

# THE GULF COAST BREEZE.

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Only one per cent. of the American boys and girls who go to school at all receive a college education.

Says Law Notes, "after an animated trial, consuming ten days, the police judge of Omaha decided that it was not criminal libel to accuse a man falsely of being an A. P. A. man. One Bennett was accused of branding State Senator Howell as a member of that order, to which charge Howell attributes his defeat for election as Mayor of Omaha."

Efforts are being made throughout the State of New Hampshire to preserve Mount Washington from the lumber company which recently purchased it for \$100,000. The State makes no provision for the preservation of the forests, but the Appalachian Club at its next meeting will endeavor to induce the State to make a law which will cover the case. It is said that, if the lumber company is not restrained, the highest and best known peak in the East will be totally stripped of its verdure.

The "effete East" can, it seems, indulge in the extravagance of destructive storms as well as the "wild and woolly West," observes the New York Tribune. The hailstorm of a fortnight ago in England utterly desolated an area of a hundred square miles in Essex. The hailstones killed poultry and game, seriously injured cattle, cut branches from trees and riddled roofs of corrugated iron. Cyclone and flood accompanied the hail, and in an hour or two damages of more than \$2,500,000 were inflicted. Truly, an anti-Jubilee storm.

An investigation of the question of over-exertion in bicycle races has been reported to the Berlin Medical Society by Dr. Albu. Observations on twelve professional riders gave such evidence of the strain upon the heart as difficult breathing and strong pulsation of the heart and arteries, the most remarkable effect being an acute dilation of the heart, especially of the left ventricle, which disappeared with rest and reappeared at the next race. The dilation may become permanent if the over-exertion is frequent, resulting in irreparable injury to a weak heart. These effects, remarks the Trenton (N. J.) American, with kidney disturbance, are dangers encountered in racing and excessive bicycling, moderate riding being found, as others have affirmed, very beneficial exercise.

The fact that so many mathematicians have failed in finding an equation to represent the law of growth of population in the United States for any length of time has not deterred others, with the exact data for eleven decades before them, from attempting such forecasts, which are curious though of no practical value, for we can have no possible interest in the population of the country 100 or 1000 years from now. A friend of mine, Professor Pritchett, professor of mathematics and astronomy at Washington University, once called my attention to his formula, which hit off the population of 1890 within 55,000 of the actual count. This was a pretty close estimate. The general law governing the increase of population, as usually stated, is that, when not disturbed by extraneous causes, such as wars, pestilence, immigration, emigration, etc., the increase of population goes on at a constantly diminishing rate. By this it is meant that the percentage of increase from decade to decade diminishes. For example, in 1790, the percentage of increase per decade was thirty-two per cent.; in 1880, twenty-four per cent.; in 1900 it will be thirteen per cent., and, according to Professor Pritchett, in 1000 years it will have sunk to a little less than three per cent.

# UNDER GUARD OF PINKERTONS

## THE OPERATORS DECIDE TO OPEN UP THEIR IDLE MINES.

## COURT'S DECISION AGAINST MINERS

There Will Be No More Marching and the Seize Against DeArmitt Has Been Called Off.

The decision reached by the operators of the Pittsburg district at their conference at Cleveland, O., Wednesday night, to open their mines regardless of the consequences will probably cause serious trouble, according to local coal men.

It is the intention of the Pittsburg operators to engage Pinkerton men to protect their non-union men.

This action on their part will probably precipitate a terrible climax to the great strike, and the operators admit that blood will probably flow.

In speaking of the probable result of the operators' decision, Rufus Cuddy, of the Cuddy Coal company, said:

"If it is found necessary to do so a whole army of detectives will be employed to protect our men, and if the worst comes they will be supplied with gatling guns and other equipments to convince the strikers that we mean business. There will be no delay in inaugurating this movement."

Mr. Cuddy's statement is upheld by J. P. Zerbe, president of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Coal company, who said:

"We are determined to operate our mines again in spite of the strikers, and I see no reason why we should not succeed. There are plenty of non-union workmen in the country who are willing to fight for their protection, although I am of the opinion we will be able to protect them ourselves. I think when the old miners find they cannot prevent the mines being operated they will go back to work again peacefully. The operators' conference was adjourned to meet again next week in Pittsburg, at which meeting all the firms represented at Wednesday's meeting will be present."

