

REED IS FOR REPEAL

Maine Statesman and Co. Argued the Silver Question.

VOTE TO BE TAKEN MONDAY

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—The first speaker today on the silver question was Mr. Clark, who believed in the duty of congress to fix the ratio at 16 to 1.

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Mr. Bland said that if the gentleman from New York (Mr. Cockran), whose financial theories were evidently gained from a manipulation of the stock exchange, would only go to that great country from which he had said were obtained the agricultural products which were shipped abroad in order to bring back the European gold necessary to sustain public credit, he would understand why the gentleman and himself were practically different in their views.

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Beeson and Mercer, World's Fair National Commissioners, in a Bad Box Through a Wily Woman.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—A neat blackmailing scheme, implicating two national commissioners and a Chicago woman, and involving a consideration of \$10,000, was laid bare this afternoon by the arrest of the woman in the case in agricultural building by an officer in the United States secret service.

The commissioners implicated are Mr. Beeson of Oklahoma, who introduced himself as one "Eric," and Mr. Mercer of Wyoming, who gave his state to the exhibitor as "Oregon," and the woman, who says she is a broker, and gives her name as Mrs. J. E. Harmon of No. 336 Wabash avenue, Chicago.

The commissioners are not members of the committee on awards, but being national commissioners appointed by the governor of their respective states, recommended the appointment of judges, the nominations in the course of time being approved by the national commissioners.

Mr. Mercer has been conspicuous in the commission of late by his resolutions in favor of an all-summer session of the body, the matter of an absence of a working quorum being a matter of secondary consideration. The story of the case is best told by the man most directly concerned on the part of the exhibitor, Mr. Jay Vanderveen, who is assistant superintendent of the Kansas wing and lives in the agricultural building, said that he first saw Mrs. Harmon one week ago yesterday.

"She came around that day," said Mr. Vanderveen, "and was introduced to me by a national commissioner who said his name was Eric. Mrs. Harmon said that she would secure for us a gold medal, 'A. B. No. 1,' with the right certificate (meaning diploma) for \$10,000. She said all I would have to do would be to put that amount in bank, give her a check with which to draw it, and the first prize would be forthcoming."

Could Buy Them for \$10,000. I was stunned for a moment by her proposition, and not being long in America did not know how to reply to this proposition. I told her, however, that I thought her figure was pretty high, and after some talking she came down to \$10,000. This figure she told me was the lowest she could accept. She then said: "Of course it will be all right; I know all the judges. I will not get much of this money though, as it will take nearly \$10,000 to buy them up."

I told her I would think it over, but I asked her to show some credentials to convince me that my money would not be thrown away. She said all right, and went away promising to produce cards in a few days showing that our exhibit had received the first prize. The next day Commissioner "Eric" of Oklahoma, came around with another gentleman wearing a national commissioner's badge, whom I understood to be Mr. Mercer of Oregon. The latter assured me in the course of our conversation that the lady who had made the proposition was all right and that she could bring about the desired result as promised. Then I spoke to our superintendent, Mr. Reiners, and the arrest was made about today. Mr. Beeson, the commissioner, was there when the arrest took place.

Mr. Beeson and Mr. Mercer were very nervous over the matter and would make no statement tonight.

KILLED IN A COLLISION. Disregard of Signals Cost Five Lives on the Harlem Road.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—A head end collision occurred this afternoon, about 1 o'clock, between trains No. 13 and No. 20, passenger trains between Leppard and Dykeman on the Harlem road. The killed are: William Elliot, engineer; N. Best, fireman; D. Palminteri, engineer; Samuel Glibney, fireman; Miss E. Reed of Brewster. The injured are: John Finnegan, baggage man; J. A. Banks, brakeman; Nina Maher, brewster; D. Herman, Poughkeepsie; all seriously.

Several others were slightly injured and many badly shaken up. Both engines are complete wrecks, and the accident blocked the main line for five hours.

The Pittsfield express is reported to have been running at a high rate of speed when the collision occurred. It was crowded with passengers, including the usual large complement of Saturday State Fair passengers.

A majority of those on the train were business men bound for fashionable resorts to pass Sunday with their families. Just how the local train and express came together can not be definitely learned at this time, but it is said to have been due to a disregard of signals. Cars were piled in a heap on the tracks. Physicians were hastily summoned to the scene, and the railroad men rendered every possible aid.

CUT OUT A HORSE'S EYE. Cruelty of Drunken Men to an Animal, Will Be Prosecuted.

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—The police and humane society of Evanston have been asked to investigate a case of terrible cruelty to a horse. Henry Vogt, a farmer living near Niles, Evanston, told the police that a number of young men had become drunk in a Niles saloon and had started for their homes. They saw a horse standing near Jacob's farm and cut out the animal's eye and slashed its body. The horse was left standing by the roadside until today, when it was killed. Mr. Vogt suspects the guilty persons and asks the humane society to deal with them. Officers will be sent to Niles to make an investigation.

LOCKING UP ANARCHISTS. New York Police Putting Agitators Where They Can Do No Harm.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—The police today arrested Charles Fommers, an east side anarchist orator, charged with making speeches at an anarchist meeting last week including a riot. He is alleged to have told his hearers that if they wanted bread to break open the stores and take what they wanted, Timmerman was sent to jail in default of \$5,000 bail.

