

FOR MORE SILVER

American Delegates Present Resolutions at Brussels.

PROPOSALS COLDLY RECEIVED.

of the Plan on Bimetallism Which Offered—Most of the Members returned to Consider the Propositions about First Consulting Their Respective Governments.

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THE READING INVESTIGATION.

President McLeod Appears Before the Committee and is Examined.

New York, Nov. 26.—President McLeod said during his examination before the Congressional Committee investigating the Reading coal combine, that in addition to being president of the Reading Railroad, he was president of the Reading Coal & Iron Company, capitalized at \$9,000,000.

He said that the total number of acres of coal land controlled by the Reading through the coal and iron company was 113,317, two-thirds of it unimproved.

Leases of the lines of the Lehigh Valley and the Central Railroad of New Jersey to the Reading, dated Feb. 11 and Feb. 12, 1892, were offered in evidence.

Mr. McLeod admitted that since these dates contracts had been made by the Reading with individual operators along the lines mentioned to pay 60 per cent. of prices realized for coal.

Mr. McLeod said that at a meeting held either in June or July prices of coal were fixed, and they were in advance of those prevailing previously. There had been no advance in prices since July.

WHERE IS O'CONNOR?

UTICA, N. Y., Nov. 26.—Where is O'Connor? He left Little Falls Saturday, came here, as he said, because his father was sick, and left his barrow at "Aunt Jo" Vosburgh's hotel, one mile east of Little Falls. Monday morning he left home and wife, saying he did not know whether he would continue his trip or not, as he must see certain parties first. One was his photographer. Since then nothing has been heard of him. His wife said to-day she had not heard from him and was anxious about him.

There are several rumors afloat—one that he left for New York Monday and would be found at the bottom of New York harbor. O'Connor's brother will neither deny nor confirm the above. The wife, a much liked young woman, whom O'Connor married about a year ago, seems much dejected. O'Connor is a lawyer, and rumor has it, is so entangled in financial matters that it is convenient for him to be absent. The wife is domiciled with her mother.

THE PANAMA CANAL TRIAL.

Directors Charged With Breach of Trust and Malversation of Funds.

PARIS, Nov. 26.—The case of the government against the Panama Canal company was called in the Court of Appeals. The defendants are M. De Lesseps, chairman of the board of directors; Charles De Lesseps, his son, vice-chairman; M. Fontanes and Baron Cotta, directors of the company, and M. Eiffel.

None of the defendants was present. The case was adjourned until Jan. 10, counsel for the defendants guaranteeing that they would then appear.

The charges are breach of trust and malversation of funds.

JUBILEE SINGERS GET NO DINNER.

Their Color Objected to and Now They're Going to Sue.

TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 26.—A party of colored jubilee singers from Philadelphia contributed to the Thanksgiving festivities at the Young Men's Christian Association here.

They went to a local restaurant for dinner, but were refused service because of their color.

It is said they will bring suit for damages against Shepard & Stout, proprietors of the restaurant.

Mr. Shepard said last night that the regular patrons of his restaurant would not come in if he entertained colored men.

DEATH OF ROBT. BARBOUR.

President of the Barbour Flax Spinning Company at Paterson.

PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 26.—Robert Barbour, president of the Barbour Flax Spinning Company, is dead of apoplexy.

Mr. Barbour was born in Ireland in 1824, and came to America in 1864. With his brother Thomas he established the big American industry, and was also interested in the monster linen works at Lisburn, Ireland.

He leaves a fortune variously estimated at from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

First Exhibit for the Fair.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—The first exhibit to be received at the World's Fair grounds can now be seen in the Government building at Jackson Park. It lies in sections near the dome of the building—an immense redwood tree, the Sequoia Gigantia, which was cut by the King River Lumber company near Sanger, Fresno county, California. The trunk measures 28 feet in diameter.

Strikers Get the Cold Shoulder.

HOMESTEAD, Nov. 26.—About a dozen strikers applied at the Carnegie mills yesterday for employment. They received but little encouragement. There have been about 1,700 men thus far who have applied for work, and less than 30 per cent. have been successful.

A New Bicycle Record.

DENVER, Col., Nov. 26.—In the 10-mile road race of the Denver Rambles Bicycle Club, Robert Gerading, an amateur of this city, broke the world's track and road record for five miles by 45 2-5 seconds. His time was 12:07.

Bradley Again Escapes from Prison.

BOSTON, Nov. 26.—Convict Bradley, one of the men who recently escaped from the State Prison by crawling through the sewer and was recaptured, is again missing from that institution.

