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## THE TIDE HAS TURNED.

### A Most Optimistic View of the Business Situation.

## A WEEK OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

### The Coal Miners' Strike Likely to Be Ended Soon - The Phenomenal Strength of Wheat.

Messrs. R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade, for the week ending August 21st, says, in part: Not for several years have the telegraphic reports from various cities in all parts of the country been so encouraging or shown so uniform improvement as this week. The markets are called crazy by some, but fairly represent the people, whose confidence in the future is strong, and increasing. Nothing appears to check the farmers of injury to crops are not sufficiently supported to have much influence. The one temporary hindrance is the strike of the bituminous coal miners, which interferes as yet little with industries, and seems likely to terminate within a week. The demand for money improves, taking from New York to the interior about half a million more than was received during the week, and offerings of commercial loans are much larger, including considerable iron and steel paper, and the course of foreign exchange is generally interpreted as an indication that special imports cannot be longer delayed.

The greatest gain has been agriculturally. Corn has advanced a little in price, but is moving very largely, so that the last year's surplus may soon be marketed unless the new crop turns out better than many now expect. Cotton declined an eighth because of an estimate promising the largest crop ever grown, but the goods market is decidedly improving, and some of the large mills, after a few weeks of suspension, have resumed work. Other farm products are doing well also, but wheat has advanced about 1 1/2 cents for the week on actual transactions, with heavy purchases for export. The official estimate of the yield is entirely disregarded, and it is generally believed that the crop will be larger than that of last year, and it is commonly assumed that the yield will be 550,000,000 bushels, or more, though recent reports of injury, indicating the possibility of somewhat small outcome, have helped the advance in prices. It is well to note that corn reports continue more than double last year's also, in three weeks, 5,716,544 bushels, against 4,119,374 last year.

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## SORROW FOR JOHN P. LOVELL

### A General Expression of Sympathy Called Out by His Death.

Seldom has there been such a general expression of sympathy over the loss of one whose life has been devoted to business pursuits as has been called forth by the recent death at Cottage City, Mass., of that venerable landmark of the business world, the late John P. Lovell, founder and president of the John P. Lovell Arms Company, of Boston. Almost numberless messages and letters of condolence, on the death of his honored father, have been received by Colonel Benjamin S. Lovell, treasurer of the Lovell Arms Company. It is a comfort to be covered by these communications as in itself evidence of the great regard in which he was held by the leaders in business and public life. These expressions of sympathy have not been confined to New England, but they have come from every prominent business center of the North, East, West and South - in fact from every portion of the Union because the name of John P. Lovell has been the corporation created by him have been for more than a half century the synonym of honest dealing and business integrity. Even from England from firms with whom Mr. Lovell has enjoyed the pleasantest business relations for more than fifty years, Colonel Lovell has received messages of sympathy.

## Non-Inflammable Clothing.

A London doctor has discovered the elements treated with a solution containing 5 per cent each of alum and phosphate of ammonia are absolutely non-inflammable, and he recommends that all children's clothing be so treated.

## Michael Defeats Starbuck.

At the great bicycle race at Manhattan Park, New York, Jimmy Michael, the Welsh rider, easily defeated J. F. Starbuck, of Philadelphia, in a 33-mile race. Time, 66 1/2 minutes.

## Southern's New Order.

The Winston (N. C.) Journal learns that the Southern railway has posted an order that no employe shall be a relative of the official under whom he is working, and that all promotions shall be based upon actual merit.

## Refused to Eat and Died.

Mrs. Lena Collingsworth, of Claiborne county, Tenn., refused to eat because her husband left her, and in dead after a fifty-eight-day fast.

## NEWS ITEMS.

The Federal Court at Nashville, Tenn., decides in favor of the railroads against the ticket scalpers.

The mailpox at Birmingham, Ala., is confined to the negroes and is under control.

Chief of Police Connelly, of Atlanta, Ga., is dead.

