



MONEY RELIEF PROPOSED

Address on the Silver Question.

WANT LAWS ENACTED

Petition Congress to Authorize and Indorse the Calling of an International Conference.

SILVER IN FAIR RATIO TO GOLD

The Memorial Says That the "Decision by the People Against Silver in 1896 no More Settled the Question That It Did the Tariff Question.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 17.—The following address on the silver question which proposes congressional enactment having for its purpose a relief of the finance stress, was approved by the Governors of the Commercial Club yesterday and sent to the Utah delegation in Congress. With the address was a personal letter to each of Utah's representatives in Congress, asking that he do all in his power to support the legislation suggested.

1—A law amending the present law governing greenbacks to authorize the government expenses for the succeeding four months, amounting to perhaps \$75,000,000 per month to be paid in a new issue of greenbacks.

2—A law authorizing national depositories and national banks to loan money from individuals, firms or corporations upon purchase bonds of the United States when presented and deposited for such sale or loan; the United States treasury to supply such depositories and banks with special treasury notes for that purpose.

3—A law requiring the purchase and immediate use in subsidiary coin and silver certificates of 50,000,000 ounces of silver.

4—A petition to congress asking that body to authorize and indorse the calling of an international conference by the President to consider and if possible to agree upon the remonetization of silver on a fair ratio with gold, the appointment of a commission favorable to remonetization, and authorization such commissioners to negotiate for such remonetization when a majority of the leading powers consent.

The address further declares that "Between 1873 and 1896, because of the demonetization of silver miners of the west lost quite \$350,000,000." The memorial concludes with the statement that the "decision by the people against silver in 1896 no more settled the question than it did the tariff question."

NEGOTIATIONS CLOSED.

PEKIN, Jan. 17.—The officials of Shansi province have recovered from the Pekin syndicate, a British corporation, all the concession rights held by the syndicate in Shansi. The long negotiations in an endeavor to reach a compromise were closed yesterday by the syndicate agreeing to accept 2,700,000 taels, payable in four years, and quit the province.

The matter of "rights of recovery" recently has brought about a revival of the demonstrations against the syndicate which held the sole rights over the immense mineral fields in Shansi. So incensed were the inhabitants against the granting of these concessions to the foreigners that a rebellion was precipitated last year.

PAIFIC FLEET AT RIO JANEIRO.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 17.—The American battleship fleet was joined in this harbor this afternoon by the torpedo boat flotilla numbering six vessels which arrived from Nornambuco. There was an enthusiastic reception. Nothing occurred to break the absolute peacefulness of the scene in the harbor and the enjoyment of the men ashore. A fleet of Brazilian war vessels in the harbor added to the gala scene.

BUY GALL STONES.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—The Record-Herald today says: Chicago packers are selling gall stones at high prices to the Japanese. What the subjects of the Mikado do with the queer product of Packingtown is a mystery, but they use great quantities and are willing to pay any price demanded for them.

The report of the business, which had been kept a trade secret as far as this city is concerned, comes from the Canadian trade commissioner at Yokohama. He says one big Chicago firm sold its output to a Japanese for \$14.94 a pound, and that the importer retailed his product for \$99.00 a pound. In order to discover the value of its product the firm increased its price steadily but the Japanese continued to buy all the gall stones they could procure.

TAFT THE FAVORITE

Politics Simmering at the National Capitol.

FAIRBANKS NOT VERY STRONG

Hughes and Knox Booms Hardly Heard of Yet, But Keep Your Eye on the Letter—Uncle Joe Cannon Has Only Age Against Him.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 17.—Now that Congress is once more in full swing and more politicians are in Washington than assemble elsewhere except at National Conventions, interest is about equally divided between possible legislation and Presidential booms. Of the former there is little to be said at present for the session has not progressed sufficiently far to indicate what may be expected. Financial legislation, of course, is scheduled, and there will be the usual appropriation bills, but what else is as yet problematical. Senator Aldrich's bill, after it passes the Senate, will be delayed in the House, for Chairman Fowler of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, has ideas of his own on the currency question. Mr. Fowler has made the subject a study for a number of years and discourses on finance as fluently as Prynne on the tariff or Morgan on the Isthmian Canal, but up to date must confess that he has made little headway among his associates. Few of the members of the House really make any exhaustive researches into the financial questions and few care to follow the academic discussions indulged in by Mr. Fowler, Representative Hill, of Connecticut, and others. By far the majority prefer to take the opinion of the leaders and in this instance the financial legislation which the House will pass will be that which best suits Speaker Cannon and his advisers. The ship subsidy people will not make any attempt this year to secure the passage of a general bill but will content themselves with a postal subsidy on the order of the bill which so narrowly missed passing last session. Next winter, however, the shipping people expect that with the elections out of the way, Congress will do something for shipping in general. More or less railroad legislation will be proposed and some will probably be enacted, but it is too early yet to determine just what alterations, if any, will be made in the present law. Congress

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FOUR GIRLS ARE KILLED

Ten are Seriously Injured Score Slightly Hurt.

FIRE IN KNITTING MILL

Only One Exit, a Narrow Stairway Cut Off by Fire and Smoke.

