

# THE FINANCE MEASURE

Prepared by House Republicans Provides For Gold Standard.

## TO PREVENT GOLD RESERVE RAIDS

Greenbacks Redeemed With Gold Shall Not Be Again Released Except In Exchange For Gold—Throws Down the Gauntlet to the Senate's Committee.

Washington, Nov. 28.—The general currency bill prepared by the Republican caucus committee appointed by the last congress has received its final revision at the hands of the members and will be given to the press for publication tomorrow, after a copy has been mailed to each Republican representative in congress. The measure represents the unanimous conclusions of the committee, and will be called up for consideration at the caucus of Republican members of the house which is to be held probably next Saturday. Accompanying the bill is a report setting forth at length the reasons and necessity which in the opinion of the committee exists for the proposed legislation.

The Evening Star prints the following as some of the features of the bill, and which in the main are probably fairly accurate:

An amendment to the coinage laws, making 25½ grains of gold, 900 parts fine, the standard coin measure.

An amendment to the greenback reissue of 1878, providing that those treasury notes shall be redeemed with gold, and when so redeemed shall not be reissued except in exchange for gold. This provision will prevent the operation of the endless chain which hitherto has been the means to raid the gold reserve.

An amendment to the specific redemption act directing the maintenance of a gold reserve of not less than \$100,000,000, the maintenance of the reserve at that figure now being entirely discretionary to the secretary of the treasury.

An amendment to the national bank act, authorizing banks to be organized with a capital stock of \$25,000. At present the minimum is \$50,000. Another amendment to the same act authorizing banks to issue notes to the par value of the bonds they have on deposit to secure circulation. At present the limit is 90 per cent. A third amendment to this act reduces the taxation on bank circulation to one-tenth of 1 per cent. This tax is to pay the expense of engraving and printing the notes. The present rate more than meets this expense.

The action of the committee in declaring for the gold standard in unmistakable terms throws down the gauntlet to the senate finance committee, for that committee, in preparing the senate bill, it is asserted, do not use the same clear language in regard to their declaration as the house committee do. The senate committee, it is claimed, accomplishes the same object, but does it in a manner not so offensive to some of the Republicans who do not want the words gold standard used.

## Labor Leader Sentenced For Contempt

Fort Scott, Kan., Nov. 28.—In the federal court here yesterday John P. Reese, of Albia, Ia., a member of the national executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, was adjudged guilty of contempt and sentenced by Judge Williams to serve three months' imprisonment in the federal prison here and to pay a fine of \$100 and several hundred dollars in costs. He is now in prison. Reese ignored an injunction of the court against going upon the property of the "Big Four" mining companies and urging the non-union miners to join the strike.

## Ingham and Newitt Sentenced

Philadelphia, Nov. 28.—Ellery P. Ingham and Harvey K. Newitt, formerly United States district attorney and assistant, were sentenced by Judge McPherson yesterday to serve two years and six months each in the Eastern penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$1 each and the costs of prosecution. The utmost possible sentence for bribery of a secret service agent and conspiracy with the counterfeiters' gang to defraud the government, of which the defendants were convicted, is five years. Soon after the sentence the convicted men were taken to prison.

## Thanksgiving Football Condemned

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Football as a Thanksgiving pastime was strongly condemned yesterday at a meeting of Congregational ministers of this city. Resolutions were adopted, after a sharp discussion, in which the practice of playing football on Thanksgiving day was characterized as "contravention of the president's proclamation and contrary to the spirit and purpose of the day." The resolutions also say that "such conduct is especially to be deplored in organizations connected with Christian institutions."

## Dishonest Bank President Convicted

Montreal, Nov. 28.—W. A. Weir, president of the defunct Banque Ville Marie, was found guilty yesterday of sending a false and deceptive statement to the government of the financial affairs of the bank. The trial lasted eight days. The jury required only 15 minutes to find a verdict. The penalty is five years' imprisonment. Counsel for the defense immediately asked for a reserve case, argument of which will be heard today.

## Five Years For Cole

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 28.—Monty Cole, the former dental student at the University of Pennsylvania, who was convicted on Saturday night of manslaughter for causing the death of William A. Montague, in this city on May 17, was sentenced yesterday by Chief Justice Lore to five years' imprisonment, \$500 fine and costs of prosecution.

## The Bible Sustained in Nebraska

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 28.—State School Superintendent Jackson yesterday decided that the Bible may be read in the Nebraska public schools. The matter was laid before him in a case from Cass county, where one family in a district wanted the teacher enjoined from using the book, although all the others refused it.

