WORK FOR SILVER.

A Lot of It Laid Out by the Late Conference.

THE FIGHT TO BE IN THE DISTRICTS

And the Plan of Campaign Is the Capture of the House of Representatives and Possibly the President—An Outline of the Scheme Recommended—Two Conventions Suggested, One in the North and the Other in the South.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A. J. Warner, the president of the conference of the Bimetallic League which has been in session here for several days, has given out a statement of the action of the conference. The meetings of the conference have been well attended, a number of public men in congress lending it their aid by being present. These include Senators Stewart and Jones of Nevada, Peffer Power, Allen and Hansbrough, and Representatives Pence and Bell of Colorado, Simpson of Kansas, and Sibley of Pennsylvania. The following is President Warner's statement:

First, that the money question is, and will continue to be the paramount issue till it is settled, and settled rightly and on sound principles, and that it can be displaced by no other.

The New Party Question Undecided.

Second, that the first battle is for the next congress. Third, that to achieve results the silver men must not only stay silver men after they reach congress, but they must there unite, and putting silver above party work incessantly to accomplish the object for which they were elected.

A number of delegates were in favor of organizing a new party out and out, with the declaration as made on the money question as the sole issue, and leaving the way open for the affiliation of not only the People's party, but of the 6,000,000 who refused to vote at all at the late election; but the conference was not called for such a purpose and a majority of the delegates present believed the course finally agreed upon to be the better policy in the coming congressional elections.

The Fight To Be Made on Congress.

The conference recommended that the Bimetallic League urgently suggest to friends of silver everywhere in all parties that they support for the Fifty-fourth congress only such candidates as will pledge themselves in nominating conventions and openly and publicly in their canvass for election to the following action in case of their election: That they will enter into no party caucus that will bind or restrain them from voting or acting in the Fifty-fourth congress as given in their pledges to the people before their election, but that they will unite with others who are in favor of the restoration of the bimetallic standard of money by the free and unrestricted coinage of both gold and silver on the ratio of 16 to 1, as before the act of 1873, and the issue by the general government of the paper currency without the intervention of banks and against the issue of bonds to buy gold.

Organization and Education.

Particularly is this unity of action urged in the organization of the house and in the vote for president in case election by the people should fail. To this end the conference recommends that silver leagues be everywhere organized and the work of education be carried on throughout the country, and that in addition to this work thorough organization be effected in states and districts where such work will be most effective in the election of members of congress and of state legislatures.

Two Conventions Recommended.

It was also decided to recommend that there be held during the present winter two conventions, one somewhere in the south and one at Des Moines, Ia. A committee of three on the union of the republics of America and other silver standard nations of the world, with the president of of the Bimetallic League as chairman, was appointed as follows: General King, of Louisiana; E. D. Stark, of Ohio, and Judge E. Sheldon, of Connecticut.

ADMISSION OF THE TERRITORIES.

Some Points That Come Up Against the Same—Can't Speak United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—There is already considerable interest manifest to know what will be the course of the senate with reference to the territorial bills which are coming from the house of representatives. There are probably some rocks ahead, for there are several objections that senators will urge against one or other of the bills. One consideration, however, will have something to do with the matter and make it somewhat difficult for anti-silver Democrats to decide.

All the senators from the new states except probably Oklahoma would be Democrats, but all, including Oklahoma would be silver men. Eight new silver senators' The president would have this to look at, too, when the bill came to him. Another objection to New Mexico is that the people there talk Spanish principally, and that even in the legislature it would be necessary to have an interpreter. It is one proposition that Utah and Nevada be joined as one state.

LEAVES HAWAII TO CONGRESS.

The President Will Take that Position in His Message on the Subject.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—It can be stated upon the highest authority that the president's message transmitting the Hawaiin correspondence will show that the administration has done all in its power by the aid of diplomacy to right the wrong—from its standpoint—done the Hawaiian monarchy, and that the situation is now one for the congress of the United States to deal with. In other words that diplomacy has failed to restore the conditions existing prior to the revolution, and congress must now decide whether other means are to be employed. The message will also remove the last doubt about a disagreement between the president and his secretary of state. It will show that Cleveland and Secretary Gresham have been in thorough accord from the first.

Will now Look to the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The attempt to secure an organized resistance to the tariff bill by the disgruntled members of the house appears to have failed, and they now look forward to the senate as their only hope to obtain any amendments to the bill.

Talked of Pensions All Day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The house convened Saturday by a warm debate over the appointment of special examiners to ascertain whose pensions are being unlawfully paid, the cause of the debate being an appropriation of $300,000 for that purpose. The appropriation was pending at adjournment. Cannon very vigorously criticised the pension policy of the government, which was as vigorously defended by Enloe and other Democrats.