STARTED IN FURNITURE STORE

Panic Stricken, the Eighty-five Girls, Who Were in the Building When the Fire Started Jumped From the Three-Story Fire Escapes.

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 17.—Four girls were killed, 10 seriously injured, and a score or more slightly hurt in a fire at the Imperial Knitting Company's mill in this city today. Eighty-five girls were at work when the fire broke out on the ground floor in which men were varnishing furniture in the warehouse. The girls were panic-stricken, many jumping three stories from the fire escapes. There was only one exit, a narrow stairway, which was cut off by fire and smoke. The loss is \$75,000.

COIFFURE BUILDING.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Monotony in style is the charge against the hair-dressing of New York women brought by Geo. Gourdeau, president of the Paris Hair Dressers, who had spent four weeks studying coiffure buildings in the theatres, at the opera, in the restaurants and on the streets of New York. Women of the American metropolis, says the Parisian, seem to confine themselves to a score, almost, of styles, whereas there are 300 separate and distinct fashions of dressing the hair, he claims. Mr. Gourdeau is on a mission from Paris where the hair dressers are trying to encourage more diversity in the style of hair dressing, hoping to secure the co-operations of American hair dressers in this movement.

HIS CONSCIENCE TROUBLED HIM.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Milwaukee, Wis., says: Emil Mittag of Everett, Wash., has written a letter to Pension Agent Coe informing him that he will no longer draw eight dollars a month pension on which he has been drawing from the government. He says: "God has convinced me to stop drawing the pension," because he was not entitled to it, having himself shot off the fingers of his right hand to escape service. Mr. Mittag was a member of the 116th Coast Artillery and has drawn a pension from the Milwaukee office since June, 1906. He says he has given himself up to the authorities at Vancouver.

BANK GOES INTO LIQUIDATION.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 17.—The sovereign bank of Canada has gone into liquidation. The Bankers' Association will take charge of the assets tomorrow. The bank had 76 branches. The bank was reorganized last June since which time deposits have fallen off \$3,000,000. It is believed the depositors will lose nothing but the holders of shares in the bank will probably not fare so well.

NATIONAL HOUSE ADJOURNED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—After passing a large number of pension bills the House adjourned until Monday. The peacal code bill was not taken up.

LAND FRAUD CASES.

PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—The entire session of the court in the land fraud trial was devoted to the introduction of various letters written by Edward Putnam on Fossil to Hall and Mays in which Putnam told of alleged illegal acts in the Butte Creek Land Company.

NO TRACE OF HARTFIELD.

VICTORIA, Jan. 17.—The search for the British ship Hartfield, supposed to have been lost in the vicinity of Vancouver Island, has been abandoned. A great deal of wreckage was found but no trace of the ship. Some believe the wreckage was washed from the decks during a big storm and that the vessel is still afloat and probably blown out to sea.

SNELL WILL TRIAL HELD UP.

CLINTON, Ill., Jan. 17.—The illness of Judge Cochrane today halter the suit to sea aside the Snell will. It is reported tonight that the when trial resumes the judge will order all spectators and newspaper men from the court room while sensational letters are being read.

TROOPS TO REMAIN.

GOLDFIELD, Jan. 17.—The announcement that the President will permit the troops to remain here until the legislature makes provision for the state constabulary caused great rejoicing in the camp.

COMING TO OREGON

Col. Lockwood and Lieutenant-Colonel Leach.

RIVER AND HARBOR ENGINEERS

After Hearing Representatives From Eureka on Needs of Harbor There, They Will go to Stockton and Benicia, and Start for Oregon Tuesday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—Col. D. W. Lockwood and Lieut.-Col. S. S. Leach, members of the United States Board of Engineers in charge of rivers and harbors arrived in this city yesterday after granting a hearing in San Pedro on the recommendations for improvements to that harbor. The board will grant a hearing this morning to representatives from Eureka on the needs of the harbor there. They will then leave for Stockton and Benicia, arriving at Sacramento on Monday. On the following day the members will leave for Oregon.

TO ERECT INDEPENDENT SMELTER

HELENA Mont., Jan. 17.—That an independent smelter is to be erected at Helena seems assured. After perfecting a temporary organization today of the Montana Mine Owners' Association, 12 leading operators tonight raised \$100,000 and M. L. Hewitt, temporary resident agreed to raise an additional \$100,000 within a week. It is proposed to erect the smelter in this city.

VERDICT AGREED UPON.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—At 1:45 this morning the jury has been deliberating on the Walsh case since 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, had apparently ended their deliberations. They sent for ink and writing materials. The bailiffs deny that any intimation had been given them as to how the jury stood. The court will not hear the verdict until 10 o'clock this morning.

REDEEMING CERTIFICATES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—Clearing house certificates are being redeemed at the rate of \$300,000 a day and at the present rate the paper practically will have disappeared from circulation before February 1.

STEAMER GOES ASHORE

It Is Not in Imminent Danger.