Still No Trace of His Assassins.

HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 26.—Matthew Kohlick, the Pole, who was assaulted and shot in the head in West Hartford on Nov. 12, is dead at the hospital. The coroner's inquest showed that death was directly due to the bullet wound. This makes the offense murder. Nothing has been found of Kohlick's assassins, though the county officers are following out every shadow of a clue.

Thompson to Succeed Abbott.

MONTREAL, Nov. 26.—A bulletin announcing that Sir John Abbott's resignation had been accepted by the Governor-General, and that Sir John Thompson had been called upon to form a government created considerable excitement here last night, and little else was talked about. The Conservatives generally endorse this selection.

Miss Meyer Recovering.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—Billy Meyer is recovering from a serious attack of illness. It is probable that his ten "go" with McAuliffe, booked for Dec. 10, at the Second Regiment Armory, will be postponed.

COMET FAILED TO STRIKE

And Thousands Were Disappointed in Consequence.

GREAT ALARM IN PHILADELPHIA.

These Fears of Insanity Through Fear of Destruction Reported from That City—False Alarm at Bridgeport—Astronomers Convinced That the Comet is Not Biela's.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—Great interest was manifested in this city last night on account of the promised appearance of the comet, and as the shades of evening began to gather hundreds of men, women and children gathered on the streets for the purpose of witnessing the expected heavenly wonders.

Threatening clouds hovered over the city, and positions out of doors were rendered decidedly uncomfortable by the damp, chilly air, but the crowds maintained their positions until long past the hour fixed by the astronomers for the collision, when they were driven home by a drizzling rain which began to fall.

There were many who were afraid to venture from their homes and preferred to die by their own firesides if the expected death was to come. Three cases of insanity through fear of the destruction of the world were reported by the police and prominent physicians who were seen, predicted that many cases of nervous prostration and possibly death would result from the intense strain, upon the nervous system of the weak and superstitious.

Mamie Hanford, 22 years old of 825 Wood street, became violently insane and by the advice of her physician was sent to the insane department of the Philadelphia Hospital to be cared for.

THEY LOOKED IN VAIN.

New Yorkers and Brooklynites Out in Force to See the Expected Smash.

New York, Nov. 28.—Thousands of New Yorkers who spent the hour from 8 to 9 last night abroad, looking for the comet and awaiting the shock, were compelled to go home disappointed.

Instead of the comet there were acres of clouds covering the skies solidly in every direction. No comet could be seen, and, as no great commotion was felt, in this region at least, it was decided that the promised show was a failure.

At Columbia college Prof. Rees had everything ready, but as science could not penetrate the veil he made no observations.

The clouds cleared away for a moment toward midnight and Gilbert P. Serviss, the Brooklyn astronomer, was enabled to catch a glimpse of two or three fiery darts of minor importance. Some of these meteor's Mr. Serviss thought, came from Andromeda, and so were part of the advertised display. Others were traced back to Taurus and were classified as accompanying another comet of which the public knows very little and cared less.

Bridgeport Bung Out of Bed.

BRIDGEPORT, Nov. 28.—"It's the comet, sure!" was the exclamation on all sides at 9 o'clock last night when the fire bells sounded, it having been previously announced that the bells would ring in case of the appearance of the comet or a meteoric display. People hovered on the street to see the heavens in the east glow and many were frightened and thought the city was doomed to destruction. The alarm was occasioned by the grass on Stratford beach being in flames.

Not Biela's Comet.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 28.—Although clouds somewhat hindered observation at Lord's Observatory, what Drs. Payne and Wilson saw of the comet has convinced them that it is not Biela's. They think that it is a new comet or one whose orbit has changed.

MISS HALL FOUND.

The Demented New Canaan Woman Discovered in New Rochelle, N. Y.

New York, Nov. 28.—Miss Julie Hall became mildly demented on Thanksgiving Day, and left her home in New Canaan, Conn., to see the world. She is 33 years old, and the daughter of R. C. Hall, president of the New Canaan First National bank.

Seventeen leading men of the village organized a search party and went down to New Rochelle, where the last clue to her ended, and vainly ransacked the whole neighborhood for two days without result.

At noon yesterday the Misses Emmett, residents of New Rochelle, found the missing woman wandering about, smiling to herself. The search party took her back to New Canaan in triumph.

Progress of Ind.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Mrs. M. A. Dorchester, special agent for the Indian School Service, reports an improvement in school buildings and their general comfort. While much remains to be done the tone of the Indian school service shows that an earnest effort is being made to bring it up to a high standard, industrially, intellectually and morally.

