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BIMETALLIC PROPOSALS

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AN OFFICIAL REPORT

Of Proceedings Before the Commission

FRANCE WAS WILLING TO ACT

JOINTLY WITH COMMERCIAL NATIONS

The First Lord of the Treasury States Definitely That the English Mints Will Not Coin Silver

Associated Press Special Wire.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—The correspondence in regard to the bimetallic proposal of the United States monetary commission was issued by the foreign office this evening. The following account of the negotiations is taken from the official publication:

At the conference held at the foreign office on July 12th the premier, Marquis of Salisbury; the secretary of state for India, Lord George Hamilton; the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach; the first lord of the treasury, Mr. A. J. Balfour; the United States ambassador, Col. John Hay; and the United States monetary commissioners, Senator Edward O. Wolcott of Colorado, ex-Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois and Gen. Charles Jackson Payne of Massachusetts, were present.

On the invitation of the British premier, Senator Wolcott explained the object of the mission.

The marquis of Salisbury asked if France was ready to open her mints to free coinage, and Senator Wolcott replied "Yes."

The premier thereupon inquired at what ratio France would open her mints. Senator Wolcott said at 15:1, adding that the American envoys had accepted this ratio.

The senator then presented the following list of contributions which, among others, he suggested Great Britain might make:

First—The opening of the Indian mints and the repeal of the order making the sovereign legal tender in India.

Second—Placing one-fifth of the bulk in the issue department of the Bank of England in silver.

Third—Raising the legal tender limit of silver to £10 and issuing 20-shilling notes based on silver, which shall be legal tender, and the retirement, in graduation or otherwise, of the 10-shilling gold pieces and the substitution of paper based on silver.

Fourth—An agreement to coin annually so much silver, the amount to be left open.

Fifth—The opening of the English mints to the coinage of rupees and the coinage of British dollars which shall be full legal tender in the Straits settlements and other silver standard colonies and tender in the United Kingdom to the limit of silver legal tender.

Sixth—Colonial action and the coinage of silver in Egypt.

Seventh—Something having the general scope of the Huskisson plan.

The meeting then closed and it was understood by the parties that, owing to the absence of the French ambassador from the proceedings, they should be regarded as informal, and a second conference should be held on the 15th, in which, in addition to those already mentioned, the French ambassador and M. Gouffey, the counselor of the French embassy, were present.

The French ambassador was invited to declare the position of the French government, and he said, France was ready to reopen her mints to the coinage of silver if the commercial nations adopted the same course, and he advocated at great length the ratio of 15:1. But, he explained, France would not consider the reopening of the mints of India alone as being sufficient guarantee to permit the French government to reopen the French mints to the free coinage of silver.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach then announced definitely that Great Britain would not agree to open the English mints to the unlimited coinage of silver, and that whatever views he and his colleagues might separately hold regarding bimetallicism, he could say that they were united on this point.

Baron de Courcel said, as a personal suggestion, that among other contributions, he thought Great Britain should consider the Indian mints and also agree to purchase annually £10,000,000 sterling of silver for a series of years.

Senator Wolcott accepted the proposal that the British government should make this purchase with proper safeguards and provisions as to the place and manner of its use.

Since this conference the British government has been considering the proposals and finally made the reply handed the United States ambassador yesterday and called exclusively to the Associated Press.

The reply of the government of India, upon which Lord Salisbury based his declaration is a long document, giving an emphatic negative to the proposal to reopen the Indian mints.

general, and by the following ordinary members of the council: Sir James Westland, financial member of the council; Sir John Woodburn, major general; Sir E. H. Collin, Hon. Mackenzie Dalzell Ogilvie, Hon. A. Trevor.

PAPERS SERVED

Ebanks' Case Gives Rise to Strange Complications

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—The papers in the case of the contempt proceedings against Captain John C. Edgar, acting warden of San Quentin, were served on that official today and Acting Attorney General Garter took immediate action in the matter. A request was made on the district attorney at San Diego that the date of the hearing of the Edgar case be postponed until the arrival of Attorney General Fitzgerald from the capital. It is not thought there will be any objection to this course.

