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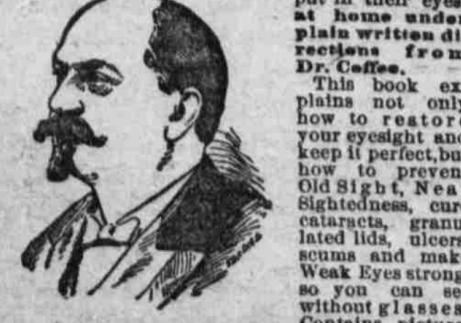
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ture, but was decided by the supreme court to be unconstitutional on technical grounds.

It was announced on November 11 that the Cuban senate and house of representatives had voted a gift of \$50,000 to General Maximo Gomez in recognition of his services as head of the revolutionary army.

The whole of the Pacific coast, from British Columbia to Southern California, and the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Colorado were hit by a storm on November 11 that amounted to a blizzard in some localities, and on the Pacific coast resulted in torrential rains. Telegraph service in some sections is practically prostrated.

On November 10 the Russian and Austrian governments renewed the recommendations contained in their memorandums of October 23 to the Turkish government. According to a cablegram from Constantinople carried by the Associated press, Russia and Austria on October 22 presented to the porte identical notes embodying the demands agreed on at the recent conference at Murzsted, Syria, between the czar and Emperor Francis Joseph. The guiding principle of the scheme was the control of and the surveillance over all branches of the administration of the disturbed Turkish provinces by Austria and Russia for a period of two years.

The employees of one of the two principal surface street railway companies in the city of Chicago inaugurated a strike on November 12 and the street car service in half the city is in a state of disorder. On the first day of the strike a number of cars were wrecked and several were injured in riots that took place. About 3,000 street car employees are concerned in the strike, and it is feared that much disorder will result.

Two heavy freight trains collided in a dense fog near New Hope, Ky., on November 12 and as a result six trainmen were killed and two injured.

The sessions of the American Federation of Labor convention at Boston continue to attract more or less attention. On November 12 resolutions were introduced to the effect that the so-called "open shop policy" cannot be recognized by organized labor, whether it be under private or government management. This resolution is interpreted as a reference to the Miller case, growing out of trouble in the government printing office at Washington and President Roosevelt's decision in the matter. The resolution was finally referred to the committee on resolutions.

The labor troubles in Colorado continue, notices being posted recently in the Minnequa plant of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company that the plant would be closed on November 14 owing to the shortage of the coal supply on account of the strike in the coal mines. It is thought that about 40,000 persons will be affected by the suspension of operations at this plant.

An inquiry into the increasing poverty of the peasantry of Russia was recently instituted by the czar and the result of that inquiry has been published. This report is regarded as highly important and as a supplement to the czar's manifesto on civil and religious rights, recommending as it does the education of the peasants.

A celebration over the completion of the new fort at Des Moines, Ia., was held on November 13. This new fort is said to be the largest and only exclusive cavalry post in the United States. Many noted army officers at-

tended the opening exercises, among these being Adjutant General Corbin, General Bates, and others of prominence.

A bitter fight is being waged over the appointment of a United States attorney for the Nebraska district. The contest lies between W. S. Summers, the present incumbent, and Harry Lindsey, chairman of the republican state committee.

As a result of the concession of an eight-hour day by the operators, all the striking miners in the northern Colorado coal fields will return to work. This concession was made pending the settlement of the strike in the southern districts.

To Mr. Bryan's Credit.

The course of the prosecution in the Bennett will contest toward William J. Bryan is indefensible and inexcusable.

Philo S. Bennett, a wealthy tea merchant of New York, was one of Mr. Bryan's most devoted friends and most enthusiastic supporters. He believed in the man and his political principles. In his will he directed his executors to set apart \$50,000 of his fortune for the benefit of Mr. Bryan and his family.

No secret was made of Mr. Bennett's decision to give Mr. Bryan \$50,000. The gift was made in a way that practically forbade refusal to accept on Mr. Bryan's part. He accepted it, and when a contest was threatened he stated his position in an open, manly fashion.

With that frank statement before the public, the intimation that Mr. Bryan in standing by the will and in declining to compromise is influenced wholly by sordid motives, is as offensive as the insinuation that he exerted improper mesmeric or telepathic influence.

The people of the west do not like Mr. Bryan's politics. They have repudiated his leadership. But they will resent this gratuitous reflection on his probity and this slur upon his character and motives.

If Mr. Bennett intended to give Mr. Bryan \$50,000 the executors of the will should see that Mr. Bryan gets the money. As Mr. Bryan knows that Mr. Bennett intended to give his family the money, he is doing only his plain duty in standing by the will. The people would think less of him than they do now if he should retire from the contest under the loose talk about mesmeric or telepathic influence.

In the interest of a friendship as remarkable as it was creditable, and in the interest of common sense and fairness, Mr. Bryan should maintain the position he has taken.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

The Importance of a Comma.

A dispatch to the Chicago Inter-Ocean under date of Columbus, Ind., October 10, says:

The Beatty will case, involving the omission from the instrument of a comma, which, had it been inserted, would have been worth \$45,000 to John Beatty, was decided against the latter today by Judge Hord. The punctuation mark which was omitted is the cause of the suit.

The court said that a comma necessary to the easy construction of the will had been omitted; that, had it been placed in the will, it would have settled the intention of the instrument, and his ruling was made upon the presumption that the comma was purposely omitted, or, rather, that the intention of the testator was that the comma should be left out.

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