British Gunners on a Jamboree.

DUBLIN, Nov. 28.—The gunners of the 80th battery, Royal Field artillery, stationed in Limerick, left the barracks yesterday against orders, got drunk, and marched up and down Mulgrave street smashing windows. Six of the men were arrested, and will be court-martialed.

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NATURAL GAS FAILING.

The Pressure in Ohio Greatly Decreased—Manufacturers Cut Off.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Nov. 28.—All of Ohio using natural gas is greatly aroused over the unmistakable evidence that the supply is slowly failing. The pressure in the great Mercer county fields has fallen from 400 pounds to 15 and 80 pounds, and new wells are being constantly drilled in what has been a discouraging effort to fulfil contracts to supply cities on the big pipe line, such as Dayton, Springfield, Sidney, Troy, Piqua, etc.

To facilitate the distribution of gas, a new-fangled force pump is being used to hurry the gas through the mains.

All manufacturers have been cut off and nothing larger than a hotel is now supplied with the convenient fuel. The pressure is getting so unreliable and variable that hotels are taking out their burners.

The local officials of the company are discouraged over the prospect, and consumers fear that they will have to return to the use of coal. Some are inclined to think that the large flow from the big wells in Indiana and the largely increased use of it there have something to do with the pressure here.

The local franchise ordinarily requests a four ounce pressure all the time. For a week it has been below that daily.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Opinion at Albany Against Holding One Next Summer.

ALBANY, Nov. 28.—There is not likely to be a constitutional convention here next summer, although the last Legislature ordered that there should be one. Diligent inquiry has been made among State officials and prominent politicians and the consensus of opinion is that the convention had better be postponed for at least a year.

Secretary of State Rice has finished sending the notifications of the special election ordered for delegates to this convention. Hardly a State official can be found who is favorable to the convention being held this year and the most general objection is that neither party desires to hold a State convention this winter, which they would have to do to name the delegates at large.

Among those who it is alleged do not favor the holding of a convention this summer are Senator Hill, Edward Murphy, Jr., Richard Croker and William F. Sheehan, and one of the first actions of the Legislature will be to postpone the election until 1894.

LAW BREAKERS IN POWER.

The Bald Knobbers Again in Control in Taney County, Mo.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Nov. 28.—At the recent election the Bald Knobbers, who have been keeping quiet since five of their ringleaders were hanged three years ago, carried Taney county, and are again in control of affairs.

They are already becoming arrogant, and have served notices on several officers who helped to prosecute them that they must leave the county.

Lawlessness, which, for a time, was not so prevalent, has broken out again. Recently the only church in the county was burned, and neighboring counties have been suffering from depredations by horse thieves.

Taney county is probably the only organized county in the United States where the element recognized as law-breakers constitute a political power.

ENGLAND TO DEMAND REDRESS.

A Britisher Arrested During the Idaho Mine Trouble Wants Satisfaction.

BOISE CITY, Idaho, Nov. 28.—The Cœur d'Alene riots of last summer seems destined to be productive of international complications. One of the foreigners arrested in July by the military authorities for aiding and abetting the rioters has prevailed on his government to demand redress from the United States.

The man in question is Alex. R. Chesholm of Warton, a subject of Queen Victoria. The British government has requested an explanation from this government, and the authorities at Washington have asked Secretary of State Pinkham of Idaho for information.

Norway Will Send a Viking Ship.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Secretary of State Foster is in receipt of a despatch from W. W. Thomas, Jr., United States Minister at Stockholm, stating that, in view of the great risks attending its transportation, it will be impossible to secure the Viking ship for exhibition at the World's Fair. But a fac-simile is being built in Norway, which, manned by a crew of Norwegians—the Vikings of today—will sail next spring.

Convict O'Brien Arrested Again.

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 28.—James O'Brien, an ex-convict, upon whom sentence was suspended a week ago for an assault committed upon Policeman Rowe, was arrested again last night for stabbing John Kelleher, alias "Whitey," in a river street saloon. O'Brien was about celebrating his release, when he got into a quarrel with Kelleher. The latter was stabbed in the left side and in the face, and is seriously wounded.

A Newark Child Abducted.

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 28.—May Morris, aged 5 years, was abducted yesterday afternoon from Wm. Green of No. 216 Ogden street, while on her way to Sunday school. Green adopted the child after her father's suicide a year ago, but never obtained legal papers. May's sister Polly, who is still under age, married a man named Condit, and it is alleged that he is the abductor.