# A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Wednesday, Nov. 29.

Contractors erecting buildings for the government at Annapolis were fined \$510 for violating the eight hour law.

The bodies of sailors killed in the wreck of the Maine will be transferred from Havana to the national cemetery at Washington.

Lieutenant Kavanaugh, who fought on the Olympia with Dewey in Manila bay, was given a reception and a sword last night in Tecumseh, Neb.

The gold plate used at Queen Victoria's banquet to King William of Germany is worth \$10,000,000. Mrs. Choate was the only diplomat's wife present.

The remains of the first nine men killed in the Black Hawk war, on May 14, 1832, have been found in a trench near Stillman Valley, Ill. A monument will be erected.

Thursday, Nov. 29.

A rear end collision on the B. and O. road near McCool, Ind., killed six trainmen.

E. Berry Wall, once "king of the dukes" in New York, has filed a petition in bankruptcy.

James McManes, for years a Republican leader in Philadelphia, died in that city, aged 76.

The wreckers working on sunken Spanish warships in Santiago harbor have recovered \$500,000 in cash and silverware thus far.

The Yankton (S. D.) Savings bank closed yesterday, owing to Treasurer Peterson's default.

Frederick Kinder and his son Henry are under arrest in Napoleon, O., for killing the former's second wife in 1894. Henry confessed.

The court of Lafayette, Ind., decided that Moses Fowler Chase, a young millionaire, is sane and is entitled to his inheritance of \$700,000.

Friday, Nov. 24.

Senator Cullom, of Illinois, believes that congress will authorize the building of the Nicaragua canal.

General Wood, military governor of Santiago province, Cuba, has been summoned to Washington, and is now homeward bound.

British ship Duntrune was dismasted in a gale off the Chilean coast and is believed to have foundered. Part of her crew was rescued.

Floods have practically destroyed the village of Lummi, Wash., the Indians losing all their stores and barely escaping with their lives.

Mrs. Mary Ryan, who was shot on Tuesday night by James Baxter, who claims to have mistaken her for his wife, died in Camden yesterday.

A rear end collision occurred on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Cumberland, Md. Fireman Louis Massey, of Baltimore, was scalded to death, and Engineer George R. Kindle, also of Baltimore, was fatally injured. Several passengers were hurt.

Saturday, Nov. 25.

Ex-Congressman A. J. Hosteler died at Bedford, Ind., aged 81.

Ed Luckey and Tom Mitchell (colored) were hanged at Darlington, S. C., for criminal assault on a white woman.

John Garland Price has arrived in Washington to urge congress to pass favorable territorial legislation for Alaska.

Several houses at which non-union coal miners are boarding were blown up with dynamite at Huntington, Ark. Nobody injured.

A deputy sheriff and his bailiff were killed yesterday at Falkberry, Ala., by a negro for whom a warrant had been issued. The negro escaped.

"Brave Bill" Anthony, who gained notoriety by reporting the destruction of the Maine to Captain Sigbee, committed suicide by poison in New York.

Monday, Nov. 27.

Pennsylvania has 380 street railways, with a mileage of 1,493.21.

Emperor William of Germany is now the guest of his uncle, the Prince of Wales, at Sandringham.

A. E. DeLino, Venezuelan consul general in New York, will be replaced by Gonzalez Esteves.

Charles E. and Frank Scott, brothers, have been arrested at San Francisco, charged with counterfeiting.

Dr. Von Holleben, the German ambassador, yesterday presented Chicago Germans a flag sent by Emperor William.

Colonel George R. Davis, who was director general of the Chicago World's fair and ex-member of congress, died in that city Saturday night.

Tuesday, Nov. 28.

The admissions to Philadelphia's export exposition yesterday numbered 27,237.

The mortality from the bubonic plague in Nowchwang, Manchuria, is from 50 to 60 per day.

The widow of Captain Gridley, late of the cruiser Olympia, is said to be in want at her home in Erie, Pa.

An Oregon railroad and navigation train was wrecked by running into a landslide near Rooster Rock, Ore., killing the fireman.

George W. Cooper, of Columbus, Ind., who twice represented his district in congress, died in Chicago last night after a surgical operation.

The condition of health of Rev. Father Edward McGlynn, pastor of St. Mary's church at Newburgh, N. Y., is such as to alarm his friends.

