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THE GOLD STANDARD WILL BE ADOPTED

Bill Prepared by Republican Caucus Committee Leaves No Room for Doubt.

RINGING DECLARATION FOR GOOD MONEY

Voyage of Transport Victoria Abandoned as a Complete Failure—Terrible Effects of the Storm on Her Cargo of Livestock.

SEATTLE, Nov. 28.—The United States transport Victoria, which returned to port this morning, has lost 90 cavalry horses. This list is growing and it is probable that it will continue until it shall have included one-fourth of the original shipment of 404 head. Hardly a horse escaped injury. Those wholly sound will not number a score.

Many had their necks broken, others were battered, bruised and shaken to death, while twenty-five or so perhaps sustained limb fractures rendering it necessary to shoot them.

Captain Robinson, of the quartermaster's department says it will probably be a month before any of the horses could again undertake the sea voyage. Meanwhile the veterinary surgeon corps of five is in attendance on the surviving

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The financial bill prepared by the republican caucus committee which met at Atlantic City last spring was today made public by the committee. It is entitled "A bill to define and fix the standard of value, to maintain the parity of all forms of money issued or coined by the United States, and for other purposes."

Section one provides that the standard unit of value shall, as now, be the dollar, and shall consist of 23.3 grains of nine-tenths fine, or 23.22 grains of pure gold, being the one-tenth part of an ounce.

Section two, that all interest-bearing obligations of the United States for the payment of money now existing or hereafter to be entered into, and all United States notes and treasury notes issued under the law of July 14, 1860, shall be deemed and held to be payable in gold coin of the United States as defined in section one of this act and all other obligations, public and private, for payment of money shall be performed in conformity with the standard established in said section.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed or held to affect the present local tender quality of the silver dollar, or of the subsidiary or minor coins or of the paper currency of the United States or the laws making national bank notes receivable and payable for certain public debts and dues, and obligations between national banks.

The secretary of the treasury is authorized to issue and sell whenever in his judgment it is necessary to the maintenance of the gold reserve fund, bonds of the United States bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent per annum, payable in gold coin.

A report on the bill has been prepared by Representative Overstreet of Indianapolis. Overstreet frankly admits that the committee did not consider the general subject of banking nor did it seek to arrange a complete scheme of finance, but confined its recommendations to the subjects of most pressing demand as evidenced by the pledges of the republican party and the general policy of the administration.

It was felt, the report declares, that the strengthening of the public credit by the removal of all doubt concerning the policy and practice of the government relative to the unit of value, is of paramount importance. It is pointed out that there can be but one standard at one time.

The report continues: "When the standard shall be permanently established and all doubt of its stability removed, the parity of all of our money will be fully recognized and the kind of money in which payments

and the Orange Free State having declared war against her majesty, the queen, and having invaded the British colonies of the Cape and Natal, a state of war has actually existed since October 11, between England and the South African republic and the Orange Free State."

"While in several instances in recent years, the United States has not considered it necessary to proclaim its neutrality in wars between other powers, yet the authorities may deem it expedient, in view of the sympathy they feel for Great Britain in the present struggle, to do so formally. The matter will probably be considered by the cabinet at its meeting tomorrow."

TELLER AND DUBOIS.

Free Silver Will be the Issue and They Propose to Fuse With Anybody and Anything That Will Give Them Office.

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—Senator Teller said today in answer to a question as to whether anti-imperialism will overshadow silver:

"No, nothing can put silver in the background. The imperialism matter is likely to be easily settled within the next six months."

He implied that the country had already been expanded and that anti-expansion cry would be about a dead issue by June.

Senator Dubois of Idaho, said he had no doubt the silver vote drawn from the republican party would be largely increased next election owing to the frank pro-gold stand taken by the leaders of that party. "Fusion with the democrats and populists" asserted the senator, "is in my opinion a certainty."

FITZ WANTS A FIGHT.

Offers All Gate Receipts to Winner for Another Chance at Big Jim Jeffries.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Martin Julian last night said that Bob Fitzsimmons would come on from Chicago this week to attempt to get an a match with Jeffries.

"Bob is willing to agree that the winner take all," he said. "Fitzsimmons is entitled to first consideration, and we mean business."

HARPER BROS. HAVE FAILED

IN HANDS OF CREDITORS

Unable to Meet Their Obligations
the Old Publishing House Surrenders to a Trust Company

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—The State Trust Company, as trustees of the first mortgage of Harper & Brothers, has taken charge of the property and business of the firm including the publication of the periodicals known as Harper's Magazine, Harper's Weekly, Harper's Bazaar and Harper's Round Table. The Trust Company has appointed G. B. M. Harvey, recently elected president of the Harper Bros. Company, as its agent.

In a letter to J. P. Morgan & Company, Harper Bros. say: "It is due to you, as principal creditors of Harper & Bros. to know that, owing to the financial stringency and the fact that the bulk of our assets is not available for quick realization for collateral purpose, our company may and probably will be unable to meet its maturing obligations."

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BATTLE OF GRASPAN A BRILLIANT BRITISH VICTORY

Boer Positions Stormed and Carried by General Methuen's Infantry.

HEAVY LOSS IN MEN AND OFFICERS

Buller Controlling Cables and Little News Can Be Received—Four Important Battles Believed to Have Occurred or to Be Impending.

ORANGE RIVER, Nov. 27.—The British arms have achieved a brilliant victory. The enemy, strongly entrenched, held a range of hills commanding both sides of the railroad at Rooi Laagte, near Graspan. The Lancshires, under Lewis, reconnoitered in an armored train Friday.

The Boers shelled the train, killing Lewis and a private. General Methuen then advanced. His column made a detour and bivouacked for the night at Swink's Pan, three miles from the Boer position. At dawn the advance began. The Boer guns opened fire.

The British artillery, posted on each side, shelled the Boers. The Boers stuck tenaciously to their positions, firing steadily and accurately.

The duel, which constantly became hotter, lasted three hours. The Boer shells wounded several men of the naval brigade. Finding it impossible to displace the Boers by artillery, General Methuen resolved upon infantry attack.

A brigade of infantry gallantly stormed the Boer positions, in the face of a withering fire, and carried hill after hill, the brigade under Colonel Money capturing the main position against a terrific fire, but only after suffering terribly.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—4:30 a. m.—Virtually the only fresh news from the front is contained in the dispatches of General Forester-Walker to the war office.

The cables continue silent, presumably because of General Buller's desire to prevent any leakage regarding the important moves now being carried on. It seems clear however that Lord Methuen is continuing to advance rapidly, and that finding the railway much damaged he has left it behind him.

When telegraphic communication is resumed it is quite possible that news may come of four simultaneous battles at Modder river, Arundel, Stormberg and Colenso.

As the Boers, according to General Forester-Walker's advice, were leaving Kimberley for the south, it is regarded as not impossible that Colonel Ke-

which is already marching with 2,000 troops to meet Lord Methuen.

It is believed that after the relief of Kimberley, Lord Methuen will proceed to the relief of Mafeking, about which considerable anxiety is still felt.

IMPORTANT CABLEGRAM.

President Kruger Directs General Goubert to Strike the British Vigorous Blows.

BERLIN, Nov. 28.—The Deutsche Zeitung publishes the following dispatch, dated Pretoria, November 27, received through the Boer diplomatic channels:

"President Kruger and President Steyn have instructed General Goubert and General Cronje not to split their forces into small detachments but to strike vigorous blows.

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