so easily. "That was my last race," he exclaimed. "I am through with athletics and shall devote myself to something more serious." He is badly used up, the strain of three days' consecutive games having told upon him severely.

Canned Salmon For Europe.
VICTORIA, B. C., July 13.—Seven vessels with a capacity of 414,000 cases have been chartered to carry this senson's pack of the British Columbia salmon canneries to European markets. Last very there were him vessels with a serior to the control of th

pack of the British Columbia salmon canneries to European markets. Last year there were nine vessels with a capacity of over 500,000 cases. This is an off year for salmon, and besides this the pack was probably curtailed by the fishermen's strike on Fraser river.

New Gold Mines Found.

HERMOSILLO. Mexico, July 10.—Martin Hulen formerly of Aspen, Colo.; Tom B. G. Gedine of San Francisco and James Crawford of Benson, A. T., have arrived from the placer goldfields of Lower California, bringing with them over \$200,000 in dust, taken out in eight months. The field embraces a tract of about 250,000 acres. There are few prospectors in the region, and those there are making fortunes rapidly. Jose Ibarrao, a Mexican, took out \$100,000 and left for the City of Mexico.

Big Strike on Again.

ST. LOUIS, July 10.—It was decided yesterday afternoon by the union employees of the St. Louis Transit company to resume at once their strike and hoycott which was settled recently after being on nearly two months. The boycott operations against this company were resumed this morning.

Nine Dead From Enting Tondstools. LITTLE ROCK, July 10.—An entire family of nine persons died near Calico family of nine persons died near Calico Rock, Marion county, from eating poison-ous toadstools, mistaking them for mush-rooms. The family ate a hearty dinner, which included the supposed mushrooms. All were taken violently ill, and none re-covered.

Mayor McGuire at the Head.

ALBANY, July 9.—Chairman Frank
Campbell of the Democratic state committee has appointed Mayor James K.
McGuire of Syracuse chairman of the
executive committee of that body. As
the head of this committee Mayor Mc
Guire will handle and direct the gubernatorial campaign in the state this fall.
Mayor McGuire was a conspicuous figure
at the Democratic national convention
which was held in Kansas City last week
by reason of his stanch support of former
Senator David B. Hill in his fight to secure a modification of the 16 to 1 silver
plank.

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Four Years More For Dias.

CITY OF MEXICO, July 10.—Electoral colleges met in the chief towns and clites all over the republic yesterday and east their votes for president. The returns will come in slowly from the outlying states, but a great majority of the votes were cast for General Diaz, insuring his re-election for the term of four years, dating from Dec. 1 next. The Clerical and Conservative party made no nominations this year.

Another \$100,000 For Starving India. NEW YORK, July 10.—In response to an urgent appeal from Rev. Mr. Frease, who is treasurer of the interdenominational missionary relief committee in India, The Christian Herald has cabled a further remittance of \$100,000 from the relief fund, to be expended in the famine districts where, in the committee's judgment, it is most needed.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and Tersely Told. Yesterday was the hottest of the season

The Mexican government has inau-gurated an active campaign against the Maya Indians.

Three parties sent out by the United States geological survey are now at work in the Cape Nome district of Alaska. Ten thousand Boers, according to a Cape Town dispatch, will emigrate to the United States after the war is over. An unsuccessful attempt was made to wreck and probably to rob the Union Pacific flier about four miles from Manhattan Ran.

A Union line car on the Lee avenue division of the St. Iguis Transit company was flown up by dynamic. Two passengers were bady injured.

Curtis Guild of Boston, who was tendered the appointment as first assistant postmaster general to acceed Perry S. Heath, has declined to accept the office.

fice.

Monday, July 16.

Fire in a car of a South Side elevated train in Chicago put the passengers in great peell of their lives.

C. V. Eskridge, editor of the Emporia (Kan.) Republican and former lieutenant goverfor-of Kansas, died from self inflicted wounds.

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At New Castle, Cal., fire destroyed all the fruit warehofises and principal busi-ness houses of the town. The loss will exceed \$100,000.

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In Baltimore Louis Eisen, a shoemaker, Miled himself, his wife and 18-monthold babe and wounded almost unto death his \$14-year-old son.

Judge W. H. Washington of Philadelphia, a direct descendant of Augustine Washington, father of George Washington, died at Castle Creek, A. T.

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Saturday, July 14.