The city council of Atlanta, Ga., has adopted an ordinance requiring women to remove their hats in theatres.

Norfolk, Va., first bale of new cotton was received on the 25th, from Clio, S. C., and was assigned to W. D. Roundtree & Co. It was graded strict middling and sold at 9 cents.

The Comptroller of the Currency has appointed Virgil S. Lusk receiver of the First National Bank of Asheville, N. C.

Chief of Police Connelly, of Atlanta, is dead.

Original package agencies are springing up all over South Carolina.

The council of Roanoke, Va., has abolished "nickel-in-the-slot" machines in that city.

Senator McLaurin is much better, but is still unable to enter the canvass in South Carolina.

The erection of a twenty-ton cotton seed oil mill will be commenced at Lenoir, Ga., at once.

Wm. Harvey Allen, a young white man out of work in Richmond, Va., attempted to commit suicide.

The North Carolina State convention of the Veterinary Medical Association will be held at Charlotte Sept. 7th and 8th.

The small-pox in Birmingham, Ala., has thus far been confined entirely to the negro quarter, and there have been few deaths.

It is said that between forty and fifty students of Georgia University will spend the summer in Cuba fighting for the insurgents.

At Hendersonville, N. C., Mrs. Ben F. Hood shoots and badly wounds her husband, and then kills herself. Jealousy was the cause.

Charles Cooper, an official of the Josiah Morris bank, of Montgomery, Ala., was shocked by a live electric wire.

All the prisoners, including Murderer Edwin Brown, have escaped from the Ritz county jail at Harrisville, W. Va.

General Bradley T. Johnson is out in a letter opposing the movement to have the Grand Army of the Republic meet in Richmond, Va., in 1899.

Mrs. E. H. Edwards, a woman merchant of Graniteville, S. C., dropped dead in front of the Fifth Avenue Hotel New York.

The hearing as to the question of fraud in the case of the North Carolina railroad before Special Master Kerr Craig has been postponed until Sept. 7th.

Nearly all the Sound Money Democratic leaders of Virginia announce that they will not support Tyler for Governor. If a Sound Money Democrat is not nominated later they will take no part in the election.

Estimates place the tobacco crop of Florida this year as the largest in the history of the State. It will be worth seven hundred thousand dollars. Much of the planting was experimental; but no report of failure has yet come in.

A numerously signed petition has been addressed to Governor McLaurin, of Mississippi, asking him to appoint Patrick Henry, of Vicksburg, a silver Democrat, to the vacancy in the Senate, caused by the death of Senator George.

All About the North. Three thousand cloakmakers and 1,500 coatmakers in New York are on a strike.

A "spot cash club" has been organized at Valparaiso, Ind., for a crusade against the credit system of doing business.

A crusade against the coloring of imitation butter is about to be started at Chicago.

The Illinois Republican Club, of Washington, disgusted with McKinley's patronage policy, will disband.

One hundred candidates for naval cadetship will report for examination at Annapolis on September 1.

At Eagle River, Wis., fire destroyed the Gerry Lumber Company's yard, with 10,000,000 feet of lumber. Loss, \$100,000; some insurance.

At Cedar Rapids, Ia., the Republican State convention nominated for Governor Hon. L. M. Shaw, of Crawford county.

A freight train on the Lake Erie and Western Railroad crashed into a passenger train at Lima, O., wounding thirty excursionists.

The boiler of a saw mill opposite Mount City, Ill., in Kentucky, exploded, killing the owner, Capt. Hawkins, of Kewanee, Ill., and slightly injuring 15 persons.

The National convention of the Y. C. P. U. opened on the night of the 18th at Indianapolis, Ind., with 4,000 people in attendance. The principal address was delivered by Evangelist M. B. Williams, of Atlanta, Ga., on "The Bible, the Word of God."

Miscellaneous. The government of Peru has ordered its postage stamps made in the United States.

