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LESS MONEY COINED

And Gold Is Piling Up in the United States Treasury.
NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Today's further declines in the price of silver fixed a new low record in the history of the world. It was much commented upon in banking circles, causing much uneasiness among exporters and merchants of this country doing business with China and other points in the far East. To the bankers, however, the most significant news of the day were the cable advices to the effect that the Chinese government had instructed the mint to cease immediately the free coinage of silver.

BARS BEST FOR FOREIGN TRADE
Home Demand Is for Paper, Which Could Be Issued Against Bullion, as Well as Against Coin—New Orleans Mint to Quit.

Coincident also with this development was the decline today at Bombay to a level several points below London. An interesting feature of the drop here was the advantage reaped by laundrymen and small merchants of the Mott-street district through being able to purchase silver bills at so low a rate. They flocked down town today, cash in hand, sending heavy remittances to friends at home. Most of them were surprised at the large sums allowed for the amount turned in.

U. S. COINAGE OF TEN YEARS.

	Gold.	Silver.
1893	50,297,020	3,822,797
1894	50,136,129	3,729,351
1895	50,018,258	3,698,010
1896	47,655,699	3,663,393
1897	46,628,382	3,441,297
1898	47,985,127	3,104,653
1899	48,229,220	3,104,653
1900	50,272,943	3,345,321
1901	50,663,715	3,345,321
1902	61,050,372	3,345,321

COUPLE FROZEN IN UTAH

Wandered in the Mountains Without Food or Fire.
SALT LAKE, Nov. 26.—A special to the Tribune from Mount Pleasant, Utah, says that Edward D. Cox and his wife were found in an almost frozen condition near Round Hills today. The couple had started from Scofield for Mount Pleasant on November 19, but were overtaken by a terrible blizzard. Their horses gave out and for several days they wandered about the mountains without food or fire. This morning the woman fell to the ground exhausted and was unable to rise. Mr. Cox managed to reach town after telling where he had left his wife and she became unconscious. Mrs. Cox will lose both hands and feet and perhaps her life. Both of Cox's feet are frozen and may have to be amputated.

Winter's Chill Blasts

LA CROSSE, Wis., Nov. 26.—The first snow of the season is falling today.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Snow fell today throughout this state. In some places it turned into sleet and rain.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 26.—Snow, the first of the season, fell today in all parts of Iowa.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Nov. 26.—Thanksgiving will be white in Central Illinois. Two inches of snow had fallen up to noon.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Nov. 26.—Southern Michigan is experiencing the first snow storm of the winter. Snow has fallen to a depth of four inches and the storm shows no signs of abating.

Massachusetts Election Figures.

BOSTON, Nov. 26.—The Executive Council today canvassed the state election of November 4. The figures show a total vote of 288,050, against 224,520 last year. The plurality for Bates, the Republican candidate for Governor, over Gaston, Democrat, is 27,120, against a Republican plurality in 1901 of 71,542. The Republican candidate for Lieutenant-Governor and all the other Republican state officers received pluralities varying from 55,425 for Turner, for Treasurer, to 64,334 for Otis, for Secretary of State.

Arrested for Sleeping at His Post.

BOSTON, Nov. 26.—On the charge of sleeping at his post, A. S. Rogers, first mate of the ship Kennebec, was arrested by United States officers today. A similar charge has not been preferred in the past. Rogers was arrested at 11 o'clock last night. He was found sleeping at his post. Rogers denies the charge.

SILVER AT ITS LOWEST

Chinese Indemnity Said to Be the Cause of It.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—The continued decline in the price of silver causes some considerable comment in financial circles. According to the best-informed houses, it is regarded as being directly due to China's flooding the market with silver in payment of the indemnity to the powers. Prior to the recent disturbances China was a large buyer of silver in London, but now the balance of trade is reversed, and instead of China taking silver in return for tea, silk and other articles imported to the United Kingdom, she has to ship silver in payment of manufactured articles. This alone, without the large indemnity disbursements, is considered sufficient to account for the depreciation in the value of the metal.

It is pointed out that even if China paid the indemnity in gold, the result would be the same, as she would have to send the same quantity of silver to Europe in order to buy gold. The Chinese contention that China should pay the indemnity at the higher rate of exchange in force when the recent peace treaty was signed finds some support among the leading English houses, who

BRITT BESTS ERNE

Californian Is Now the Lightweight Champion.

SEVEN ROUNDS TELL THE STORY

Buffalo Boy Put Up a Game Fight, but His Antagonist Had the Better of It From the Start—Solar Plexus Knockout.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—Frank Erne, the Buffalo, lost his hold on the world's lightweight championship in his contest with young Jimmy Britt, of this city, who knocked Erne out in the seventh round at the Mechanics' Pavilion tonight. The contest was the fastest ever witnessed in this city. Britt, while not so clever as the Buffalo man, was the more aggressive and landed the most telling blows. The men went at it from the sound of the bell in the first round, and for nearly seven rounds it was a nip-and-tuck contest between them. Britt proved himself far the cleverer in the clinches, and never missed a chance to use his right or left to advantage. The Eastern lad showed his superior generalship in many tight places, and kept Britt off with straight lefts during the early part of the battle, and later in the contest discovered that he could uppercut the Californian successfully. On one or two occasions he had the San Francisco boy at a disadvantage. Erne was in a bad plight several times, but fought back with superb gameness and succeeded in keeping the Californian off at most critical points. In only one round did Erne have a decided advantage—the fifth. Early in this round Erne landed a stiff left on Britt's jaw and followed it up with a terrific right to the heart. He continued to play for the Californian's pumping organ, and at the close had his youthful adversary in an almost groggy condition.

