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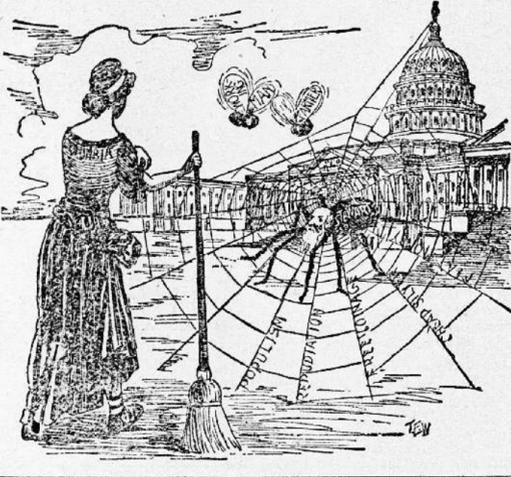
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RUSSIA MOVES FORWARD.

Abandons the Debased Silver Money Standard and Adopts Gold.

After more than half a century's experience with silver monometallism and fiat money Russia has adopted the gold standard.

This has been done in pursuance of Russia's determination to press forward in the march of the nation.

In 1839 the silver ruble was established by imperial decree as "the legal and unalterable metallic unit of the money current in the Russian empire." Russia has found that she cannot keep the pace of other great nations with a silver standard and has therefore changed to the gold standard.

Silver will still be freely used in the Russian currency as it is in the currency of all nations which have the gold standard, and 140,000,000 ounces of silver are to be purchased to take the place of about one-fourth of the Russian paper currency.

The adoption of the gold standard will therefore result in a great improvement of the monetary system of that country. Twenty-five years ago the Russian ruble had a purchasing power of 74 cents in gold. It has fallen to about 40 cents, owing to the immense increase in the production of silver and the general adoption of the gold standard by the civilized world.

Russia has acted wisely in abandoning a depreciated money standard, and the adoption of the gold standard will make the empire a still more powerful factor in the affairs of Europe and the world. —Atlanta Journal.

What Do They Care For Experience.

To open the floodgates and permit the world's volume of silver to flow to our mints to be coined at 16 to 1 in the hope and belief that the market value of silver would be thereby advanced to \$1.29 an ounce seems to me to be a dream so extravagant as to be beyond the possibility of realization. If free coinage by this country alone would not only arrest the decline of silver, but restore its market value, why is it that such a result has not been attained in the countries where free coinage is permitted? The mints of Japan, Mexico and several of the countries of South America—Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador—are today open to the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver, yet in no single instance can it be shown that the bullion value of silver has been kept at a parity with its coinage value. More than this, no nation on the globe today has its mints open to the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver that is not confessedly on a silver basis with gold at a premium. What reason have we, therefore, as a nation to expect any different results if we should venture on such an experiment? From reason and experience I am forced to the conclusion that to open our mints to the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 without the cooperation of the leading commercial nations of Europe would quickly plunge the nation to a silver basis and create such a disturbance in our monetary system as to involve its total destruction. —Hon. J. C. Burrows.

Simple Question For Silver Leaders.

Who would be benefited by adulteration of the currency? Not the farmers. They could not be better off if they got two 50 cent dollars where they get one 100 cent dollar, and that is the utmost Tillman would be able to give them. But the fearful contraction of the currency caused by a collapse of standard money to the 50 cent cheap silver standard would create such hard times that for years workmen would get hardly more 50-cent dollars than they get now 100-cent dollars. How would that benefit them? Neither Altgeld nor Tillman has ever explained this simple question. —Chicago Tribune.

California Must Remain a Gold State.

California was a gold state when it was admitted and has remained a gold state since. None of its debtors has anything to gain by a radical change of standard, not even the banks, which, under a silver standard, would be able to pay all depositors 50 cents on the dollar. The derangement of business and temporary destruction of credit that would result from such a change would probably break most of the banks in California, including perfectly solvent institutions. —Los Angeles Herald.

Legislation Never Gave Value.

There is not a single instance in the history of the world in which legal tender has been relied upon to give value to currency but that it has ended in speculation, robbery and wholesale repudiation and bankruptcy. —D. W. McClung in "Money Talks."

The Democratic Situation.

If the faculty of seeing facts and the ability to reason upon them have not departed from the free silver Democrats, they will not attempt to commit the national convention to their theory.

The facts of the political situation briefly are:

First.—That the Democratic party has been defeated in every presidential election since the war when it leaned toward financial unsoundness and has been successful in every contest in which it stood for honest money.

Second.—That it cannot carry a single northern state or one-half the border states for free silver and consequently would be beaten disastrously in the election upon that issue.

