

EDITORIAL BRIEFS

How long will the war last? It will end in thirty days if the administration desires to end it in that time.

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Certain Populist papers in this State have begun to ridicule and belittle the silver question. There are McKinley Populists and every one of them is in favor of fusion with goldbugs.

Why does not our government strike another decisive blow and end the war? There is but one excuse for delay, and that is to give time for the infamous bond scheme to get through Congress.

THE CAUCASIAN will appreciate it if every delegate to the State Convention will try to bring several new subscribers with him. But each delegate will be welcomed to THE CAUCASIAN office, whether he brings a subscriber or not.

The motto of the gold monopolists and the bond syndicate is to divide and conquer. Beware of the men who claim to be opposed to bonds and monopoly, yet who advise the very course that the bond syndicate favors.

See in another column a letter written by Dr. J. J. Mott, addressed to the silver Republicans of this State. Surely, there are a number of Republicans in North Carolina who are opposed to the domination of the gold syndicate and who desire to break the grip of monopoly from the throat of the State. We trust that they will rally to the call which Dr. Mott has made and join in a co-operative fight with the Populists to defeat the authors of hard times.

In another column see an account of the Populist State Convention of Pennsylvania. We referred to the proceedings of this convention in the last issue of THE CAUCASIAN. It will be seen that when Mr. Wharton Barker and his followers could not control the convention that they bolted and organized a rump convention of their own. We are surprised, however, to see that certain Populist papers are publishing the proceedings of Barker's bolting rump convention and never mentioning the fact that he bolted, nor publishing the proceedings of the regular Populist Convention. The conduct of such papers forces upon us a doubt of their honesty and sincerity.

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There is a certain Populist paper in the State that says if the Bryan Democrats want to help the Populists to overthrow gold and monopoly that they must disband their party and get on their knees and belly and crawl into the Populist party.

We do not know whether both of these papers, claiming to have diametrically opposite views, are working with the same purpose or not; but one thing is certain. The cause that they advise will lead to exactly the same results; namely, the domination of the government by the gold syndicate and the domination of North Carolina by the Southern Railroad, one of the most effective agents of the gold syndicate.

We expect no better from the gold Democratic organ. The editor of that paper knows what he is doing. He is carrying out the instructions of his political god, Grover Cleveland. But the editor of the Populist paper is, to say the least, woefully misguided.

PUBLIC OPINION.

What Our Exchanges are Saying on Current Events.

Watch This Man. Webster's Weekly. Watch the man who protests much that he is for Bryan, but is against co-operation. See if he is not a corporation employee or is some goldbug in not using him.

Many Have This Disease. Webster's Weekly. We have observed that the objection to co-operation, when brought down to a fine point, is not principle, but office.

Two of a Kind. The Charlotte Observer, the leading goldbug paper in the State, once had rather see McKinley elected President than W. J. Bryan, in its issue of April 28, in an editorial, calls the silver element of the Populists, those that oppose the election of a goldbug Senator, and are for Bryan for President, "the basest and most treacherous of the two elements in the Populist party."

The Observer says that because the "Pritchard Pops" as they are called, are just like the Observer—goldbug and party traitors.

A LETTER FROM DR. MOTT

Urging Silver Republicans to Organize and Unite With the Silver Forces TO DEFEAT MONEY POWER.

Let all Silver Republicans Effect Local Organizations. Communicate With National Chairman. The Rally of the Silver Forces means a Victory for the Laboring People.

To the Silver men in the Republican party in North Carolina. Having had some public connection with the effort to promote the silver cause, I feel more than ever the need of the time rolls by that the happiness of the people and the prosperity of the country is wrapped up in it. I feel unwilling to leave any unused or unexploited force which would be of benefit to the cause.

With this apology, I take this means of writing to you, if it were not to the State of North Carolina, but to the State of North Carolina, I feel more than ever the need of the time rolls by that the happiness of the people and the prosperity of the country is wrapped up in it. I feel unwilling to leave any unused or unexploited force which would be of benefit to the cause.

Chairman Charles A. Towne, of the Silver Republican Committee, has been several months ago expressing the desire that the Silver Republicans in North Carolina be organized, and asking me to move in it that the Silver Republicans and Populists might be more encouraged in the effort to unite all the friends of silver money.

