

OUR CLIMATE NO BARRIER

United States to Beat the World on Products of the Soil.

WORK OF SECRETARY WILSON

Head of Agricultural Department Says We Will Soon Compete With All Countries in Their Own Special Crops—Will Grow Better Tobacco Than Cuba and Make Better Macaroni Than Italy.

Washington, D. C.—American ingenuity is to overcome the laws of climate and put the United States ahead of all other countries in their own natural specialties. At least Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has so told President McKinley and his cabinet.

Secretary Wilson told of the experiments which are to accomplish wonders for the United States in the matter of products of the soil and the manufacture of these products. In the matter of tobacco we are soon to be independent of Cuba as to quality, and the Italian macaroni eater, here to import his favorite dish from the United States if he wants the best. "This country now sells \$30,000,000 worth of tobacco and buys \$13,000,000 worth of high priced varieties," said Secretary Wilson. "Now, our department is teaching Americans how to produce these high-priced varieties. We took the medal at Paris for Sumatra wrappers, which have been costing us \$5,000,000 per year. We have been paying \$8,000,000 per year for filler tobacco, mostly Cuban. Our experiments, we hope, will result in our producing both wrappers and fillers to meet all our demands.

"Heretofore, American-made macaroni has been considered inferior to the imported, because we did not have suitable macaroni wheats. Experiments have corrected this, so that 100,000 bushels of wheat will be grown this year, especially for the macaroni mills. In a few years we will make all our macaroni."

Secretary Wilson also told of experiments in rice culture through researches in the Far East, that will result soon in our producing all the rice we use, and that of the finest quality.

To Organize a Forestry Reserve.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Hitchcock announced after a cabinet meeting that he is preparing to organize a forestry bureau in the interior department, to carry out an extensive system of reforestation, somewhat on the plan successfully pursued in Germany. It was too early to go into details, he said, but the President and his colleagues were satisfied with the practicability of the scheme, and impressed with the results which could be achieved in restoring the rapidly disappearing woodlands of the country.

A NEW YORK BANK FAILS.

The Seventh National Unable to Meet Obligations and Controller's Requirements. New York City.—The Seventh National Bank has closed its doors. Clearing House officials do not predict that it will resume business. Its counsel, however, hints that it may be reorganized.

The bank received no comfort from the Clearing House, and its plight came of inability to settle a debit balance there of \$644,108.95, and to meet the demands of its country correspondents and the requirements of the Controller of the Currency that cash be substituted for the \$1,600,000 of Marquand & Co.'s paper.

There was Clearing House authority for the statement that no weak spots have so far been detected in any other bank or financial institution. Officers of several concerns supposed to be identified with Seventh National interests said that the failure had not affected them.

Failure of Marquand & Co.

New York City.—The banking and brokerage house of Henry Marquand & Co. has made a general assignment without preference to Frank Sullivan Smith. The generally credited explanation of the failure was the inability of the firm to secure enough financial support to take up its \$1,600,000 paper at the Seventh National Bank. Assignee Smith at once put an accountant at work on the books of the firm. He said that he had no idea yet as to the accuracy of the report in banking circles, which placed the liabilities at \$6,000,000, outside of \$2,000,000 believed to be due to Henry G. Marquand, father of Henry Marquand, of the firm.

Four Persons Drowned.

William E. Clarke, his two daughters, Mary B., aged twelve, and Frances B., aged nine, and George B. Bryan, the ten-year-old son of Green Bryan, were drowned at New Bern, N. C. The party was out rowing opposite the water works when the boat was swamped by the waves. Mr. Clarke had at different times been State Senator, Representative, Deputy Collector of Customs and Postmaster of New Bern.

Barber Gets Five Years in Prison.

Thomas G. Barber, who shot the Rev. John Keeler in Arlington, N. J., was sentenced to five years imprisonment at hard labor.

Collected by the War Taxes.

About \$600,000,000 has been collected in the past two years by the special war taxes.

New Coaling Station \$347,813.

The Navy Department, at Washington, has awarded to Augustus Smith, of New York City, the contract for establishing the extensive coaling station on Narragansett Bay, at a cost of \$347,813.

No Amusements on Memorial Day.