### Decision Against Miners.

A special from Pittsburg says: When court opened Wednesday morning Judges Stowe and Collier handed down a decision in the injunction proceedings of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Company against the United Mine Workers of America, Patrick Dolan, William Warner and others. The preliminary injunction was made permanent, and the plaintiff was ordered to file a bond of \$5,000 to answer for such damages as may be sustained by the defendants by reason of the injunction.

Immediately after the filing of the decree and upon motion the court ordered a similar decree to be drawn in the case against the Bunola miners, in which an injunction had also been applied for.

The indications are that the camp about DeArmitt's mines will be abandoned, and there will be no more marching. Uriah Bellingham reached Plum Creek about noon Wednesday, and calling the men together, told them of the adverse decision of the court. He told them there would be no further use in remaining in the camp, as no more food would be furnished.

In order to follow up their advantage, the operators held a largely attended meeting at the Monongahela house and arranged for the starting of their mines, with or without force. If force seems to be unavoidable, it is their intention to start a certain few mines under the protection of deputies and whatever expense may result will be shared pro rata by the mine owners.

### TENNESSEE HEALTH OFFICERS.

A New State Association Organized At a Meeting in Nashville.

About 50 city and county health officers of Tennessee met at Nashville Wednesday to organize a state association. Dr. Albright, of Somerville, was made president.

Dr. Albright appointed a committee on organization which recommended Dr. W. S. Nash, of Knoxville, for president; Dr. E. S. Raymond, of Memphis, for secretary; Dr. F. O. Johnson, Clarksville; Dr. T. E. Abernathy, Chattanooga; and Dr. J. B. Thornton, Memphis, vice presidents. The report was adopted.

### NO BIDS RECEIVED.

The Mathews Cotton Mill in Alabama Was Not Sold.

The Mathews cotton mill property at Selma, Ala., was again offered at foreclosure sale Wednesday at the upset price of \$85,000. There were no bidders. The property had previously been offered twice at the upset prices of \$150,000 and \$100,000. It is thought the upset price will be reduced even lower and the property offered again. It is a valuable plant and for several years has paid handsome dividends on \$300,000.

The foreclosure was forced by the failure of the Commercial bank. Three hundred operators are out of employment awaiting a sale.

# ENCOURAGING OUTLOOK.

Mercantile Agencies Report Great Improvement In Trade Conditions.

Bradstreet's summary of business conditions the past week says:

"Special telegrams from trade centers throughout the country emphasize the growing prosperity of the farmer, due to higher prices for almost all agricultural products still in his hands, and principally to a continuation of the demand which has been conspicuous within the past few weeks. The volume of trade continues to increase and prices are hardening. No such volume of business, largely in anticipation of requirements, has been reported since 1892. Larger transactions have been had in dry goods, clothing and shoes with south and west in wagons and farm implements.

"Another very favorable bank clearing report is found in the total of \$1,140,000,000 for the week, which, while it is 1 per cent less than last week, is 40 per cent larger than in the third week of August, 1896; 26 per cent heavier than in 1895; 49 per cent larger than in 1894, and fully 55 per cent larger than in the like week of 1893, when clearings totals were reduced to very low figures, compared with the like period in 1892, a year of large volume of business, this week's total shows a gain of 13 per cent. Among 86 of the cities reporting bank clearings only 17 show decreases this week compared with the corresponding period last year. Bank clearings at other cities than New York are 17 per cent larger this week than in the like week a year ago, but at New York the increase is 56 per cent.

"Prices of staples continue the favorable movement of the past few weeks, with advances for wheat flour, wheat, new pork, butter, eggs, cheese, corn and oats. Hides are also firmer and higher.

"Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of United States and Montreal this week are the largest in any week since September 1, 1894, amounting to 5,248,000 bushels this week, as compared 4,460,000 bushels last week, 3,991,000 bushels three years ago, and 4,930,000 bushels in 1893."

### TO PENSION DESERTERS.

The Question Has Been Submitted to the President and Secretary Bliss.

A Washington dispatch says: It is not improbable that official announcement will be made in a few weeks of a radical change in the present attitude of the pension bureau toward pension claimants who had a confederate war service.

Under the present constructions of the laws, any service in the confederate cause, irrespective of later service for the government, is a bar to pension. Commissioner of Pensions Evans believes that if a claimant served in any capacity in the confederate service but later deserted or left its ranks, enlisted in the Union army, served therein and was honorably discharged, it would be an injustice to refuse him a pension. He believes that having performed honorable service in the union army, the past hostile services be overlooked.