## THE PRODUCE MARKETS.

Philadelphia, Nov. 27.—Flour weak; winter superfine, \$2.25; city mill, extra, \$2.50; rye flour quiet at \$3.50; wheat in elevator, 69¢; corn dull; No. 1 mixed, spot, in elevator, 37¢; No. 2 yellow, for local trade, 41¢; oats quiet and steady; No. 2 white, clipped, 32¢; lower grades, 28¢; hay steady; choice timothy, \$16.50 for large bales. Beef steady; family, \$12.50; mess, \$10.50; beef hams, \$22.50; packet, \$11.50; city extra India mess, \$14.25. Lard firm; western steamed, \$5.40. Pork steady; mess, \$9.75; short clear, \$10.50; family, \$11.50; butter strong; western creamery, 22¢; do. factory, 19¢; June creamery, 22¢; imitation creamery, 17¢; New York dairy, 18¢; New York creamery, 22¢; fancy Pennsylvania prints, jobbing at 22¢; do. wholesale, 20¢. Cheese firm; small, September, 12¢; finest October, 13¢; large, fancy, September, 13¢; large, October, finest, 13¢. Eggs steady; New York and Pennsylvania, 28¢; western, ungraded, at mark, 14¢.

## WHOLESALE MURDERER CAPTURED

Hummel Denies Guilt, But There is Strong Evidence Against Him.

Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 25.—Further investigation into the quadruple murder near Montgomery reveals one of the most atrocious crimes on record, and fixes the guilt beyond doubt on William Hummel, husband and stepfather of the victims. Hummel was arrested yesterday at the home of Farmer John Russell, near Allenwood and was lodged in jail in this city. He made a denial when taken into custody.

The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that the four victims were slain with a pole ax in the hands of William Hummel, and that the crime was murder in the first degree. Coroner Goehrig and Detective Munson made a thorough inquiry. The wagon of Hummel was found, and in it were blood stains, showing the victims had been hauled away in that vehicle.

The mystery of the baby was also cleared up by the discovery of some charred bones in an ash heap in the rear of the house. The body had been cremated by the murderer. A large fire had been noticed in his yard, and he stated that he was burning brush. It is said he intended to cremate all the bodies, but the difficulty becoming apparent he later decided to bury the bodies of his wife and her two children under the haystack.

Mrs. Hummel's name before her recent marriage was Mrs. Oliver Delaney. She was about 20 years of age. Hummel's age is between 50 and 55 years. The couple were married on Nov. 10, Mrs. Hummel's first husband died about six months ago.

## ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Hazleton, Pa., Nov. 27.—Work at the Silver Brook colliery, where the Italians struck Friday on account of requirements to do certain objectionable work, was resumed today, the men having decided to return. The company made no concessions.

Nanticoke, Pa., Nov. 28.—It is once more reported that there is prospect of a settlement of the miners' strike here. The strikers, through a committee, yesterday requested the officials of the Susquehanna Coal company to grant them another conference. The request was granted, and tomorrow fixed as the date for the meeting.

Philadelphia, Nov. 25.—The Democratic state executive committee, at a meeting in this city yesterday, prepared and adopted a vigorous protest against the seating of Mr. Quay, who was recently appointed by Governor Stone to succeed himself as United States senator, after the legislature had adjourned without selecting a senator. The protest will be sent to the members of the United States senate.

Huntingdon, Pa., Nov. 25.—John Guyer, aged 21 years, and his brother, George, of Dudley, this county, went gunning Thursday, and during the day they became separated. John's failure to return led to a search for him yesterday, when his body was found in the woods. A bullet had pierced him through the abdomen. He had been "calling" wild turkeys, and it is believed he was shot in mistake by some unknown hunter.

Nanticoke, Pa., Nov. 25.—The Polish and Slavish women resumed their riotous conduct yesterday, and when deputies attempted to disperse them Mary Wascavage threw red pepper in the eyes of Deputy Reagan, nearly blinding him. She was arrested and taken to Williamsport, where \$2,000 bail was furnished for her appearance at court. On her return to this city she was given a big reception. Fifty strikers have been sworn in as special officers, and will keep the women in check.

Shenandoah, Pa., Nov. 28.—Fire was discovered yesterday in the West Mammoth gangway of the Kehley Run mines, near here, operated by the Thomas company, of Philadelphia. The entire force of the colliery was put to work with water, chemicals and grenades in an effort to extinguish the flames. After fighting hard all day the men made some headway, but the fire is still burning fiercely. During the day many of the fire fighters fell unconscious from the gases, but all were quickly taken out of the mine and revived. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