The Charles Russell Post, No. 7, G. R. of Boston, Mass., has started a movement for a new law to provide that no games or other amusements shall take place on Memorial Day between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Newspaper Cleanings

An English firm is manufacturing artificial marble. In Sweden gardens are adjuncts of the public schools. Mexico's jurisdiction extends to more than thirty islands. In Bavaria only five per cent. of the army recruits have sound teeth. During the past twelve months 23,000,000 hogs have squealed their last squeal in the Western packing houses. Government officials scout the idea that a foreign trade combination against the United States will be formed.

BUFFALO BANK FAILURES

The Niagara Dragged Down by the Crash of the City National.

Fears of Depositors Were Quickly Allayed by Superintendent Kilburn—Declared Other Banks Safe.

Buffalo, N. Y.—State Superintendent of Banks F. D. Kilburn has closed the doors of the Niagara Bank, a State institution. The first that the depositors knew of the bank's trouble was when the notice closing it was posted. The clerks of the institution were as much surprised as the depositors. The bank is a small one, with a capital stock of \$100,000 and no surplus. Its failure is due to the recent failure of the City National Bank.

The City National Bank, according to one statement, had loaned \$400,000 to the different concerns in which P. H. Griffin, its Vice-President, and also President of the Niagara Bank, was interested. The failure of the City National under the burden of paper which the Controller of the Currency claimed represented a creditious loans, taken in connection with the fact that concerns in which Mr. Griffin is interested had borrowed from the Niagara Bank nearly twice the amount of its capital stock, \$100,000, leaving it with its surplus entirely wiped out. It is said, caused Superintendent Kilburn to close it.

As the news of the second failure spread over town depositors flocked to other banks to draw their money. The savings banks, as well as the discount banks, were called upon. Every demand was paid. Superintendent Kilburn made a positive statement that no other bank in Buffalo is at present in an embarrassed condition, and he does not think any more failures will follow the crash of the City National and the Niagara. When this statement became public depositors in the various banks began to feel easier, and soon business affairs were back to their normal condition.

The last statement showing the condition of the Niagara Bank filed with the State Department in Albany on June 3, gave its total resources as \$1,061,194. This included loans, \$56,876; liability of directors as makers, \$88,230; due from banks, \$88,800; real estate, \$37,604; mortgages, \$9647; stocks and bonds, \$83,762; specie, \$46,122; cash items, \$27,386.

Among the liabilities are: capital, \$100,000; undivided profits, \$35,033; due depositors, \$676,772; due banks, \$40,203; due savings banks, \$105,184; due State Treasurer, \$15,000; other liabilities, \$80,000. This report says the bank had no surplus fund on June 3.

SENATOR JAMES H. KYLE DEAD.

He Never Fully Recovered From a Stroke of Paralysis in 1898. Aberdeen, S. D.—Senator Kyle is dead. He had been ill for ten days. Senator Kyle was stricken with paralysis in a hotel in Cleveland, on September 14, 1898. He was in that city visiting a college classmate. He never fully recovered from the attack.

James Henderson Kyle was born near Xenia, Ohio, in 1854. He entered the University of Illinois in 1871, but left it in 1873 to enter Oberlin College. He was graduated from the classical course in 1875; prepared for admission to the bar, but afterward entered the Western Theological Seminary at Allegheny, Penn., being graduated in 1882.

He was elected to the State Senate on the Independent ticket in 1890. After a contest lasting twenty-seven days, upon the fourth ballot he was elected as an Independent to the United States Senate to succeed Gideon C. Moody. He took his seat March 4, 1891. He was re-elected in 1897. In 1899 Senator Kyle announced his abandonment of the Populist Party. Since then he had been classified in the Congressional Directory as a Republican.

A GIFT TO BRITISH NAVY.

The Hospital Ship Maine Presented to the Admiralty. London.—The Earl of Selborne, First Lord of the Admiralty, announced in the House of Lords that he had great gratification in informing the House that the hospital ship Maine, which long women for the use of the wounded and sick in South Africa, had been presented to the British Navy and accepted.

