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SHERMAN SLY.

He Returns to Washington and Takes Charge of the Department of State - McKinley and Hanna Not to Get the Best of Him - Foster and Elliott Disagree.

From Our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—There are many opinions as to why John Sherman should have returned to Washington and taken charge of the State Department at this time. Some say that the old man intends to make a fight to knock out the Hanna-McKinley plan of kicking him out of the cabinet after the Ohio election; others that he has a scheme of his own to get even with the administration for the treatment he has received by getting it into some new foreign complication, but the generally accepted idea is that he is in Washington solely to enjoy bossing the State Department, a privilege that is denied him when Mr. McKinley and Assistant Secretary Day are in town. Mr. Sherman's virtual acknowledgment of his ignorance of the nature of the instructions given to Minister Sewall concerning Hawaii is proof of how little he knows of the important part of the foreign policy of the administration. Mr. Day has had exclusive charge of all matters relating to Hawaii and Cuba.

PROPHETIC MR. PRESTON. Of course, every man has a right to have and express an opinion upon subjects before the public, and yet opinions may be expressed in such a way as to make a man appear to be gloating over the misfortune of something that he opposes, which causes them to strike most people as being in bad taste, or even worse. To the latter class belongs the publicly expressed opinion of Mr. Preston, director of the United States Mint, on the decline in the price of silver.

FOSTER AND ELLIOTT DISAGREE. Mr. John W. Foster, the gentleman who is credited with having written the instructions to Ambassador Hay that were signed by Mr. Sherman, has returned from his sealing mission to Europe. He says it was successful. Prof. Elliott, of the Smithsonian institution, says it was a flat failure. Which of them is right will not be known until after the international conference which meets in Washington next October, shall have been held.

DEATH OF MR. CARL ROEDIGER. He Was One of Charlotte's Oldest and Most Respected Citizens - The Funeral.

Mr. Carl Roediger, one of Charlotte's oldest citizens, died quite suddenly yesterday afternoon at his home on North Church street at 4:30 o'clock of heart failure. Mr. Roediger had been unwell for several weeks, and had made all arrangements to go on Irwin's excursion as far as Baltimore to visit his daughter. The cost of these tickets will be one first class fare for round trip. The Southern's rate from Charlotte to Washington is \$11.75; to Norfolk \$10.55; to Richmond \$8.50.

CUTTING AT EACH OTHER. The Southern and the Seaboard Air Line Bidding for Summer Travelers.

The old-time rivalry over summer rates between the Southern and the Seaboard Air Line is now on. The Seaboard's excursions to New York and other Northern points being so popular with the merchants and business men of this section, the Southern feels called upon to offer some inducements over their line. Today circulars have been floating all over Charlotte announcing reduced rates to Washington, Norfolk, Richmond, via the Southern. The cost of these tickets will be one first class fare for round trip.

A LARGER MELON WANTED. The News will give a years subscription to the Mecklenburg Times for a larger watermelon than the one recently sent to President McKinley from Georgia. We will send it to Wm. J. Bryan with the compliments of the grower and the News.

DEATH OF MR. B. H. FITE. By Telephone to The News. BELMONT, Aug. 12.—Mr. B. H. Fite, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Gaston county, died at his home near Belmont this morning at 6 o'clock. Some time ago Mr. Fite was stricken with apoplexy and never recovered from the effects. He was 77 years old. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning.

GEORGIA LYNCHINGS.

Two Negro Brutes Given Swift Justice at Albany and Glenwood - Both Were Guilty of Rape - There was No Rope But Plenty of Bullets.

By Telegraph to The News. ALBANY, Ga., Aug. 9.—News has reached here of the lynching of Benjamin Mayfield, a negro with a hitherto good reputation, at Edna, a small village twelve miles south of Albany. He committed an assault on the wife of a man named Donald James, a railroad conductor. He was caught a short distance from the scene of the crime. The mob disappeared with him in the woods and returned without him some time later. No doubt he has been lynched, but the method employed is unknown.

FILLED WITH BULLETS. GLENWOOD, Ga., Aug. 9.—Nathaniel Mason, a negro who has been employed for some time at the residence of Dr. Charles A. Powell, of this place, attempted an assault last night upon Mrs. Howell in her bedroom. He was captured after a fierce struggle by her husband. A posse of fifty neighbors took the negro from Mr. Powell and carried him some distance down the road, where he was placed against a pile of rocks. At the signal of one of the leaders every trigger was pulled and a shower of lead found lodgment in the negro's body. He was killed instantly.

JAMES H. BARNETT DEAD.

A Popular Citizen of Mecklenburg Breathed His Last This Morning.