Another victim of the oil tank car explosion at Somerville, Mass., died.

Patrick Welsh, a North Pelham (N. Y.)
farmer, was gored to death by his bull. The rail reducing mill of the Illinois Steel company at Milwaukee has resumed operations.

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The recently quarantined Chinese of San Francisco have prepared suits for damages against the city.

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Superintendent Kilburn addressed the state bankers' convention at Saratoga on the requisites of a good banker.

A collection of rare coins, valued between \$5,000 and \$10,000, has been stolen from the Milwaukee public museum.

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Cattle were reported dying by thousands in the drought stricken counties of Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yuma, Cochise

and Maricopa in Arizona. The doors of the Dime Savings institu-tion of Newark, N. J., were not opened owing to the alleged stealing of its funds by Charles R. Westervelt, secretary and

treasurer.

Friday, July 13,

The Indians at Red Lake, Minn., were reported holding war dances.

A strike has been ordered at the fin plate plants at Washington, Pa.

Fifteen persons were badly injured in a trolley car accident at Springfield, O. Exceptionally hot weather caused numerous sunstrokes and prostrations in London.

Disastrous forest fires were reported near El Dorado, in Colorado, and Prescott, in Arizona.

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Ex-President and Mrs. Harrison left
Indianapolis for their summer home in
the Adirondacks.

Bandits robbed a freight train at Santa
Fulalla, a station near Chihuahua, on
the Mexican Central.

Immense subterranean streams of pure water have been discovered from 1,500 to 2,000 feet above sea level on the is-

land of Hawaii.

Thursday, July 12. Two young women were saved from drowning at Patchogue, N. Y.

Fire, started by a fire balloon, destroyed thousands of acres of California tim-

The colonial cruiser Fiona went ashere

near Codroy, on the southwest coast of Newfoundland.

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Chicago promoters have arranged a \$30,000,000 deal to insure a permanent pure water supply for St. Louis.
Eighteen buildings, comprising over half of the business part of Walnut, Ills., were burned, with a loss of \$112,000.
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Serious trouble was reported threatened between the Mojave Indians at Fort Mojave, Colo., and the agency authorities.

The Baltimore and Ohio express from Washington for New York was wrecked near Philadelphia. It had \$3,000,000 in gold on board. The switch had been tampered with.

Wednesday, July 11. The yellow fover epidemic at Quema-os, Cuba, has subsided.

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Hawaiian plantation owners have decided to import negro laborers from the

Ground for the New York state building of the Pan American exposition at Buffalo was broken.

The commission to the five civilized tribes has begun the enrollment of Cherokees at Fairland, I. T. Chicago won the Brocklyn trophy at the meeting of the American Whist League at Niagara Falls.

The Chicago city council kicked about the council chamber and tore to bits peti-tions signed by 21,000 persons on the

An Aerolite Explodes,

NEW ORLEANS, July 13.—A large aerolite or meteroic stone burst over the small town of Bellefontaine, in Webster county, Miss., between 9 and 10 o'clock Wednesday night, completely wrecking the general store and warshouse of Hodge & Mabry. The explosion was witnessed by a large number of persons who were standing near by, but none of them was hurt. It was a bright moonlight night. A large ball of fire dashed suddenly and rapidly through the air. It burst just over the store with a loud explosion, and the air was filled with hundreds of shooting stars.

Rains In India.

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LONDON, July 13.—Lord Curzon of
Kedleston, vicercy of India, has cabled
to the secretary of state for India, Lord
George Hamilton, that an excellent rain
has fallen in the northwestern provinces
and in parts of central India and that
useful showers have occurred in Rajpootana and Decean.

PARMER COPE IS HARD AT WORK

Governor Stone's New Appointee Arrests Violators of the Oleo Law.

M'KINLEY IS A STALWART.

the President Recognises the Regu States District Attorney-Pennsylvania Shares in Prosperity.

Philadelphia, July 17.—Farmer Cope whom Governor Stone appointed at the of Fennsylvania, has been making a great record in the short time he has filled this important post. He has made the political enemies of the Stone administration admit that he is strictly enforcing the law, and he has dem-onstrated his ability to take ours of himself despite the unfair and ma-licious attacks which the Wanamaker subsidized newspapers are making

upon the administration.