The Earl of Selborne read a letter from Bernard Baker, offering the Maine, and also read the Government's reply, accepting the ship. Lord Selborne added that the women of the Maine committee had given the ship's hospital fittings. This gift of citizens and women of the United States was, he said, a most gracious one.

WIFE WATCHED HIM STRANGLE.

Professor Birtwell Caught in a Noose He Had Used Climbing a Tree. Albuquerque, N. M.—Professor Francis J. Birtwell, of Boston, was high up in a tree after a bird's nest at Rio Pecos when a rope he was using caught on a limb, the loop tightened around his neck and he was slowly strangled to death before the eyes of his bride of a month, who with two men stood at the foot of the tree unable to help the unfortunate man.

A ladder had to be secured to get the body down. Mr. and Mrs. Birtwell were married here about a month ago, and were spending their honeymoon on the Rio Pecos forest reserve.

Long Island Crops in Danger.

The drought and heat have wrought havoc among the farmers all through the eastern and central parts of Long Island. There has not been a drop of rain to afford relief to the burning crops, and there is danger that unless rain comes soon there will be great loss.

Business Failures For a Week.

Business failures during the past week, according to R. G. Dunn & Co., numbered 204 in the United States and twenty-three in Canada.

Sporting Briefs.

"Tom" Cooper has won a ten mile cycle race at Vailsburg, N. J., in record time. "Tom" Daly has been made President of the Baseball Players' Protective Association.

Banister Has Been Fired and Blistered

and is not at all likely to be seen out again this year. W. C. Whitney's American bred filly Elizabeth M. has won the Fern Hill Stakes at Ascot, England.

The first team of the Philadelphia Country Club has won at polo from the second team by 7 to 0.

BIG SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR

Government Receipts About \$76,000,000 Above Expenditures.

CASH BALANCE OF \$175,000,000

Comparative Statement of the Government Receipts and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Just Ended—Record Breaking National Treasury Figures—Surplus For June, \$17,288,700.

Washington, D. C.—The comparative statement of the Government receipts and expenditures shows that during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1901, the total receipts from all sources amounted to \$588,848,300, and the disbursements to \$509,983,310, leaving a surplus for the year of \$78,864,990.

The receipts from customs during the year amounted to \$238,786,740, as against \$233,164,871 for the fiscal year 1900.

Internal revenue receipts were \$305,514,410, as against \$295,327,926 for last year. Miscellaneous receipts were \$41,547,157, as against \$38,748,053 for last year.



THE "JAG" OF THE MODERN MILLIONAIRE. —From the New York World.

The disbursements during the year are given as follows: Civil and miscellaneous, \$122,310,434; War, \$144,620,590; Navy, \$60,515,387; Indians, \$10,806,006; Pensions, \$139,323,489; Interest, \$2,317,402. The total disbursements for the year were \$229,595,519 in excess of those for last year.

The monthly statement shows that during June the receipts amounted to \$50,333,907, and the disbursements to \$33,045,147, leaving a surplus for the month of \$17,288,700.

The receipts from customs were \$28,409,578; from internal revenue, \$15,431,597; and from miscellaneous sources, \$6,492,727. The total receipts for the month were about \$1,100,000 less than in June last year.

The statement of the public debt shows that at the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 1901, the debt less cash in the Treasury, amounted to \$1,044,739,120, a decrease during June of \$17,757,874. This decrease is accounted for in the main by an increase in the cash on hand.

The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest-bearing debt, \$987,141,040; Debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, 1,415,020; Debt bearing no interest, 333,015,894.

Total, \$1,371,572,244. This total does not include \$771,754,689 in certificates and Treasury notes outstanding, which are offset by an equal amount of cash on hand held for their redemption.

The cash in the Treasury is classified as follows: Gold reserve fund, \$150,000,000; Trust funds, \$71,754,689; General fund, \$158,697,248; In National bank deposits, \$10,416,974.

A CARNEGIE IN RUSSIA.

M. Solodovnikoff Leaves \$10,000,000 For Schools and Workers. St. Petersburg, Russia.—A Moscow millionaire, M. Solodovnikoff, bequeathed princely sums for educational purposes, and his will has just been approved by the courts after a hard legal struggle. The relatives received modest allowances. The remainder of the estate, estimated at \$10,500,000, is to be divided into three parts, of which two will form funds for the establishing of elementary and professional schools in the governments of Volodga, Archangel and Tver, and the remainder will be devoted to the eregging of workmen's dwellings in Moscow. The rent for each family shall not exceed \$2.50 a month.

