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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION

OF

THE GOLD

THE BOND SYNDICATE WILL MAINTAIN IT AT THE \$100,-000,000 MARK.

DEPOSITS OFFSET WITHDRAWALS.

The Syndicate Has So Far Voluntarily Deposited About \$8,000,000 in Gold to Keep the Reserve From Being Reduced .-- Only Mr. Carlisle and the President Know by What Unwritten Contract They are Bound to Do This, or Wkere They Get the Gold.

New York, Aug. 20.—The government bond syndicate has turned \$2,000,-000 in gold into the sub-treasury. This brings the net gold reserve to over \$100,-000,000 after deducting the amount withdrawn for shipment to Europe.

The gold syndicate to-day prevented the gold reserve from falling below the \$100,000,000 mark. About two the \$100,000,000 mark. About two o'clock the Treasury Department was informed that \$2,850,000 in gold had been withdrawn for export from the sub-treasury in New York. As the gold reserve at the close of business to-day stood at \$102,527,146, the withdrawal would have reduced the reserve to \$99. 677,148. A few minutes afterwards, however, Acting Secretary Curtis re-ceived a telegram saying that Mr. Pier-pont Morgan of the syndicate had deposited \$2,000,000 in gold in exchange for greenbacks This deposit swelled the reserve to \$101,677,148.

The officials at the department display no apprehension as to the gold reserve and intimate that the syndicate will continue to make deposits to off set withdrawals. But they decline to express drawais. But they decline to express their reasons for their faith and the question raised constantly is as to the pledge under which the syndicate is making these deposits and the period it covers, as well as the ability of the syndicate to continue to protect the reserve. But little light can be shed on these questions however as it is said that questions, however, as it is said that probably only two government officials

—President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle-know the unwritten part of the agreement made with the syndicate which secured the last issue of bonds.

The syndicate has so far voluntarily deposited about \$8,000,000 in gold. The manner in which the syndicate has ac-cumulated the gold which it has voluntarily exchanged at the Treasury for greenbacks is not absolutely known, as the syndicate does not make public its operations, but at the Treasury Department it is believed that most of it is obtained by giving exchange on San Francisco and by buying bullion checks.

The circulation in San Francisco is practically all gold. The movement of money is east as a result of which San Francisco exchange on New York is usually at a premium, equal to the cost of the transportation of gold across the continent. For the same reason New York exchange on San Francisco is often at a slight discount, although just now, it is at par. By offering exchange on San Francisco, therefore, the syndicate can accumulate large quantities of gold in San Francisco at practically no ex-The syndicate can also procure gold by buying bullion checks issued for bullion deposited at the assay offices and the government mints. These, at the present time, when there is a demand for gold, bring a slight premium.

It is not believed, however, that the syndicate is put to much expense in aceumulating in this fashion practically the entire product of the American gold mines, which averages usually about \$35,000,000 a year.

QUAY COMES OUT WINNER. Result of Yesterday's Primaries a Sur-

prise to the Senator Himself.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 20.-The Republican primaries to select seventy delegates to the State Convention, and also to choose candidates for various city offices were held to night. The indica-tions at mid-night are that the Quay faction have certainly elected eighteen delegates and possibly twenty-two, with only one or two districts with five additional delegates still in doubt. The anti-Quay people concede the Senator sixteen

The polls were open from 6 to 8 p. m and the scenes around the various poll-ing places in the districts in which there contests recalled an exciting presider ial election. Never before in history of the Republican party in this city has there been such a fight in the primary. In may wards almost the full Republican vote was polled. The result was in some respects a surprise to Sena-tor Quay himself, who did not expect to overcome the influence that would be brought to bear against him in certain

The hottest fights were in the 15th ward, in which Mayor Warwick, resides, and the West Philadelphia wards, the 24th and 84th. In the former, the Mayor was badly beaten. the Quay forces carrying 27 out of 43 divisions, with contests

To night's contest practically closes the fight in the State, Lehigh being the only remaining county to elect delegates. It appears almost certain that Senator Quay has won his fight for the State Chairmanship with some votes to spare. A conservative estimate gives him 160 votes in the convention, fifteen more than the number necessary to elect.

