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NO RUSSIAN LOAN.

A General Denial by the Secretary of the Washington Embassy.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—M. Routkowski, secretary of the Russian embassy, has returned from St. Petersburg where he had an opportunity to confer with the Russian Minister of Finance, M. De-Witte, and to learn from the Imperial authorities the exceptionally satisfactory condition of Russian finances. On his return, Mr. Routsowsky was somewhat surprised to see it reported that Russia was seeking to place loans in the United States and advised the most responsible American financiers in New York that such investment was not contemplated. The rumors continued to circulate, however, so Mr. Routkowsky gives the Associated Press the following official communication, which he recently received from the Imperial Minister of Finance of Russia:

"In view of the rumors which begin to circulate again in the foreign press about the suggested negotiations by the Imperial Russian Government of a loan, the Ministry of Finance considers it necessary to declare once more that the Imperial Russian Government is neither contemplating nor disposed to negotiate loans of any kind, the ordinary revenues and the free cash reserve of the Treasury being more than sufficient to meet all expenses, not only ordinary but also extraordinary, necessitated by the events in the far East."

Mr. Routkowsky was asked as to the report from New York that Russia would place orders amounting to $30,000,000 for four new battleships to be built in American ship yards, and he replied:

"The Russian Government does not contemplate any further additions to her armament."

McKinley Replies to Bryan.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—President McKinley today answered Mr. Bryan's message of congratulation in the following dispatch:

"Executive Mansion, Washington, Nov. 9.—Hon. William J. Bryan, Lincoln, Neb.: I acknowledge with cordial thanks your message of congratulation and extend you my good wishes.

"WILLIAM M'KINLEY."

Mr. Bryan's message to the President reached Canton after Mr. McKinley had started for Washington, and was forwarded to him there.

MEAT PRICES GO UP.

Chicago Packers Figure on Forty Millions Increased Profits.

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—A flat increase of 1 cent a pound was put on beef, pork and mutton today by Chicago packers. The Chronicle tomorrow will say: In one year the additional 1 cent will yield to the Chicago packers, basing the estimate upon last year's business, the following sums:

Dressed beef	$15,000,000
Dressed pork and pork products	20,000,000
Mutton	4,000,000
Total addition to incomes	$39,000,000

Retailers of meats were thrown into a panic by the unexpected rise in prices. Many who had carcasses in their coolers declined to buy until they could figure out what they would need at the new rate. In the adjustment of prices to the consumers choice cuts of beef have gone up as much as 5 cents. Pork tenderloin jumped to the same extent, and mutton chops went up 3 cents. The advance by the packers is more than 10 per cent on the price of meat the day before election. The advance by the retailer to the consumer will average 25 per cent, for the waste in a carcass doubles the increased cots of the salable portion. The packers claim they have been selling dressed meat at a loss for several years.

Bryan's Plans.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 9.—Mr. Bryan is in receipt of many requests for a statement of his future plans and his attitude on public questions, in view of Tuesday's result. He intimated today he would, before long, enlighten the public fully, but for the present he has private matters which demand his attention. Mr. Bryan said today that he might not accompany Colonel Wetmore, of St. Louis, on his hunting trip in the Ozark Mountains. His health is good and he does not feel the need of such a trip. He said he had been from Lincoln so much recently that he found his own home afforded him the best opportunity for rest.

Marcus Daly Improving.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Marcus Daly, of Montana, who is ill at the Hotel Netherlands, was reported much better today. He is said to be stronger than for some days past.

FRAUDS IN KENTUCKY

Democrats Counted Out McKinley and Yerkes.

STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN COOMBS

As the Returns Stand, Bryan's Majority Is Put at 7635, and Beckham's at 4110.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 9.—With unofficial returns from every precinct in Kentucky, the Courier-Journal puts Bryan's majority at 7635 and Beckham's at 4110. The county boards canvassed the returns in every county in the state today, and 50 counties out of 114 in the state, whose official returns have been received tonight, do not materially change the majorities of the foregoing. While ther is no doubt that the official returns will vary somewhat with the unofficial, it is hardly possible that the majorities of 7635 and 4110 shall be wiped out unless the unexpected happens in the counties where the unofficial returns are not in.