While it is desired that the chief law officer of the state shall have charge of the proceedings, there is another reason for this course. In the absence of the warden of San Quentin, Captain Edgar is the only man authorized to act in his place at the prison. Should the acting official be drawn to San Diego there would be no one to take up the functions of the warden.

Attorney General Fitzgerald will endeavor to have the Edgar case presented to the court in its opinion in the Duran case, take up the point as to whether or not the appeal from the district court's decision shall act as a stay of execution.

QUEEN AND PRINCESS

CONFERENCE REGARDING HAWAII'S THRONE

Liliuokalani Claims to Know That Congress Will Defeat the Schemes of Annexationists

Special to The Herald.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Princess Kaiulani left Washington this afternoon for San Francisco, from which place she will sail for Hawaii. The princess held an interview with ex-Queen Liliuokalani today, and though few details were made public, the princess expressed her full belief that in due time she would be placed on the Hawaiian throne.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani gave the princess to understand that at the coming session of congress the annexation would surely be defeated. Liliuokalani expects to confer with President McKinley relative to affairs in Hawaii within a fortnight.

THE SCHOFIELD MURDER

Dutcher's Story Told for the Fortieth Time

SAN JOSE, Oct. 22.—The case for the defense in the trial of Dan Dutcher for the murder of George W. Schofield, has just returned from Alaska, where he spent some time in the Minook river valley. He says:

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A letter from Rampart City, Alaska, the center of the Minook district, says: "Deputy Collector Ross of Circle City has made investments in the new field. F. Baxter and O. C. Johnson have purchased No. 12 on Minook. James D. Boogie of Sioux City and H. F. Hubbard of Chicago bought the discovery claim for \$5000. Baxter has also purchased a half interest in another claim on Minook and one on Hunter. No. 6 on Minook is the claim out of which it is asserted 122 ounces were taken in thirty working days. The owners have refused \$40,000 for this claim, but would sell for \$55,000."

A LAWYER SUED

Complication of Mrs. Angell's Gould-Estate Claims

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 22.—Margaret E. Cody entered suit in the district court today for \$25,000 damages against Melville C. Brown, at one time member of congress. The defendant is attorney for the Goulds in their fight against Mary Angell, who claims to have been a wife of Jay Gould. The complaint states that the defendant published a false, scandalous, malicious, defamatory and libelous article about her.

The article in question stated that Mrs. Cody had made certain statements to M. C. Brown at Russe's point and other places regarding Mrs. Angell and her actions. Mrs. Cody claims that the publication has brought her into disgrace and ruined her business.

A Miners' Display

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—The new Executive Committee of the Miners' Association will at once consider plans for a proper exhibit of the mineral resources of the State at the Transmississippi and International Exhibition to be held next year at Omaha. The Southern end of the State has asked for the appointment of 2000 feet of space for its various exhibits and the State Board of Trade is now considering the making of a display in addition to that undertaken by the various interests separately. The plans for the Paris Exposition may somewhat hamper the Omaha display.

ALASKAN AFFAIRS

Commented on by Gov. Brady

TRANSPORTATION OF MAILS

EASILY EFFECTED BY USE OF REINDEER

The Greatest Need of the Territory Is Extension of the Land Laws.

Mining Matters

Associated Press Special Wire.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The report of John G. Brady, governor of Alaska for the past fiscal year, has been submitted to the secretary of the interior. It estimates the present population at 20,000 natives and 10,000 whites; predicts that he will be sent all over Alaska during the winter, and recommends that \$100,000 be appropriated for government buildings and \$50,000 for schools.

It says nothing has so retarded Alaska's substantial growth as the helplessness of settlers to obtain titles to their homes on account of the failure of congress to extend the general land laws, and urges congress to create a commission of five—one senator, one representative and three bona fide Alaska residents—to codify laws for Alaska. The secretary of the treasury is urged to confine the hunting of sea otters to the natives, for if the white man is not shut off at once the Aleuts will have to be cared for by the government.

