

GAGE POINTS

Secretary of the Treasury Tells What Bryan's Election Would Mean.

A WARNING TO BUSINESS MEN.

Disaster Would Inevitably Follow the Introduction of Bryanite Methods in the Financial Management.

One of the most effective documents that could be used in the Republican national canvass, says a special dispatch from Washington, is an interview with the secretary of the treasury, who pointed out how Bryan, if he should be elected president and should adhere to the position he took in 1896, could drive the country to a silver basis, upset the public credit, destroy public confidence, paralyze industry and plunge the country into financial ruin. In answer to the question as to the election of Mr. Bryan, could he order his secretary of the treasury to make payment in silver of all of the



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public debt payable in coin, and of all current disbursements of the government as well, which amount to from \$1,500,000 to \$1,750,000 a day. That would give an order, too, certain, if he is in the same mind that he was in 1896, for he was then quoted as saying: "If there is any one who believes that the gold standard is a good thing, that it must be maintained, I want him not to cast his vote for me, because I promise him it will not be maintained in the country longer than I am able to get rid of it."

"Do you think it would be practicable to control a sufficient volume of silver to make the payments you refer to?"

"He would have great difficulty in doing that at once. The treasury of the government at the present time is very firmly established upon a gold standard. Including the reserve of \$150,000,000 held against the gold, the government owns and controls over \$220,000,000 in gold coin and bullion, while it owns and controls only about \$16,000,000 in silver. The rest of the silver being out in circulation among the people either in the form of silver certificates or silver coin."

CHECK INFLOW OF GOLD.

"The announcement by the treasury department of its purpose to pay silver in settlement of all interest on the public debt in gold, and to make its daily disbursements to its creditors in silver, would largely diminish gold, or at least very largely diminish payments into the treasury of silver and silver certificates. It, therefore, might be anticipated that with a good deal of reserve in gold, the government would at no distant day when all the revenues of the government would be paid to it in silver dollars or silver certificates, and all disbursements made by it would be made in silver dollars or silver certificates. There would thus be established a circuit of silver out of the treasury into the hands of the people, from the people into the banks, from the banks into the currency houses, and into the hands of the collectors of internal revenue."

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THE ARMY CANTEEN.

Adjutant General Corbin Declares It Works For Temperance.

FIGURES TO BACK HIS ARGUMENT.

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Washington, Sept. 1.—Adj. Gen. Corbin has written a letter to Senator Sewell, of New Jersey, a member of the military committee of the senate, setting forth in definite terms the attitude of the war department on the canteen in the army. The letter is in substance as follows: "The case of all spirituous liquors by the canteen is and has always been absolutely prohibited. Daily beer and light wines are sold to other officers or men, and these only when the commanding officer is satisfied that giving to the troops the opportunity of obtaining such beverages within the limits will prevent them from resorting to strong intoxicants to places without such limits, and tends to promote temperance and discipline among them. The canteen was established and has been maintained in the interests of temperance and betterment of discipline. This is shown in fewer trials by courts martial than in the number of desertions and in the improved health of the men."

"The exchange is a co-operative store where supplies are sold at cost, and the proceeds go to the benefit of officers and men of the army. The canteen is a department of the exchange constituting an enlisted men's club. Rooms in or near the soldiers' barracks and in the vicinity of the exchange, furnished with reading matter, billiard tables and other games, but where every form of gambling is absolutely forbidden. It is absolutely forbidden to read the newspapers and magazines. The government has no financial interest whatever in the exchange or canteen. The funds are supplied by the soldiers themselves. Almost every company commander has reported in favor of the exchange and canteen as an effective temperance measure. One thousand and nineteen commissions of officers have made special reports to this effect. It may be proper for me to say that in the beginning I opposed the canteen, but was brought to its support by the overwhelming evidence of its beneficial results upon the moral, health and contentment of the service."

