

BICYCLISTS ARE IN POSSESSION

Members of the L. A. W. Rally in Great Force at Philadelphia.

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Policemen With Red Lanterns Enforce Regulations at the City of Brotherly Love.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 5.—The city is practically in the possession of the League of American Wheelmen. Over 17,000 visitors registered at the league's headquarters to-day. Fully 25,000 will be on hand to-morrow.

To-day there were runs to Valley Forge, Wissahickon, West Fairmount Park and the Quaker City Country Club. Prominent members and officials of the league have been arriving all day.

Members of the racing board held a meeting this afternoon. Various matters were discussed, but nothing of importance was given out. The suggestion that the board consent to allow winners of mile amateur and professional races to meet Saturday and decide the question of the American championship it was thought would come up for action. Chairman Mott, however, says no action was taken on the question.

The continued absence of President Elliott from the meeting is causing much criticism. The most important feature of the meet will be the races held to-morrow and Saturday at Willow Grove Park track. All the crack professional and amateur riders have arrived, and some of them indulged in practice spins to-day. Bald, Kiser, Cooper and Gardner are favorites for professional championship honors. Bald is in better condition than the other three, and, under a somewhat more surprising form, the Buffalo rider should win the short-distance championship events handsly. There are half a dozen speedy amateurs representing the East and West who will compete in the championship races of this class, and no one is conceded to have any advantage.

One feature of the meet is the presence of the great number of wheelwomen. Special provisions have been made for their entertainment. Several thousand new members have been enrolled in the league since the opening of the meet yesterday.

During the day leading officials of the division ranking first in membership got together, and as a result political contentions were exchanged. A correspondent learned there is a strong movement backed by the Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and New Jersey divisions to nominate and support George D. Gideon for the presidency at the next election. There is a general sentiment among prominent members of the league that the incumbent should not be re-elected.

This afternoon Indianapolis boomers banqueted seventy-five influential men. The Mayor of Hoosierville vouchsafed the information that the traditional keys and latches will not be necessary at Indianapolis if they got the next National meeting. The walls of the city, he said, would be torn down for the occasion. He expressed so much enthusiasm that he was proposed and cheered as the next Governor of Indiana.

The most regular attendants of L. A. W. meets agree that never before was such thorough, effective work done by a city anxious to entertain the league.

Broad street, one of the principal bicycle thoroughfares of the city, was alive with riders to-night, and visitors note the city enforces peculiar regulations. Policemen are stationed in the middle of streets with red lanterns forcing riders to keep to the right and left under penalty of arrest.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED SLAIN.

During Recent Fighting Near Calcutta Artillery Fires Upon a Mob of Mill Hands.

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 5.—The Evening News publishes a letter from a Calcutta volunteer reiterating the statement that during the recent rioting near there the artillery fired point blank at a mob of 9,000 mill hands, who were marching to join the rioters, with the result that 1,500 of the natives were killed.

All men in Calcutta, the writer says, go about their daily duty with revolvers in their pockets, not knowing what moment they will be attacked, and houses are all equipped with revolvers, rifles, and bayonets.

WOMEN BATHERS DROWNED.

Thirty Swimming-Tank Washed Away and Over One Hundred Lost.

BERLIN, GERMANY, Aug. 5.—News has been received here of a terrible disaster in the River Duster at the town of Kremenchuk, due to the unusually high water in the river.

While a swimming bath anchored in the river was crowded with women bathers it suddenly broke loose and was swept away by the rapid current.

It is estimated that there were fully 200 women in the bath when it was swept away. Of these not more than half were saved, and the others, fully 100 in number, were drowned.

SILVER AT A LOW LEVEL.

The Fall of the White Metal Paralyzes the Mexican Market.

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, Aug. 5.—The unprecedented fall of silver to-day in New York and London created a sensation among business men here and for a time paralyzed the markets. The parity call for a 130-cent gold premium here, but to-day's quotations were 130 and 132 per cent. Afterward the markets were easier and it fell to 128. Merchants have advanced all prices on exported goods 20 and 25 per cent.

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LONDON, Eng., Aug. 5.—B. F. Hawkesley, counsel for Cecil Rhodes, in an interview to-day declared that the report circulated by the Morning Post of this city, that Mr. Rhodes and Alfred Bell, the former a resident director at Cape Town of the British South African Company, had personally raised the Transvaal Government 2,500,000 as indemnity for the raid of Dr. Jameson and his followers into the Transvaal in December, 1895, is "all nonsense."