London, Aug. 20.-William Kenny has been appointed Solicitor General for Ireland. He is a Liberal Unionist and sat in the last Parliament for Dublin.

THE RACE DECLARED OFF.

Owing to an Accident to Defender in Middle of Second Round.

New York, Aug. 20. -The first formal trial race between the Defender and the Vigilant to give the America's Cup Committee an opportunity to decide which boat should be named to defend the cup, was held to day outside of Sandy Hook in the same waters that the cup races will take place in, but ended very unsatisfactorily. The boats raced not only to give the committee a line on them, but also for a cup that John Jacob Aster of-fered to the winner of the majority of the races that the committee should or-

The winner of the cup, however, will not necessarily be the defender of the America's Cup. One boat might beat the other three times straight and yet the America's Cup Committee will have absolute power and discretion in picking the defender. The committee might decide from their observations during the cruise of the New York Yacht Club to the Eastward and ignore these trial races altogether if they so choose to do.

It is believed among yachtmen that the committee ordered these trials more in the hope that they would see Defender in a good stiff breeze, if not a hard wind, a condition of things in which she has not yet had the opportunity of displaying her power. They came very near having the desired view to day. But they were forestalled by an accident that prevented Defender from really showing what she could do in a breage of wind what she could do in a breeze of wind that went over the water probably at the rate of twenty knots an hour. In fact it was the very stiffness of the breeze that brought dire injury to the fin keeled boat. The breeze stirred up her rigging so much and played such havoc among it that it loosened it to a material extent up toward the masthead and caused such damage that Defender had to withdraw, or take a liberal chance at carrying away her topmast.

It was afterwards found that the slacking up of the rigging was so extensive that the yacht would not be able to compete in the second trial race for a week. The committee having learned this fact, decided at the New York Yacht Club House to night that the next two trial races would take place on Thursday and Wednesday of next week. It is a mystery to yachtsmen, especially those who have given the closest attention to the rigging of boats, why Defender's stays weakened under a breeze which enabled her to still carry her club topsail, which she did when she stopped, and continued to do all the way up the bay to the anchorage off Bay Ridge.

The Vigilant, too, was prevented from going over the whole course, but from a different cause. After she had made her first round of the ten miles to windward and return, she hauled down her club topsail and then run up against a wind that burst her jib into shreds. Nothing daunted, she ran up another jib and was proceeding on the course the second time when the committee boat Luckenbach ran up alongside of her while she was tacking and notified her that she need go no further; that the Defender had withdrawn, and that she, Vigilant, had been decided the winner of the day's race.

The times of the yachts in the one round were:

OUTER BLAFSED START. MARK. FINISH. TIME. 11:46:53 1:09:18 2:04:29 2:17:36 11:45:56 1:14:54 7:08:32 2:22:36 Thus it will be seen that the Defender beat Vigilant on the elapsed time by five

RATES WILL BE MAINTAINED. Meeting of the Southern States Tariff Association in New York.

New York, Aug. 20 .- The members of the Southern States Tariff Association assembled to day in one of the parlors of the Waldorf Hotel. There were about forty present. The meeting at once went into executive session.

During the forenoon an agreement was reached as to terms for the estab-lishment and maintenance of rates. There are about forty sections of this agreement, which includes all of the roads south of Virginia and the Ohio river, and east of the Mississippi. The Secretary was instructed to draw up the agreement after which it will be presented to the association for adoption.

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTIONS.

The Reform Democrats Will Have a

Majority in the Convention. COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 20.—Very full returns to the Register from the thirtyfive counties of South Carolina show that the Democratic nominees in every county have been elected, with a few possible exceptions. Two independent Demo-cratic candidates may be elected in Union and two negro Republicans in Darling-

ton and two in Beaufort. The reform Democrats will have a large majority in the Constitutional Convention, which insures the making of a constitution which will largely eliminate the negro vote. There was no trouble to-day at any precinct in the State.