"As set forth in the report of Assistant Surgeon Munson, of 75, a man under instructions of the war department made a careful investigation into the effect of the canteen upon the health of enlisted men, the result more than made up for the small amount of interest in the promotion of temperance in the military service. He further finds that the percentage of desertion has been continually reduced since the introduction of the canteen. Prior to its introduction desertions averaged from 10 to 12 per cent annually. Since its establishment these have decreased to 2.9 per cent. Further, the number of soldiers reported for drunkenness and offenses originating therefrom, for the six years preceding the canteen, was 372.5. This decreased during the following six years of its enlistment to 10.6. For the rest of the silver being out in circulation among the people either in the form of silver certificates or silver coin."

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A Cross Clerk

Is a rarity. For the most part the young woman behind the counter is smiling and obliging, though her back hurts, her side pains, or her head throbs distractingly. The wonder is, not that she is sometimes irritable, but that she is rarely so.

"The nervous condition, headache and weakness, which are the results of irregular menstruation, is a common condition of the womanly organs, can be entirely cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It regulates the functions of the womanly organs, strengthens the nervous system and promotes the health of the entire body."

"Sick women are invited to send for a free trial bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y."

"Having given Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription during the past year, writes Mattie Long of New York, 'I can truthfully recommend the medicine for all female ailments. I consider it a great blessing. I was so nervous and dizzy that I could not do my work. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription helped me wonderfully. Thanks to Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure dizziness and headache.'

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THE BIG COAL STRIKE.

President Mitchell Thinks It Will Eclipse All Others.

A HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND

He Thinks, Will Quit Work in the Region, but Dispatches From Hazleton and Shamokin Indicate That the Majority Will Refuse to Strike.

Indianapolis, Sept. 1.—"In my opinion there will be a strike in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania, and it will be the biggest that the United States has ever known," said President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, today. Mr. Mitchell has just returned from a trip east, during which he was present at the convention of the miners at Hazleton, Pa.

"The situation in a nutshell," he continued, "is simply this: We have formulated a plan, remains an advance of about 20 per cent in wages and the removal of certain conditions that exist in the anthracite region. Principal among these is that the operators shall prevent the miners from selling 3,000 pounds to a ton and in selling coal sell 2,000 pounds for a ton."

"If the strike is ordered, I believe that 140,000 men will eventually come out. I do not know just what percentage of the anthracite miners are in the mine workers' organization, but I firmly believe that 75,000 men will quit work the day our men are ordered out. If the bituminous miners attempt to supply the market for the anthracite dealers we will be compelled to call out all the men in such mines as supply this coal."

No Fear in the Hazleton Region. Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 1.—A list of the grievances of the United Mine Workers and copies of the scale committee's report, which was adopted at this week's convention held here, were sent yesterday to the operators of the anthracite region. There are doubts as to whether the operators will grant the demands of the men, or even recognize the Mine Workers, and it is almost certain that a strike will be ordered. How many men will go out if a strike is declared remains to be seen. There seems to be no fear in the Hazleton region that a strike order will be effective. The business interests and many of the English speaking miners are opposed to a strike.

Will Shut the United Mine Workers Shamokin, Pa., Sept. 1.—The coal operators of the Shamokin district, in which district there are 20,000 men employed, in a published statement say the miners have been polled relative to going on strike, and that 75 per cent of the workmen said they would remain at work should a strike be ordered. The operators will not treat with the United Mine Workers as a body.

Tennessee Mines Closed Down. Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 1.—On account of the failure of miners and coal operators at Coal Creek to agree on a wage scale yesterday the annual convention of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company, which has been the custom. The miners decided to adjourn the conference until Sept. 10. On account of this failure to agree all coal mines in Coal Creek, Jellico, Middleboro and intervening points with the exception of two or three are closed down. It is not a strike, as both miners and operators are hopeful of reaching an agreement with the coal operators. The operators have refused to concede the demands thus far.

Farmer Fatally Shot by Robbers. Harrisburg, Sept. 1.—Robbers last night shot and fatally wounded Lathrop Strayer, a farmer, near the town of Gettysburg. The robbers refused to unlock the door, whereupon three shots were fired through the panel, one taking effect in the head. Before leaving the gang fired several shots at a servant, without effect. After holding up another farmer and relieving him of all his valuables the bandits escaped to the mountains. Armed search parties are scouring the surrounding country.

