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GOOD TIMES COME AGAIN TO NATION

General Revival of Prosperity Begins.

IDLE MEN RETURN TO WORK

Business in Every Line Shows Large Increase.

FACTORIES GETTING BUSY

Good Crops in Middle West Cause General Demand for Merchandise. Idle Railroad Cars Fast Reduced to Minimum.

CHICAGO, July 11.—(Special.)—Careful analysis of commercial, industrial and agricultural conditions made by representatives of the Record-Herald in Chicago and throughout the United States yesterday showed that business activity in all lines is decidedly returning to normal and in some cases exceeds it. Crops are unusually large and the number of unemployed men and of empty railroad cars showed marked decrease.

All Signs Show Uplift.

One of Uncle Sam's reliable business barometers, the postoffice receipts, registered an exceptionally reassuring indication today that the tide of business throughout the country has taken an upward turn. In Chicago fully 10,000 railroad men have gone back to work in the last six months. Half of the men the packers laid off last winter are at work again. The idle cars in the Chicago district have been reduced one-half since the high number reached in May.

Factories Report Increase.

General conditions seem promising in Wisconsin, where the big manufacturing institutions report an increase of business, actual and inquiries. Reports from Duluth say crops in Minnesota have never looked better and the labor situation has vastly improved. On the iron ranges there is a limited surplus of men.

Great Crops on Prairies.

In Kansas wheat destroyers have been active, but the yield of corn will be the heaviest in the state's history. There is heavy demand for unskilled labor.

Secretary George A. Wells, of the Iowa Graindealers' Association, in his annual estimate, made public at Des Moines, shows crops in Iowa to be slightly above normal, with prospects for the future favorable.

Big Demand From Merchants.

St. Louis reports conditions in the wholesale and retail mercantile lines as fast resuming normal and keeping freight business moving fairly well.

At Indianapolis there are probably 12,000 to 15,000 men still unemployed, but conditions are improving. Factories generally are putting more men to work. Advice from Detroit say that business conditions in Michigan, though not yet normal, are showing steady improvement.

CHICAGO SUFFERS HOTTEST OF DAYS

THERMOMETER CLIMBS HIGHEST IN SEVEN YEARS.

In Moist Temperature of 96, Four Persons Die, Many Break Down and Others Go Insane.

CHICAGO, July 11.—(Special.)—Chicago sweltered, sizzled and suffered intensely today, the hottest day since 1901. The temperature soared above 90, and the lake breeze, hitherto a lifesaver, died down to an imperceptible zephyr. On the streets men, horses and dogs fell under the fierce heat. The hottest day on record in Chicago was July 2, 1901, when 103 degrees was the mark reached.

Four deaths and many prostrations are reported, and the cases of prostration are so serious that, in a majority of cases, the victims will not survive. Every lake steamer and sailing vessel of any description was crowded with suffering humanity, and the parks and other breathing spots were jammed all day and night, thousands preferring to sleep out of doors. The death-dealing heat wave spread over the entire city, and the lake front suffered quite as intensely as did the ghetto and other congested quarters.

The Police and Health Departments were kept on the run all day, caring for all sufferers. In the tenement districts, wan, poorly-nourished children and women made their way to the roofs in a fight for life.

Speaks About Convention.

It was to them, many of their fellow-townsmen and members of either the Lincoln Bryan Club or the Nebraska Traveling Men's Bryan Club that Mr. Bryan made his only speech of the day.

WIRELESS FOR HOTELS

All Leading Hostleries of Nation to Be in System.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 11.—(Special.)—The managers of the leading hotels all over the United States have joined in an enterprise through which a wireless telegraph service between all the big caravansaries in the country is soon to be a reality. Proceedings already are well under way for the establishment of a transcontinental wireless service between New York, Philadelphia, the large intermediate cities and San Francisco.

VOLCANO MAKES ISLANDS

Addition to Uncle Sam's Domain in Bering Sea.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11.—(Special.)—That two new islands were discovered in the Bering Sea by the revenue cutter McCulloch, which is now in northern waters looking after American sealing interests, is the report brought by the crew of the cod-fishing schooner Repeat. According to the men of the cod-fisher, the islands are said to have formed after an eruption of a volcano near Dutch Harbor, in the early part of June.

Gottica Leaves for Home.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Senator Velox-Gottica, the retiring Venezuelan Charge d'Affaires, left Washington tonight for New York, whence he will sail for Venezuela next week on the first convenient steamer.