The Republic of the State are more largely interested in the matter than men of any other party, because more wealth than any other party are laboring men, and earn what they make by the sweat of the brow. The fruit of their labor is not bringing what it is worth, because the silver money of the world has been stricken down. There are some local Republican leaders who are ready to move in this matter, but they are not to the Silver Republican working men should remember that this silver movement is a movement of the people and not of the leaders. Let the working Republicans therefore move themselves, no matter how inexperienced they may be.

The county canvassers in writing to me as requested will please indicate their preference for a chairman, if they have any, suggesting some young, active men, who will immediately notify me by letter that they will procure the names of some Republicans scattered over the county who will vote the silver ticket this year. I will correspond with these canvassers while they are getting up the names. It is important that we be in a hurry, since the Democratic and Populist parties are to hold their State Conventions in the next few days. If the names are not quickly secured, we will be unable to communicate with Chairman Towne, have a State chairman appointed, and through him a State executive committee in time to exert whatever influence it can to unite the silver people.

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The money question is the vital question. Even in the presence of war and its horrors it will remain the vital question, for the money power has struck it below the belt. Whatever position I have ever offered it, has been open and above board and the reasons given.

When the evil effects of the destruction of silver money began seriously to impress the country, the Republican party responded to the call of the leading commercial countries of the world, are established at Manila. He adds the surprising statement: "The volume of the export trade coming under my official supervision, equals that of my twenty-one consular colleagues combined." He then shows in detail how the trade of the Philippines with the United States exceeds that of all other countries combined, and is growing at a remarkable rate. As indicating the extent of this trade, he says: "Today I have authenticated invoices for export to the United States amounting to \$128,000. He says the exports to this country average \$1,000,000 a month. The report states that 216,000 bales of hemp were exported to the United States last month. Of these 138,792 went to the United States, and 78,000 to Great Britain and other countries. Mr. Williams shows from this that the United States has 64 per cent of the export trade from the Philippines, as against 36 per cent for Great Britain and other countries. He says that the United States has 54 per cent of the total to all other countries combined."

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HOW IS IT DEMOCRATIC?

Are You in Earnest in Advocating Free Silver and Other Reforms? Will You Join Hands to Defeat the Shocks and Monopolists?

Kinston, N. C., May 9, '98.

According to the instruction as given out by the different National Chairmen in order to consolidate the silver forces, it appears difficult to a correct conclusion, that is going to be done in this matter.

First let us see. Does the Democratic party in this State mean to be honest; I believe there is a large portion of that party that really wants bimetalism, and some would really vote for it. But let us see who is now controlling that element? We can only judge by the action of their primary and convention that appointed delegates to the different conventions to be held in the State. I notice that they have appointed the same delegates in our county that they appointed in '94 and '96 with few exceptions. Now, there is any change why is this done? To my mind it looks like it did in '94 and '96; that there must be the same influence leading them now that led them then, and if there is not a change brought about, or some powerful influence by the silver element in that party between now and the State convention of that party, the goldbug element will capture the whole convention when it meets in Raleigh. It looks now as if there is an insincere number of silver men in the delegation to control the convention.

Now if there is a free silver element sufficient in force to control the convention, let that influence be brought to bare and we will see a division in the party and that will be the dividing of the ways, the forks of the road we have reached, and the Bannock and Cleveland machine Democrats will go where they belong—to the Republican party. In my opinion until this is done there will be no co-operation with the silver forces, and by doing so we can be able to establish bimetalism in 1900. But I am thinking strongly that his party is not going to listen this time to Mr. Jones. Their minds are so absorbed in "white supremacy" and "white metal" that they lose sight of the real object in which the great masses of the American people are so much interested, and by the influence of Wall street and money and the neglect of the press to inform the people, it will be a lost cause and monopoly will fasten its teeth upon the throats of the people and the life blood of the nation, and this great and grand old republic will be changed from a republic to an empire.

