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BOMBSHELL!

Has Struck the Town.

Big Betsy of the
"Monterey,"
Fired into Cooper's Store
And Knocked
The Bottom out of

FINE DRY GOODS
AND CLOTHING

First Class Goods Slaughtered

The Greatest Reduction Sale
Ever Known in Astoria.
Positively, You Will Get
Bargains. No Humbug. At the
Midsummer Sale now in Progress.

C. H. COOPER,

The Leading Merchant of Astoria.

MATAAFA DOWNED IN SAMOA

Victorious Soldiers Carry Bloody
Heads About Apia

AND USE THEM FOR BASEBALLS

The Great Powers Interfered and
Mataafa and His Chiefs
Surrender.

Associated Press.
San Francisco, August 4.—Advices have been received to the effect that the long-predicted war in Samoa has been commenced and finished, the intervention of the three great powers putting a decisive end to the troubles. Mataafa and his chiefs have surrendered.

Mataafa's army consisted of about 1,000 fighting men, armed with rifles, axes and long knives, and was more powerful than Mataafa's, having plenty of ammunition and many more warriors. When the attack came, Mataafa's forces being short of ammunition, retreated after a hard fight, in which many were killed and wounded. That afternoon, Mataafa's warriors returned to Apia with the spoils of victory, which consisted of the bleeding heads of human beings. Each man who had the luck to cut off the head of an enemy, marched through the streets of Apia with his enemy's head, carried with one finger stuck up the windpipe of the severed head and another finger in the mouth. They walked up the street yelling like fiends, with eyes starting from their sockets with excitement, and throwing the severed heads about like baseballs, blood dripping all over the bearers. Many heads were brought in, in this manner, and after being exhibited about town, were presented to Mataafa as trophies of war. The white people took refuge on the verandas of houses, while the warriors held the streets, as they were at the mercy of the excited natives who were crazed with victory and blood; and, if there had been any clash, the whites would probably have been massacred.

Mataafa lost sixteen killed and seventeen wounded. Mataafa's loss was four killed and twelve wounded. Of four women killed, two were decapitated. One girl crept into the bush for shelter, where she was discovered by a warrior, lying face down and clinging with both hands to a sapling. She cried for mercy, saying that she was a woman, but the warrior deliberately slaughtered her and cut off her head.

SHIPWRECK AT DUNGENESS

Port Townsend, Wash., August 4.—The Chilean bark Eritrea, en route from Valparaiso to Moodyville, went ashore this morning on Dungeness Spit, during a thick fog at low water. A fresh westerly wind prevailed and the vessel was driven hard ashore, and will probably be a total loss. The vessel came up the straits this morning in a thick fog, and the captain, being a stranger to these waters, lost his bearings. She went ashore near where the Savona was wrecked two years ago. The Eritrea was in ballast. The crew reached the shore safely. Two tugs are at the scene of the wreck and are endeavoring to tender assistance.

BANKRUPT BREVITIES

The People's Savings Bank of St. Paul closed its doors yesterday morning.

A receiver has been appointed for the Denver Equitable Accident Insurance Company; its outstanding risks of \$5,000,000 have been reinsured with the Union Casualty Company. Trouble among the stockholders caused the failure.

The closing of the doors of the St. Paul German National Bank yesterday caused some withdrawal of funds from other banks, but no particular excitement or runs.

James H. Walker & Co., dry goods, one of the largest firms in Chicago, confessed judgment yesterday on a note for \$5,495. A receiver has been asked for. The amount involved is \$2,000,000.

The First National Bank of Hammond, Ind., capital \$50,000, and the Citizens' National Bank, of Muncie, Ind., capital \$300,000, closed their doors yesterday morning.

S. Jacoby & Company, cigar manufacturers of New York, have confessed judgments aggregating \$20,000. Liabilities, \$150,000.

The West Side Bank of St. Paul, capital, \$100,000, closed yesterday. No statement has been made.

A GREAT FOREST FIRE

Albany, Or., August 4.—Reports from the eastern terminal of the Oregon Pacific railroad says a large forest fire is raging on the north side of Breiten Brush, about six miles northeast

of Detroit. The fire has burned from the river back on the mountain a distance of two miles, and is rapidly spreading in every direction, burning against the wind nearly as fast as with it. Everything is perfectly dry and only a heavy rain will stop a terrible destruction of timber. There is no clue to the origin of the fire.

THE POPULISTS PLEASED

Chicago, August 4.—The executive committee of the populist party, who have been in session here since the adjournment of the silver convention, tonight issued an address to the people of the United States. It says in part: "The overwhelming spirit of this convention indicates that the whole nation is alive to the dangers which threaten us. The convention not only repudiates the idea of a gold standard and a gold basis, but unanimously committed itself to the principle that we, as populists, have long held and cherished, namely, 'that law alone makes money, and that the stamp of the government converts sixty cents' worth of silver into a dollar, equal to any gold dollar,' and they unanimously accepted one doctrine, that the money of the country should be adequate for all demands of business, and should expand with the growth of population and commerce." The address holds out the idea that the silver convention was a great victory for populist principles, as embodied in the Omaha platform.

INDIVIDUAL CURRENCY

Fall River, Mass., August 4.—This morning the Bourne mills put into circulation pay roll checks, of which the following is a sample: "Pay to bearer, in clearing house funds, five dollars, and charge that amount to account of Bourne mills, George A. Chace, treasurer." These checks are intended to meet the situation resulting from a shortage in currency, and will probably be accepted by grocers and operatives without question. Other mills will follow the example of the Bourne corporation.