Leslie Coombs, chairman of the Republican campaign committee, tonight made the following statement concerning the Kentucky election:

"We have discovered great frauds perpetrated by the Democrats in various sections of the state. In Breathitt County, frauds amounting to 400 votes in favor of the Democrats have been discovered. In that county, the Democrats refused to allow the Republican inspectors inside of the booth, and the precinct, which usually goes Republican by a majority of 56, was carried by the Democrats by 30. In another precinct in the same county, the Republican challengers were put out of the booth by force, and the inspectors were refused admittance. In another precinct, the returns showed that only 55 Republicans voted, yet there are 140 who give their names and are willing to give affidavits that they voted the Republican ticket straight. The Republicans usually carry that precinct, and this year it went Democratic by 150. Other frauds in Breathitt County indicate that we have lost over 400 votes.

"Numerous and flagrant frauds have been discovered in Logan County—frauds that permeated the entire vote. In Olmstead precinct, the returns show that only 80 Republicans voted, yet we have positive proof that 150 was the number, and other frauds in the county will amount to fully 400 votes. The entire Third District is permeated with the Goebel methods. Republican voters who were challenged were not allowed to make affidavit, and were relieved by direction of the Democratic Sheriffs. Democrats challenged by the Republicans were allowed to vote without making affidavit by the decisions of these same Sheriffs. In one precinct in the City of Bowling Green, the election officers refused to certify to 179 votes because there was a blur on the ballots. Mr. Moss will contest his election in his district, and there is no doubt that it will be given to him.

"The frauds in the Third District were too flagrant to stand an honest investigation, and in many places in the Eighth District Democratic challengers were sworn in as Deputy Sheriffs and wore badges in the booths. In the Seventh District, over 400 Republican voters in the City of Lexington were deprived of their votes by the delay tactics practiced by the Democratic officers, while the Franklin and Owen County returns were padded so boldly that it cannot escape the notice of any one acquainted with those counties.

"There are also extensive reports of frauds in Lawrence, Rowan and Mason Counties, of the Ninth District, with great efforts to increase those frauds in the final count. The Commissioner of Lawrence County attempted to throw out the vote of the precinct of Charley on a trivial technicality. It gave the Republican candidate 137 majority. In a number of counties, the Commissioners refused to allow any inspection of the work of election officers by representatives of the Republican party. Reports of fraud of five to 10 votes to a precinct are so numerous that the inference cannot be escaped that it was systematically planned beforehand. There is no question that if the face of the returns fails to show Yerkes' election, we can make specific exposures that will show that he has been defeated, not by a majority of the voters of Kentucky, but of the fraudulent use and the advantage given the Democratic party by the Goebel election law."

A Federal Investigation.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 9.—It is currently reported here that the Republican managers are in communication with Federal authorities with a view of having an investigation of the election in the state, so far as the Electors and Congressmen are concerned. It is asserted this would undoubtedly have some effect on the claims for Governor.

NEBRASKA FOR M'KINLEY.

His Plurality Will Be About 7000—Governorship in Doubt.

OMAHA, Nov. 9.—Practically complete returns for the Electoral ticket and on Governor show that McKinley carried Nebraska by about 7000, and that the Governorship is but a few votes either way and will require the official returns to decide the result. It is claimed by both sides that the plurality will be but 100 or 200, whichever way it may go. The state ticket will be divided, the fusionists getting the Lieutenant-Governor, Attorney-General and Land Commissioner, and the Republicans the Auditor, Treasurer and Superintendent of Instruction.

The present representation in Congress will remain undisturbed. Stark, fus, is elected in the 4th district, by 549; Robinson, fus, in the third by about 200; Neville, fus, in the sixth by 300, and Shallenberger in the fifth by 1500. Burkett, rep, wins in the first by 2600, and Mercer, rep, in the second by 1300. The Legislature, the returns on which are not yet complete, will probably stand: Senate, Republicans, 16; Fusionists, 16; vacant, 1. House, Republicans, 51; Fusionists, 49

GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA.