Lightning Kills an Elephant.

Lightning struck the animal tent of a circus at Eau Claire, Wis., killing the trick elephant and stunning the entire menagerie. Many persons were severely shocked.

Negro Corporal Promoted.

Another 'negro soldier has been added to the list, which number but eight, of negro officers of the United States Army. He is Corporal L. E. Green, Company H, Twenty-fourth Infantry, who has been appointed a Second Lieutenant and assigned to the Twenty-fifth Infantry.

930 Captive Boers at Bermuda.

The British transport Armanian has arrived at Hamilton, Bermuda, with 930 Boers, who were captured by British troops in South Africa.

Prominent People.

Lord Salisbury rides his tricycle before breakfast on bright mornings. Extensive golf links have been laid out at Frogmore for King Edward VII.

Former Governor Campbell, of Ohio, is preparing to acquire citizenship in New York. Kalamazoo College has conferred the degree of LL.D. upon Senator J. C. Burrows, of Michigan.

The czar has accepted Emperor William's invitation to view the grand army manoeuvres at Dantzig, West Prussia.

LIGHTNING KILLS ELEVEN

Ten Boys and One Man Struck Dead Under a Chicago Pier.

Had Been Fishing and Sought Refuge From a Storm—Bodies Mixed in a Tangled Mass.

Chicago.—Huddled under Montrose Pier, a mile above the north end of Lincoln Park, ten boys and one man were struck dead in a heap by lightning which swept Lakeview. A twelfth victim, a boy, was found alive under the pile of bodies. He was unconscious and badly burned. He was taken as rapidly as possible to the Alexian Brothers' Hospital.

The survivor is William Anderson. He regained consciousness at the hospital, but is paralyzed from his hips down. He was so weak he could hardly talk, but he gave the names of two of his comrades who were killed. They are Fritz Kusel, eleven years old, Robey and Addison streets; George Bravham, twelve years old, Robey and Addison streets.

The victims had been fishing and enjoying the cooling breezes, and when the storm came up they got under the pier for safety. The lightning which caused the accident burned out all the telephone wires in the neighborhood,

MINOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

The law repealing the war taxes on telegrams and bank checks went into effect.

Mrs. McKinley, with the President, took the first carriage ride she had had in a long while.

At the State Department a protocol was signed, which extends for one year the pending reciprocity treaty between the United States and Santo Domingo.

While trying to save a yellow dog from drowning George B. Washington, of Washington, was drowned.

President McKinley appointed F. H. Hawks, of Huntington, W. Va., warden of the new Federal Prison at Atlanta, Ga.

There were 25,598 patents issued by the Patent Office for the fiscal year just closed, breaking the record.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

The Grand Jury called to investigate the charges of bribery in the Hawaiian Legislature reported that it found no evidence of bribery.

No more to raise the battleship Maine, sunk in Havana Harbor, was made.

General A. W. Greely arrived at Manila, as did fifty teachers from the United States.

Atanasio Taitano Peres was appointed to be the first postmaster of the island of Guam.

All Cubans must be vaccinated, a Commission having been appointed for the purpose.

Harold M. Pitt, Government contractor, was acquitted of the charge of improperly purchasing Government stores at Manila.

In a fight with insurgents in Samar, P. I., Lieutenant Edward E. Downes, First Infantry, was killed.

The Navy Department will order an investigation of the trouble between Commander Schroeder, the Governor of Guam, and his men.

DOMESTIC.

A cave-in of the roof of the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel in Baltimore, Md., caught the express car of a passenger train, a catastrophe being narrowly averted.

With his head crushed, and throat cut, Robert Crompton, a farmer, was found murdered in his barn at Saunderville, R. I.

By a vote of sixty-nine to fourteen the Virginia Constitutional Convention refused to take an oath to support the Constitution of the United States.

Improperly secured loans to manufacturing concerns and losses on real estate caused closing of the City National Bank of Buffalo, N. Y.