BRYAN WELCOMES FROM DOORSTEP

Receives Homage From Many Delegates.

TALKS ON PUBLICITY ISSUE

Minnesotans Promise to Fight Hard for Him.

TELLS STORIES ON LAWN

Bryan and Murphy Photographed Hand in Hand—Candidate Makes Farmer Talk to Ohioans and Virginians.

FAIRVIEW, Lincoln, Neb., July 11.—William J. Bryan opened the doorstep campaign today with a brief speech touching on publicity of campaign contributions, the platform and candidates. He also received cheers left over from the Denver convention.

The Nebraska delegation, returning with triumphant banners, after vociferations unequalled in political or other history, having participated riotously in convention proceedings, did not deliver what might properly be called a cheer at all. The Minnesota delegates, however, having had less call for the assertion of their lungs at Denver, delivered the full three as a seal on Governor Johnson's promise to support the ticket in every way possible. In this they were ably assisted by the North Dakotans, who came on the same train. The Nebraskans, however, looked their cheers out of their tired throats, soothingly caressing their strained throats.

MISS SUTTON IS STALE

No Longer Displays Form That Made Her Champion.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11.—(Special.)—May Sutton made her first appearance in three years on the courts at San Rafael today, and if the form she displayed can be taken into consideration she is hardly the player she was on the occasion of her last visit. She won her exhibition match with Hazel Hotchkiss, of Berkeley, and won decisively by scores of 6-1 and 6-2, but in doing so she did not show the class of tennis that had been expected.

IRVING W. PRATT IS DEAD

Prominent Mason Passes Away at Age of 70 Years.

Professor Irving W. Pratt, for more than 40 years a resident of Portland, died at 11 o'clock last night at his residence, 611 First street, aged 70 years. About five months ago Professor Pratt sustained a stroke of paralysis, from the effects of which his death resulted. Professor Pratt was one of the most prominent Masons in this state, and at the time of his death was active inspector-general for Oregon of the Scottish Rite. He was born at Waterloo, N. Y., March 17, 1838.

CUNNING WOMAN CATCHES OLD MAN

FAIR HOUSEKEEPER SECURES EMPLOYER'S WEALTH.

Fair and Scheming, Elizabeth Fritz Persuades Man of \$2 to Wed and Enrich Her.

CHICAGO, July 11.—Annulment of a marriage that no longer exists is sought in a bill filed in the Circuit Court last evening by heirs of the late Frederick Schramm, 82 years old, who is averred to have been "broken, old, decrepit and insane, and took for his wife Elizabeth Fritz, 24 years old, of fair features, calculating, scheming and of shrewd intellect."



The Late Irving W. Pratt.

After the marriage property worth \$40,000, it is charged, passed into the control of the woman whom the heirs have made defendant in the suit. Another action to have the will declared null and void is pending in the Circuit Court.

In November, 1906, it is asserted, the woman was employed as a servant at \$4 a week to care for the old man's home. December 27 she persuaded him to marry her secretly, it is charged. Ninety days later he died of apoplexy. On entering the Schramm home, it is averred, the woman began to exercise a system of fraudulent practices with a view to obtaining his property. He was "possessed of an insane delusion that he had become rejuvenated and, it is declared, the defendant encouraged this belief and finally married him."

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FIERGE BLAST BY HEARST AT BRYAN

Indicates Enmity of Independents.

NO CONFIDENCE IN DEMOCRATS

Bryan Won by Well-Manipulated Boss-ship.

HIS PROMISES WORTHLESS

In Leader's Absence, Shearn Says There Will Be No Overtures and Hearst Papers Say They Cannot Trust Bryan.

NEWSPAPERS REJECT BRYAN.

BROOKLYN, EAGLE.—The Eagle prefers Mr. Taft and will oppose Mr. Bryan. No thoughtful man should make Bryan his executive.

NEW YORK EVENING POST.—It is necessary for all who regard, as we do, the election of Mr. Bryan as highly undesirable, to look all the facts in the face.

NEW YORK TIMES.—We know that public policies will be executed by Mr. Taft reasonably, with calmness, with sanity and we know nothing of the kind about Mr. Bryan. We do know that his mind is unsteady, his principles unsafe.