Assistant Secretary Webster Davis, whose decisions have been in the line of liberal construction of the pension laws, is understood to have similar views.

The question has been referred to the president and Secretary Bliss for their approval.

### AN ADDRESS BY TILLMAN

Will Be a Feature of a Mass Meeting of Democrats in Brooklyn, N. Y.

A committee of the "United Democratic Organization of Greater New York" has arranged for a mass meeting at Ridgewood Park, Brooklyn, on the evening of August 31. Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, is scheduled to make an address upon the "Duty of Democrats." A circular has been sent out to labor organizations urging attendance in order that a demonstration may be made against "the serious and persistent assault now being made upon several of the fundamental rights of labor and of all honest American citizenship by the process commonly known as government by injunction."

### Armenians With Bombs.

The police of Constantinople have arrested two Armenians at whose residences they found two bombs. The prisoners confessed that they intended to use these bombs at the Russian and German embassies.

### NEW LEASE FOR FLANAGAN.

Judge Candler Grants a Stay of Execution For Indefinite Time.

At Decatur, Ga., Saturday, Judge Candler signed a stay of execution, in the case of Edward Flanagan which means indefinite life for the prisoner.

After hearing the reading of several affidavits by both sides in the motion for a new trial, the court announced that it would not be able to take up the question for consideration for several days.

This means that Flanagan will not be executed until after the question of a new trial has been decided, and even should it be decided against him he has another chance in supreme court.

# COMMENT ON DOLLAR WHEAT

## LONDON PAPERS EXPRESS THEIR OPINION SARCASTICALLY.

## "UNMERITED LUCK," SAYS ONE.

"Western Farmers Will See at Once That High Prices Are Compatible With a Gold Standard."

A special cable dispatch from London says: The fact that the price of wheat has reached \$1 a bushel in the United States has produced considerable excitement among grain speculators and others in London. The secretary of the Baltic said:

"Of course we have been caught largely short. The rise in the price of wheat makes a somewhat hysterical market. The rise of six pence in the price of barley, for example, Saturday, was due to no assignable cause. There is no speculation here, as it is known on Wall street, although there is some speculation at Liverpool.

The secretary of the corn exchange remarked:

"There is no speculation here, as such transactions are generally known. There has been a disposition on the part of the outside public to bear the market; but the brokers have dissuaded their clients from so doing. The rise in prices yesterday morning and today was not due so much to 'dollar wheat' as to the buying by France, where threshings are proving disappointing. Our millers, too, are short."

"The brokers have not made much, as they held no stocks; but it is needless to say that the rise of half a crown in the price of what yesterday, makes the liveliest times on Mark Lane. The Americans have apparently got it their own way."

The Westminster Gazette, referring to the rise in the price of wheat, says: "Dollar wheat" is an unmerited stroke of good luck for President McKinley's government, which ought to have been overtaken by swift calamity for shamelessly paying election debts to the trusts by the passage of the Dingley bill."

At the same time the Westminster Gazette finds comfort in the allegation that "the Bryanites are made to look foolish," and adds:

"The western farmers will see at once that high prices are compatible with a gold standard, and the destruction of Bryan and his panacea is bound to follow. But if President McKinley's supporters are wise, they will not for a moment imagine that when they dispose of the silver craze they will dispose of the revolt against the capitalists who have never used their power so ruthlessly as since the late presidential election."

The Westminster Gazette then proceeds to denounce "the extortions" of the new United States tariff, which, it adds, is one of the worst and most fruitful sources of corruption of public men and public servants."

In conclusion The Westminster Gazette says:

"The degree of success which has attended Bryan shows that Americans are becoming alive to the rottenness of something, and the next time the campaign will be directed less to the gold standard than to the standard of public life."

### FIVE CHILDREN DROWNED.

Dumped Into the Water From a Float. Sixteen Were Rescued.

Five children were drowned in the harbor at Toronto Sunday afternoon by the capsizing of a float.

The float was made of rough timber and used for conveying workman from the mainland to the breakwater, a distance of about 100 yards. The float is worked by chains attached to the bank on one side and the breakwaters on the other.

Sunday afternoon twenty-one children, boys and girls, ranging from eight to thirteen years of age, crowded on the raft for the purpose of going to bathe at the breakwater. Half way across the channel, where the water is very deep, the raft capsized and all the children were thrown into the water.