Police Census of Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—Over 300 policemen have begun the work of taking the census of the city, and the officials of the Department of Public Safety, under whose supervision the work is being done, expect to have the corrected returns of the number of people living in the city limits within 10 days.

THE LAW A DEAD LETTER

Chinese Restriction Act a Complete Failure.

ONLY FIVE CELESTIALS REGISTERED.

And This Out of a Population of at Least 250,000 It Will Cost Over \$10,000,000 to Carry Out the Provisions of the Statute Next May.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—It seems to be the unanimous opinion of those entrusted with its execution that the latest Chinese restriction act has fallen a dead letter.

The law was passed on May 5 last and required that within one year from its passage all Chinese laborers within the United States should take out registration papers before the Collector of Internal Revenue of their respective districts and furnish photographs of themselves for purposes of identification.

On July 7 the Internal Revenue office issued its forms of application for registry to all the Chinese laboring in the United States, and distributed warnings in Chinese through all the Chinese quarters, enjoining every Chinaman who wanted to remain in the United States to come up and register and to bring his photograph with him to be ready to swear that it was a correct likeness.

Up to to-day just five Chinamen in the whole United States have complied with the law, and they are residents of far off Oregon. Two others offered to do so provided the certificates to be issued them covered the right to go to China and return, but as this was something distinctly forbidden by the law their conditional offers were rejected.

According to census figures there were 107,478 Chinese in the United States June 1, 1890.

These figures are, however, believed to fall far short of the truth. The difficulties of enumerating Chinamen are very great, and their evasive powers are far above the average.

Wong Ching Foo, Secretary of the Chinese Liberal Rights League, claims that there are not fewer than 150,000 Chinese in this country possessing qualifications which he contends should entitle them to the suffrage. This would make the total Chinese population double that number, or, at least 250,000.

The only penalty provided by the law for failure to comply with its provisions is deportation to China. Taking the lowest estimate—107,700, and the average cost of shipping each Chinaman from his present place of residence in the United States to some port in the Flowery Kingdom at \$1000—a very moderate estimate—the enforcement of the law would involve the expenditure of \$10,750,000.

The duty of carrying out this little programme is imposed by the statute upon the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney-General, and \$50,000 is appropriated for the purpose.

The additional \$10,700,000 required for transportation purposes must be paid by the next Congress if the law is to be enforced on May 5 next, for it is made evident that the Chinese now resident in the United States have not the slightest intention of attempting to comply with its provisions.

AFTER MATHER-HABERKORN-PABST.

The Actress Will Have to Settle for Breach of Contract.

DENVER, Nov. 28.—The trials and tribulations of Margaret Mather (a private life Mrs. Gustav Pabst) are about to commence.

Since she has seen fit to give her company a two weeks' notice, and to end her theatrical career at Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 10, she will have to contend with no less than one heavy suit for damages each week for six months.

Early last season Miss Mather secured bookings at the leading theatres throughout the country. At this late day it will be impossible to secure first-class attractions to fill her time.

In consequence, an arrangement has been made between the more prominent managers to hold her for the loss incurred in being compelled to close their respective houses.

Racine's Young Mayor Resigns.

RACINE, Wis., Nov. 28.—Jackson I. Case, the millionaire owner of Jay Eye See, and mayor of this city, tendered his resignation, it is now said, because he had become interested in a street railway, which the city forbids. The opinion of the city attorney is that the ordinance does not necessarily require the mayor's retirement, and it is believed that the resignation will not be accepted. Case is the youngest mayor in the State.

Poisoned Her Brother-in-Law and Herself

LESECT, Minn., Nov. 28.—At St. Henry one day last week Joseph E. Haander died suddenly. Strychnine was found in his tobacco. On Wednesday morning Miss Agnes Beer, his wife's sister, died in the same manner. She left a letter asking to be buried with Haander. It is supposed that she poisoned herself and Haander.

Suit for Money Lost Through Bardley.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—The suit of the State against the city of Philadelphia to recover \$300,000 of taxes collected by John Bardley as city treasurer, and of which no return has been made to the State Treasury, will be heard in the Dauphin county court at Harrisburg early this week.

To Match Ryan and Williams.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 26.—The Olympic Club has telegraphed to Mr. Houseman of Chicago to match Tom Ryan against Tommy Williams, who is in England, for a purse of \$5,000, the match to take place during March next.

Berlin, Nov. 26.—The Kaiser has extended his earnest congratulations to Senator Caprivi on his speech in the Reichstag in support of the Army bill.