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PUT THE GOLD STANDARD INTO ACTUAL EFFECT

Practice It By Making Gold Coin The Basis of All Reserves

SAYS CHM'N FOWLER OF HOUSE CURRENCY BILL

The Man in Position to Further Currency Legislation Expresses Opinion That the Character of Legislation to Be Enacted at the Present Session of Congress Will, in Large Measure, Determine Financial Plank of the Republican Platform in June—If the Action He Now Proposes is Taken He Says It Will Make the Republican Party's Attitude on the Subject Consistent in 1896 and 1908.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Feb. 19.—Chairman Fowler, of the house committee on banking and currency, is of the opinion that the establishment of the gold standard, following upon the republican victory in 1896, should be put into practical effect by making gold coin the basis of all reserves. He believes that the character of the currency law enacted at this session of congress, in large measure, will determine the financial plank in the Chicago platform in June, and that the action he proposes would make the party consistent with its attitude in 1896.

"The campaign of 1896," said he, "was fought out upon a single issue—the establishment of the gold standard, which means absolutely nothing except so far as it is a measure of value as related to credits. The issue of the campaign of 1908 should be the practical application of the theoretical victory of 1896."

"The people of the United States should now demand that the reserves in our banks be in gold coin and sufficient in quantity to prove our credits and protect all depositors. Every creditor of a bank should have the option of having his credit upon the books subject to check, or in a current credit of the bank redeemable in gold coin. To insure all depositors of banks that their credits upon the books or current credits, are redeemable in gold coin, let us deposit in the treasury of the United States a guaranty fund of \$700,000,000. The option of a creditor of a bank to have his credit upon the books subject to a check or in a current credit redeemable in gold, will give us a true currency which will adjust itself to the ever credit-varying conditions of trade, never too great, never too small—always just enough."

"The guaranty fund in the treasury, amounting to \$700,000,000, protecting both depositors and note-holders without discrimination or preference, will prevent panics and stop all hoarding of money."

MARSHALL WILL COMMAND THE NORTH CARO

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Feb. 19.—Captain W. A. Marshall, commandant of the Boston navy yard, has been detailed to command the new armored cruiser North Carolina. This assignment is a choice one and there was much striving for the berth. Captain Henry Morrell, ordnance officer at the New York navy yard, has been assigned to command the Wisconsin, which will shortly be placed in commission at the Bremerton navy yard, Washington.

DR. T. J. WILSON'S SISTER FOUND DEAD IN BED

(Special to The Times.) Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 19.—Miss Mamie Wilson, sister of Dr. T. J. Wilson, Jr., associate professor of Latin in the University, was found dead in her room this morning. She was well when she retired. Death must have been caused by heart disease.

At 6:30 Mr. Lorens, a Cuban student, who rooms in the office building, according to his custom, rapped on her room door to wake her. No response, but her niece, Miss Zelen Brown, who was sleeping with her, awoke. She could not wake her and ran up stairs for her grandmother, Mrs. Wilson. She failed to wake her and called Dr. W. B. McNeider, who said heart disease had probably caused death. Will be buried at Chapel Hill cemetery tomorrow afternoon.

THE TRI-STATE DOCTORS ELECT ALL OFFICERS

(Special to The Evening Times.) Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 19.—The Tri-State Medical Society this afternoon elected Dr. Albert Anderson, Raleigh, N. C., president; Dr. R. C. Bryan, of Richmond, vice-president for Virginia; Dr. J. E. Stokes, Salisbury, vice-president for North Carolina, and Dr. W. P. Timmerman, of Bateburg, vice-president for South Carolina, Charleston, S. C., was chosen as the next meeting place of the society. The reception at the Selwyn Hotel last night was one of the most elaborate and enjoyable social events that has occurred in Charlotte in many seasons. In every particular it was all that such a function should be to be characterized as elegant and delightful. During the hours, which were from 9:30 to 11:30 o'clock several hundred guests were entertained, and the cordial hospitality extended by the reception committee could not have been surpassed.