Mr. James H. Barnett died at his home, two miles east of Pineville this morning at 7 o'clock. Mr. Barnett was for a number of years been a great sufferer from indigestion. Coupled with this he had a severe attack of rheumatism about a year ago that caused him much suffering, and from the effects of which he never fully recovered.

FREE MAIL DELIVERY. Another step forward has been taken in free mail delivery. Congress having appropriated for the fiscal year \$50,000 for the rural free mail delivery service, the Post Office Department officials are busy preparing to extend it as rapidly as possible. It is already in operation in twenty-eight States to a limited extent, and those connected with this branch of the postal business are anxious to see it extended to the agricultural sections is not only a success, but at the same time practical and will eventually become general.

THE JAP. TROUBLE. Things have about reached that stage in the "going on" between Japan and the United States when it begins to look like somebody must "shoot, Luke, or give up the gun." Secretary Sherman will return to the city about Saturday, and he said he had Japan's ultimatum of playing hands off Hawaii or pay the penalty for walking around with a chip on her shoulder.

FROM GENERAL AMERICA.

The News Receives an Interesting Letter From That Country - Good Times Down There.

This morning the News received a telegraph envelope that looked a little peculiar. Instead of having the familiar "Western Union" imprint, it contained the following: "Telegrafos del Comercio, Central America, dated August 3. The message read as follows: "My Dear Sir: If the promised golden wave of prosperity has not reached North Carolina yet, extend Hanna's limits down here and we will send you a cargo of free silver. Plenty of it here. I received a small bundle of papers from home last week. The best ones among them were the Daily News and Mecklenburg Times. I have read them through and through, even to the advertisements. I am very anxious to get the Times every week. If you will put me down for six months, include extra postage and present the bill, as soon as I can get to Port Livingston I will buy a draft and send it. That's the only way of sending money to the United States, and as it is a two days' trip to Livingston, I can't make it for several weeks yet. Times are good over here; lots of money and easy to get; everybody taking it extremely easy. Farm products bring wonderful prices and they make two crops each year. With best wishes for you, I remain yours respectfully, WADE NICHOLSON.

CLOAKMAKERS STRIKE.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The long-threatened strike of the organized cloakmakers began to-day, 55 workers quitting their sewing machines in two manufactories. Other strikes in other manufactories are expected to follow in quick succession, until 12,000 will be out.

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GAGE AFTER HIM.

Collector Harkins Over-stepped His Authority in Appointments - Shortage of \$10,000,000 in Revenues Under New Tariff. Dr. Ruffin Honored - The News' Enterprise Commended.

From the News' Special correspondent. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 8.—There is a growing possibility of an early clash between Secretary Gage, of the Treasury Department, and Collector Harkins, of the Fifth North Carolina district. Let it be known first of all that the President's extension of the tariff service rules of July 28 last, Secretary Gage is more responsible than an other agencies combined. Collector Harkins will, therefore, be called on to show cause for his reckless disregard of the President's extension of the tariff service rules of July 28 last, Secretary Gage is more responsible than an other agencies combined. Collector Harkins will, therefore, be called on to show cause for his reckless disregard of the President's extension of the tariff service rules of July 28 last, Secretary Gage is more responsible than an other agencies combined.

A shortage of over ten millions of dollars in the national revenues during the first month of the life of the new tariff law, is due from encouraging those who have looked upon that measure as the panacea for the ills with which the country is and has long been afflicted. Such, however, is the condition with which the country finds itself confronted to-day, that, therefore, meantime the gold reserve keeps well above the high water mark.

HE W'S LYNCHED.

The Negro, Bob Brackett, Hanged by a Mob Yesterday Evening.

The negro, Bob Brackett, who assaulted Miss Henderson, a young white girl, near Weaverville, about eight miles from Asheville, Sunday afternoon near Hemphill's schoolhouse, about five miles from the scene of the crime. Brackett was captured early yesterday morning near Ivey, and was taken to Asheville and put in jail.

THE NEGRO MARCH. The negro was captured by the mob at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, as the officers and negro attempted to board vestibule for Raleigh. The negro was marched 25 miles toward the scene of his crime. The militia was ordered out and the mob, hearing it, made quick work of it. The young lady who was assaulted was present.

DEATH OF MRS. C. A. SPRATT.

She Died at Her Home in Berryhill Yesterday Morning.

Mrs. C. A. Spratt died at her home in Berryhill township yesterday morning shortly after 11 o'clock. Mrs. Spratt had been desperately ill for several days. She was first taken with fever and soon the typhoid symptoms appeared. Having some heavy trouble the attending physicians could not administer the kind of medicine that would have reduced the fever.

NEW YORK MERCHANTS HAPPY.