SIXTEEN BODIES TAKEN FROM THE WRECK OF A ROCKAWAY TRAIN. LONG ISLAND CITY, Aug. 25.—A frightful accident occurred tonight at Bushwick Junction on the Long Island railroad. A Rockaway train ran into the rear end of a Manhattan Beach train at 11:20 tonight, telescoping several of the cars.

SIXTEEN dead have been taken from the wreck and their bodies are now lying in Haverhey's tin shops at Laurel Hill, which has been converted into a temporary morgue. It is now estimated that the number of injured will reach in the neighborhood of thirty-five or forty. Many of whom, it is believed, will die. Owing to the lack of telegraphic facilities and lateness of the hour, it is with the utmost difficulty that any particulars can be obtained.

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The parade completely stopped the traffic on Washington street and the police interfered. The men were ripe for a fight from the inflammatory speeches made under the black flag and a bloody riot ensued in which missiles of all kinds were used and revolvers drawn. Inspector Ross was killed by a paving stone which hit him, he said.

The Rev. H. S. White of Milford, a well-known veteran, will retire from the ministry on account of wounds received during the late war.

The Detroit council has voted to issue \$420,000 worth of interest bearing bonds in denominations of \$25 and \$50 to be used as currency.

The annual camp meeting of the Seventh Day Adventists of Michigan will be held in Lansing from September 10 to October 8.

The Hubbardston Butter and Cheese company has filed articles of incorporation, with a capital of \$7,000.

The corner stone of the new Lutheran house for old folks, at Monroe, will be laid September 17.

The Rev. Mr. Howdle of Milford has been held in \$1,500 bail for seduction.

Col. George P. Sanford of Lansing has again purchased The State Democrat.

Saginaw Valley coal has been found excellent for smelting purposes.

Forest fires are raging in the western part of Allegan county.

Diphtheria is again prevalent in Coopersville.

Van Buren county will have half a corn crop.

Grand Haven has 1,800 school children.

Scarlet fever is raging in Armada.

RIOTS IN ROME. They Were Primarily Due to Cabmen Wanting More Wages.

ROME, Aug. 25.—The riots during the past few days in Naples, which have generally been attributed to striking cab drivers, has a deeper significance. The troubles had their origin in the anti-French agitation following the Agio-Moles massacre of Italians by Frenchmen. The demonstration of the first were intended solely as expressions of indignation against the French. The cabmen took advantage of the excitement to strike for higher wages, and the rioting which then occurred had its origin in the Agio-Moles affair. The troubles of Thursday last were due entirely to the cabmen, who had apparently concluded that their cause was a losing one.

But in creating disturbances they found allies in the poor of the city, who helped them in the fight against the police. Passions and discontent arising from many causes found vent in rioting, and the police themselves unable to cope with the mob which threatened to take possession of the city. The police, it is charged, added to the seriousness of the situation by the brutality they displayed instead of facing the parading strikers and their supporters, it is said the police fired at children and attacked peaceable persons whom they found sitting outside the cafes.

The troops who were dispatched to the city have quelled the rioting. The chamber of deputies and the councilors side with the people and protest against the conduct of the police. Signor Giolitti, prime minister and minister of the interior, has ordered that an inquiry be made into all the facts in connection with the disorders. He has also ordered that the director of public safety direct the police until the inquiry is ended. The city is now quiet; tram-cars, cabs and other vehicles are beginning to run as usual.

NEXT WEDNESDAY'S STRUGGLE. Gladstone's Final Speech on Home Rule to Be His Greatest Effort.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The last stage of the home rule debate in the house of commons will begin on next Wednesday. This beginning of the end will be marked probably by another great speech from Mr. Gladstone, who will make the motion for the third reading. In this supreme and perhaps his final effort for the Irish cause the aged premier is likely to touch on a question or two which the government has ignored so far in the exhausting and exhaustive discussion of the bill. The radicals are confident that he will speak of the real concern of the threatened rejection of the bill by the lords, and many liberals agree with them that without a reference to the hostile attitude of the upper house, Mr. Gladstone's speech must be found wanting at a crucial point.

After Mr. Gladstone will come all the masters of oratorical fireworks whom the opposition can muster. Mr. Goschen, chancellor of the exchequer, is expected to make the first reply to Mr. Gladstone. Mr. Balfour, leader of the unionists, will deliver their final protest against the bill on Friday. John Morley, chief secretary for Ireland, Herbert Asquith, home secretary, and Sir William Harcourt, chancellor of the exchequer, all debaters of the foremost rank, will probably be the government's champions in this final bout with the opposition.

The home rule bill will be passed during the Friday night sitting. The rule closing the debate at midnight will be suspended by the government, and at about 2 o'clock the division will be taken.

GRAB GAME BY FRANCE. Trying to Override Ultimatum Accepted by Siam.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—Further telegrams received today from Bangkok confirming the dispatch of yesterday showing that a hitch has occurred in the negotiations for a settlement of the question between France and Siam. Today's dispatches state that Siam is willing and anxious to accede promptly to the terms of the French ultimatum, but that M. Leryer de Vieux, the special French envoy, is trying to override the terms of the ultimatum which was accepted by the Siamese government as the settlement of the dispute. The dispatches add that four French warships were ordered out to demonstrate showing that Siam is at the mercy of France.

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