Remember Egypt, with masters over them, and with many stripes upon their bare backs. Let us come and lay down all party feeling in this matter and be free men, don't wait for other nations to dictate to us what we shall do; don't wait for England for bimetalism, if you do we will never get it. We can have bimetalism if we try to unite, but without union there is no hope, and the republic will be lost forever. It is a matter of much concern and it is the duty of every man to see that no other political party shall step between you and your country's welfare. Any man that will not join in this noble undertaking and free the great wealth producer is not worthy to be called an American citizen; that man cares nothing for humanity and is only after plunder, and no man but a slaveholder and should be branded as such. The Democratic party will have to cleanse itself of that goldbug element that is claiming to be free silver, but really goldbugs sailing under disguise.

I believe that the Populist party would be willing to co-operate with any party that means to be honest in trying to bring about honest reform and placing back silver to its former place which it held before it was de-monetized in 1893.

The Populist party was organized in order to show to the people that our finances were disturbed by men hostile to use of free silver, and to the government issue of the money and in making it a legal tender. And the Populist party will continue to exist until all of this is accomplished and when that is done the mission of the party may cease to exist.

"White supremacy and white metal" means Democratic supremacy, plutocracy, the single gold standard and oppression. F. B. BEYTON.

TRADE WITH THE PHILIPPINES

Consul Williams Gives Some Interesting Statements Concerning Manila.

Mr. Williams Consul at Manila states that the American representatives of the leading commercial countries of the world, are established at Manila. He adds the surprising statement: "The volume of the export trade coming under my official supervision, equals that of my twenty-one consular colleagues combined." He then shows in detail how the trade of the Philippines with the United States exceeds that of all other countries combined, and is growing at a remarkable rate. As indicating the extent of this trade, he says: "Today I have authenticated invoices for export to the United States amounting to \$128,000. He says the exports to this country average \$1,000,000 a month. The report states that 216,000 bales of hemp were exported to the United States last month. Of these 138,792 went to the United States, and 78,000 to Great Britain and other countries. Mr. Williams shows from this that the United States has 64 per cent of the export trade from the Philippines, as against 36 per cent for Great Britain and other countries. He says that the United States has 54 per cent of the total to all other countries combined."

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THE CASE IN A NUTSHELL.

"ONE DOLLAR EXPENDED IN DIVIDING THE SILVER FORCES WOULD AID THE GOLD STANDARD ADVOCATES MORE THAN SIXTEEN DOLLARS EXPENDED IN TRYING TO DEFEAT THE UNITED SILVER MEN AT THE POLLS."

WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

SUSPENSE ABOUT DEWEY OVER AND MUCH REJOICING AT THE GLORIOUS VICTORY AT MANILA.

To Reduce Amounts Paid Railroads for Carrying Mail California Populists for United Reform Forces—Personal Mention.

Special to THE CAUCASIAN. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7, 1898.—The suspense as to the situation in Manila after the battle by Dewey's fleet on May 1st has been very great owing to the fact that the Spaniards in the island had cut the cable, and to not in it that the Spaniards were winning the result, though the newspapers claimed that the first information was reliable. Many apprehended that Dewey had been bottled up near the island, and could not therefore send information to this country.

The situation was greatly relieved this morning when a dispatch was received at the Navy Department from Dewey stating that he had won a most marvelous victory, having succeeded in destroying ten of the Spanish boats and one transport, sustaining only very slight injury to any of his boats. There were only six of his men slightly injured, while the Spanish suffered great loss in killed and wounded.

It is believed that such a crushing blow as the Spanish navy has received will result in an early termination of the war—in fact a revolution is momentarily expected in Spain, and when the news of the disastrous battle reaches that country it will only tend to strengthen the revolutionary sentiment.

The Senate has been engaged in considering the postoffice appropriation bill. Senator Pettigrew offered an amendment to the bill to reduce the amount paid the railroads for conveying the mails twenty per cent. The rates now paid the railroads are very high and exorbitant.

The Senate finance committee is now considering the fact that the measure that passed the House. It is believed that the Senate committee will strike out the bond provision of the bill, when they report the measure. However, should the committee strike out the bond provision it will be offered in the Senate, and then the fight will begin in earnest. It will be antagonized by an amendment to the bill, but its defeat cannot be predicted with any degree of certainty.