There were many boats in the neighborhood, and these were quickly at the scene of the accident. All of the children were rescued except five.

### ALASKAN BOUNDARY CORRECT.

Official of the Coast and Geodetic Survey Says Lines Will Not Be Changed.

In speaking of the boundary line between Alaska and the British possessions, General Duffield, of the coast and geodetic survey, said:

"I do not believe that when the matter of the boundary lines between the two countries is settled there will be any appreciable change from the lines which are down on the map. Dawson City is 100 miles or more east of the 141st meridian, which is the boundary line. The difference between the United State and Canada surveys on the 141st meridian is a matter of feet only."

# BROWN ALUMNI AROUSED.

Make an Appeal to Uphold the Interests of the University.

The following petition, which is to be presented to the Brown corporation at its next meeting at Providence, R. I., on September 1st, is being circulated among the alumni of the university for signatures:

"As alumni of Brown university, deeply interested in her welfare and jealous of her good name, we respectfully address your honorable body with reference to the action of the committee appointed by you to confer with President Andrews regarding the best interests of the university.

"The recent correspondence between that committee and President Andrews has rightly or wrongly been interpreted to mean that the president and faculty of Brown university are called upon to renounce their cherished rights of freedom of thought and speech and that the propriety of their expression is to be measured by its pecuniary value to the university.

"This interpretation is giving Brown university a widespread reputation for intolerance and mercenary standards, inconsistent with her history and damaging to her good name and usefulness and is further giving color to the charge that our universities in general exist for the propagation of ideas favored by a certain class rather than of the discovery and dissemination of truth.

"We cannot remain silent while our honored institution of learning is thus misrepresented. We, therefore, appeal to you to take action upon the resignation of President Andrews as will effectually refute the charge that the reasonable liberty of utterances was, or ever is, to be denied to any creature of Brown university.

"We ask that by emphatic vote you shall announce to the public that enlightened toleration shall be the guide of our alma mater in the future, as it has been the dearest treasure in the past."

### FAURE'S DEPARTURE EXCITING.

Bomb Was Exploded on the Route He Had Followed.

Advices from Paris state that the departure of President Faure on his visit to the czar at St. Petersburg Wednesday was marked by scenes of intense excitement, accompanied by the circulation of the wildest kind of rumors. After his departure a bomb exploded along the route the president had followed, and although no damage was done, and in spite of the fact that nobody was hurt, the greatest excitement prevailed for a long time afterwards and the sensational reports had it that those who exploded the bomb had intended an outrage of a more serious nature.

The president received an ovation from the public when he started on his journey to Russia, large crowds of people lining the route from the Elysee palace to the railway station and greeted the president with enthusiastic cries of "vive la republique, vive la Russie, vive Faure," etc.

Ten minutes after the president's departure, when the crowds were returning along the route traversed by M. Faure, a bomb exploded at the corner of the Boulevard Magenta and the Rue Lafayette, in front of the Restaurant Duval.

### JUDGE FIELD BREAKS RECORD.

Has Served on Supreme Court Bench Longer Than Any Other Justice.

Associate Justice Stephen Field, of the supreme court of the United States, broke the record Monday for continuous service on the supreme bench, having served 34 years, five months and six days, or one day longer than former Chief Justice John Marshall.

It is probable that his seat upon the bench will become vacant in the near future, and upon his retirement Attorney General McKenna, according to the present understanding, will succeed him.

### MANGLED BY DYNAMITE.

Georgia Farmer Placed the Stuff Under the Stove To Dry.

W. B. L. Davis, a wealthy farmer living three miles west of Rockmart, Ga., was killed at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning by the accidental explosion of seventeen dynamite cartridges.

He had placed the box of dynamite under the kitchen stove for the purpose of drying.

The kitchen and dining room were badly wrecked, and the body horribly mutilated. Davis was 60 years old.

### GOLD MEN IN CONFERENCE.

Commissioners Appointed to Investigate the Currency Question.

Hugh H. Hanna, of Indianapolis; George Foster Peabody, New York city; A. E. Williams, Philadelphia, and J. W. Fries, Salem, N. C., the sub-committee appointed by the executive committee of fifteen selected by the recent sound money conference at Indianapolis, held an executive session at Saratoga, N. Y., Wednesday and appointed commissioners to act on the recommendation of President McKinley in relation to the currency question.

The names of the commissioners will not be given to the public until their acceptance is received.