A FORTUNATE ESCAPE

St. Louis, August 4.—News has been received here of an almost successful attempt to wreck and rob a Wabash train this morning near Atlanta, Mo. A rail was taken from the track by the robbers, but the fact was discovered by a son of the section agent, who flagged the train, thereby preventing the wreck and intended robbery.

TIN IMPORTERS GONE

New York, August 4.—N. L. Coort & Company, importers of tin, tinplate and other metals, made an assignment today. Liabilities, \$350,000; assets unknown. The firm is a very old one, and prominent in the metal trade. The failure is due to depreciation in the price of metals, and the financial stringency.

A BLAZE IN MINNESOTA

St. Paul, August 4.—A dispatch, special from Princeton, Minn., says that a fire in that place, early this morning, destroyed the First National bank building, a hotel, and six houses, causing a loss of \$50,000; insurance partial.

ANTHONY COMSTOCK'S LABORS

Chicago, Aug. 4.—The council of administration of the World's Fair has ordered the director-general to investigate the dances of the Orientals in the Midway Plaisance, and if found immoral, to stop them at once.

OBSTINATE OSAGE INDIANS

Guthrie, O. T., August 4.—The Osage Indians refuse to treat with the government for the sale of their reservation of nearly 2,000,000 acres. They are prosperous and don't want to be crowded by the whites.

FAILED AND SUICIDED

Chicago, August 4.—Nelson Van Kirk, a board of trade operator, suicided today. He was 72 years old, and a member of the firm of VanKirk & Austin, which was forced to the wall today.

SILVER IN CENTRAL AMERICA

San Jose de Costa Rica, August 4.—There is a financial panic throughout this republic, caused by the condition of the silver market. Failures have been numerous, and more are expected.

SIAM BLOCKADE RAISED

Paris, August 4.—Rear-Admiral Humann, commanding the French fleet now in Siamese waters, announces that the blockade of Siam was raised yesterday afternoon.

THE FIRST OF THE NEW WHEAT

Albany, Or., August 4.—The first new wheat was received in this city today. It was fall grain and of excellent quality.

MORE GOLD COMING OVER

London, August 4.—There was \$1,100,000 in gold taken from the bank of England, today, for America.

COMING SESSION OF CONGRESS

Blount Will Voice the Silver Men
Immediately.

THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS

President Cleveland Leaves Huzzard's
Bay—Republican Caucus
Called.

Associated Press.

Washington, August 4.—As soon after congress meets as it becomes practicable, Bland, leader of the silver forces in the house, will introduce a bill embodying the views of the silver men. It will provide for the repeal of the Sherman purchasing act and a substitute therefor of the free coinage of silver at the present ratio of 16 to 1. "That," said Bland, "will be the ground upon which we will make our fight, although there has been no definite plan agreed upon." He recognized that men could honestly differ as to the ratio, but that was a matter that should be settled in the party itself. He proposed, however, to resist with all his power any increase in the ratio.

QUESTION OF CHAIRMANSHIPS

New York, August 4.—Speaker Crisp authorizes the statement that there is no basis whatever for any one of the many reports circulated regarding the appointment of chairmen of committees. He does not expect to announce the committees until eight or ten days after the organization Monday. He may make an exception of the committee on coinage; it all depends on the tone of the president's message. If Cleveland shall confine his recommendations strictly to repeal, with no hint of subsequent legislation in the direction of bimetalism, it might be considered wise to put Cochran at the head. If, on the other hand, the president should deem a more pacific policy advisable, it might be considered wise to permit Bland to retain his position, if he should care to do so, despite the opposing majority in his committee.

PLENTY OF SMALL CURRENCY

Washington, August 4.—Treasury officials state that the treasury is prepared to supply all the small currency wanted, and the lack of such currency in certain sections of the country is accounted for on the theory that much of it is being hoarded by those who receive it, thus withdrawing it from active circulation.

OFF FOR WASHINGTON

Huzzard's Bay, August 4.—Secretary Lamont arrived at Gray Gables at noon today. The president's team met him at the station. Everything is in readiness for a start to Washington this afternoon. Besides the president, Secretaries Lamont, Carlisle and Olney will be in the party.

Bloomington, Ill., August 4.—Vice-President Stevenson left this evening for Washington, to be present at the extra session of congress Monday. To an Associated Press correspondent tonight, he said: "From advices I have received, it is my opinion that the Sherman law will be repealed, but as to any substitute I am not prepared to talk. I hardly think anything will be done with the tariff at this session, as congress would not have time."

REPUBLICANS TO CAUCUS

Washington, August 4.—Representative Thomas B. Henderson, chairman of the republican caucus, has issued a call for the caucus to meet Saturday evening.

SILVER DOLLARS IN DEMAND

New York, August 4.—Depositors in banks are using every possible device to secure bills to sell to brokers at a premium. The banks are refusing to cash checks unless they are well satisfied there is necessity for their use. The currency demands from the interior are still heavy, but are generally refused, although the banks are held to be supplying every legitimate demand, both in and out of town. The sub-treasurer today refused to pay out silver dollars on presentation of a number of thousand dollar greenbacks. The full limit of silver dollars is coined according to law, and only silver certificates or treasury notes will now be redeemed in silver on demand.

AN OFFICIAL TECHNICALITY

Tacoma, August 4.—A jury in the federal court tonight found Clarence Chamber, ex-postmaster at Kalama, guilty of appropriating \$20 of government funds. He was recommended to the extreme leniency of the court. The case grew out of Chamber's refusal to turn the office over to Mr. W. N. Smith, his successor, when removed by the new administration last April.