## PROGRESS OF COTTON CROP.

### Tobacco Cutting is Nearing Completion in the Carolinas.

## RAIN NEEDED IN THE SOUTH.

### But General Crop Conditions are Favorable - Tobacco Injured by Storms in Virginia.

The United States weekly crop bulletin of the Agricultural Department issued on the 17th says:

Drought continues in portions of Missouri, Tennessee and Southern Texas and the absence of rain is beginning to be felt in Indiana, Illinois and portions of Virginia and North Carolina. There has been too much rain in New England, and local storms have caused some damage to crops in the Southern States, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and in the Middle Atlantic States. On the whole, the season has been a good one, although very warm, has been favorable for harvesting. In the central valleys the weather conditions of the week have not been wholly favorable, being too cold, and over a large area too dry. Good rains have, however, improved the crop in Kansas and Nebraska. The week has been very favorable to cotton, except in North Carolina and portions of South Carolina, Mississippi and Southern Texas, where it suffered from drought. Generous rains over the greater part of the cotton belt have arrested premature opening and shedding.

Spring wheat is about finished in the South Dakota and southern Minnesota, and is in progress in the northern part of the latter State and in North Dakota. Heavy rains have delayed harvesting in North Dakota and caused injury to the over-ripe grain. In South Dakota some fields in which the second wheat has been ruined by weeds. Spring wheat is also being harvested under favorable conditions in Oregon and Washington.

Tobacco cutting is general in the more northerly tobacco States and is nearing completion in the Carolinas. In Tennessee the latter crop is improved, but in Indiana and Kentucky it has made but slow growth. Reports from Maryland and Pennsylvania are favorable. In portions of Virginia local storms have caused much injury to tobacco.

The reports indicate that plowing for fall seeding had progressed less favorably than in New Jersey, Michigan, Kentucky and Nebraska, but in Virginia and Missouri, this week has been delayed on account of the dry conditions of the soil.

The Klondyke Craze. Something About the Situation From U. S. Commissioner Jones.

William J. Jones, United States Commissioner to Alaska, assigned to St. Michael's, has sent to the Interior Department the following report of the gold rush in a letter dated at Dyea, Alaska, August 4th:

"There are nearly 1,800 people in Dyea and Skagway routes and both trails are blocked. People are throwing away their packs and provisions and rushing headlong to the mines. Great distress, hardship and suffering and possible death from hunger and exposure is sure to follow next winter, an opinion that is entertained by all old hands that part of the world in late years and know the situation."

A WIRE TO ALASKA. The Canadian government has submitted formal proposals to this government to establish communication with the Klondyke region in Alaska by the construction of a telegraph line from the head of winter navigation on the Lynn canal into the center of the Klondyke district. The proposals have been taken under advisement. They have been approved by the British secretary of state for foreign affairs and were forwarded by the Governor-General of Canada through the British embassy to the State Department and referred to the Interior Department. The papers are locked up pending consideration.

## VANDERBILT APPEALS

### In the Matter of the Verdict in the Hunt Damage Suit.

Mr. J. E. Hunt, who recently got a verdict in the United States court in Asheville, N. C., for \$8,500 damages in his suit against George W. Vanderbilt and Charles McManee, the damages consisting of injuries to his leg by a rock from a blast falling upon it, has been served with notice of appeal upon the part of the defendants. The hearing will come up before the United States court of appeals at Richmond, Va., on the first Tuesday in November. Judges Goff, Simonton and Brawley will be judges upon the bench at that time. Mr. Hunt's attorneys are very confident of a dismissal of the appeal. -Columbia (S. C.) State.

### Death of Dr. Kollock.

A special to the News and Courier from Dr. Kollock.

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Dr. Kollock, of Columbia, S. C., died at Asheville, N. C., on the 25th inst.

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## FINGREE TO THE BANKERS.

### He Tells Them We Must Have Bimetallism by International Agreement.

The American Bankers' Association opened its annual convention in Detroit, Mich., on the 17th, with delegates present from all parts of the United States.