Lost in the Flood.

ODESSA, RUSSIA, Aug. 5.—The bridge at Kerch in the Crimea weakened by the flood collapsed to-day. Thirty-eight persons were drowned.

MUTSU HITO, THE RULER OF JAPAN.



Mutsu Hito, Japan's Emperor, acquires fresh interest to Americans now that the country are busy in a diplomatic way concerning the Hawaiian Islands. The Mikado has managed the affairs of his empire in a very discreet fashion during the past dozen years of change and war. He began to reign at the tender age of 17, and his rule has been wise and gentle. Although not always free from the chicanery of designing ministers, Mutsu Hito has been able to reward faithful and honest servants of state, and punish the evil men whose influences, even though under the guise of reform, were not always for the best. Since the adoption of the constitutional government his conduct has won him praise even from those who have sought to embarrass him in the extremely delicate positions in which he has been placed by the turmoil of Japanese politics. The Emperor was married in 1868 to Princess Huru-Ko, a most charming and accomplished lady, who, like her husband, is warmly in favor of the progressive movement which has done so much to bring Japan forward of late years. The Emperor is both liberal and enlightened, and to him as much as to any one is to be attributed the striking progress which has marked the history of Japan since his accession to the throne. The above illustration is reproduced from the Chicago Times-Herald.

BELGIUM AS ARBITRATOR

That Is the Selection Made by the Japanese Government.

But Will Insist That This Country Assume a Contingent Responsibility.

Diplomats of the Mikado's Realm May Yet Cause a Naval Demonstration at Hawaii.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, Aug. 5.—It is semi-officially stated that the Japanese Government has announced its desire that Belgium be selected to act as arbitrator in the questions in dispute between Hawaii and the Japanese Government.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 5.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Japan will insist that the United States assume a contingent responsibility in the matter of the arbitration of her differences with Hawaii on the subject of immigration and the tariff.

It is understood that this is one of the essential conditions upon which Japan will consent to arbitration, and that if this responsibility is not assumed by the United States Japan will break off negotiations looking to arbitration and back up her demands by a naval demonstration in Hawaiian waters.

The State Department has not yet received any official communication from the Japanese Government on this matter and the administration has not indicated whether or not it will comply with the Japanese demand when made.

An official of the Japanese Legation said in an interview: "I am not officially informed concerning the limits of arbitration, but that Japan should ask the United States to assume an ultimate responsibility for the decisions of the arbitrator as regards Hawaii being carried out seems to be very natural."

"If the United States refuses to give us a guarantee it is probable that the arbitration proposition will fail. We prefer to entertain a grievance and to indemnify our subjects ourselves than to arbitrate after the indignity of the refusal by the United States of just a request. Neither the United States nor the Hawaiian can justly plead distaste. Frequently in the Hawaiian-Japanese correspondence of late the pending annexation has figured as a factor in the situation. This should operate in the arbitration case as well."

LONDON SCHOOL FINANCES.

What It Costs Yearly to Teach the Young British Idea How to Shoot.

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 5.—It will take nearly \$15,000,000 to run the public schools in the control of the London School Board for the fiscal year ending August 1, 1898. This is the estimate filed with the Education Department to-day by Sir John Key, chairman of the finance committee and general superintendent and teachers alone will draw over six millions in salaries. Books and stationery, which are furnished free, will absorb another half million, while \$400,000 is appropriated for the schools in which cooking, laundrywork and manual training are a speciality. The estimate, which will be approved by the Government, is \$2,000,000 in excess of the annual outlay two years ago, this fact being due to the increased number of schools and heavy additions of scholars to the old schools, involving a larger force of teachers and other auxiliaries.

G. A. E. UNWELCOME.

Richmond Has No Hospitality for the Soldier in Blue.

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 5.—In view of the action of the Young Men's Business Association to-day in refusing to invite the Grand Army of the Republic to hold its 1899 encampment here Colonel John C. Cussons, the Virginia State commander of the United Confederate Veterans, has written a letter opposing the move on the ground that the visitors would not receive the cordial welcome and the sincere hospitality to which they are entitled.

IN A BURNING GRAIN ELEVATOR

Five Men Lose Their Lives at a Fire in Chicago.

The Flames Burst Out After a Loud Explosion in the Building.

Forty or Fifty Cars and the Freight-House Were Also Destroyed.

CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 5.—Five lives are known to have been lost and about a dozen firemen injured at a fire which followed an explosion in the Northwestern elevator at 6 o'clock to-night. The known dead are: John Coogan, Jacob Schur, Jacob Stramen, all pipemen of Engine Company No. 3. There are two unidentified men. It is thought one man is possibly buried in the ruins. Assistant Chief Fire Marshal Musham is among the injured.

The elevator was situated at the junction of Grand avenue and the Northwestern Railway tracks. It was a large structure of inflammable material. The explosion shook the entire northwestern part of the city. It was first supposed to have been one of the boilers in the building, but this was impossible, as the boilers were not in use. The theory of Fire Chief Swenie is, that it was a spontaneous combustion of grain. Immediately following the explosion, flames burst out from the ruins, and what was left of the building was practically destroyed. Every police ambulance in the city was sent for. The switching crew on the Northwestern Railway was passing the elevator at the time, and it is reported a number of trainmen were caught by the falling wall. As soon as the flames were sufficiently under control a company of firemen pushed through the smoke. They discovered the bodies of two men, burned to a crisp. While the firemen were working on the river side of the building, the wall fell out, carrying with it three men. Later their bodies were recovered and removed to their homes. All the dead firemen had families.

The freight-house of the Northwestern Railroad caught fire and with forty or more cars was destroyed. The elevator is owned by the railroad company and is a complete loss. The total loss is nearly \$250,000, on which the insurance is less than half.

THE BRIDEGROOM DEAD.

Four Persons Suffocated at a Drunken Wedding Frolic.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Aug. 3.—Three men and a woman died from suffocation since 3 o'clock in a frame dwelling consumed by fire on E. M. street, opposite Charles. The names of the victims are: Ezra Rouse, Arthur Guth, Nellie Bennett, Roy Carr. The fire started from the explosion of a gasoline stove. The building was a two-story frame. Otto Adler kept an all-night restaurant in the lower story of the house. There were seventeen men and women in one room in the second story of this house. The occupants of the building refuse all information. None of the dead were burned. They were suffocated from the fire in the adjacent rooms. The only exit for escape was blocked by a bathtub set up on end at the head of the stairway. The smoke came from an adjacent room, where the fire was soon extinguished. It seems that it was a wedding frolic, in which Guth, one of the dead men, was the bridegroom and the still daughter of Landori Adler was the bride, as this is about nearly all the particulars in the case.

NEW BEDFORD'S CELEBRATION.

All New England Will Help Observe Her Half-Centennial Period.

NEW BEDFORD, MASS., Aug. 5.—New Bedford with its population of 50,000 is making arrangements for her semi-centennial celebration in October on a scale that would do credit to New York or Chicago with their millions. A score of committees are handling the various details and the bureau of publicity and promotion, with George Hough as president, is working with a vigor that will insure the presence of tens of thousands of visitors from the outside. The Governors of all the New England States have promised to be on hand on Governors' day, and invitations have been extended to the executives of the Central and Western and Southern States. The celebration is to extend over the entire week, which will be packed full of novelties, including parades, races and banquets.

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MORE MINERS ARE JOINING

Indiana Delvers for Coal Uniting Their Issues With Strikers.

Debs and Dolan Address a Monster Meeting at Pittsburg.

Leaders Denounce the Action of Courts in Trying to Prevent Free Speech.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 5.—State Secretary Kennedy received the following this afternoon from State Vice-President Llewellyn, who is in charge of the marching movement on the mines in the southern part of the State, where the men have continued at work: "Hartwell, Petersburg, Littles, Ayrshire and Jackson all out. Booneville next."

This means that 400 miners came out last night and to-day from the mines where there never before was a strike. At Booneville, Evansville and Newburg, perhaps 200 men are at work, but it is expected that Booneville will join out to-morrow, and Evansville will join without being visited by the crusaders. National Secretary Pearce writes that G. W. Webb, a former member of the national board, had come to Kentucky to assist President Knight of Indiana in an effort to get 1000 St. Bernard miners out. Suffering from hunger has begun in this State. Relief funds are exhausted. Local breweries and agents of outside breweries are giving flour and plain food products freely. Unlike all former strikes, they are not giving any beer. Heretofore they sent wagon-loads of beer to the mining camps.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 5.—One of the biggest labor meetings ever held in Pittsburg occurred to-night on Allegheny wharf, where 4000 persons gathered to hear the miners' strike discussed by prominent labor leaders. Mayor Ford's fear that there might be trouble proved unfounded. Most of those present were local workmen, though two delegations of striking miners attended.