Hon. C. A. Barlow, (Pop of California) informed your correspondent that he had received a telegram from the Populist State chairman of California to the effect that the State committee at its recent meeting endorsed the proposition to unite the silver forces of that State. The committee recommended this action to the State convention which will be held on July 17th. The silver Republicans of that State hold their convention at the same time and place, and Mr. Barlow says that unity of action among the silver men, which, he said, would mean a grand and triumphant victory in the Fall. The Democrats, Populists, and silver Republicans will work to a common end.

PERSONALS.

Among the North Carolinians in the city during the week were H. H. Starnes, of Durham; J. C. Harris, Raleigh; Dan Patrick, Green county; D. Y. Cooper, Henderson; Mrs. E. R. Cotton, of Henderson; has been here attending the Northern Congress. She was chosen member of the Constitution Committee.

For a Fair and Patriotic Proposition. CONCORD, N. C., May 7, 1898. For THE CAUCASIAN. At a meeting of the Populist party in county convention held this day, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted and ordered to be forwarded to THE CAUCASIAN for publication.

RESOLVED, That our delegates to the State Convention are urged to do all in their power to cause our State Convention to formulate a fair and patriotic proposition to the Democratic party for a co-operation honorable alike to both parties, for the purpose of perpetuating the principles of the Peoples party.

RESOLVED, That the delegates to the Seventh Congressional District Convention to nominate a candidate for Congress for the Populist party, be and are hereby instructed to cast the United States for Morrison H. Caldwell.

C. A. PITTS, J. F. HARRIS, Secs.

DEWEY'S GLORIOUS VICTORY.

OFFICIAL REPORT AT LAST RECEIVED GIVING BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE FIGHT.

The Americans all Safe and Only Six Wounded—Eleven Spanish Warships Destroyed and Over 600 Men Killed—Manila at the Mercy of Dewey.

After a week's suspense awaiting information from Commodore Dewey as to the exact outcome of the naval engagement at the Philippines Saturday the first official despatches were received at Washington. They were sent in cipher and translated read as follows:

MANILA, May 7.—The squadron arrived at Manila at daybreak this morning. Immediately engaged the enemy and destroyed the following Spanish vessels: Reina Christina, Castilla, Ullon, Isle de Cuba, Don Juan de Austria, Isla de Luxon, General Lezo, the Duero, Correo, Velasco, Mindano, one transport and the water battery at Cavite. The squadron is uninjured, and only a few men were slightly wounded. The only means of telegraphing is to the American Consul at Hongkong. I shall communicate with him.

CAVITE, May 4.—I have taken possession of naval station at Cavite on Philippine Islands. Have destroyed the fortifications at Bay entrance, including garriotte, New nominations being in order. W. Morris Deisher, of Reading, was pitted against Mr. Barker with the result that Mr. Deisher received a majority of the votes cast and was declared elected by the chair.

While Mr. Goebel, of Philadelphia, presided over the business, and moved for its adoption, Mr. Barker arose and asked to know whether this was a Populist or Fusion convention, and if it was the purpose of nominating others than Populists. This was merely a bait to catch suckers and an excuse for a bolt and had to serve its purpose as every candidate delegate, whose face and hotel bill was not paid by Barker suspected; as it was not general to the motion before the House the Chairman ruled him out of order.

At the afternoon session Barker and his followers were not present and everything went smoothly. The following resolution was unanimously adopted upon motion of Rev. Washburn of Crawford: The P. P. of Pennsylvania now in Convention assembled, send congratulations to our patriotic sentinels on guard in the Senate and House of Representatives on their victory in the public question at issue and especially on this war, that the coinage of seigniorage of silver and the issuing of non-interest bearing bonds should support our war with Spain.

The platform adopted, re-affirmed the St. Louis platform and pledges the People's party of Penn. to stand by every principle contained therein, until enacted into law, declares for issue of non-interest bearing bond and coinage of silver, and agrees to support our war with Spain. It declares for initiative and referendum wherever possible. It deals with the terrible evil of corruption of the Republican machine in this State.