Governor Fingree welcomed the delegates. Speaking of the currency question, he said the demonetization of silver reduced the available amount of primary money one half. To remedy this state of affairs it is sought to effect an agreement among the nations whereby the unit measure may again be in silver and gold at a certain ratio. He said the use of gold in the money market would cause a stringency in the money markets. He recommends the taxing of manufactured gold and said he favored more stringent laws to compel corporations to allow honest competition and prevent the omission of honest obligations.

President Lowry, of the association, congratulated the members on the triumph of the gold standard, approved the Indiana monetary conference, and said if returning prosperity is not here it is on the way. He made the statement that the association had lost 340 members by the new schedule of money.

On the 18th the star attraction was the great speech of Comptroller Eckels. With a profound knowledge of the history and science of finance he sounded a note of warning to the American people that the financial situation of the United States was a piece of crazy patch work, and that the only hope is in the gold standard.

John W. Faxon, of Chattanooga, Tenn., derided Mr. Bryan's claim that the price of silver controls the price of wheat, and said the recent fall of the one and rise of the other offered conclusive proof of the falsity of the claim.

Only two of the States failed to respond with a statement of industrial conditions.

Interesting discussions of practical banking questions followed Mr. Eckels address. "Is a credit bureau or bureau of information to prevent losses from bad debts," was the question, which was the subject of the first paper, read by John H. Leathers, of Louisville, Ky.

Mr. John P. Branch, president of the Merchants National Bank, Richmond, Va., discussed the question "What legislation is needed in respect to the currency."

## VIRGINIA REPUBLICANS MEET.

### Chairman Lamb Downed, But He Will Call Another Meeting.

At Lynchburg, Va., on the 18th, the Republican State committee met with all thirty members present or represented by proxy. Col. Lamb, the chairman, did not attend the meeting, he claiming that it was illegal. Charges against him were made and the committee voted 27-15 to 24-5 to depose Col. Lamb as chairman.

The platform adopted reaffirms the State's right to amend the constitution; declares for direct legislation; for a sufficient amount of sound and flexible money; for the issuance of money to State, county, township and municipal governments, the principal part to be paid back to the government at 3 per cent per annum without interest; the said money to be a full legal tender; the reduction of freight, passenger and express rates of salaries of public officers demanded; and the deduction of mortgage indebtedness from assessed valuations is urged.

A protest signed by J. Belangee, chairman of the Populists who have combined with the Democrats for free silver, was sent to the convention today, but was denied consideration. The protest called upon all Populists to join with the free silver Democrats this year in an effort to advance one of the theories of the Populists.

The feature of the convention was the address of ex-Senator Peffer, declaring himself a middle-of-the-roader, and saying that there is no more Democratic alliance.

## A RACE RIOT IN TEXAS.

### Negroes and Whites Arrayed Against Each Other at Leonard, Texas.

Earl Meadows, a young white man, was killed by a negro under peculiar circumstances at Leonard, Texas, a few days ago. The whites held a meeting and warned all the negroes to leave. All left but one, and he was severely whipped by a white man. It appears that the negroes had not gone very far, and the whipping infuriated them to such an extent that they procured arms and are now said to be marching upon St. Louis. Two negro officers were killed on the afternoon of the 19th, en route for Leonard and squads have left Ladonia and Bonham to join the Clinton party. The night watch of the town has been doubled, arms have been gathered and ammunition centered at necessary points to defend the town.

## TESTING THE MORTARS.

### The Coast Defense on Sullivan's Island Being Made Impregnable.

One of the mortar batteries in the new fort being erected on Sullivan's Island, near Charleston, S. C., was tested on the 19th with satisfactory results. Each of the four mortars were fired one and then they were fired together. The firing was mainly for the purpose of testing the foundation upon which the battery rests. The target was stationed on Morris Island beach, four and one-half miles distant. It was semi-officially stated that the test was satisfactory to the officers in charge.