HE WILL BE REAPPOINTED. And Senator Ransom Will Return to Mexico Without Delay.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20.—Ex-Senator Ransom's new commission as Minister to Mexico has not yet reached the White House. His personal friends here have good reasons for believing that he will be re-appointed within the next twenty-four hours. His health is entirely restored, and he will return to Mexico without delay.

CHINA DODGES INQUIRY RAILROAD EXTENSION

CONSULAR EXPEDITION TO IN-VESTIGATE THE MASSACRE ABOUT TO FAIL.

ENGLAND WILL MAKE DEMANDS

But the State Officials at Washington Think that the Chinese Government Will, After the Usual Delay, Accord to Our Representatives the Most Thorough Facilities for Obtaining all Information Desired .- The Chinese Officials Fear they may Lose Prestige.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20.—The State Department was informed to day that there was some disposition on the part of Chinese officials not to allow the American and British officers to be present at the investigation of the Ku-Cheng riots. It is stated at the department that the usual hitch has occurred in which Chinese officials have refused to allow any interference with their forms of procedure. In every case where there has been an investigation of the kind proposed, the same objections have been made, the Cainese officials feeling that they will lose prestige with their people if they allow foreigners to participate in their courts. These objections have always ended in the submission of the Chinese after some delay.

It can be stated authoritatively that the instructions to Minister Denby cover all questions now in controversy, and that the investigation will be conducted in such manner as to allow the American representative to secure complete and full information as to the cause of the riots and the persons participating in them, whether high or low. The as-surance is also given that this will be done in such a manner as to leave nothing for complaint by the American people on the score of failure to obtain the facts relating to the disturbances.

It is not at all probable that Minister Denby has been directed to make any such demand as that to be made by the British minister at Pekin, as it is known here that such a demand will not be necessary. It is understood that the Chinese minister has informed his government that the best interests of China will be served by according to the American and British officers, the most thorough facilities for obtaining all information desired.

The attention of China has been called to the fact that when the United States government was investigating the Chinese riots in this country officials of the Chinese government were asked to be present to obtain all the particulars. It is not believed at the State Department that the refusal of the Chinese authorities will do more than to delay the investigation for a time until the Chinese government can direct the officers at Ku Cheng to accord the Americans and British officials the right to be present and to direct the investigation into chan nels which will bring out the facts.

England Will Demand It. London, Aug. 20.—Sir R N. O'Con-nor, British Minister at Pekin, has been armed with full authority to demand the issue of necessary instructions to the lo-cal Chinese officials there to insure the presence of the American and British Consuls at the inquiry which is being made at Ku Cheng into the recent mas

CONDITION OF THE CROPS.

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The Tobacco Crop in North Carolina is Excellent.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The Weather Bureau in its report on crop conditions for the week ending August 19, says: In the central valleys and Middle Atlantic States the week has been too dry and crops generally have suffered, while

in the Southern States east of the Mississippi, excessive rains have proved injurious.

Tobacco has suffered much from drought in Maryland and continues in poor condition in Ohio. In Kentucky, while doing well, it needs rain. The rains of the latter part of the week greatly benefitted tobacco in Virginia, and it is reported as improving in Tennessee. In North Carolina the general condition of the crop is excellent.

Over the eastern portion of the cotton belt too much rain has caused rust and shedding, while in Central Texas and Northern Louisiana there has been a slight improvement. In Southwest Texas cotton is suffering from drought. Picking has continued to a limited extent in Texas, and has been begun in Georgia and Alabama. In Southern Mississippi picking will begin next week. Alabama reports the first bale marketed on the 14th.

FATAL FURNACE EXPLOSION. Six Workmen Were Killea and Five Others Mortally Injured.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 20.—An explosion at Furnace H., of the Carnegie Steel Company, at Braddock, at 5 o'clock this morning, killed six men, fatally injured five more, and destroyed \$30,000 worth of property The names of the killed were:

Steve Havrela, Joseph Luckey, Joseph Copp, John Meka, John Pookopovec, John Grucha.

All were Poles and Huns. except

Grucha, who was a German. The fatally injured are: John Warha, John Skonda, Mike Jura, Mike Kapenos, Andrew Drobne.