An object lesson showing what is being done in this department was given in this city last week when a big array of dealers were before Magis-trate Stratton charged with violating the laws in relation to the sale of "oleo." The warrants for these arrests were sworn out by Farmer agents and he had his own atterney on hand to see that the prosecutions were pressed without fear or favor. Professor Genth, who made a careful examination of all samples submitted to him by Farmer Cope, was there to testify as to the result of Ms analysis. The magistrate held several of the ac-cused in bail for court as the result of the testimony submitted, and in other cases the accused waived hear-ings, and the cases will be sent to court for early trial.

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Some of the men who for political reasons were enlisted in the campaign of misrepresentation of the administration of the pure food laws by the officials of the Stone administration have administration there is a determined and successful effort being made to faithfully administer the laws and to hunt down and prosecute all violators of the law.

In a desperate effort to keep alive a feeling of hostility to the Republican state administration for purely political reasons the Wananaker newspaper interests are continuing their wilful misrepresentations, but they have ceased to make an impression upon the popular mind. The people realize that there is an honest and capable official at the head of the department who is working night and day to carry out Governor Stone's instructions to discover and prosecute every man who is violating the pure food laws in the state and to do this without reference to political or other interests.

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Farmer Cope has placed his Chester county farm and dairy interests in competent hands and is devoting all his time and energies to obeying the injunctions of the governor.

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The appointment by President McKinley of James B. Holland as United
States attorney for the eastern district
of Penasylvania leat week was very
gratifying to the stalwart Republican
element of this state. Mr. Holland
has for several years been recognized
as a stalwart leader of Montgomery
county and he has given personal atteation to the management of the party
organization there. For his party servioes in the past he was named as
naval officer of this port early in the
present administration. When the
term of District Attorney Beck expired Mr. Holland was suggested for
appointment as his successor. Tremendous pressure was at once
brought upon the president to
prevent Mr. Holland's appointment. The insurgent and gold
Democratic influences were brought to
bear for the reappointment of Mr.
Bock, who had renounced the Democratic party. Mr. Holland was recommended by Col. Quay, Senator Penrose,
Chairman Reeder, of the Republican
state committee, and other active Republicans, as well as many members state committee, and other active Republicans, as well as many members of the bar of the counties embraced in his district. There was something of a struggle over the place, but President McKinley put an end to the contention by stating that he would recognize the representatives of the regular Republican organization and Mr. Holland was appointed. He was sworn in on Saturday last and he will at once assume charge of the duties of the office. state committee,

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In this connection it is fair to state that since President McKinley has been in the White House there has not been a single important Pennsylvania appointment which has not been made upon the recommendation of Messrs. Quay and Penrose or the Republican member of the house of representatives in the district to which the effice was assigned. The president from the outset has evinced a determination to stand by the regular Republican organization, and he will ne doubt continue the pelicy throughout his administration.

It is quite prebable that State Senator Waiter T. Merrick, of Tloga, will be named to succeed Mr. Holland as naval officer. Senator Merrick has been a consistent stalwart member of the legislature, and he is backed by the leaders of the Republican organization of the state.

PENNSYLVANIA SHARES IN PROS-

Philadelphia is feeling a gratifying effect of the present Republican administration of the affairs of the country. She is sharing in the big boom of the export trade, and in this respect has surpassed some of her less fortunate

slater cities. There was a gain of \$3,000,000 in the value of the grain experts over the figures of the preceding year. The increase in exports was largely represented by corn shipments. These exports amounted to 35,729,662, bushels, as against 26,261,408 for the exports of oats was even more marked. These figures jumped over 6,000,000 to 9,690,376 bushels.

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9,690,376 bushels.
Philadelphia has a splendid elevator system, and the activity of her members of the board of trade in pressing for business has enabled the Quaker City to get her full share of the Mc-Kinley prosperity in the grain trade.
Pennsylvania's from and steel industries are thriving under Republican rule, as was clearly shown in the annual report of the Bethlehem Steel company, made public last week, which gave a not theome of \$2,122,000, an increase of \$977,000 over the earnings of the Bethlehem Iron company during the year ending April 30, 1899. The company, out of gross earnings, spent \$556,000 for improvements, and paid off \$4,000,000 floating debt.

The operations of the year compared with the earnings of the Bethlehem Iron company for the year preceding are as follows: Bethlehem Iron company, 1899, net income, \$1,145,000; dividend 6 per cent; surplus, \$695,000; Bethlehem Steel company, 1900, net income, \$2,122,000; dividend 6 per cent; Bethlehem Iron company, 450,000; surplus, \$1,672,000; income over 1899, \$97,060.