The following nominations were made: For Governor—Rev. Dr. Silas C. Small, of Dauphin county. For Congressman at Large—William H. Berry, of Chester county. For Secretary of Internal Affairs—Captain Thomas B. Rynder, of Erie county.

Dr. C. F. Taylor, of Philadelphia, was elected chairman of a committee of five to fill vacancies. A resolution was adopted declaring that the Sledgehammer published at Meadville, Crawford county, should not be considered the official P. P. State paper any longer.

Dr. C. F. Taylor, of Erie, was elected State chairman and B. Cottrell, of Northampton county, Secretary. Having no further business before it, the convention adjourned sine die.

While the Peoples Party State convention was in session, Barker and a few of his henchmen held a secret meeting at his sleeping room, Key No. 22, and passed a resolution recommending Barker as a suitable candidate for President. Tried to nominate a State ticket, of which the nominee for Governor, Mr. Ailman, of Juniata, a highly intelligent and true reformer and great admirer of Mr. Bryan, immediately and refused being used as a cat paw for Barker. Don Quixote Presidential aspirations, which are today the laughing stock of the whole country. They also elected Barker a member of the National Committee from this State. COMMENT IS UNNECESSARY.

A new Populist free silver paper, the Pennsylvania Sentinel, will soon make its appearance, backed by ample means, it will be a fighter for peoples rights against deception, humbug and fraud.

JNO. RANCH.

As the strength of a building depends upon the solidity of its foundation, health depends upon the condition of the blood. To expel impurities and cause the vital fluid to become vigorous and life-giving, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the most powerful and effective medicine in use.

A WEEK'S HISTORY

In Brief Outlines of the American Spanish War—The Capture of the Lafayette.

ANOTHER BATTLE IMMINENT

Porto Rico will be the scene of the next engagement—10,000 soldiers to be sent to the Philippines to reinforce Dewey. Prisoners of War Sent to Atlanta Awaiting Further Disposition.

An important movement by our fighting Squadron is believed to be under way. The early seizure of Porto Rico is probable. Although the blockade of Cuba is not to be broken, there is evidence that some of the more formidable ships of the fleet, under Admiral Sampson, are to be used in another and, at this time, more important direction. With Havana well cut off, the taking of Porto Rico would deprive Spain entirely of a base of supplies on this side of the ocean. A strict blockade of this side is now being exercised by the Government. Spanish naval movements of both the navy and army will be guarded more vigilantly than heretofore.

Spanish Prisoners of War. Secretary Alger has directed that the Spanish officers and the ten private and non-commissioned officers taken from the Spanish steamer Argonauta, and now at Key West, be taken to the United States and confined in Atlanta, Ga., for confinement until they are exchanged for any American officers and sailors who may be taken by the Spaniards. Some other method for their disposition is reached. The Spaniards will be well cared for, and will be placed under the guard of a detachment of soldiers, detailed for that purpose.

May 7th. In the War and Naval Departments the bustle and rush which followed the first news from the Philippines has given place to patient waiting. There is some anxiety regarding Dewey, but it is coupled with the belief that he is holding his own. There is no uneasiness about Admiral Sampson. With the ships under his command, the battleships Iowa and Indiana, the cruisers New York, Detroit, Mahan, and Cincinnati, the armored cruiser Oregon, the torpedo gunboat Albatross, he is more than a match for the Spanish fleet. The Spanish fleet is now approaching these shores.

No one can tell, however, when the next battle will be fought. If the Spanish fleet has not returned to Cadiz, and the Navy Department officials believe it has, it should be by this time have nearly traversed the 2,400 miles between St. Vincent and Porto Rico. The first news that the result of its whereabouts will come to that are new.

Porto Rico, nearly 350 miles from Key West, is a small island, with only four cruisers, so that the encounter, when it occurs, will be a desperate one. It is reported that the Spanish fleet is now approaching these shores. The disposition of the fleet is reported. It is reported that the Spanish fleet is now approaching these shores. The disposition of the fleet is reported. It is reported that the Spanish fleet is now approaching these shores.

CAPTURE OF LAFAYETTE

Attempted to Run the Blockade After Being Overhauled.