The refreshments of salads, ices, cake and punch, were of the quality and were served in the manner that was entirely in keeping with the occasion. Nothing was left undone in making this reception all that it should have been, and combined with its elegance there was that delightful informality which made it all the more pleasing.

Those assisting in receiving were: Dr. Annie Alexander, Dr. and Mrs. John A. Burroughs, of Asheville; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Cheek, Dr. and Mrs. T. F. Costner, Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Dunn, Rev. and Mrs. Plato T. Durham, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Faison, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Harding, Mrs. O. P. Heath, Dr. J. R. Irwin and Miss Mary Irwin, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Kincaid, Miss Anna Kincaid, Miss Norma Van Landingham, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Montgomery, Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Newell, Dr. and Mrs. B. C. Nalle, Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Nisbet, Mrs. Bessie A. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Preston, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Register, Miss Lucy Robertson, Miss Sarah Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Scott, Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Strong, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Russell, Miss Florence Thomas, Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Whitsart, Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Wright, and Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Miesheimer.

A DISASTROUS FREIGHT WRECK

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Highland Falls, N. Y., Feb. 19.—A disastrous freight wreck occurred on the West Shore road near this place this morning. A train of thirty cars was completely demolished. The wreckage covers all tracks. It will require about eight hours to clear away the debris and repair the rails.

LOVE LETTERS IN SIX HANDS

Motive For Murder of Wealthy Manufacturer Found

WITH BABY-BLUE RIBBON

Package of Ardent Love Epistles Found in Office of Lewis Clawson, Couched in Most Endearing Terms and Incited by Six Different Women, Apparently, Give Police a Clue—Women Are of Social Prominence and There's a Society Breeze A-Brewing.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Reading, Pa., Feb. 19.—A social scandal involving three of Reading's most prominent families threatens to grow out of the murder of Lewis B. Clawson, the wealthy manufacturer.

A package of ardent love letters, couched in the most endearing terms written in six different feminine hands and bound about with baby-blue ribbons, has been found by the police in the office of the murdered man. The letters were found on Saturday, shortly after Clawson was shot. Strenuous efforts were made by the authorities to conceal facts after the contents of the package had been read by detectives and the names of the writers discovered. It has been learned that one of the women who sent a poem of passion through the mails is of social prominence and the wife of a well-to-do retired merchant. She wrote in verse and one of her letters was a copy of one of Byron's poems.

Two other women who contracted the letter writing habit are said to also be of some social prominence, while a fourth is of a middle class of society. The police were surprised when they pulled other letters from the package. They had apparently been written by mill girls. They were filled with scrawling, misspelled words, and they gushed with sentiment. Such a strange array of love lorn women was an unexpected revelation.

An inquiry was started and it was found that all the society women are married, one being the mother of four children. The identity of these letter-writers caused the police to use all means in their power to hush-up the matter. Abraham Rosenthal, the youthful brother-in-law of Clawson, is still at liberty.

A formal charge of murder has been made against Rosenthal. Police investigation has convinced the officials that Clawson's death was the result of his refusal to yield further to demands upon his pocket-book, which the brother-in-law is thought to have made as the price of secrecy concerning conduct which had already caused stormy scenes.

HARRY THAW AND EVELYN ARE NOT TO BE DIVORCED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Feb. 19.—An emphatic denial is made by all parties interested in the report that Harry Thaw will divorce his wife and preliminaries to this action are now under way.

Attorney Dan O'Reilly emphatically denies the interview attributed to him in which he was quoted as saying that it is possible an action would be based on reports that Mrs. Thaw was seen dining at the cafe Boulevard with a prominent financier.

Mrs. Evelyn Thaw denied she dined with him and says further that the divorce talk is without foundation. She and her husband are planning a trip to Europe as soon as he gains his liberty, she says.

E. R. Thomas, who was reported as having dined with Mrs. Evelyn Thaw, says it is a case of mistaken identity and Mrs. Thomas supports her husband by declaring that he dined with her at his home on that evening.