Patrick Dolan, miners' district president, referred to the statement of operators before the strike that the miners would starve. "That was a month ago," said Dolan, "but thanks to our friends among the general public and organized labor we have not starved. In our fight for existence we are not antagonized to the public or courts."

President Garland of the Amalgamated Association of Ironworkers spoke briefly and was followed by Eugene V. Debs. "We come as law-abiding citizens," said Debs, "but if the courts persist in perverting the law in favor of corporations then I am not a law-abiding citizen. Now is the time to fight out the question of human rights if it must be fought out. In West Virginia I have been enjoined off the face of the earth, and I see Pennsylvania Judges following the examples set in West Virginia. In case of contest I am perfectly willing to go to jail, even to the gallows. I will continue the fight though the stars may fall."

At the close of the meeting it was announced that a newspaper had opened a subscription list for miners and a business-house had already contributed \$100. The striking miners and deputies met this morning at Plum Creek. A delegation of strikers had marched toward the mine and were confronted by Samuel De Armit and twenty Deputy Sheriffs on the way.

De Armit told them the road was private property. They turned back. Later they learned it was a public road and returned. The deputies barred the way, but the strikers pushed through and marched past the homes of the miners. The strikers and the De Armit still make conflicting assertions. The latter say the force at Plum Creek is not materially depleted. The miners' officials say about two-thirds of the men have struck.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 5.—The Central Labor Council to-night adopted the following resolution: Resolved, That the Central Labor Council hereby condemns as contrary to the principles of American government the actions of the courts of West Virginia in denying to law-abiding citizens the right of free speech and lawful assemblage, and we call upon all liberty-loving citizens to join us in disapproving any act on the part of the courts that will deprive any citizen of such right.

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The members say they cannot affiliate with the Republicans in account of the protective tariff measure. It was decided to hold a convention in this city September 8 and 9.

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Louisiana Authorities Have Traced Four Murders and Robberies to Them.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 5.—Last month Louis Seigler was robbed and murdered in St. Charles parish, twenty miles above New Orleans. The recovery of some of his property gave the St. Charles authorities a clue which has resulted in the discovery of a gang of negro outlaws who have been operating nine months. During this time the authorities know of four murders and robberies committed by the gang, and there may have been more. The victims were two negroes, an Italian peddler and Seigler. The murders were all committed within a radius of a mile, and the victim in each instance was killed the same way—the head crushed by an iron bar or ax. Antonio Prichard was arrested yesterday as the leader of the gang and confessed. He implicated George Washington, William Morris and two women. All four were arrested.

CONCESSION FOR A MONOPOLY.

Venezuela Gives an American Company the Right to Establish a Distilling Plant.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 5.—Venezuela has granted a concession giving a substantial monopoly for the establishment of the distilling industry in the republic, which, as announced in Wall street to-day was obtained in the interest of the American Spirits Manufacturing Company. Representatives of that company have paid a number of visits to Caracas in the last twelve months, and the company, since the granting of the concession, has sent one of its principal men to supervise the erection of a plant. Venezuelan statistics show an annual consumption of 60,000,000 gallons of alcoholic beverages. The import duty is prohibitory, being \$30 a gallon. The concession gives the right to bring in all the necessary plant and raw material free for six years.

PUTTING ON WAR PAINT.

Comanches and Kiowas Are Preparing for Hostilities, and a General Uprising Is Feared.

PERRY, O. T., Aug. 5.—Horace Gibson, a stockman, just in from the Indian reservation at Fort Sill, reports that the Comanches and Kiowas are putting on war paint, and a general uprising is feared. It is now unsafe for whites to enter the reservation. There are between 8000 and 10,000 Indians on the reservation. They are poorly armed, there being but one gun to a tepee of about thirty persons.

SELF-STARVATION.

Spalding, the Convicted Ex-Banker, Now Refuses to Take Food.

CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 5.—Much alarm is felt here by the friends of Spalding, the ex-banker. Since the conclusion of his last trial, when a verdict of guilty was returned, he has persistently refused to take nourishment. Not a particle of food has passed his lips since last Saturday and he is becoming very weak.

It is believed that the strain that he has been obliged to stand for the past two months has affected his brain and that he is nearly insane.

Efforts have been made by his friends in every possible way to tempt him to eat, but he has steadily refused to do so. It is believed that he may continue his fast until his life shall have been endangered.