Van Sant Elected by a Good Plurality Over Lind.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 9.—Samuel R. Van Sant, rep, has been elected Governor of Minnesota, defeating John Lind, fusionist, by a plurality which is variously placed at from 1400 to 5100. The Globe (Dem.) figures out the former margin upon reports received by the Secretary of State from a number of counties and telegraphic returns for the remainder. The Pioneer Press, on its reports, places Van Sant's plurality at the latter figure.

Democratic Losses in Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 9.—Returns from 110 counties out of 114 in the state indicate that Bryan's plurality will be between 40,000 and 45,000, as compared with 58,351 in 1896. Dockery, dem, for Governor, will receive between 25,000 and 32,000 plurality, as compared with 58,248 received by Stephens in 1896. The total vote in Missouri is estimated as follows:

Bryan	370,000
McKinley	325,000

The fact that there was no fusion in Missouri between the Democrats and Populists this year accounts to a great extent for the Democratic losses.

Kansas Delegation Republican.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 9.—Republicans now claim the election of G. W. Wheatley to Congress from the 3d district by a plurality of 10, without the vote of soldiers now serving in the Philippines, which, they say, will be largely for him. This gives the Republicans a solid delegation in Congress as follows: At-large, Charles F. Scott; 1st, Charles Curtis, re-elected; 2d, J. D. Bowersock, re-elected; 3d, G. W. Wheatley; 4th, J. M. Miller, re-elected; 5th, W. A. Calderhead re-elected; 6th, W. A. Reeder, re-elected; 7th, J. I. Long, re-elected.

Utah Congressional Election.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Nov. 9.—Latest returns from the state show that King, dem, for Congress, is running ahead of his ticket. The majority of Sutherland, rep, over King, previously estimated at 1600 has now been cut down to less than 600. The returns are now practically complete.

The Vote in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 9.—Chairman Dick, of the Republican State Executive Committee, today announced that McKinley's plurality in Ohio, as figured from the complete returns from every precinct in Ohio, is 71,163. There will be no change from these figures until the official count has been completed.

FIRE AT BILOXI.

Navy Buildings Burned in Mississippi Summer Resort.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 9.—Biloxi, Miss., situated on the sound 80 miles from New Orleans, was swept by a terrific fire this morning, which destroyed upwards of 100 buildings and rendered hunderds of people homeless. Biloxi is a town of 7000 people and a well-known Summer resort for Mississippians and Louisianians and a Winter resort for Northern people. It has a small fire department and contains many frame buildings and the fire simply burned until it had nothing further to feed on. The fire started shortly after midnight in a saloon near the Louisville & Nashville depot and after destroying the depot, swept through to the beach, a distance of several squares. No lives were lost, but many of the poorer people lost all their possessions. The Catholic Church, school and convent, two newspaper offices and several fine brick stores were among the buildings destroyed. The total loss is estimated at $300,000, with $125,000 of insurance.

University Gymnasium Burned.

SOUTH BEND, In., Nov. 9.—Fire, which started about 3 o'clock this afternoon in the gymnasium of the University of Notre Dame, destroyed that structure. The building was of steel and brick and was one of the largest college gymnasiums in the world. It was erected in 1893-99. It was large enough to permit football and baseball practice, had a track, baths and in every way was perfectly equipped. While the flames were still raging, the University trustees held a session and voted to replace the structure with another gymnasium.

Fire in Redding Mine.

REDDING, Cal., Nov. 9.—A fire, the origin of which is attributed to chemical action, is burning in the Peck tunnel of the great iron mine. The drift has been closed and the 100 men employed there have been laid off. It is thought the fire can be confined to the place where it started. The ore is believed to be on fire, but an explosion is not anticipated. The demand of the men in this tunnel for an eight-hour shift recently precipitated a strike, which was ended by the miners acknowledging their defeat.