ALL THE HEARST PAPERS.—We have lost confidence in the Democratic party. We have lost confidence also in William J. Bryan. A platform made by the Democratic party and indorsed by Mr. Bryan is not worth the paper it is written on.

NEW YORK, July 11.—(Special.)—With the conventions of the two great parties out of the way, the political wisecracks were turning their attention today to the doings of the Independence party, which is to hold its convention in Chicago on July 27. The question of greatest interest at present is whether or not the Chicago convention may indorse Bryan. W. R. Hearst is at present in Europe, and it may not be until his return on July 17 that a definite statement will be reached on this point.

Clarence J. Shearn, who is Hearst's personal lawyer and adviser, was reticent on the subject today, as he said he preferred to await Mr. Hearst's return.

WILL REMAIN INDEPENDENT.

"You may say, however, that there have been no overtures from Mr. Hearst to Mr. Bryan, looking toward the acceptance of Mr. Bryan, and there will be none," said Mr. Shearn, emphatically. He added that the action of the local Independence convention at Carnegie Hall seemed to him a sufficient answer to the talk of Mr. Bryan's name being tacked on the Independence ticket.

The delegates-at-large were instructed to vote for candidates who were independent of other parties, he said. This was the general sentiment in the party, he believed.

All the Hearst papers carry this editorial:

No Confidence, Say Hearst Papers.

"For the third time William J. Bryan has been nominated by the Democratic party—or rather by that fragment of former efficiency which is called the Democratic party. We have lost confidence in the Democratic party, as millions of other Democrats have done. We cannot see in this nomination any hope.

"We are bound to add with regret that we have lost confidence also in William J. Bryan, who, by well-manipulated boss-ship, has compelled the nomination.

"The platform adopted by the Democratic party is nothing but a compromise between the absolute will of Bryan and that willingness on Bryan's part to dicker with his own principles recently made known to the public.

"No reliance can be placed on the Democratic party."

LADIES' TAILOR RUINS GOWNS?

METHOD IN MADNESS OF SAN FRANCISCO CRANK.

Man Recently Arrested on Suspicion and Released Now Believed to Be Culprit.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 11.—(Special.)—That Joseph Goffee, a ladies' tailor, recently arrested on suspicion of being the vandal who is ruining hundreds of women's costly dresses by throwing ink, is the culprit for whom the entire Police Department has been on the lookout, is the belief of Chief of Police Biggy. Goffee, after being held in jail for three days, was released last week on his promise to go to Chicago. But he did not go, and resumed his occupation of tailoring, and Chief Biggy thinks his vandalism as ink thrower as well.

Chief Biggy points as significant that each time Goffee was lost sight of, the mysterious ink-thrower ruined some woman's gown on Van Ness avenue.

CRABBE IS BLACKMAILER

Mrs. Leiter Says His Story of Quarrel With Curzon Is Ridiculous.

CHICAGO, July 11.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary L. Leiter, before being named today in the second suit for salary in arrears claimed by Hugh Crabbe, former manager of the Leiter estate, for the management of her personal fortune, declared that the first suit of the ex-employee, non-suited before Judge Heap, was nothing more than an attempt at extortion by a disgruntled hireling cut from the payroll roll of the estate, because of his "insolence, inebriety and further uselessness to the trustees." Crabbe's claims she characterized as "the hallucinations of a revenge-crazed mind."

"Now, as for the story he tells of Lord Curzon's coming here to investigate my son's management of the estate, is ridiculous. Lord Curzon and myself, as well as other members of the family, are on the best of terms and have been for years. There has never been the slightest question between Lord Curzon and any of us as to the management of the estate."

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According to the same agency, a company, called the "Zeppelin Company," is about to be formed with a capital of \$2,000,000, to undertake popular dirigible airship excursions to Switzerland and the scenic mountain resorts of Germany and Bavaria.

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AMERICANS WIN AT ALL TARGETS

Are Rifle and Revolver Champions.

BEAT THE WORLD AT BISLEY

England Is Second and Canada Third With Rifle.

SCORES: 2553, 2486, 2439

Marksman From United States Lead at All Ranges Except 600 Yards. Belgium Second in Revolver Match.

BISLEY, July 11.—The American riflemen today swept all before them in the great international rifle team shoot and are today champions of the world with the military weapon. The total score of the American team was 2553. The English team was second with 2486 and the Canadian team a close third with 2439. The American revolver team also covered itself with glory and won the championship of the world with a total score of 1914. The Belgian team was second with 1864 and the English third with 1816.