Third.—That it cannot hope to carry the house of representatives upon that issue. The majority against free coinage has increased from 18 in the fifty-second congress to 135 in the present house. There are no signs of gains for silver anywhere this year.

Fourth.—Being unable to elect either a president or a house upon this issue, do its supporters hope to throw the election of a president into the hands of the masses? In that case the choice of the Republican candidate is absolutely certain.

Conceding that the free silver Democrats will be able to write their idea into the platform, what can it profit them? What are conventions for if not to improve the conditions of success or to put the party in the way of a triumph in the near future? Is the free silver fad all there is of Democracy for our friends at the west and south? "Only common sense is necessary" to show them the utter futility of their present course. —New York World.

Largely a Question of Freight.

The principal reason why the highly civilized and commercial nations have gradually abandoned silver and adopted the gold standard is that value for value silver is 30 times as heavy as gold. So that if the cheaper metal were used to settle balances in trading between two countries or between distant points of the same country it would cost 30 times more to transfer it than if payment was made in gold. The foolish idea that business men have conspired to discredit the white metal in order to increase the value of gold is merely a cheap money delusion. Merchants and bankers are interested in having the best possible material for use in measuring values and making exchanges, and the fact that in millions of transactions the handling of money the greater weight of silver meant a larger cost of transporting it was of itself a sufficient reason why gold should be preferred.

Left to themselves, men always choose the easiest known method of doing anything. Since it is far easier to use a substance having great value in small bulk than one 30 or 60 times heavier, it is only natural that, whenever it is possible to secure sufficient gold, that metal should be used instead of silver. Wood is now generally used instead of steel for bicycle rims because it is lighter. Steelies who should claim that the wood conspirators had demoralized steel rims would be laughed at. Yet their arguments would be just as sound as those of the silverites.

The People Who Buy Things.

There is one class of people in the United States which is specially interested in the agitation for free silver, with its openly avowed purpose of raising prices twice as high as they are now. This is the consuming class, composed of all the people who buy things. To them the most important question in regard to the currency is, "Will our money buy few or many things? We now have an industrial and commercial system in which wages are paid and products bought and sold with a currency which rests on a gold standard and has a high purchasing power. If we were to adopt the silver standard, our money would buy only half the quantity of goods that it does now. How would that help us, the 70,000,000 American consumers?"

Free coinage politicians who are trying to gain votes by setting one class of citizens against another would do well to remember that the largest class in this country is that of the people who buy goods. When they can show those people that it is to their interest to pay higher prices for what they consume, they may have some show of success. Until then their scheme is doomed to failure.

Greatest Swindle of the Century.

The free and unlimited coinage of silver is the greatest political swindle of the century, for it gives to the wealthy the power to double the wealth and leaves to the poor man nothing but silver dollars really worth only 30 cents each. —Bacrus Journal.

WINCHESTER MONUMENT.

Special Order Calling Attention to the Unveiling Issued by Gen. Gordon.

The following has been issued by Gen. Gordon:

HQRS. UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS, NEW ORLEANS, LA., May 23, 1896.

General Orders No. 165.

Many of the veterans who attend the reunion at Richmond, will visit the historic battle fields in Virginia, numbers of which they enriched with their own precious blood, and contributed by their valor to make memorable for all time.

In addition to the "laying of the corner stone of the Jefferson Davis monument," which will take place during the reunion, the General commanding deems it proper to call the special attention of all veterans to an incident of great importance which will occur at Winchester, Va., on July 4th, the date having been changed from June 27.

The Louisiana veterans will take advantage of the time and occasion to unveil the monument which they have erected in the beautiful Stonewall Cemetery, in the historic town of Winchester, to the memory of their beloved comrades, the Confederate dead of Louisiana.

The reunion will close July 21, and the unveiling of this monument to the Louisiana heroes will occur on July 4th. It will be an event of unusual interest. The "daimed hero," Gen. Francis T. Nicholls, stainless citizen, distinguished soldier, statesman and jurist; he who led the Louisiana troops to that extreme limit where intrepid valor met death in every form, will be the orator of the day and the good people of Winchester extend a hearty welcome to all.

The occasion is full of pathos and will excite the tenderest emotions in every sympathetic heart, to witness the survivors of that gallant command which Louisiana sent to the front in the '60's, then in the flower of youth, now aged and bent, journeying over a thousand weary miles, and after the lapse of a third of a century, to stand by the grassy mounds and place a lasting memorial of love and affection over the graves of their beloved comrades, who, after deathless feats of courage, fell at their side, and are now reposing upon the generous bosom of the "Mother of States," far away from home and kindred.