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## BANKERS ADJOURN.

### Congress Urged to Appoint a Currency Commission - Brown President for North Carolina.

At Detroit, Mich., on the 19th, the twenty-third annual convention of the American Bankers' Association came to an end at 1 o'clock this afternoon. According to precedent, First Vice-President Joseph C. Hendrix, of New York, received a large majority of the votes cast for first vice-president, although the nominating committee had recommended F. A. Tracy, of Illinois, for the honor.

Joseph C. Hendrix, of New York, was elected president of the association without a dissenting vote.

The members of the executive committee elected are: J. G. Cannon, New York; P. Huntington, Ohio; R. P. Lowrie, Georgia; J. B. Findlay, Pennsylvania; J. C. Sauts, West Virginia.

The list of members of the executive council named by the delegates of the various associations are: F. G. Bigelow, Wisconsin; J. B. Branch, Virginia; D. W. Garrett, Missouri; A. W. Campbell, Mississippi; J. C. Hunter, Minnesota.

Joseph G. Brown, of Raleigh, was chosen vice-president of the American Bankers' Association for North Carolina. Brown's speech was much applauded.

A resolution was adopted by the convention urging congress promptly to provide for a competent, non-partisan currency commission, to the end that sound financial legislation may be speedily secured.

The executive council re-elected Secretary James R. Branch to serve another year. At the same time the council voted to raise the secretary's salary to \$5,000 a year, this move being made in an inviting offer from a metropolitan bank. Walker Hill, of St. Louis, was elected treasurer to succeed William H. Porter, of New York. Alvah Trowbridge, of the latter city, was re-elected chairman of the executive council.

Report of the death of the late Wm. P. St. John, of New York city, was expressed in a resolution.

After which H. H. Pullen, of New York, presented the retiring president with a handsome gavel, the installation of officers took place and the convention adjourned, sine die.

## POPULISTS IN IOWA.

### Peffer Makes a Speech; Says There is to Be No Democratic Alliance.

The Iowa middle-of-the-road Populists held a convention on the 19th at Des Moines and the following State ticket was nominated: Governor, Charles A. Lloyd, Muscatine county; Lieutenant Governor, D. L. Perkins, Lyons; Judge Supreme Court, J. A. Longene, Wapello; Superintendent of Instruction, Wm. Blain, Marion; Railroad Commissioner, L. H. Griffith, Leo.

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## WHEAT'S BIG JUMP.

### Sensational Advance at Every Market in the World, Except Paris.

A special dated on the 26th from Chicago says wheat scored a sensational advance today at every market in the world with the exception of Paris. During the regular session of the Chicago board of trade September wheat gained 5 1/2 and December 5 1/2. On the curb after the regular session another advance of 3 cents was made, September selling freely at 95 cents.

On the New York exchange September wheat for cash reached \$1.06 1/2. At the Pittsburgh market a sensational advance reached the same price. At San Francisco December wheat reached \$1.60.

The dispatches further say that the London market is in sympathy with ours, but the French market is unresponsive and unaffected, and that the bulls are not yet satisfied with their present victory, but predict 8 1/2 wheat. A market speculator in advance of the leading bulls, and some believe it is Joseph Leiter, a well-known capitalist and car-builder. No such excitement in the cereal market has existed since Partridge plunged the market down to 52 cents.

## NATIONAL BOARDS OF HEALTH.

### The national conference of the State boards of health in Nashville, Tenn., Dr. W. L. McGurray discussed the question submitted by the board of health of South Carolina, respecting the placing of jails and prisons under direct supervision of State boards of health. The following officers were elected: Dr. Benjamin Lee, of Pennsylvania, president; Dr. Hurty, of Quebec, secretary; Dr. Pelletiere, of Quebec, treasurer. A motion recommending Detroit to the executive committee as the next place of meeting was carried, and the convention adjourned sine die.