WAINWRIGHT TO COMMAND FLEET

Admiral Evans Will Retire For Younger Successor

TRIP ACROSS PACIFIC

Captain Wainwright Will Probably Be Promoted to Be Rear Admiral and Placed in Command of the Fine Fleet Bound for Asiatic Waters When Fighting Bob, the Old Sea Dog, Brings It Into Frisco Harbor—Evans Reaches Age Limit in August.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Feb. 19.—4 P. M.—"Fighting Bob" Evans will bid goodbye to the Atlantic fleet after the festivities in his honor at San Francisco. Captain Richard Wainwright who will be a rear admiral at that time, will hoist his standard and command the fleet.

Positive announcement of these facts was made by officials at the navy department, although no orders have as yet been issued.

The Earlier and Fuller Story.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—It is stated today that in all probability Rear Admiral Evans will not preside over the destinies of the battleship squadron in its journey across the Pacific after arrival at San Francisco. Admiral Evans will retire from the service on August 18 and as the warships will start for Manila before that date, it is expected that he will turned over the command.

It is reported in naval circles that the president has practically decided to elevate Captain Richard Wainwright to command. By reason of the retirement of Rear Admiral William T. Burwell in July Captain Wainwright will have been raised to the rank of rear admiral.

In spite of this, however, the elevation of Captain Wainwright will mean that he will be promoted over the heads of several officers who are his seniors. The president's reason for this is significant, for he is said to be opposed to placing any officer in command who has not at least two years to serve on the active list. From this it is figured that the fleet will not be hurried back from Far Eastern waters.

REBATE INQUIRY AT RICHMOND BEGAN TODAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Richmond, Va., Feb. 19.—Inquiry into the alleged infractions of the Hepburn bill in the matter of giving and receiving rebates by the Chesapeake & Ohio, Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line railways was commenced in the United States district court by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Franklin K. Lane and several witnesses testified.

The principal witness heard this morning was City Councilman H. O. Gates, who is associated with the wholesale grain concern of W. B. Johnson here. He admitted on examination that he had used "false expense bills and bills of lading" when shipping over the Chesapeake & Ohio. He also stated that he had billed cars to fictitious points and sometimes when shipping to the Valley of Virginia he would have the car billed to some point in the Carolinas in order to get certain rates. Further concerning the matter he said that it was with full knowledge of A. B. Gilbert, clerk to the chief traffic manager of the Chesapeake & Ohio. He said that he had discontinued the practice in October last, when informed by Gilbert that agents of the Interstate Commerce Commission were here looking into the matter. Samuel Campbell, chief clerk of the Chesapeake & Ohio freight office here, was also examined. The investigation will be resumed at 10 o'clock, adjournment having been taken at noon.

Mrs. Hetty Green Who Says She Refused Vanderbilt a Loan



Mrs. Hetty Green, whose picture is here shown, in a remarkable interview, printed in Boston, declared that she refused to make a loan on the famous collection of jewels belonging to the Cornelia Vanderbilt family, during the recent financial panic. Mrs. Green also stated that she had foreseen the panic and had loaned millions of dollars to embarrassed financiers.

INQUIRY INTO RAILWAY WAGES

Pres'd Roosevelt Is Interested In The Question

INTERSTATE COMMERCE

There is Reason to Believe the President Intends to Direct Interstate Commerce Commission to Investigate the Subject—That Tribunal Has the Power to Make it and On a Comprehensive Scope if Desired. Matter Discussed at White House Conference.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Feb. 19.—President Roosevelt is somewhat concerned over the course of certain railroads in reducing wages and otherwise curtailing expenditures.

There is reason to believe he contemplates directing that an inquiry be made to determine just what is behind the action of the roads in question. This may be done, it is stated by the interstate commerce commission which has authority, under the law, to "inquire into the conduct and management" of railroad companies.

Such inquiries may be made comprehensive in scope, covering question of rates as well as of transportation, and even touching the financial operation of railroads, as in the case of the Harriman lines.

The subject of such an inquiry was discussed, it is understood at a conference held at the white house yesterday evening in which the president, Mr. Knapp, chairman of the interstate commerce commission, and Mr. Neill, federal commissioner of labor, participated.