Sugar Refinery Burned.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 9.—The Meeker Sugar Refinery, at Meeker, 18 miles from Alexandria, was destroyed by fire today. The loss is $200,000; the insurance $140,000

ANGLO-AMERICAN AMITY.

London Papers Consider Choate's Speech as Significant.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—The Standard and Daily Telegraph dilate editorially upon the importance of Mr. Choate's assurances regarding the Anglo-American amity at the Guild Hall banquet last night. The Daily Telegraph thinks the American Ambassador's tone was quite significant, and regards his glowing eulogy of Lord Salisbury as perhaps the most remarkable feature of the banquet. The Times says:

"A Guild Hall audience always looks to the American Ambassador to contribute to the enjoyment of the evening, and it very rarely looks in vain. Mr. Choate fully maintained the reputation established by his predecessor. He managed to relieve a seriousness which threatened to become too marked for a convivial occasion by turning aside into the paths of politics.

"Lord Salisbury ventured upon the pardonable irregularity of expressing the universal feeling of this country regarding the Presidential election. Had its issues been different, we should not have abandoned our faith in the ability of the American people to avert many of the evil results that might have been inferred from Mr. Bryan's electoral speech, but since things turned out so happily, there is no indiscretion in expressing our satisfaction at this striking example of political common sense and commercial honor."

The Times, like other morning papers, is evidently not altogether pleased with Lord Salisbury's lukewarmness on the subject of army reforms.

Messages to Roosevelt.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Among the messages received by Governor Roosevelt at his home in Oyster Bay was one from Archbishop Chapelle, of Manila, as follows:

"Congratulations. Have worked for this splendid result."

Chairman Dick, of the Ohio Republican State Committee, sent the following:

"Congratulations to New York Republicans. Ohio gave the largest plurality ever given to any Presidential candidate in her history. You led the fight in the grand contest, and the Republicans of Ohio thank you for your presence in our canvass, as well as for the great National work you have performed."

General F. E. Mather Dead.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—General Frederick Ellsworth Mather died at his home in this city today, aged 82 years. He was the last surviving member of the original 14 who formed the "Skull and Bones Society" of Yale University. He entered Yale in 1833, and the society was formed in the same year.

A GLOOMY SPEECH

Salisbury's Utterances at Lord Mayor's Banquet

WARNING AGAINST AN INVASION

His Only Cheerful Remarks Were His Expressions of Satisfaction With McKinley's Re-election.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—What is probably the most brilliant of all functions in England—the Lord Mayor's banquet—took place this evening. It will be memorable even to Americans by reason of the remarkable utterance of Lord Salisbury, who, in the presence of 900 guests, including United States Ambassador Choate, the members of the British Cabinet and many of the leading men of England, spoke as follows of the American election:

"We believe that the cause which has won is the cause of civilization and commercial honor. We believe those principles to be at the root of all prosperity and all progress in the world. Therefore, we claim that we have as much right to rejoice in what has taken place as the distinguished gentleman (referring to Mr. Choate), who sits at my side."

This was followed by loud and prolonged cheering, which made the gold plate on the oaken shelves shiver and the great rafters of the Guild Hall ring and ring again. Lord Salisbury's incursion into the National politics of the United States was preceded by an apology, in the course of which he said:

"One of the circumstances which gratified me most during the past year has been the hearty feeling displayed between this country and the United States. I hope Mr. Choate will forgive if there is any irregularity in my expression. It is quite wrong for a Secretary of State to make any observations with respect to the internal policies of another country; but I am soon to give up my office, and, in view of this abondonment, which is close at hand, I hope that Mr. Choate will forgive me for expressing the supreme satisfaction with which all of us have heard of what has recently taken place in the United States."

Mr. Choate, replying a few minutes later to the toast of the diplomatic corps, declared that Lord Salisbury had expressed with such truth, simplicity and earnestness the result of the election that he (Choate) would hesitate to add to it, although he would venture to congratulate the noble lord upon the fact that his remarks had been made after, instead of before the election. (Laughter.)