Will Reduce the Tax on Playing Cards.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The members of the ways and means committee with but one exception held a meeting at the treasury department to further consider the unfinished portions of the internal revenue features of the tariff bill. Miller, the commissioner of internal revenue, was present. The only final action taken was that the committee decided to place a tax of 6 cents per pack on playing cards instead of 10 cents per pack hitherto proposed.

Congress to Adjourn Thursday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—It is the present intention of the powers that be in congress to adjourn for the holiday recess next Thursday until Jan 4 of the new year. The tariff debate, which the Democratic leaders had hoped to enter upon before the adjournment, cannot now begin until after the recess, although the bill will be reported to the house either on Tuesday or Wednesday.

GOMPERS IS EXONERATED,

And Elected for the Twelfth Time Chief of the Federation.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Samuel Gompers has been re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor for the twelfth consecutive time. The movement to bring the presidency west failed when the matter was submitted to a vote, John McBride, the western candidate, securing 1,222 votes to Gompers 1,314. During the afternoon President Gompers was given an opportunity to defend himself and the officers of the executive council against the charges brought concerning the receipts of the publication issued in the interests of the order. The outcome was a resolution completely exonerating Gompers and his colleagues.

Other officers were elected as follows: First vice president, P. J. McGuire, Philadelphia; second vice president, C. L. Drummond, Fort Wayne, Ind.; third vice president, James Prettel, Pittsburg; fourth vice president, William H. Marden, Boston; secretary, Chris Evans, New York; treasurer, J. P. Lennon, New York.

A communication was received from Grand Master Workman J. R. Sovereign, of the Knights of Labor, urging closer sympathy between that order and the federation. The motion to move headquarters to Indianapolis was lost. It was moved to remove the headquarters from New York. This was lost by a vote of 980 to 1,483.

Sovereign a Free Trader.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Master Workman Sovereign is in Washington to attend the congress of silver senators.

"I am against strikes," said he. "I have been connected with labor organizations for years and have never yet been in a strike. The ballot is much more effective in redressing wrongs than strikes or arbitration. I am an out and out free-trader," said Mr. Sovereign. "I believe in no makeshifts or partial reduction of tariff taxation." Mr. Sovereign added that the tariff and all other questions would be secondary to the money issue.

Flood in South Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 18.—South Buffalo has been visited by a disastrous flood. A large section of that part of the city has been covered with water to the depth of several feet. It is estimated that 1,600 people have been driven from their homes on account of the flood. The heavy rains, melting snow and high lake winds have cause Buffalo river and Cazenova creek to overflow their banks. A total area of five square miles is under water, and the money loss will be very heavy.

Schaefer Makes a New Record.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The sixth billiard match was between Schaefer and Ives. At the conclusion the game stood: Schaefer, 600; Ives, 50. Schaefer made a run of 566, breaking the best previous run of 456. Schaefer's average is the highest on record also, being 100, the former record being 75 by Vignaux, the French expert. The anchor nurse did it and committed suicide thereby. The game gives Schaefer first honors for the tournament.

Chicago Girl Commits Suicide.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Mercedes Plows, of Chicago, it is reported, died in a convent in this city. She was but 18 years of age and was the daughter of Mrs. Olivia Plows and a sister of Edward Plows, a candy manufacturer of Chicago. It is stated that the girl committed suicide. The girl had twice before attempted to kill herself, once with her sister Ola at the Leland hotel, Chicago.

Croker Defends Tammany.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—In an interview Richard Croker, chief sachem of Tammany, invites an investigation by the legislature of his public acts, declares he has not a dollar that was not honestly made, defends Tammany from the innumerable charges made against that organization, and says he will under no circumstances withdraw from its leadership.

A New Way to Raise Revenue.

MANKATO, Kas., Dec. 18.—The city council, to increase the depleted funds in the city treasury, has passed unanimously an ordinance making it a nuisance for any person, man, woman or child, to hereafter whistle or sing "After the Ball" between the hours of 6 a. m. and 10 p. m. The offense is punishable with a fine of 50 cents for each performance.

Fire at New Haven, Conn.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 18.—The Blair building on Orange street was burned. The Evening Leader plant, with the exception of the press and stereotype department, was destroyed. The total loss is estimated at over $100,000. The owner of the building is the heaviest loser.

Burned to Death While Being Rescued.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 18.—The residence of John Andrews was burned. Mrs. Jane Pistole, his mother-in-law, was in the top story of the building and was carried down a ladder. While so doing her clothing caught fire and she was burned to death.

Assignment at Peoria.

PEORIA, Ills., Dec. 18.—The Central City Brick and Tille company has assigned with liabilities of $65,000. The assets, which include sixty-seven acres of ground, will more than cover the indebtedness.

Terrific Bombarding at Rio.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The World's special dispatch from Buenos Ayres of the 18th says: Terrific bombarding is reported in the harbor of Rio de Janeiro. Many persons were killed.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

Fourteen inches of snow is reported at Indian River, Michigan, with all trains two to eight hours late.