Later—The President Takes Formal Action.

Washington, Feb. 19.—4 P. M.—The interstate commerce commission has today received the following communication from the president:

The White House, Washington, Feb. 18, 1908. "To the Interstate Commerce Commission (Continued on Second Page.)"

SEABOARD MEN AND OFFICIALS

A Conference in Portsmouth Friday

RALEIGH MEN NOTIFIED

Head of Machinist Ordered to Meet Officials of Road in Portsmouth, But Object of Conference Not Known—Supposed Reduction in Wages is Object.

Mr. Ed. R. Pace, chairman of the machinists' committee of district lodge, No. 16, has received a telegram calling him to Portsmouth. Mr. Pace is a machinist in the employ of the Seaboard Air Line here. He will go to Portsmouth, Va., Friday for a conference with officials of the road.

What the conference is for Mr. Pace does not know. Asked this afternoon if he thought it was to look into the matter of a reduction in wages, he said he could not answer. Mr. Pace declined to discuss the matter.

It is reported that all district chairmen of machinists and carpenters have been ordered to report at Portsmouth, and since the Southern is having conferences with its men, it is inferred that the conference in Portsmouth is for a similar purpose.

It is stated that the machinists tried to have the conference postponed a few days, but another message, received later, said the matter was urgent. There are about 300 machinists and 150 apprentice machinists in the employ of the Seaboard.

Other Seaboard officials in the city when asked knew nothing of the matter.

SENATOR LATIMER A LITTLE BETTER

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—Senator Latimer, of South Carolina, who is seriously ill, is pronounced a little better this morning.

BIG BLIZZARD KILLS MEN AND STOPS TRAFFIC

Weather Bureau Records Says It Is the Very Worst In Chicago's History

GREAT SNOW-DRIFTS STOP TRAINS IN NEV.

A Number of Lives Have Already Been Lost in the Storm, Both On Land and Water—Fishing Tug Goes Through the Ice On Lake Michigan and Carries Crew to the Bottom With It—Storm is General All Over the West and Southwest, Extending Over Missouri, Arkansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin and the Lakes Especially. Later News Will Probably Bring Sad Stories of Losses of Life and Property.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Feb. 19.—The worst blizzard in the weather history of Chicago, according to the records of the weather bureau swept over the city yesterday and continues this morning unabated.

The storm was general all over the west and southwest, extending over Missouri, Arkansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin and the northern portion of Illinois.

Traffic on the railroads was impeded and some lines in Nebraska made impassable by the huge drifts of snow. A number of lives were lost while the storm was raging its worst, two members of the fishing tug Anstatch losing their lives in Lake Michigan off Waukegan when the vessel, crushed by ice, went to the bottom. Other fatalities were reported as due to the severity of the blizzard.

Cotton Asso. Delegates Stormbound.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Dallas, Tex., Feb. 19.—About 500 delegates were present at the opening session of the national convention of the Southern Cotton Association. As many more are delayed on late trains by blizzards. Harvie Jordan, of Atlanta, Ga., expects a thousand delegates at tomorrow's session. Governor Campbell failed to arrive to welcome the convention on behalf of the state. Otherwise the regular program is being carried out.

RESTORE MOTTO IN GOD WE TRUST

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Feb. 19.—Chairman William McKinley, of Illinois, reported from the committee on coinage, weights and measures today unanimously in favor of restoring to the coins of the United States the motto "In God We Trust." The committee said it was convinced that there was practically a universal desire for this action and that it had been swamped with petitions to that effect. The president is understood not to be opposed to the proposition. The bill for the restoration was introduced early in the session by Mr. McKinley.

7,000 ENGINEERS QUIT WORK TODAY

(By Cable to The Times.) London, Feb. 19.—Seven thousand engineers employed in ship yards on the Tyne quit work in sympathy with the other workmen already on strike. By the end of the week it is feared the entire Tyne ship building industry will be completely tied up either by walkouts of employes or lockouts by employers.