Reviewing gold operations, Governor Brady says: "Shipload after shipload of gold seekers and their freight has been rushed to the extreme limit of salt water navigation (Lynn canal) and there they have been literally dumped upon the beach, some above high water and many below as they learned to their sorrow when the water covered them as they slept. The gold seekers have had a terrible time, but they are brave and started out to endure hardships. As a class, they rank above the average manhood of the country. Lumber is in demand and lots are selling as high as \$500. Americans are anxious to secure a route to the Yukon which shall be entirely upon United States territory. Different parties are now out and are carefully examining the mountains between Yakutat and Cook Inlet. This is the third season of work in Cook Inlet. The excitement over the Klondike has drawn many away from that district; nevertheless the output of gold this year will be no mean sum. The possibilities of the whole region bordering upon this inlet and upon Prince William sound will draw crowds of adventurers in the near future."

THE MINOOK REGION

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IT EXPLODED

FRESNO, Oct. 22.—Some one left fully a hundred dynamite cartridges scattered along the railroad track near town. Alfred Carr, son of L. L. Carr, a prominent citizen of this place, found the cartridges and struck one of them with a hammer. The cartridge exploded, blowing away one of Carr's fingers and a thumb, besides otherwise seriously injuring him. Great indignation is expressed here that such dangerous cartridges should be left where children could get them.

A Fire at Chico

CHICO, Oct. 22.—At 3 o'clock this morning the planing mill of Coggin Bros. and the barley crusher of H. W. Bartlett were burned to the ground. Both were in the same building. The cause of the fire is unknown, but a man believed to have been sleeping in the mill is being held, pending an investigation. The total loss is \$3000; insurance \$1000.

Guests of Jeter

SANTA CRUZ, Oct. 22.—Governor Budd and wife arrived this evening and are the guests of Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Jeter at their residence on Beach hill. Their stay here is indefinite.

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TO THE TELEGRAPH NEWS

General Miles reports on conditions and needs of the United States army. Great Britain distinctly declines to open new mints to the coinage of silver.

A Portland man commits suicide by jumping from the top of a six-story building.

First Assistant Postmaster-General Heath reports on the work of his department.

Twelve of the crew of the wrecked Seladon reach London and tell their story of suffering.

Major Davis reports that specifications for harbor work at San Pedro will soon be completed.

Governor Brady of Alaska reports of affairs in the territory; reports from the mining regions.

Fred Gilbert wins the Dupont cup and the world's wingshot championship; results on turf and track.

Princess Kaiulani leaves Washington for Hawaii, fully expecting to be enthroned as queen of the islands.

Princeton university celebrates its one hundred and fifty-first birthday and ex-president Cleveland delivers an address.

Russell Sage denies the report that he is forming a syndicate to buy the Northern Pacific; Gen. Thomas says he is not responsible for the story, but has promised to subscribe ten million dollars.

Reports from the yellow fever section show the situation improved; the California board of health ready to deal with imported cases; a conference of county health boards called for next Thursday.

"Cumberland Home-Made Catsup," were examined by the inspectors, and it was found, that instead of catsup, each case contained two five-gallon kegs of whisky.

PLANS ALMOST READY

FOR THE WORK TO BE DONE AT SAN PEDRO

Failure to Appropriate Funds Is No Obstacle to the Letting of the Contract

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—Major C. E. L. Davis of the corps of engineers of the United States army states that the specifications for the contract for the construction of the new breakwater located at San Pedro by the harbor board, of which Admiral Walker was chairman, will be completed in a few days.

"The fact that congress made no appropriation for the breakwater proper," says Major Davis, "is not necessarily an obstacle in the way of letting the contract. Advertisements are frequently made and construction work begun on federal improvements before the appropriations are available."

"San Clemente island is owned by the United States for lighthouse purposes. Rock will be at once taken from there for the improvement of Wilmington harbor. I shall recommend to the war department that authority be secured from the lighthouse bureau to draw upon San Clemente quarries, and the specifications provide for the use of that rock if it is of good quality."

ONE MORE MONUMENT

Unveiled to the Memory of Kaiser Wilhelm I.