AT CAPE LAZO, COMAX

She Had on Board Settlers and Cargo and Was Bound for Graham Island.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE GROUP

Salvage Steamer Salvor to the Rescue—Left Esquimaux Last Night to Try to Get Her Off—Particulars Are Meagre.

VICTORIA, Jan. 17.—The steamer also, which left Vancouver last night with a cargo and settlers for Graham Island, one of the Queen Charlotte group, is ashore on the rocks at Cape Lazo near Comox. The salvage steamer Salvor will leave Esquimaux tonight to try to get her off. She is not in imminent danger.

VERY PECULIAR WILL.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—There shall be inscribed upon my tomb in German and in golden letters this epitaph: "Here lies the sleeping beauty." This was one of the order provisions of Mrs. Alwyn Schaeffer which was filed for probate yesterday. She was 46 years old and died two weeks ago. She was the divorced wife of Henry Schaeffer, a well known Chicago hotel man. Mrs. Schaeffer disposes of \$30,000 and practically all of it, except small annuities to brothers and nephews living in Magdeburg, Germany, is to be devoted to the purpose of giving festivals for the German orphan children in this city. The will provides that a "weeping willow tree and a tombstone, the two not to exceed \$500 in cost" be placed above her grave. It is also requested that Mrs. Schaeffer's poodle dog "Lottie" be given to "One of the richest families in the city," and that two dollars a week be set aside for the dog's maintenance.

HAYWOOD GREETED BY SOCIALISTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—William D. Haywood, who was recently acquitted on a charge of murder at Boise, Idaho, is in New York, having arrived last night. He was received with enthusiasm by the New York Socialists and tonight will address a Socialist meeting. He will also confer with Eugene V. Debs presumably regarding the move to make Haywood the Socialist candidate for the presidency at the next election. Debs was the Socialist candidate at the last presidential election.

PETITION FOR ENFRANCHISEMENT.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 17.—The women of Oregon who wish to be enfranchised, today filed with the Secretary of State, a petition have the question of amendment constitution submitted to the people at the election next June. The petition purportedly contains 8959 signatures.

RESTAURANTEUR FAILS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Abraham J. Sadler who conducts a restaurant in the downtown district, yesterday filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court, scheduling his liabilities at \$234,723 and his assets at \$2515.

MUST PAY QUARTER OF A MILLION

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 17.—Acting upon the request of Attorney-General Albert J. Galen and Bank Examiner Timothy E. Collins, District Judge Geo. M. Bourquin has continued the hearing on the application for a receiver for the State Savings Bank of this city, which suspended during October, until February 17, the court stating that while the conditions he had imposed upon those interested in the bank had not been fully complied with yet by F. Augustus Heinze, the general condition of the institution was such that he felt the bank would be in shape to resume business by the 17th of next month.

Yesterday was the date set for F. Augustus Heinze, who was the principal stockholder in the bank, to deposit \$250,000 which sum he owed the bank. Whether or not this deposit was made the court did not state.

BAD FIRE IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—A fire broke out in the six-story building occupied by McNeill & Higgins, wholesale grocers, tonight. The loss is \$400,000.

MINE ON FIRE.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 17.—The Cateburg mine of the Monongahela Consolidated Coal & Coke Company near the Monongahela City, 30 miles south of here, is reported burning tonight. Forty men were at work but they escaped.

LEGAL ARGUMENT

Mrs Harry Thaw's Story Will Precipitate it.

HIS MOTHER ILL IN NEW YORK

Mrs. William Thaw Was Not Allowed to Her Story at the Last Trial—Asked "Is This All I Can Do?"—Public and Reporters May be Excluded.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—A series of surprises brought the Thaw trial near a crisis today. Both Evelyn, his wife, and Mrs. Thaw, mother of defendant, were on the witness stand and just as the former was about to relate anew the story of her life as she told it to Thaw in Paris in 1903, Jerome arose and said in the interest of public morals that all persons save those interested in the case should be excluded from the court room during what he claimed was the recital of a "horrible tale." This included the reporters as well as the public. Attorney Littleton joined in the request to shield the young woman from the curious eyes and said he was ready to waive an open hearing in any iron clad manner the court might suggest. The proceedings were suspended until Monday morning when Justice Dowling will announce his decision as to the exclusion of the public. Jerome's request was a surprise, and Judge Dowling remarked it would have come with greater force at the first hearing of the case.

Yesterday was, however, one of good progress for the defense. The Elder Mrs. Thaw, pale and weak from recent illness, was assisted to the witness chair, repeated a large part of her testimony given a year ago. Owing to her weak condition the examination was interrupted, to be resumed next week. Effective testimony was given the defense by Miss Alice C. Fletcher, an old time friend of the Thaw family and by Miss Catherine O'Neil who nursed Thaw as a boy, both testifying to Thaw's strange tendencies as a youth.

Jerome had previously objected to Mrs. Thaw's detailing the conversations she had with Thaw three years prior to the tragedy but Justice Dowling ruled the declarations to be admissible on general principles. Jerome then attacked the witness by objecting to every question Littleton asked her as to her early history thus cutting the young woman's recital from the effective narrative form it assumed last year, into hundreds of fragments. Many of Jerome's objections were sustained by the court.