The explosion was due to a "hang" in the furnance, which suddenly was loosened and dropped into the molten metal below, generating an immense quantity of gas so suddenly that it could not escape by ordinary means, and the explosion followed.

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SOUTHERN ASKED TO BUILD LINK BETWEEN MOORES-VILLE AND MOCKSVILLE.

STOCKHOLDERS MEET AT WINSTON

The Distance is Only 30 Miles and About Half of the Proposed Line Has Already Been Graded -- Its Completion Will Give the Southern a Double Track From Charlotte to Greensboro -- Will Develop a Fertile Section of the State -- Trial of the Rioters.

pecial to the News and Observer

WINSTON, N. C., Aug. 20.

The stockholders of the North Carolina Railroad Company held an adjourned meeting here to day. A communication was read from the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, requesting the stockholders to urge upon the Southern Railway Company to speedily build the link between Mocksville and Mooresville.

The communication was endorsed and the stockholders adopted a strong resolution to this effect:

"That in view of the fact that the lease of the North Carolina Railroad has been renewed, and that said renewal will insure increased traffic over the single track of the North Carolina Railroad from Charlotte to Greensboro, we urge the completion of the line from Mocksville to Mooresville. We would recall the fact that the distance from Mocksville to Mooresville is but thirty miles, and that about half of said line has been graded. The comple-tion of this line will practically give the Southern road a double track from Charlotte to Greensboro, and greatly relieve the crowded condition of the single track now in use. This line will develop a fertile section of the country and add greatly, in our judgment, to the convenience of traffic, both freight and passenger, also greatly enhance the value of that portion of the North Carolina Midland now in use." The stockholders adjourned to meet in

Winston again October first.

The taking of evidence in the trial of the rioters was concluded to day. The case is now in the hands of the lawyers and will certainly go to the jury tomor-row. Several negroes plead guilty to-day. The fight between the Bell and Inter-

State Telephone Companies is on here. C. E. McClure, superintendent of the southern division for the Bell Company, was here to day and asked for permission to go in the office and see the Inter-State's switch board. The request was kindly but emphatically denied

PLAYED CARDS ON SUNDAY.

And Some one Inflicted such Injuries on Murphy That he Died.

Winston, N. C., Aug. 20.—In Yadkin county, Sunday, Pink Murphy and Dave Hobson, Jr., accompanied by John and Dave Logan, went off to play cards. When Murphy returned he asked for some one to sew up a gash cut in his head. A physician was called in, who removed three pieces of the young man's skull. Murphy died before he could tell who had cut him. Dave Hobson has been arrested on suspicion.

WOMAN'S PARSONAGE SOCIETY.

Attendance at the Liquor Dealers' Association Not so Large as Expected.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Aug. 20.
The third annual convention of the
Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society of the entire field of the South ern Methodist church will be held here, beginning to-morrow evening with a sermon by Rev. John U. Kilgo, of Trinity College. Eighty delegates are expected, and Bishops Galloway, Hargrove and Duncan will be among the visitors. The convention will continue one week. One question for consideration will be the establishment of an industriel school for girls at Waynesville.

Gill Smith, a colored boy, five years old, while attempting to get a bucket of water from the spring along side the Asheville Street Railroad Company's reservoir, near Eagle street, fell into the reservoir and was drowned before help

reached him J. G. McElroy, steward of the county convict camp, charged with brutally beating a convict named Teague, had a hearing to day and was discharged, and costs were taxed against the prosecutor. The first meeting of the State Liquor

Dealers, Distillers and Grape Growers Association was held to night. The attendance is not so large as was expected. The association will go to Vanderbilt's to morrow.

Fell Dend in Asheville.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Aug. 20.-Richard Alvey, of Richmond, Va., and a member of the firm of Alvey Brothers, grain dealers, fell dead in this city this afternoon. He had come here for his health, having recently been sick with fever. His wife and child were with him. He was a brother-in-law of J. E. Dickerson, of this city.

Cigarette Girls on a Strike.