CARLSRUHE, Oct. 22.—Emperor William yesterday inspected the monument in honor of his grandfather, William I, erected on Kaiser Platz. In response to the burgomaster's address his majesty said: "This monument is a patriotic memorial which we have erected in honor of our great-grandfather. Just as it was a pleasure and popular custom in Berlin for everybody before commencing the day's work to go and view the emperor sitting at his writing table window and then proceed to their duties more cheerful of heart, so may anyone who beholds this memorial monument find therein exhortation to joyfully do his duty for the welfare of the town and fatherland."

His majesty concluded with calling for three cheers for the grand duke of Baden.

A Bad Halfbreed

EUREKA, Oct. 22.—News reached this city today of a serious affray that occurred on Monday night at Archie McBride's Mountain View, in which Cad McLaughlin, a white man of Eureka, was struck on the head with a rifle barrel and cut five times with a pocketknife by William Roland, a halfbreed. The trouble was caused by the alleged disappearance of \$5 in coin belonging to Roland, who accused McLaughlin of taking it. The money, however, was afterward found among Roland's effects. McLaughlin will recover.

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JOHN W. BACKUS OF PORTLAND

CHOOSES A HIDEOUS METHOD OF SUICIDE

He Climbs to the Top of a Six-Story Building and Deliberately Jumps Into Space

Associated Press Special Wire.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 22.—John W. Backus committed suicide this afternoon by jumping from the sixth story of the Worcester building to the stone pavement, sixty feet below. Nearly every bone in his body was broken and he lived only a few minutes after the fatal plunge.

Backus has had financial troubles of late, and this it is thought deranged his mind. No one saw him make the fatal leap. The elevator boy says that Backus had called there twice today. The first time was at 10 o'clock, when he was taken up to the fifth floor. After remaining there several minutes he went down and out of the building. He returned at 12:15, p. m., and was once more taken up to the fifth floor, where he got out of the elevator. He then ascended the stairs to the sixth floor, and walking around to the outside of the court jumped over the railing to his death.

Judge Alexander Sweek and Paul R. Deady were conversing in the office at that time. The window opening into the court was up, and they noticed a shadow suddenly pass the window. A second later they heard a report resembling that of a shotgun, and looking out of the window saw the prostrate form of a man lying on the basement floor.

It is believed that Backus contemplated suicide when he first went up into the building this morning. He was perfectly sober both times when he visited the building, and there is no doubt that it is a case of deliberate suicide. It has been known for some time by his friends that Backus has had considerable trouble over financial matters. Several years ago he purchased a ranch on the Tualatin river, about ten miles from Portland, paying \$10,000 for it. The ranch was cut up into acreage plats, but it was not disposed of as rapidly as expected, and Backus was somewhat embarrassed.

The home of Backus is on the East Side, where he resides with his family. He has lived in Portland about ten years and bore an excellent reputation. When he first came to this city he engaged in the lumber business. But when he purchased the ranch he gave all his attention to managing the affairs of that enterprise, although still continuing to live in Portland.

Coroner Koehler found a letter addressed to his wife. It was a long communication and referred principally to personal affairs, particularly his life insurance. It was first dated Oct. 11th and a postscript dated Oct. 22. The letter was written in German and concluded with the words: "Good-bye, loving wife, for the last time."

STAYED TOO LONG

Engineer Chambers to Be Tried by Court Martial

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—Passed Assistant Engineer W. B. Chambers of the gunboat Marietta is on trial before a naval court martial at San Francisco today, staying a three-days' leave of absence granted two weeks ago. Chambers was not relieved from duty at the time, as the vessel was going to Alaska, and it was understood that he would be tried at Sitka. An accident to the Marietta, however, delayed her departure, and it was decided to hold the court martial at once on the battleship Oregon, now in port. Capt. Whiting, Commander Book, Lieut.-Commander Perkins, Lieut. Stoney and Chief Engineers Stevenson, Nauman and Gage, with Capt. Dickens of the marine corps as judge-advocate, were detailed as court martial to try Mr. Chambers and began their sittings today.

Little was done beyond the organization of the court and the trial will last for several days.

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