Dry Goods Merchants Say That Trade is Better Than for Years.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—A half dozen men at the head of the dry goods trade in this city said to-day that they were certain prosperity had come at last. The reason their faith in the return of good times from the first of the current month until this morning. For the past eleven days the wholesale dry goods trade has been stronger than it was in the same period in former years of prosperity. It is necessary to go back to August '92, the last great boom year, to find anything like the present volume of trade. Ninety-two was the best year on record. Of equal importance with the month's activity in the dry goods trade is the steady character of progress in every line of business.

A THREATENING CIRCULAR.

Demanding a Change in the Present System of Government in Turkey.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 12.—Placards printed in Turkish characters are to be found posted upon the walls of all ministries, demanding a change in the system of government in the Turkish empire and threatening violence unless it is affected. The placards also declare that blood will flow as during the Armenian massacres.

MINISTER OF WAR PISA PASHA has sent a circular to all of the Turkish commanders directing them to watch their officers in the strictest manner. This step is attributed to the increasing discontent that is visible in Turkey against the present government.

TOTAL VOTE ON SCHOOL TAX.

The total vote of the county for and against the new school law was 1,748; for, 661; against, 1,085. Providence, box 2, was heard from this morning, and it gave 85 for and 1 against. This makes a very small showing compared to the number of votes polled last fall, amounting to 8,766.

MINERS RESTLESS.

The March From the Ohio Side to the Mines Near Wheeling Was Made This Morning - At Present There is No Possibility of Amicable Settlement.

By Telegraph to The News. WHEELING, W. Va., Aug. 12.—This morning another invasion of the miners from the Ohio side was made upon the local mines. Three hundred miners from Wheeling Creek and Bartin passed through this city, and it is reported that a hundred more from Maynard would follow. It is expected that their presence will have some effect on the Riverside mine, but Secretary Lewis stated that the march would not come off to-day, as no answer had been received from Ratchford. It is learned that the march across the river to Wheeling was without the endorsement of the miners' officials. None of the Riverside men have reported for work, but the management announces that the mine will be operated after the Ohio men leave. The visitors may make a demonstration at Elm Grove, where a small body of miners are now working.

THE PRESIDENT'S CIVIL SERVICE VIEWS.

Attacked - Charges Against Postmaster Forbis, of Greensboro - A Large Number of Fourth Class Postmasters Appointed.

Special Correspondence of The News. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 8.—McKinley and the "powers that be" are catching it fore and aft. In addition to Senator Cullom's open letter to his constituents in Illinois, denouncing the President's appointments in that State as "stupid, ill-advised and against every interest of the Republican party," comes the discharged government officials of the Republican faith and order in Washington, who have organized what they are pleased to term the anti-civil service league. For McKinley and all in authority who sympathize with civil service reform, they have blood in their eyes. In short, they are mad, and don't care who knows it. As usual, North Carolina comes to the front with her membership on the roll. At the meeting Saturday night the league adopted the following resolution: "We, the undersigned, do hereby pledge ourselves to support the civil service law now on the statute books of the United States as repugnant to justice and the obligations assumed toward us as Republicans and equal American citizens by the leaders of our party, who have shamelessly betrayed us into the hands of our enemies after a hard-won victory, and deprived us of any prospect of recognition from our own administration, and this in return for favors earnestly sought at our hands."

CHARGES AGAINST MR. FORBIS.

In the matter of the charges against Postmaster Forbis, of Greensboro, there are no new developments. Nothing will be known till the investigation is completed. If the charges are groundless and had their inspiration in partisan motives, Mr. Forbis will be exonerated and allowed to fill out his four years' term. From what I can learn with my ear close to a knot-hole in the wall, Mr. Forbis will most likely fill out his four years.

WIDOW GETS \$6,000 PER ANNUM.

MADRID, Aug. 12.—Goli, the murderer of Senor Canovas, will be tried Saturday. Owing to objections of Senor Canovas, admission of the public to the Chappelle Ardente, where the body of her husband is lying, has been stopped. The senora will be made a grandee of the first class, with a pension of \$6,000 per annum.

TOWARDS THE DOLLAR MARK.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—What continued its upward climb toward the dollar mark to-day on the produce exchange. Hurty, Yokely, W. P. Edgett; Haddock, Council Mears; Jackson, E. S. Roberts; Martindale, J. C. Hutchison; Nashville, N. C. Cooper; Spring Hope, Mack Brantley.

STARVE THEM INTO SUBMISSION.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 12.—A wide sweep was given the power of injunction as Bunola yesterday than ever before known, when a judge enjoined the butchers from selling meat to strikers. The object is to starve them into submission.

GOLD SEEKERS RETURNING.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 12.—Many of the gold seekers who left for Klondike are returning home for the winter on account of the blockade at Dyea and Skagway, where there will be much suffering during the winter.