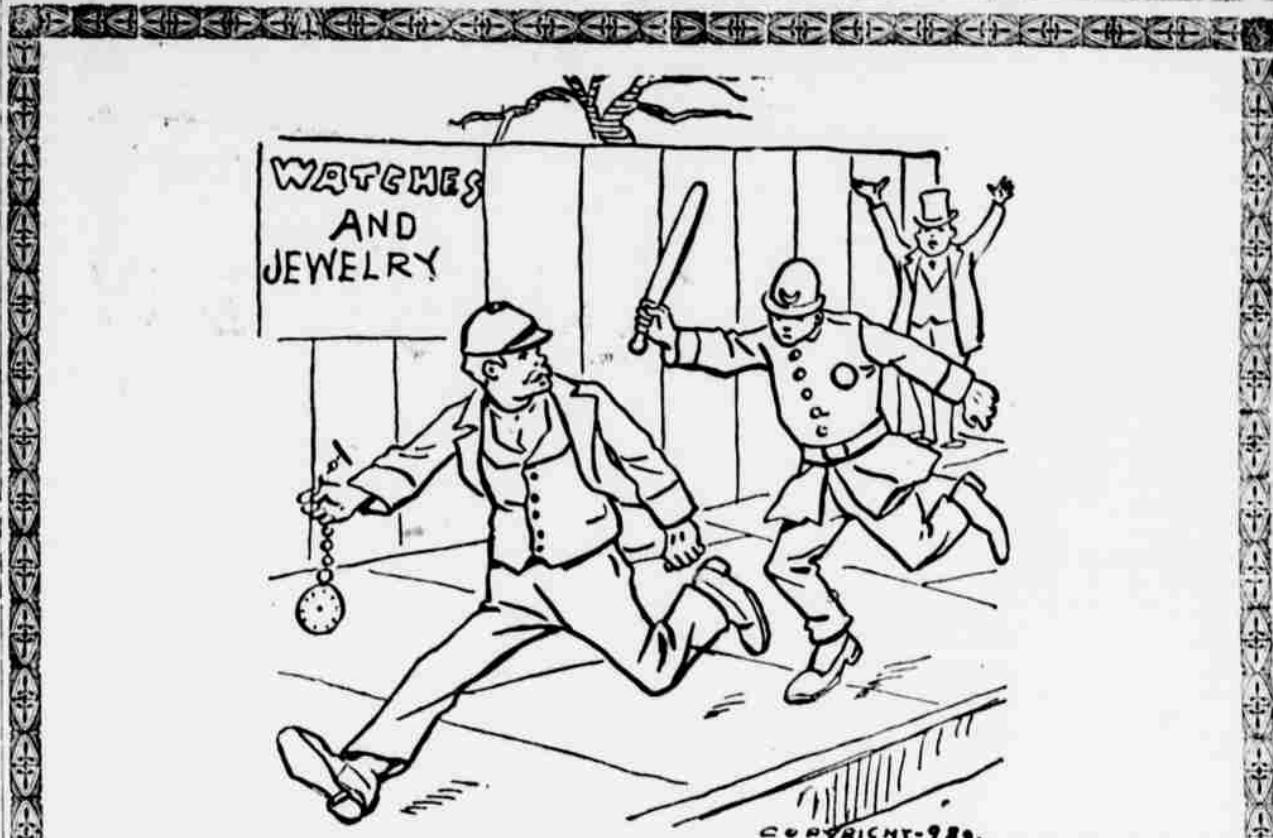
Harrisburg, Nov. 27.—The annual report of Major Isaac B. Brown, superintendent of the state bureau of railways, shows there were 380 street railway corporations in Pennsylvania at the close of the fiscal year ended June 30 last. The total capital stock outstanding of operating street railway corporations is \$103,122,319; bonded indebtedness outstanding, \$31,139,149; current liabilities, \$13,139,149. There was paid out during the year in the way of disbursements for operating expenses \$10,519,810, or substantially 50 per cent of the income. There was paid in dividends during the year \$9,133,647. The total mileage of the street railways operating in Pennsylvania is 1,493.21.

## Mayor Tallon Must Hurry Home

New York, Nov. 28.—The corporation counsel of Dublin having notified him that the old British parliamentary act under which he holds office declared the position vacant if the incumbent is absent from duty for two calendar months, Lord Mayor Tallon, who had expected to send Christmas in America, has now been compelled to cut his tour short. Tomorrow he attends the Philadelphia exposition, and on Saturday he will sail for Ireland on the Cunarder Campana. He will be accompanied home by John Redmond, and they will take back nearly \$50,000 raised to save the Parnell estate in County Wicklow and also to build a memorial monument to the great Irish parliamentarian.

## American Horses For Czar's Army

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Baron Paul Vlotinghoff, a representative of the Russian government, is in Chicago buying horses for the czar's army. Baron Vlotinghoff says that already 1,000 American horses, purchased principally in Kentucky and Virginia, have been shipped to the czar's domains and 1,000 more are to follow them as soon as the baron makes the selection.



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