Miss Curtis Defeats Miss Hoyt. Southampton, N. Y., Sept. 1.—The feature of the day in the women's national championship of the Shinnecock Hills Golf club course yesterday was the semi-final match between Miss Beatrix Hoyt, Shinnecock, and Miss Margaret Curtis, Essex County. Miss Hoyt, the champion of 1896, 1897 and 1898, was the strongest kind of a favorite with the great crowd of society people who assembled to witness the match, but they were doomed to disappointment, for Miss Curtis won by 104 to 95.

Coal Operators' Statement Denied. Shamokin, Pa., Sept. 1.—John Faher, president of No. 9 district, United Mine Workers of America, comprising the counties of Northumberland, Schuylkill, Columbia and Dauphin, issues a statement denying the statement of operators that a poll of the miners it was found 75 per cent of them would not strike is incorrect. He says all members of the organization will cease work, as they are sympathetic with the invitation to a conference for a conference with mine operators. He also denied the truth of the published statement that bituminous mine operators are fomenting a strike in the anthracite region.

Deutschland Queen of the Ocean. New York, Sept. 2.—The new Hamburg-American liner, the Deutschland, which reached this port Saturday, having beaten all previous transatlantic records, both eastward and westward. Her time from Cherbourg to Sandy Hook was 5 days, 15 hours and 25 minutes. She also beat the record for one day's run, making 584 knots on Friday. She also beat the record for one day's run, making 584 knots on Friday.

See Girl, N. J., Sept. 5.—The interstate regimental match, the first stage of which was completed Monday, was decided yesterday afternoon. The honor went to the team representing the Second battalion of the 10th Cavalry, Columbia, with a total score of 830. The First regiment of Washington team was second, and the Sixth battalion team third. The Fourth, of New York, was fourth, with Battery B, of Boston, fifth.

Juvenile Robbers Confess. Millville, N. J., Sept. 5.—Charles Melville, aged 17, of Millville, and George Johnson, aged 19, of Paterson, N. J., and Joseph Fulton, aged 17, of Orange, N. J., were arrested yesterday and admitted being the robbers who have been operating in this city for the past two weeks. They were given a hearing before Mayor Payne and sent to jail without bail.

Resumed at Reduced Wages. Cleveland, Sept. 5.—Three mills owned by the American Steel and Wire company in this city, which were closed down June 1, resumed operations yesterday. The mills employ between 500 and 600 men. It is stated by the employers that there has been a general cut in wages, amounting in some cases to as high as 23 per cent, and also that the hours of labor have been increased.

Fire Closes a Mine. Shamokin, Pa., Sept. 5.—Fire broke out in No. 10 vein of the Neilson shaft yesterday, and has become so serious that it is feared the origin of the fire is unknown. Twelve hundred men and boys are rendered idle. The shaft is owned by J. Langdon & Co., of Elmira, N. Y.

Shot Wife, Killed Himself. Newark, N. J., Sept. 5.—Patrick Skelly, a brass moulder, last night after a quarrel with his wife shot her and then cut his own throat. He died shortly after, but his wife is not seriously hurt.

A RAILROAD MASSACRE.

Terrific Accident on the Reading Road at Hatfield.

THIRTEEN DEAD THIRTY INJURED.

Victims Were Excursionists Bound For Atlantic City.

CRASHED INTO A MILK TRAIN.

Two Minutes After the Latter Train Stopped at Hatfield Station the Excursion Train, Running Thirty-Five Miles an Hour, Ploughed Through Two Passenger Coaches in the Rear—Nearly All of the Dead Were Instantly Killed—Conflicting Stories as to the Responsibility for the Tragedy.

Philadelphia, Sept. 3.—Thirteen persons killed and over thirty others injured in the appalling record of a rear-end collision between an excursion train and a milk train on the Bethlehem branch of the Philadelphia and Reading railway yesterday morning at Hatfield, Pa., 27 miles north of this city.

The killed are: Miss Annie Sherry, aged 21 years, Scotch Bethlehem; Albert Miller, 21, South Bethlehem; Richard Bachman, 40, South Bethlehem; William Ehret, 22, South Bethlehem; Ira Ehret, 20, brother of William, South Bethlehem; Joseph Morfauat, 21, brother of William; Charles M. Allen, 20, Allentown; Thomas Day, Allentown; Miss Mamie Kaelin, 14, Telford; Godfrey Kaelin, father of Mamie; William Blackburn, Ambler; Harold Langstaff, 17, Ackerman, Philadelphia.