The only six-masted schooner in the world were in collision off Cape Cod. Both were badly damaged.

Poisoned lemonade is supposed to have caused the death of Michael and Tony Budz, little boys, at Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Wintner, formerly of New York City, who last April shot and killed William Lenard, a gambler, for cheating, was acquitted at Granite Falls, Minn.

With about 900 passengers from South Norwalk, Conn., aboard, the excursion steamer Mohawk sank on the Ledger Reef, near Glen Island.

The United States Grand Jury, at Helena, Mont., reported 102 indictments against land grabbers in the State.

Two guards, brothers named Nesbitt, of Baton Rouge, at the State convict camp, near New Orleans, La., were killed by a third guard.

Gerónimo, the famous Apache chief, arrived at the Exposition at Buffalo, N. Y. He is under guard.

Seven tobacco rehandling houses and thirty-two small residences at Mayfield, Ky., were burned. Loss, \$200,000; partially insured.

Wholesale grocers of Saginaw, Mich., formed a trust capitalized at \$8,000,000.

Dr. William S. Wynn was elected President of the University of Alabama.

Stephen Clark, a gambler, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., killed Pearl Clark, while in a jealous rage and then fatally stabbed himself.

EXPLOSIVE IN HER MAIL

An Internal Machine is Sent to Jay Cooke's Granddaughter.

PRETTY GIRL'S NARROW ESCAPE

The Failure to Obtain \$10,000 From Charles D. Barney by Threats Against His Family Leads to an Attempt to Murder—The Nature of the Box Discovered by the Coachman.

Philadelphia, Penn.—Several efforts that have been made to blackmail Charles D. Barney out of \$10,000 by threats to kill members of his family culminated in an attempt to injure Miss Laura Barney, his youngest daughter. A few days ago Charles Storm, Mr. Barney's coachman, went as usual for the mail to the Ogontz Postoffice. He received several letters and a package, the latter addressed to Miss Laura. It happened that an end of the box had been broken, and from it dropped several fine black grains of powder. Storm showed them to the postmaster, who said they were gunpowder. He then took the package to the house, but before he gave it to Miss Barney warned her to be careful.

She cut away the paper and found within a two-pound candy box, and when she removed the lid of this she found the box was nearly full of powder. Fastened to the lid was a pin which held in place a diminutive hammer attached to a spring, and beneath it an explosive cap, which was so placed that the spark from it would have ignited the powder.

There was sufficient powder to kill a person standing near had it exploded. When Mr. Barney returned home he reported the case to the police here. He also gave the police several threatening letters. The first of these he received on February 19. It demanded that \$10,000, \$1000 in ten-dollar notes and the remainder in hundred-dollar notes, be given to an agent of the writer.

No attention was paid to the letter. On March 9 a second letter was received demanding that the money be sent to Stanley Wood, Ogontz, and threatening that if it was not sent the writer would kill Mrs. Barney or her daughter, or then kill himself.

Two detectives were employed in the case, but they learned nothing. Two weeks later a third letter was received by Mr. Barney. This demanded that the money be placed near Chestnut Hills station, at the foot of the walk to John Wanamaker's country place. A bundle was placed in the designated spot, and detectives hired to watch it with no success.

No more was thought of the letters until the box was received by Miss Laura. The letters were printed, but the addresses were written in a feminine hand which was disguised by writing backward. Mr. Barney is a son-in-law of Jay Cooke, the veteran financier, and is a well-known stock broker. His home is situated near those of many other millionaires, among them being William L. Elkins, P. A. B. Widener and John E. Stetson.

It is said that letters making similar threats have been sent to other men in the neighborhood.

KILLED WOULD-BE LYNCHERS.

Negro Hunted by a Mob Fights at Bay and Slays Two Assassins. Panther, W. Va.—Peter Price, a negro, cornered in a house by a band of citizens bent on lynching him, on a charge of having insulted a woman, killed George Hooks and F. M. McGraw and stabbed Charles Davis. The murder occurred at Jaeger, a small town five miles south of here.

Price, on seeing his pursuers, took refuge in a room in the rear of a saloon. The mob battered down the door, and as they entered the room Price threw himself at them, having a knife in each hand. Hooks and McGraw fell to the floor. With one lunge Price stabbed Davis and then he leaped from the window. He was pursued and captured by officers, who sent him to the jail at Welch.