Topeka police authorities are disregarding Governor Lewelling's recent tramp circular and the Populist police board has abolished the rock pile and bull pen at the city prison.

The national civil service commission has recommended the prosecution of F. W. Bickenbaugh, of Toledo, O., for soliciting political contributions of the postoffice employes there; also J. C. Rike, secretary of the board of examiners. Both men deny the charges.

W. H. Getchell, a Kansas City horseshoer, has been fined $15 for working on Sunday. The case was appealed.

L. B. Hill, for twenty-five years secretary of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in Wisconsin, is dead, aged 70 years. So is James Black, a prominent Prohibition leader of Lancaster, Pa., and first candidate of that party for president.

Henry J. Reiser, who was shot by his mistress, Mrs. Rudiger, at Omaha, is dead after a long struggle with the wound. He left the woman his life insurance. She will now be held for murder.

J. Malcolm Forbes, of Boston, owner of Nancy Hanks, says the little flyer has been withdrawn from the turf and may never race again.

Mrs. Sarah Van Nostrand, 105 years of age, the oldest woman in New Jersey, is dead, at East Milton that state.

It is reported at Milwaukee that Carnegie is straining every nerve toget possession of next season's output of the Pewabic mine. It is reported elsewhere that Carnegie is not doing anything of the kind.

Mrs. V. C. Price, of Waukegan; Mrs. J. W. Strong, of Evanston, an unknown man and an unknown woman were injured by the fall of an elevator in Marshall Field & Co.'s store at Chicago.

It is reported that that there are 20,000 idle men at Buffalo, with 50,000 dependents.

Strong charges of bribery are made against the friends of Thomas S. Martin, recently elected a senator from Virginia.

Theodore Richardson, an heir to the estate of N. B. Richardson, late of Galena, Ills., was missing and could not be accounted for until testimony was presented showing that he was a victim of the explosion on the steamer Vulcan in 1865, while on his way home from a rebel prison.

The Plankinton bank at Milwaukee will reopen in a short time under a new name and with its credit re-established.

Socialists tried to run a meeting of the unemployed at Rochester, N. Y., and the gathering broke up in a row.

Five masked men robbed Frank Atherton of $500 at Colorado Springs. They secured entrance to his room by saying they had a telegram for him.

The story that Jack Hennesey, a notorious thug, had attempted to kill "Billy" Pinkerton at San Francisco, and been nabbed in the undertaking, is declared without foundation, the only truth being that a man was arrested. His name, however, is Charles O. Somers, who robbed a safe in Mississippi.

The four round glove contest between George Dixon, champion of the world, and Australian Billy Murphy, at Paterson, N. J., ended in Murphy being knocked out in the third round.

Mobocracy Trouble in Alabama.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 18.—Race trouble is threatened in St. Clair county. Two officers went to levy an assessment on a mule of Jake Adams, colored, according to a writ of execution in favor of G. F. Carterberry. They got the mule and were returning to Asheville when twenty five armed negroes who are known stopped them and at the points of guns compelled them to give up the mule. Warrants have been sworn out for the negroes, who defy arrest and say that any attempt to take them will be met with bloodshed. An armed posse that left Asheville to serve the warrants has not been heard from yet.

Robbed by Masked Men.

VIRGINIA, Ills., Dec. 18.—Another daring and successful robbery was committed in the northern part of Cass county. John Kelso and Michael Finnegan, living on the Thompson farm, were aroused from sleep by loud knocking at the door. Going to the door they opened it and asked what was wanted. Three masked men stepped inside. Confronting Kelso and Finnegan with drawn revolvers, they ordered them to stand and deliver. The house was ransacked and $50 in cash and other valuables secured. The robbers are supposed to be the same gang that held up John Kershaw, a prominent farmer residing near Chandlerville, two weeks ago, relieving him of his available money.

Kept the Tea Party Anniversary.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Boston's cradle of liberty was rocked with true American speeches on the occasion of the 120th anniversary of the Boston Tea party. The historic "Home of Free Speech" was gaily attired with streamers of bunting and a number of American flags. Colonel T. W. Higginson presided and speeches were made by Governor-Elect Greenhalge, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, Mrs. Caroline Chapman, William Lloyd Garrison and others.

Throws 200 Men Out of Work.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 18.—The plant of the National Carbon company, on Willson avenue near the Lake Shore railroad, has been destroyed by fire. The loss is between $150,000 and $170,000, two-thirds of which is on machinery. The insurance is between $50,000 and $60,000. Two hundred men are thrown out of employment.

Robbed of $3,000.

PIEDMONT, W. Va., Dec. 18.—P. E. Haldeman of this city, superintendent of the Franklin Coal company, was sandbagged and robbed of about $3,500 at Franklin, a suburb of Westernport.

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