Except in its references to the United States, the speech of the Premier cast an extraordinary gloom over the gorgeous banquet. Following directly after the Colonel commanding the City Imperial Volunteers, Lord Salisbury startled his hearers, who caught the drift of his remarks, by satirizing the war fever, although praising the courage of the soldiers and declaring that the passionate admiration of military valor evinced by the populace must produce a change of attitude on the part of the outside world when viewing English character.

Then, with lowered voice and almost trembling accent, he went on to speak of the price of victory and the ravages of death, dealing especially with the Queen's bereavement in the loss of Prince Christian Victor. Finally, with bent head and hands clasped, he uttered a hope, almost a prayer, that Lord Roberts might be spared the sorrow now hanging over him by reason of the critical condition of his daughter. Tears sprang to the eyes of women, and men moved uncomfortably in their seats. The silence and solemnity grew oppressive.

Awakening from self-abstraction, the Premier reviewed the events of the last 12 months. Mr. Kruger and the Empress of China, he went on to say, had forced war upon Great Britain. He maintained that the British War Office deserved great credit for the way in which it had handled these emergencies.

"Despite nebulous and facetious attacks, we should be glad to improve all the defects of the War Office," he continued; "and our utmost efforts will be devoted to that task, but I should rather deprecate any unnecessary examination into what has occurred. You will not add to the enthusiasm of your troops by doing so."

He dilated upon the strengthened ties between the mother country and the colonies during the present year, and poked fun at the delay consequent upon the European concert when dealing with China. It was not appropriate for him, he declared, to comment upon negotiations while in progress, but he said he would make an exception in the Anglo-German compact.

"This," he remarked, "represents the feelings of most, if not all, the powers allied. It is impossible to lay too much emphasis upon the integrity of China and the 'open door,' and I think it a matter of great advantage that the powers should have expressed themselves in favor of these Federal principles, for if they are achieved the issue of the China problem need not concern us very anxiously."

He maintained very earnestly that the idea of invading China with "our scanty force" or of "approaching the stupendous task of governing China, instead of leaving it to be governed by the Chinese," was most dangerous.

Relapsing into pessimism, Lord Salisbury admitted that the trend of recent events has almost put an end to the hopes of the Russian Emperor and others who took part in the peace conference at The Hague. His extraordinary speech closed with a fervid appeal to the people of England to maintain their defenses in such a perfect condition "that we shall not be exposed to any sudden interruption of the peace upon which our prosperity depends. The supreme condition," exclaimed the Premier, "is that no reform, no improvement is of the slightest value unless security against external interference is obtained by putting our defenses in such a position that no accident may happen beyond our borders that shall make our security doubtful."

The majority of Lord Salisbury's hearers believed that this warning referred to the possibility of French antagonism.

Mr. Choate's speech consisted chiefly of a humorous sketch of the history of Downing street, which he said was named after a Massachusetts boy. In concluding his address, he expressed his belief that "so long as Lord Salisbury and McKinley continue to hold the reins of government, there will be no danger of any disturbance of the honorable and friendly relations now existing between the United States and Great Britain."

George J. Goschen, the retiring First Secretary of the Admiralty, who used the occasion for a dramatic farewell to public life, bespoke the support and confidence of the British people for his successor, the Earl of Selbourn. Other speakers were Lord George Hamilton, Secretary of State for India; Baron Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor; Lord Alverstone, Lord Chief Justice; Charles Thompson Ritchie, the newly-appointed Home Secretary, and Sir Robert Bannalyne Finley, Attorney-General.

Lord Salisbury, winding up the proceedings, pledged the health of the new Lord Mayor, saying that some of the younger men present "will live to see the day when members of Parliament from the Orange and Transvaal Colonies will be present on such an occasion."

The enormous crowd was dotted with brilliant state, military and municipal uniforms, with which were intermingled in a wonderful mass of moving color the wigs and robes of all the great Judges; the court costumes of the members of the Cabinet; the scarlet of the regulars and the khaki of the Imperial Volunteers. A dance followed the banquet and continued to a late hour in the shadows of the grim statues of Pitt, Nelson and Wellington.