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 20.—Seventy cigarette girls employed in the local factories have struck for an increase of 15 cents per thousand on eigarettes. They held a meeting to night to make plans to call out all the cigarette girls in the city. The factories say the cigarette union is trying to run the business and that none of the union hands will be emfore been enough to warrant shipments ployed hereafter.

IS MINNIE WILLIAMS ALIVE?

NORTH GARDLINA DAILY.

Holmes' Attorney Receives a Telegram Purporting to Come From Her.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 20.—W. A. Shoemaker, the attorney for H. H. Holmes, accused of a score of murders received a telegram to-day purporting to come from Minnie Williams, one of the Holmes' alleged victims. It read as follows:

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 19. W. A. Shoemaker, Attorney, Philadelphia, Pa.

Report that I was murdered absurd.

Am alive and well.

Minnie R. Williams."

When the message was shown to Holmes he said excitedly.

"I knew my story that I did not kill the girl would be confirmed." He brushed tears from his eyes. "I am sorry, however, that she has made herself so public by telegraphing. She might as well have written."

Then Holmes reiterated the statement that he has made so often that the last time he saw Minnie Williams was when he left her at Toronto with the Pietzel children. The prisoner has every confidence that Minnie Williams is the best friend he has, and feels assured that the telegram that was received here to day was sent by her for the purpose of showing loyalty to him. Attorney W. A. Capps, the Fort Worth attorney, who has been here in the interest of Texas people, who are trying to prosecute Holmes, was on his way to take a train for New York when told that Minnie Williams had been re-

ported alive. He said:
"I never thought she was dead. The Fort Worth people think she is alive, but it seems mighty hard to locate her. She may be somewhere near Boston. She has many friends there, and I would not be surprised if the telegram you say has been received from her is correct.

There the conversation was abruptly terminated by Mr. Capps having to rush off to catch the New York ex-

Assistant District Attorney Barlow would not say whether he thought the telegram was genuine or false. He admitted, however, that he would not be astonished if Minnie Williams appeared on the scene at any time.

Lawyer Shoemaker is investigating

the telegram which came over the wires of the Western Union Company. Asked as to his belief in its genuineness, he

"It may or may not be. My opinion, however, is that it was sent by Minnie Williams. Holmes told me this afternoon that he supposed the girl has just arrived from London, and perhaps was induced to send the message by some of his friends.

"It is more than likely that Minnie Williams sent the message from Providence and then hurriedly left the town. She has always, you know, had a particular fondness for Boston, and besides, she has many friends in that city. She may have been on her way there when she telegraphed me."

THIRTEEN BODIES TAKEN OUT. to-day. The Death Roll When Complete Will Contain Some 25 Names.

DENVER, Col., Aug. 20.-Thirteen bodies have so far been taken out of the ruins of the Gumrey Hotel, and it is evident that the death roll, when comolete, will contain twenty-four or twenty-

five names, possibly more.

The dead already taken out and identified, are:
Frederick Houbold, manager of Opera
House, Lisbon, Iowa.
Robert C. Greiner, manager of Gumrey

otel. Mrs. Robert C. Creiner. James Murphy, contractor, Denver. George Burt, Rock Island Railroad con-sector. E. F. McCloskey, mine owner, Cripple

Greek, Col.

Mrs. G. E. Wolf and child.

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Wm. Richards, elevator pilot.

B. L. I. Lorah, Central City, Col.

Ferdinand French, treasurer of Gilpin ounty, Col.

Myron F. Hawley, Union Pacific Railroad lerk.

W. W. Edwards, Denver. Work on the ruins was suspended and the search for bodies discontinued this afternoon until the walls, which threaten

to topple over, are pulled down.
It is believed that there are at least ten more bodies in the ruins and several days will probably elapse before all can be recovered.

BASEBALL YESTERDAY.

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Large Tobacco Shipment to Scotland.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 20.-At Locust Point today two hundred and fifty hogsheads of Maryland and Virginia tobacco were put aboard the big Donaldson Line steamship Indrani, consigned to parties in Glasgow. Formerly large shipments have been sent to German and Engfore been enough to warrant shipments to any large extent.