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A dividend of \$600,000 was declared by the Bethlehem Steel company, and the profit and loss accounts show a surplus of \$2,462,351, as compared with \$3,320,986 in 1899. The Bethlehem Steel company was incorporated in April, 1899, with a capital stock of \$15,000,000 in shares of a par value of \$50 each. The company leased the Bethlehem Iron company at 6 per cant on the \$7,500,000 capital stock of that corporation. The announcement is made that the company proposes to bid for the the company proposes to bid for the entire contract for 36,000 tons of armor plate required by the navy department for the new battleships and cruisers. COOPER AND THE DEMOCRATS.

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"The Democratic national convention has put 16 to 1 to the fore," says former State Chairman Thomas V. Cooper, and have reitereted their allegiance to the old and badly whipped Chicago platferm. Like the Boxers of China, they resuse to move forward, and are wedded to thair idols. There are high seunding platitudes about the trusts and imperialism, but these are manifestly insincere, since Bryan begged his friends in the United States senate to ratify the Spanish-American treaty sedling to us the Philippines, and since Tammany, the controlling voice in the convention, is the head and front of the ice trust, which doubled the price to all consumers in defiance of the law. The one thing in which the party was in earnest was its desire to obey Bryan, and he ordered 16 to 1. So it will be to the end, and the end will be another defeat, with the great east solidly for McKinley and the great west more the ead, and the end will be another de-feat, with the great east solidly for McKinley and the great west more strongly for him than before. If the platform is seriously considered in Ne-braska, not even state pride can save that state to Bryan in this prosperous year."

PENNSYLVANIA MINERS PROS-PEROUS.

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Coal miners in the bituminous fields west of the Aliegheny mountains are enjoying the most prosperous conditions which they have ever known. With large quantities of coal being exported to foreign countries, thus being in successful competition with the home mined coal of those countries, the fact remains that American miners are earning higher wages under more favorable conditions than has ever before been the case in the United States. This applies to the miners of western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and elsewhere.

where.
This state of affairs, beneficial di-This state of affairs, beneficial directly to 100,000 men in the bituminous field, embraced in the states named, is entirely the result of good times throughout the country brought about by Republican laws designed to make work plenty and wages good.

As far as the coal miner is concerned his condition today, compared to his condition at any time within 15 years, is a complete and stunning answer to the calamity platform of Bryan.

THE CABINET CONFERS.

Sending of Re-enforcements to China Murried by Kempf's Dispatch. WASHINTON, July 10.—Develop-ments in the Chinese situation were considered by members of the cabinet ments in the Chinese situation were considered by members of the cabinet at a consultation held yesterday. The participants explained their conference by saying that it was the first opportunity that had occurred lately to gather as many as four of the cabinet members for consultation. Results followed in the shape of renewed activity in the dispatch of re-enforcements to China. Admiral Kempff's cablegram, giving his estimate of the amount of force he regarded as necessary to represent the United States properly in the movement upon Peking, was carefully considered. An agreement was reached to say nothing about the admiral's figures, on the ground that it would be limpolitic to make our needs known to the Chinese in the first instance and also because of a desire on the part of this government to avoid being put in the position of appearing to set up a standard for the other powers in this matter.

It is understood, however, that she pith of Admiral Kempff's communication is the necessity of speedy re-sh-forcements if quick action is desired, and on the latter point there is not a dissenting voice among the cabinet officers,

Mantla Imports.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—The division of customs and insular affairs, war department, has made public an interesting statement showing the total imports at the port of Manila for the calendar year 1899. Merchandise to the value of \$17,-450,412 was imported during the year, which with \$109,905 in gold and \$1,141,-392 in silver cain brings the total importations for 1899 to \$18,701,469. Of this amount \$1,887,090 worth entered free of duty. All imports of merchandise were brought in foreign vessels and entered for immediate consumption. The total amount of import duty collected was \$3,364,000.

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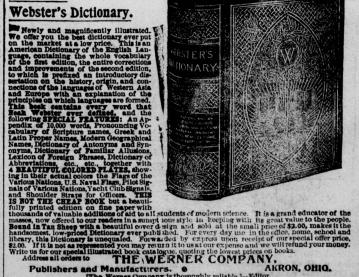
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