Unless he shall have yielded within the next few hours an attempt will probably be made to feed him by force.

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Gorman of Maryland Has the Presidential Bee Buzzing.

Wants to Be the Democratic Standard-Bearer Three Years Hence.

Politicians in His Party Think He Would Command the Southern Following.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 5.—"Senator Gorman will not be a candidate for re-election. He has determined to retire from the United States Senate at the expiration of his present term."

This statement, says the Washington Post to-day, comes from one of the most prominent Democrats of Maryland, a man who has held a high place in the party councils for more than twenty years and who is a devoted personal and political friend of the Senator. He says the truth of his statement will be confirmed within a few days.

"This is not a sudden determination at all," continued the Maryland Democrat, "as a matter of fact it is the enforcement of a determination arrived at two years ago by Senator Gorman."

The Post has been the principal friend and defender of Senator Gorman for a number of years since the press of his own State threw off his leadership, and it is the opinion that the announcement it makes to-day is authorized. The information is nothing short of a revelation to the politicians of both parties, who construed Senator Gorman's presence and activity at the recent Baltimore convention as an avowal of his candidacy for re-election to the Senate.

The reason assigned for Senator Gorman's retirement is that he is satisfied with the honors he has already received and desires rest from official life. There is no doubt that he is master of the Democratic situation in Maryland and could command a re-election if he desired it in the event of his party being successful in the State. But there is believed to be a motive back of his declination—that he is to become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President in 1900 on a platform similar to the one adopted in Maryland. This belief is justified by circumstances of the Chicago convention of 1892, when Senator Gorman stood ready to become a Presidential candidate whenever it appeared possible to defeat Mr. Cleveland.

William J. Bryan's chances for renomination have received a number of setbacks, but none it is thought that compares with the prospect of Gorman's candidacy for President. The assertion of Debs' followers and the formation of a "social democracy," the disorganized and disgruntled condition of the Populist allies and the waning of the free-silver sentiment have all materially lessened Mr. Bryan's chances. If Senator Gorman should decide to become a candidate it is the opinion of the leading politicians that he would command almost the entire following of the Southern States, and the Eastern Democracy would be forced to accept him as the only man with whom to defeat Bryan.

There is undoubtedly a strong movement quietly among Democratic leaders to bring about a reconciliation of the factions of the party on more conservative lines in order to promote success in 1900, and Senator Gorman is one of the instruments to that end. By retiring from the Senate he avoids a factional fight in Maryland, the outcome of which would be doubtful, and by voluntarily retiring plays an unselfish part before the masses of Maryland's Democracy and at the same time raises himself to a higher plane than the political public generally has accorded him as a leader of machine politics purely.

TO MAKE ARMOR-PLATE.

Preliminary Steps for the Establishment of a Government Plant.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 5.—Acting Secretary Roosevelt to-day appointed a board of officers to estimate the cost and advise methods for carrying out the intention of Congress to establish a Government plant for manufacturing armor plate. The appointment of the board was contingent on the refusal of big ship-building concerns to undertake armor manufacture. Charles Cramp of Philadelphia had a conference with Roosevelt and the chief of ordnance to-day. He told them his firm could not go into the armor business on a large scale. He was willing, however, to supply a small quantity of diagonal armor, which is usually built into the structure of a ship in order to prevent a delay in the completion of vessels now in course of construction. Congress fixed \$300 as the maximum price for armor. Cramp said his firm might be able to supply plates at that figure.

The Union Iron Works of San Francisco has already declined to go into the armor industry, and it is expected the only other concern invited to supply the Government the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, which declines so there is nothing for the Navy Department to do except to direct the board to proceed with its inquiry. The board will meet next Monday at the Navy Department to outline a plan of procedure.

OF INTEREST TO THE COAST.

A New Batch of California Postmasters Just Appointed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 5.—The following postmasters were appointed to-day in California: Arington Place, Riverside County, W. B. Johnson, vice J. C. Cayot, removed; Black Diamond, Contra Costa County, N. B. Johnson, vice John Royce, removed; Cuckoo, Butte County, Maggie Herbert, vice H. F. Bader, removed; Concow, Butte County, J. R. Simmons, vice O. C. Richardson, resigned; Eccles, Santa Cruz County, W. C. Ford, vice E. McLean, resigned; Folsom City, Sacramento County, C. L. Ecklow, vice James P. Cox, removed; Kings City, Monterey County, J. N. Besse, vice L. B. Urey