Starting with a lead at the first range, the American riflemen never were displaced, and with the exception of the contest at the 600-yard range, they scored higher totals for each of the six distances than the finest teams that Canada and all Europe could put in the field.

In the individual aggregate the Americans always were prominent, first Leutschner and then Martin leading all the world's crack riflemen. Many experts consider the outcome a victory not only for the men but for the rifles. They declare that the short-barreled new Springfield rifle proved itself a far better arm than the new short-barreled Lee-Enfield in use in the British service.

Begin With Good Lead.

With a lead of ten points as the result of yesterday's shooting, the shorter distances, the American team, when they went to the butts today to start firing at the 800-yard range, were looked upon as pretty certain winners of the international team match, the principal event in the rifle competitions being held in connection with the Olympic games. Although the American's lead of yesterday was not great, it was about as large as they expected, their hope of winning the race being laid in the scores they expected to make at the longer distances.

The weather this morning continued unfavorable for good scores, the day being dull with a variable wind, the enemy of all riflemen.

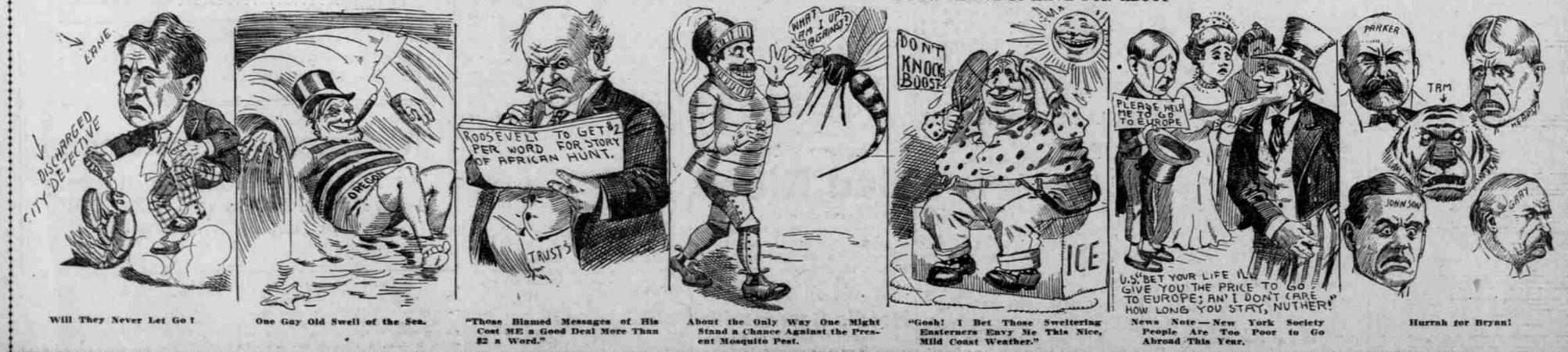
The Americans, however, at 800 yards increased their lead 13 points, scoring 436, thus bringing their aggregate score for the four distances up to 1725. The English maintained second place, making an aggregate of 1714. Canada was third team on the list and lost so many points yesterday, their total for the four distances being only 1678.

Canadians Shoot Wild.

It was thought generally that when the longer distances were reached, the team contest would resolve itself into a battle between the American and the English teams. Both teams shot well, the Americans particularly so. For a time the Canadians threatened to upset these calculations. Four of them at the start today made every shot a bull's eye, but three of this team broke down with the last shot, and Sergeant Smith alone got the highest possible. Three other Canadians, Captain Crowe, Private Williams and Corporal McInnes, scored 74 each, but their total was spoiled by Sergeant Kerns, who got 67.

The shooting of the Americans was brilliant, and evoked the greatest praise. None of them made the highest score, but no fewer than five or six

HARRY MURPHY SEES IN SOME OF THE EVENTS OF THE WEEK A FEW THINGS TO HAVE FUN ABOUT



Will They Never Let Go!

One Gay Old Swell of the Sea.

"These Blamed Messages of His Cost ME a Good Deal More Than \$2 a Word."

About the Only Way One Might Stand a Chance Against the Present Mosquito Pest.

"Gosh! I Bet Those Sweltering Easterners Envy Me This Nice, Mild Coast Weather."

New Note—New York Society People Are Too Poor to Go Abroad This Year.

Hurrah for Bryan!