The injured: John David, Philadelphia, engineer of excursion train, fractured skull and over thirty other injuries; Albert Wagner, Philadelphia, freeman excursion train, contusion chest and legs, serious; Wilson Crosland, South Bethlehem, baggageman of milk train, head lacerated, serious; Michael Hartman, 20, Philadelphia, seriously injured; John Gorman, South Bethlehem, foot crushed; John McHugh, South Bethlehem, leg and thigh injured and hurt internally; not seriously injured; John Schaeffer, South Bethlehem, deep scap wounds, contusion of back and internally injured, serious; Mrs. William Burkhardt, South Bethlehem, injured internally; Mrs. Gertrude Buhner, South Bethlehem, both legs broken; P. J. McMahon, South Bethlehem, ankle broken; John Reichley, South Bethlehem, internally injured; Mrs. George G. Neuhard, head and contusion of body; Irwin Newhard, head badly cut; Mary Newhard, South Bethlehem, crushed ribs; Miss Carrie Bachman, daughter of Richard Bachman, of New York and Chicago, and Constantine Auditorium Annex. He was met by a committee representing about 150 labor unions, under whose auspices he is to speak at the Electric Park theater. He is to make the first speech, so as to enable him to reach the train for Saratoga, where he is to make a speech on Sept. 5, opening the campaign in New York State. His western campaign tour will then be begun, consuming practically six weeks.

To Relieve Distressed Gold Seekers. San Francisco, Sept. 3.—United States Transportation Lawton, which arrived yesterday in ballast from Seattle, is to be sent to Cape Nome to relieve the destitute miners, many of whom have been driven from their claims, and for transportation south before the hard winter sets in. The Lawton has accommodations for about 700 men.

Geo. Vanderbilt's Endowment Fund. Asheville, N. C., Sept. 3.—George W. Vanderbilt has started an endowment fund to the Clarence Barker Memorial hospital at Baltimore. The hospital will be formally opened tomorrow, and will be in memory of Clarence Barker, a cousin of the Vanderbilts, by his sisters, Adele Elma Barker Schmit and Virginia Purdy Barker Bacon.

Killed in a Drunken Fight. New York, Sept. 3.—James Keegan was killed during a drunken fight yesterday by James Morrison, who made his escape. The men were in a saloon, and Keegan was employed about the docks on the North River. Keegan was killed by a blow of the fist, which sent him backward, his head striking a steel rail.

Suicide in a Bath Tub. Woodbury, N. J., Sept. 1.—David Beetle, a prominent farmer of Clement's Bridge, near here, who on Thursday shot and probably fatally injured Herbert Clement, a local farmer, by drowning himself in a bathtub in the Gloucester county jail here. The shooting was the result of a feud between Clement and Beetle, whose farms adjoin, over the use of a private road. Beetle had forbidden the Clement to use the road, and the matter was taken to court. Mr. Clement winning the suit, Thursday while Beetle was in memory of his brother-in-law, Herbert, was cutting wood in the bath tub. Beetle fired at him with a shotgun. Herbert's condition is precarious.

Another Message From Andree. Stockholm, Sept. 1.—Capt. Grendahl telegraphs the following message here from Skjerve, Norway: "Andree's buoy No. 4 has been found here, and contains the following: 'I am in N. Greenland. Our voyage gone well so far. Are now at an altitude of 250 meters. Original direction, north 10 degrees east, compass undeviating. The special train arrived at Bethlehem at 11:30 and was met by fully 5,000 persons, all clamoring to get some news of the wreck or trying to learn whether loved ones were among the wreckage. The news of the wreck had reached Bethlehem at 3 o'clock, and spread like wildfire. All the police of the town were gathered at the station, and it was with great difficulty that the injured were removed to the waiting ambulances and other vehicles, which conveyed them to the hospitals. The news of the wreck had reached Bethlehem at 3 o'clock, and spread like wildfire. 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