A CHAIN OF TORPEDO BOATS.

The Atlantic and Gulf Coasts Are to Be Well Defended. Washington, D. C.—The Naval Torpedo Board has practically decided on the points to be recommended as rendezvous for the torpedo boat flotillas, namely, Portsmouth Grove on Narragansett Bay, seven miles from Newport, as headquarters for the North Atlantic group; Charleston or Port Beaufort as headquarters for the South Atlantic group, and Pensacola, Fla., as headquarters for the Gulf group.

The plan of the board is to select intermediate stations as fast as possible, so that eventually there will be a chain of torpedo-boat defenses along the Atlantic coast and the Gulf.

PLACQUE KILLED 600,000.

Famine Cut Down India's Population More Than 13,000,000. London.—A Blue Book on India, just issued, shows that the mortality from the plague for the five years ending March, 1901, was nearly 600,000 and that \$91,950,000 was expended for the relief of famine sufferers during the years 1899-1900.

The increase in population in the past ten years was only five to six millions, instead of the normal nineteen millions. The loss represented deaths from famine and the decrease in births in consequence of the famine.

Sampson Gets \$3300 Prize Money.

Warrants have been issued by the Treasury Department, at Washington, in favor of Rear-Admiral William T. Sampson for \$3300 and Captain French E. Chadwick for \$696 for their shares of prize money decreed to them by the Court of Claims.

Troops to Stay in Cuba.

There is no intention on the part of the War Department, at Washington, to reduce the military force in Cuba at the present time or in the immediate future.

The National Game.

Toronto has in Louis Bruce an Indian captain. McGinnity, of Baltimore, seems to have lost his cunning.

President Soden says he favors a return to the twelve-club league. The Eastern Club has withdrawn from the Pennsylvania League, thus disbanding it.

Pitcher High, of the Newport News Club, is the star pitcher of his league, and is considered a second Matthew Cress throughout Virginia League circles.

Rotterdam gave a royal reception to President Kruger.

OUR BUDGET HUMOR

An Old, Old, Old Story—An Inference—News For Papa—A Factor—Extremes—The Waving O'—Facts in the Case—A Kindly Warning, Etc., Etc.

A little boy, a little match, A little hesitation, A little smile, a little scratch, And childish consternation. A little scream, a little gleam, And then the sparks and crashes; And end of some one's happy dream— A little pile of ashes. —Chicago Record-Herald.

An Inference.

Mrs. Witherby—"I had to wait four cable cars before one would stop." Witherby—"And then was there a blockade?"—Harper's Bazar.

News For Papa.

Miss Innocence—"Papa, how do the weather observers find out what sort of weather we are going to have?" Papa—"I was not aware they did."—Baltimore World.

A Factor.

The Father—"How many detectives do you think will be enough to guard the wedding presents?" Chief—"About how many guests will there be?"—Harper's Bazar.

Extremes.

Teacher—"Edmund, define the words refuse and refusal." Edmund—"Refusal is what a fellow finds in a summer girl, and refuse is what he finds in the streets of Chicago."—Chicago News.

The Waving O'.

"Every few minutes she would say, 'Oh! go 'long!'" "Well?" "Then, when I would start towards the door, she would say, 'Oh! sit down! You aren't in any hurry.'"—Puck.

Facts in the Case.

Wife—"John, I wish you would have a new clothes wringer sent up to-day." Husband (a butcher)—"My dear, that isn't exactly in my line." Wife—"Then whose line is it in?" Husband—"In the clothesline probably."—Chicago News.

A Kindly Warning.

"I never can love you, Mr. Simpson—I never can love you; I never can." "Well, please don't dwell on the subject so, Miss Perkins; I am one of those dangerous, excitable beings to whom opposition is encouragement."—Puck.

Watch Your Wife.

Fond Mother—"John, do look at that child; he has your watch in his mouth and will swallow it!" John (who is a bachelor brother-in-law and very fond of babies)—"Oh, don't be the least bit alarmed; I have got hold of the chain. It can't go far."—Tit-Bits.