Key West, Fla., May 6.—The Lafayette, of the French General Transatlantic Company's line, a vessel of 3,294 tons, was captured by the United States gunboat Annapolis, Commander J. J. Hunter, while trying to run the blockade, after having previously been overhauled. She was found with a large number of passengers and a valuable general cargo, possibly containing contraband of war.

The Lafayette, which hailed from St. Nazaire, France, is a fast vessel of the old type. She is over 341 feet long, has 44 feet beam, and is over 28 feet deep. She was built in 1884, at Greenock, of iron. Her capture was effected shortly before sundown last night, in the following manner: The French vessel was heading for Havana, and was boarded by an officer of the Annapolis and warned not to attempt to do so, and was captured, after an exciting chase. The Wilkes, a report and Merrill took part in the capture of the French vessel. After an examination of the Lafayette's papers had been made, a prize crew from the Annapolis was placed on board, and she was sent to Key West, escorted by the Wilmington.

The capture of the Frenchman by the gunboat Annapolis turns out to have been an unfortunate incident, resulting from mistake, but no protest has been made to the representatives of the French Government in the United States.

It appears that before the Lafayette sailed for Havana, the French Legation in Washington was instructed to communicate with the State Department. This was done and permission granted to the steamer to enter and discharge her passengers and cargo, with the understanding that she would take on nothing there. Instructions for the fulfillment of this agreement were sent from Washington to Admiral Sampson's squadron, and it was only learned after the capture was made that they were never delivered.

United States Commissioner Otto Stripping, and a number of other Federal officials went out to the Lafayette, examined her papers, and cabled the State Department for instructions. These came without delay, and the vessel was immediately released. The State Department for instructions. These came without delay, and the vessel was immediately released.

APPEAL FOR INTERVENTION

Queen of Spain Weeks Aid of European Powers. England to the Way.

LONDON, May 7.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The Spanish Queen Regent has again appealed to Emperor Francis Joseph to use his influence in favor of European intervention. Count Goluchowski, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, has been asked to demand that, but for American attitude, powers should have intervened before."

The outbreak of the present international newspaper campaign, according to the Daily Mail, is a direct result of the Spanish situation. The inter-appeal is reported. It is reported that the Spanish fleet is now approaching these shores. The disposition of the fleet is reported. It is reported that the Spanish fleet is now approaching these shores.

BLANCO ENTUSIASM HAVANA

Huge Spanish Banners Brought to the City of "Reform."

Key West, Fla., May 6.—Captain General Blanco is in desperate straits. He is already thinking of abandoning Havana and the entire western part of Cuba, apparently realizing that it will soon become untenable. Theaters and public schools in Havana are closed. Beef has risen from 21 cents to 34 per pound, and other provisions are correspondingly high. To keep up the spirit of the people, Salaberry's part without a pause, prior understanding with President McKinley.

SPAIN IN REVOLUTION

Farthest Step in the Struggle—Chances for Success.

LONDON, May 4.—Special dispatches from Brussels say high Spanish diplomats there declare Spain practically in a state of revolution. The end of the reign of Alfonso XIII. The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Tuesday, says: "There is no longer any doubt that the internal situation is causing the government almost as much uneasiness as the external. Last night's demonstration was one of the most serious, since those openly participating showed their revolutionary tendencies. Crowds were raised 'Down with the Bourbons,' 'Long live Don Carlos,' 'Long live the Republic' and 'long live Weyler.'"

The first move of the demonstrators, over a thousand strong, was to the house of General Weyler, with the object of cheering him. He did not appear, and the crowd then went to the residence of Sr. Sagasta, where the ministers were in conference, and shouted in favor of his resignation. Sr. Aguilera, Civil Governor of Madrid, broke up the procession with the aid of the police, who were badly stoned, and had to charge the crowd. The authorities thereupon met Sr. Sagasta, who announced his intention of resigning, saying that it cost him great trouble to repress such manifestations, and he was not able to answer for order with the power at his disposal.

Thereupon the edict was issued, placing Madrid under martial law, and the Military Governor, General Daban, issued stringent orders to the troops. Sr. Sagasta, the Minister of War, for the preservation of peace.

When you read this issue of THE CAUCASIAN pass it to your neighbor.