Among the celebrities present were Sir Francis Jeune, president of the tribune, divorce and admiralty division of the Supreme Court of Judicature; William St. John Broderick, the newly-appointed Secretary of State for War; Sir Thomas Lipton, the Maharajah of Kapurthala in full regalia, and all the available civil and national dignitaries who were heralded with a series of trumpet fanfares that would have done credit to feudal days.

The Lord Mayor's Show.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—The Lord Mayor's show was witnessed today by large crowds. It consisted of the usual gilt and ermine features. Although the crowds were unusually dense, they were easily handled by the large police force on duty, in striking contrast to the recent parade of the City Imperial Volunteers. In the vicinity of Ludgate Circus, ambulance wagons were held in readiness, but there was no serious crush.

The procession moved on through admiring throngs to the Law Courts, where the ancient ceremony of taking the oath was carried out. The new and old Lord Mayors were heartily cheered. There were no emblematical cars, but there were mounted men clad in British uniforms in use from 1500 to 1870. A model of the guns of the British cruiser Powerful, which were used at the siege of Ladysmith, was much cheered, as were also mounted men representing India, Canada and Australia.

French Comment on Election.

PARIS, Nov. 9.—The Figaro, referring to the results of the elections in the United States, considers the question whether Administration changes will be made at Washington in the same proportion as they were in 1894, and expresses an affirmative opinion. The paper says it will regret if Secretary Hay, who is a friend of France, resigns, owing to ill health, and if General Porter, United States Ambassador to France, who has maintained good relations between the two countries during the last four years, is induced to accept a portfolio necessitating his leaving for the United States.

JOHN R. ROGERS

RE-ELECTED GOVERNOR OF WASHINGTON.

LEAD OF LIBERALS

Government Party in Canada Has Majority of 56.

WILL LIKELY BE RAISED TO SIXTY

Sir Charles Tupper, Leader of Conservatives, Announces His Intention to Retire From Public Life.

OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 9.—Most complete returns from the election show the following results:

Liberals	132
Conservatives	72
Independents	3

There are five elections yet to be held. At present the government majority over the Conservatives is 52, and over Conservatives and Independents, 49. As the Independents are likely to go with the government, the majority will be 55 over the Conservatives.

The five constituencies in which elections are yet to be held are likely to go Liberal, four of them being represented by the Liberals in the last Parliament, giving the Liberals a majority of 60 in a full house.

VICTORY FOR LIBERALS.

Lost Only One Seat in Each of Several Districts in Newfoundland.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Nov. 9.—Official returns as to yesterday's election have been received from eight districts. Of these the government or Liberal party won seven; the Reid-Morin combination, or Tory party, securing only one. In the Carbonear district, Mr. Mannock, Liberal, defeated Mr. Powell, Tory, who is Mr. Reid's surveyor, increasing the Liberal majority from 85 to 184. In addition to the eight districts officially reported, unofficial returns have been received from nine other districts. These returns show the election of 16 Liberals and one Tory. Nineteen seats have yet to be heard from, but there is no reason to believe that there will be any decided alteration in the ratio thus far indicated. Already it is evident that the country has completely repudiated Mr. Reid and his reputed schemes for controlling the Legislature.

TUPPER WILL RETIRE.

Leader of the Conservatives to Give Up Public Life.

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 9.—Sir Charles Tupper, leader of the Conservative party in Canada, announced today his intention to retire from public life. He has been nearly 45 years in political harness, and desired to resign two years ago, but the party was unwilling to consent. Conservative members in all the provinces within the last two days have offered to resign in his favor, but he declines, saying his personal defeat in Cape Breton gave him the opportunity to resign that he has long wished for. He urges the several races in Canada to work unitedly to make th Dominion great.

Tanner a Candidate for the Senate.

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—Governor John R. Tanner has declared himself a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Senator Cullom.

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