The General commanding feels assured that the gallant Louisianians will not stand alone during that ceremony upon that sacred spot, but that heroes all the way from the "Lone Star State" to "My Maryland," will join the throng, gathering as they journey to that "Cemetery of the Brave," the magnolia, the orange, and all the sweetest Southern flowers, to deck the graves of their own honored dead, who lie side by side with the brave Louisianians, and who, like them, will live forever in story and in song.

By order of J. B. GORDON, General Commanding.

GEN. VINCENT, commanding the Louisiana division, has issued the following, giving details of the Richmond reunion:

HQRS. LA. DIVISION UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS, NEW ORLEANS, LA., May 24, 1896.

General Orders No. 9.

The Major General commanding announced to the Louisiana Division, U. C. V., the near approach of the following important events in the life of their organization, and urges immediate attention throughout the division to having the camps properly represented on the occasions here cited, to-wit:

1. The annual meeting or convention of the Louisiana Division, U. C. V., will convene at New Orleans on Saturday, June 27, at 2 p. m., in Memorial Hall, to consider business matters of the division, and to elect a Major General for the term of one year, beginning immediately after the termination of the general re-union next following said election, according to precedent.

2. The sixth annual general meeting and re-union of the United Confederate Veterans organization, which will be held at Richmond, Va., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 30, July 1 and July 2, during which the corner-stone of President Jefferson Davis' monument will be laid, and the report of the Confederate Memorial Association committee on the Battle Abbey of the South will be rendered.

3. The unveiling of the Winchester Monument to the Louisiana dead and to the deeds of heroes, who made in the Valley of

Virginia an imperishable record of valor and heroism, which will take place at Winchester, Va., on the 4th of July.

4. The same or separate delegations, with an equal number of alternates, may be selected for each occasion.

5. The representation of delegates is fixed by section 1, article 5, of the constitution, at "one delegate for every twenty members in good standing, and one for a fraction shall be entitled to at least two delegates."

To be in good standing, the camps must have paid their per capita for this and previous years.

Accredited delegates alone can participate in the business part of the meetings and reunions.

Comrades of all arms, grades and departments are cordially invited to attend these events.

6. The cost of transportation has been fixed by the railroads at one cent per mile each way traveled, over all railroads leading to and from Richmond, Va.

Tickets will be on sale at all railroad stations June 26th to 29th, both inclusive, and will be good until July 10th following. Thus the cost from New Orleans to Richmond and back will be \$20.90. Sleepers will have to be paid extra, as customary.

The executive committee of arrangements at Richmond have made provisions to accommodate the veterans with quarters and food, free of charge. Those who wish to be accommodated at hotels can do so at a cost of from \$1 to \$2.50 per day.

At Winchester the people propose taking care, free of charge, of all Louisiana veterans on that occasion.

7. Camps are directed to report to these headquarters by the 15th of June, the number and names of their delegates and alternates.

Members of the division staff will report before the 20th of June, whether or not they will attend the reunion at Richmond.

The Major General commanding hopes that a large and influential attendance will represent Louisiana at these memorable occurrences, that the prominence she has held from the beginning in the formation and direction of the United Confederate Veterans organization may in no way be diminished, and that her devotion to its interest and welfare may find wise and eloquent exponents among the delegates the division will select.

By order of W. G. VINCENT, Major General Commanding Louisiana Division, U. C. V.

J. A. CEARLON, Adjutant General.

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To Chicago, Ill.—Account National Democratic Convention, July 7th, limited to July 14th for return.

To Pittsburg, Pa.—May 23d and 24th, account National Prohibition Convention, limited for return to May 31st.

To St. Louis, Mo.—June 8th, 9th, 13th, 14th and 15th, account Republican National Convention, limited to June 21st for return.

To San Antonio.—From all stations in Texas, account Baptists' Young People's Convention, June 23d, and State Sunday School Convention, June 25th, at rate of one fare for round trip, with maximum of \$5.00; final limit to return June 29th. Tickets also received on deposit for side trips to Mexico and other points.

To Richmond, Va.—Account Confederate Veterans' Reunion, on June 26th and 27th, good to return within twenty (20) days from date of sale, at rate less than one fare.

To Buffalo, N. Y.—Account National Teachers' Association, June 30th and July 1st, with limit to July 13th, and privilege of depositing with Joint Agent for further extension; at rate of one fare plus \$2 for admission.

To Washington, D. C.—July 31, 4th and 5th, at rate of one fare for the round trip, with privilege of extension to July 31st for return by depositing with Joint Agent.

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