In the sixth round both men fought furiously. Britt trying to regain the ground he lost in the last half of the preceding round and Erne endeavoring to secure a decision lead over Britt. The latter played for the Buffalo's stomach and heart, and during the last half minute of the round placed his left on Erne's solar plexus. Erne landed a stiff left on Britt's jaw and both men went to their corners in a groggy condition. The terrific punishment administered by Britt was not to be overcome by the minute's rest preceding the seventh round, and when Erne stepped to the center of the ring it was proved to be the final round it was seen that he was almost gone. Britt was not blind to his advantage, and rushed at his man, landing a terrific left to the body and rights to the face and head. A left uppercut caught Erne in the solar plexus and he went down for a count of seven, but his dominant energy asserted itself and he gained his feet, only to go down a few seconds later from another terrific left to the same place. He rolled over and did the best he could to regain his feet, but could not do so, and California had produced another champion.

Jimmy Britt's professional fighting career commenced less than a year ago, but during that time he has successfully fought his way to the top. Frank Erne was seen in his dressing-room after the contest, and said: "I have no excuses to offer; I met a better, a cleverer and a stronger man than I expected—a man who can lick any one of his weight in the world, not excepting the colored champion, Joe Gans. I was in perfect training for the contest, and felt as good as I ever did, but the Californian was too much for me, and I succumbed to the inevitable."

Jimmy Britt was in a happy mood and could not say words too kind or too considerate of Erne.

"Erne is, without a doubt, the cleverest man I ever met," he said. "He did a thing that no one else has ever done—he landed on me in places that I have always consid-

PARDON FOR DURAND

Serves Less Than Half His Penitentiary Sentence.

PORTLAND ORGAN SWINDLER

Was Convicted of the Crime of Forgery—Governor Says He Thinks the Prisoner Has Been Sufficiently Punished.

SALEM, Nov. 26.—(Special.)—Governor Geer today granted a pardon in favor of Ear Durand, who has been serving a 12-year sentence in the penitentiary for forgery. Durand was the organizer and manager of the Durand Organ Company, in Portland, and at the beginning of the hard times forged some notes in an effort to save his company from failure. He has served less than six years of his time.

Several efforts have been made to secure his pardon, but protests were made and the pardon was not granted. Recently the persons who formerly objected signed the petition and the pardon was granted today.

Durand is an excellent musician and has already been engaged by a prominent manufacturer in the East to tune instruments. While confined in the penitentiary Durand made a musical instrument out of an ordinary cracker box and a piece of binding wire. He is 62 years old.

The pardon was recommended by ex-District Attorney Charles F. Lord, W. A. Currier, prosecuting witness; Judge George, Judge Sears and others. District Attorney Chamberlain waived notice, thereby giving his consent to the pardon. Durand was convicted in April, 1897, and was pardoned on the ground of old age and sufficient punishment.

OMAHA STOREHOUSE BURNS

Union Pacific Railroad Suffers Loss of \$175,000.

OMAHA, Nov. 26.—Fire which started at midnight completely destroyed storehouse No. 2 of the Union Pacific Railroad, together with its contents and several freight cars, most of which were loaded with supplies. Purchasing Agent George W. Griffith said the building contained fully \$250,000 worth of stores, most of which were castings, iron pipe and other heavy material, all of which is rendered useless. The building is burned to the ground and is a complete loss, which brings the total loss to \$175,000. Officials of the road express the belief that the fire was incendiary. The fire started in the north end of the building, and a general alarm brought the most of the city department to the place. The Union Pacific firemen had already arrived, and the united efforts of the two departments were required to keep the fire from spreading. The pressure was insufficient for a time, and the firemen were handicapped, but managed to confine the flames to the storehouse.

Perished in Fire.

BOSTON, Nov. 26.—In a lively stable fire at East Boston today five firemen were injured, 23 horses perished and a large number of carriages and sleighs were destroyed.

STOLE PORTLAND BONDS.

Were in Overcoat Pocket of Billiard Player at Waldorf-Astoria.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—While John G. Underhill, a real estate broker, was conversing with friends in the billiard-room of the Waldorf-Astoria, his overcoat was stolen. He has reported to the police that in the pockets were two \$1000 gold 6 per cent bonds of a water company in Portland, Or. In the coat also was a check for a dress suit case he had left at another hotel. The case contained articles valued at \$500. The cool thief later presented the check and got the case and its valuable contents.

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