THE FIGHT OF HIS LIFE

SENATOR BRICE WORKING FOR AN UNCOMPROMISING GOLD PLATFORM.

BUT SUPPORTING SILVER MEN

The Friends of the White Metal Claim 340 Delegates Out of 880, or Enough to Make Trouble Unless Concessions are Made to Them-While the Silver Men are Trying to Secure Endorsements to Their Resolutions Brice Men Get the Important Committees.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Aug. 20 .- The district and other preliminary meetings of the Democratic State Convention were held here to day preparatory to the assembling of the convention at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Senator Brice arrived here this morning. He is making the fight of his life for a platform in harmony with the views of President Cleveland, Secretary Carlisle and himself on the financial question. He is not taking an aggressive part for the nomination for Governor or other offices, but is interested in the organization, so as to control the committee on credentials, which will de-termine the contests, and the committee on resolutions, which will report the

platform.

He is believed to have a majority of the 808 delegates with him, but the free silver men claim 340 of the delegates, or enough to make trouble if no concessions is made to them. The delegates are all here to-day, and the question is as to what concession shall be made to the minority, which claims to be over two-fifths, and almost one half the member-

ship of the convention.

The Brice men are raising no objection to any of the free silver candidates, not even John H. Thomas and James Kilborne, for Governor, and they are both pronounced advocates of the free and

unlimited coinage of silver. John H. Thomas has been opposing Senator Brice very strongly. But to-day Senator Brice, ex-Gov. Campbell and other leaders dined with Mr. Thomas, and it is understood, that a compromise was outlined, but it will not be known what the leaders did until after their plans are developed in the convention tomorrow.

Senator Brice is the temporary chairman of the convention, and his key note speech is sure to be for "honest money." Immediately after its delivery come the reports of the committee on credentials, the majority for seating the Brice men, and the minority for seating the free silver contestants. In considering these reports, the Senator may have some close ruling, and the silver men may

It is at this juncture of the proceedings that the contest between the free silver and the Brice men is expected, although the latter had things their way

Just before Senator Brice arrived at 11 a. m., the city was flooded with dodgers bearing the following resolution, adopted at the meeting of silver dele-"We favor the immediate restoration

of both gold and silver coins, and their use, without discrimination, as provided tor in the Constitution." The silver men met Senator Brice, and

of the law providing for the free coinage

said that they had no fight on him, and all they wanted was this plank. This afternoon Senator Brice, ex-Gov Campbell, and other leaders responded to calls for speeches as the clubs paraded by the Lagonda Hotel. At that time Gen. Asa Bushnell, the Republican candidate happened to be calling on Brice, Campbell and others and he also responded, welcoming his political op-ponents to the city. The silver men held meetings to day to secure endorsements for their resolution but while they were making speeches, the Brice men secured the organization of the convention, earrying sixteen of the twenty one districts in the selection of members of the various committees. The committee on resolutions is composed of business men like President Ingalls, of the Big Four, ex-Congressman McMahon,

Vance and Achauer. The Brice men also secured a majority of the State Central Committee, which hold over until after the selection of

presidential delegates next year. When the committee on resolutions met to-night, ex-Congressman Frank Hurd, who is as radical for a gold standard as for free trade, was made chairman, and it was found that J. M. Lewis, of the Eighth, A. W. Patrick, of the Seventeenth, and T. J. Blandin, of the Twenty first District, were the only free silver men on that committee of 21 members. The other committees were also strongly Brice organizations. The strongests howing of the opposition on any of them would be sixteen for Brice, to five for the opposition, including the free silver men and other elements. The committee on resolutions appointed as subcommittee of five to draw up a platform on which the opposition was given a representation, and which was instructed to re-affirm the National financial platform.

A Passenger Steamer Sunk.

London, Aug. 20.—The carge steamer Lyon collided in the fog twenty five miles off New Haven with the passenger steamer Seaford from Dieppe for New Haven to day. The Seaford sank within forty-five minutes. The 255 passengers and crew of forty-two were transferred to the Lyon safely except three of them who had their legs broken.