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FINANCE MUST WAIT. Currency Reform Delayed by the Tariff Bill.

SPECIAL MESSAGE WITHHELD. Republican Leaders Advise McKinley That Action at the Present Time Would Be Dangerous to Senate Committee Could Cause Months of Delay—Allison, Quay and Dingley Call at the White House—Wolcott Secures the Co-operation of France for International Bi-Metallism.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The president's message to congress recommending the appointment of a commission to consider the question of the revision of our currency and national banking laws, will not be transmitted today, nor for several days, if it goes at all. The president is not decided whether to send any message, for the reason that a number of the most important leaders of the party in the senate and house have made strong representations to him of the inadvisability of sending a message to congress while the tariff bill is in conference.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The house today sent the tariff bill to conference. Charles D. Drazell of Pennsylvania, Hopkins of Illinois and Grosvenor of Ohio, Republicans, and Bailey of Texas, McMillin of Tennessee and Wheeler of Alabama, Democrats, were appointed conferees. The proceedings were in no way sensational. This action was taken by means of a special order brought up by the majority on rules. The minority made no objection to it, but protested because the majority refused in advance to enter into a special order bringing a conference to the floor.

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FRANCE JOINS AMERICA. Gives Diplomatic Support to the Movement for International Bi-Metallism.

NEW YORK, July 8.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The three special envoys, empowered by the United States to negotiate with the European powers for a settlement of the silver question on international lines, will have two embassies behind them in place of one. They produced so good an impression upon the French government during their stay in Paris that their concurrent embassy in London has been instructed to co-operate with them in such conferences and negotiations as may be conducted with the British government. It is known that M. Meilne and the French ministers were outspoken in expressing their sympathy for the object of their mission and in promising that their concurrence would not be wanting for the triumph of the cause of bi-metallism on international lines.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The first meeting of the conferees of the senate and house on the tariff bill was held at 12 o'clock. The Democratic members of the conference remained less than ten minutes. They withdrew upon an intimation by Republicans that they desired an opportunity to reconcile their differences before consulting the Democrats.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The senate committee on military affairs today decided upon an adverse report in the proposition of Lieut. Col. Henry E. Noyes of the Second cavalry, nominated by the president to be colonel. The charge made against Col. Noyes is that of failing to meet his financial obligations.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—An order was issued today assigning Brig.-Gen. Merriman to the command of the department of the Columbia, with headquarters at Vancouver, Wash.

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WELCOME TO DR. CLARK. All Endeavors Honor Their Famous President.

GREAT CONVENTION IS BEGUN. Two Monster Meetings in San Francisco—Mechanics' and Woodward's Pavilions Crowded to the Doors—A Greeting From President McKinley—Hundreds of Delegates Anxious to Return East by Way of Seattle.

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IN THE HOUSE. Tariff Bill Sent to Conference—Debate on Cuba.

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REBEL GEORGE AGAIN. King-Pin Gold-Brick Man Arrested in Spokane.

TRIED TO TRAP COL. PEYTON. Dressed Like a Typical Miner, Knowlton Exhibits Seventy-three Pounds of Nuggets—An Assay Shows Almost Pure Gold—His Price Was \$10,000—Swindler Gives the Name of John W. Alexander—Spokane Police Penetrate His Disguise, and Cleverly Land Him Behind the Bars.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 8.—John W. Alexander is the name given by a man arrested here today and now confined in the city jail on the charge of attempting to obtain money under false pretenses. He is said by the police officials to be none other than "Rebel George" Knowlton, king of gold brick operators, who is known all over the Northwest.

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WHATCOMB MAKES ARRANGEMENTS TO RECEIVE THE VISITORS.

WHATCOMB, Wash., July 8.—The local committee charged with the important duty of providing for the entertainment of the big excursion of the retail lumber dealers due here from the East July 24, held a meeting this afternoon and discussed a number of important details.

AT WOODWARD'S PAVILION. Welcome by Mayor Phelan—Dr. Clark at the Evening Meeting.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8.—The crowd at Woodward's pavilion was almost as large as that in Mechanics' pavilion. Rev. Howard B. Gross of Boston, president. A welcome anthem by the choir preceded the devotional exercises conducted by Rev. S. N. Jones.

MEETING OF MANY THOUSANDS. Swept by the C. & E. Wave.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8.—Long before the hour appointed for the opening of ceremonies, Mechanics' pavilion, which accommodates over 10,000 people, was occupied, women predominating, and from the stage the sight was one never to be forgotten. Seidman has an audience equal in number and appearance been absent within the walls of a building in California. At 9:30 o'clock the great gathering was called to order by Rev. E. R. Dille of this city, and after a message of welcome by the choir, brief devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Philip F. King of Holton, Tex.

RELIGION PERMEATES THE TOWN—Held at Many Churches.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8.—Denominational rallies under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor were held in no less than thirty-two churches this afternoon, and all were largely attended. Services were conducted as follows: African Methodist Protestant church—Bishop Clinton B. Rogers, Boston. First Congregational—Rev. G. C. Adams, San Francisco. Presbyterian—W. J. Darry, Evansville, Ind. Episcopal—Rev. J. S. Conroy, Calistoga, Cal. Disciples of Christ—Rev. A. C. Smith, Los Angeles. First English Lutheran—W. S. Hoskins, Sacramento. Free Baptist—Rev. J. M. Lord, Olneyville, R. I. German Evangelical—R. Homer, Kansas City. Methodist Joint Rally—Rev. Willis, Birmingham, Ala. Methodist—Rev. Mark Cowan, Pittsburg. Methodist—Rev. C. E. Eberman, Lancaster, Pa. Presbyterian—Rev. J. W. Cochran, Madison, Wis. Episcopal—Rev. Canon J. B. Richardson, London, Ont. Reformed—Rev. J. W. McMurphy, Lancaster, Pa. Reformed Episcopal—Rev. S. Fallows, Chicago.

MAILED ON SHEEP IN OREGON. Masked Men Empty Their Rifles into a Herd Near Canyon City.

HEPPNER, Ore., July 8.—News has reached here of a killing of 25 head of sheep belonging to Mrs. Kate Welch on Canyon creek, about fifteen miles from Canyon City. Six armed men, wearing masks, first went to the camp, and covering the herder and camp tender with their rifles, ordered them to give up their guns, which they did. They broke the rifle of the camp tender, and after shooting the head of the herder's gun handed it back. They then emptied their guns into the herd of sheep which was camped for the night.

CLATSOP TREASURER ARRESTED. Astoria, Ore., July 8.—B. L. Ward, treasurer of Clatsop county, and W. H. Howell, his business partner, were arrested today on a complaint charging them with embezzlement of \$2,000 of money belonging to Clatsop county. They waived examination and are bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$2,000 each.

Y. M. C. A. all around championship games at park Saturday, 2:30. Admission, 10 cents.

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