### A Lynching Near Chicago.

Shortly after noon on the 19th an unknown man attempted to assault Mrs. Pauline Fenske, the wife of a German farmer living in Schilloh Park, a suburb of Chicago, and was shot to death by the enraged husband and a posse of farmers.

### A Murderer Escapes Jail.

Albert Voiers, one of the notorious Lewis gang of murderers, under sentence to be hanged, broke jail at Fayetteville, W. Va. The sheriff and warden were after him. Jerry Brown is condemned to hang with Voiers.

### May Pay a Small Dividend.

The Tennessee Centennial Exposition may be able to return subscriptions and pay a small dividend. Many exhibitors will be sent to Paris in 1900.

### Got Bullets Instead of Dollars.

At Sussex county (Va.) a negro tramp called at the home of John Little, dining his absence and demanded of his wife all the money she had in the house, but instead of giving him dollars he got bullets.

### Wages Advance in Price.

The Elgin Watch Company, of Elgin, Ill., have advanced the prices of their watch movements 10 per cent. On the better grades and the cheaper grades have been advanced from 5 to 7 cents each.

## N. C. CROP BULLETIN.

### Drought Continues to Prevail Over Some Sections.

The week ending Monday, August 23d, was cloudy and comparatively cool. Drought continued to prevail over some sections, especially the central-north portion of the State, but elsewhere favorable showers occurred, and the rainfall on the 21st was general and very beneficial. Cotton has continued to shed in the dry sections but elsewhere is very fine. Picking has commenced. Fodder pulling has become general. Breaking land for wheat is progressing and some winter oats have been sown.

EASTERN DISTRICT. - Drought continues to prevail with some severity only in Nash, Halifax and Northampton counties, and is cutting crops very short in those counties. Elsewhere the weather was favorable this week, with cloudy weather and gentle showers beneficial to all crops but interfering with fodder pulling, some being damaged. Over almost the entire eastern section crops are fine; old corn is good; late corn fair; fodder pulling in full blast. Cotton has been damaged by drought, has shed considerably, and there are some complaints of rust, but it promises a fine crop yet; in many counties it never was better. Cotton in the North has been damaged by drought, has shed considerably, and there are some complaints of rust, but it promises a fine crop yet; in many counties it never was better. Cotton in the North has been damaged by drought, has shed considerably, and there are some complaints of rust, but it promises a fine crop yet; in many counties it never was better.

CENTRAL DISTRICT. - The crop conditions are quite diversified in this district. Drought continued to prevail this week in many counties, as Randolph, Montgomery, Warren, Durham, Chatham, Person, Anson, parts of Stokes, Richmond, Johnson and Wake; in most other counties favorable conditions prevailed with plenty of rain. The week was generally cloudy and damp. Hail damaged crops in Stokes county on 17th. The rainfall on Saturday, 21st, was general over the district and very beneficial. Cotton is shedding badly in the counties where drought is reported, but elsewhere is very fine, full of fruitage from top to bottom; it is opening generally and picking has commenced in the south. With new hay sold in Richmond county. Late upland corn is suffering for rain; lowland crop fine; fodder being saved rapidly; some in master granaries is favorable. Fodder caught by Saturday's rain and spoiled. Tobacco being cut, leaves brown and of good quality. Very large melon crop. Sorry winter potatoes and gathering peas progressing.

WESTERN DISTRICT. - Although the following counties are needing rain, namely, Curran, Rowan, Cabarrus, Forsyth, Davie, Allegheny, Alexander and Yadkin; unfavorable reports are very few; over the greater portions of the district the week we find with showers, general on the 21st, and generally cloudy weather. More sunshine is needed. Corn is promising. Fodder pulling begun in south. Cotton looks fine and has not shed much; it is opening. The tobacco crop, though small, will be good. Sweet potatoes and late Irish potatoes are looking well. Farmers are sowing crimson clover, some winter oats and saving pea-vine hay. Breaking wheat land general. Grapes fine and plentiful.

## HIGH POINT AND ASHEBORO.

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