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BRYAN MAKES A STATEMENT.

BI-METALLISM FIRST FIGHT.

It Came near Winning a Victory as It Was—
It Has Not Been Vanquished But Simply
Overcome—The Work of the Democrats,
Populists and Silver Committees Com-
mended—Mr. Bryan Himself Feels No
Personal Disappointment—Call the Roll
of The Next Engagement.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 5.—Wm. J. Bryan today gave the following statement to the public.

"No cause ever had supporters more brave, earnest and devoted than those who have espoused the cause of bi-metallism. They have fought from conviction and have fought with all the zeal which conviction inspires. Events will prove whether they are right or wrong. Having done their duty as they saw it, they have nothing to regret. The Republican candidate has been heralded as the advance agent of prosperity. If his policy brings real those who opposed him will share in that prosperity. If, on the other hand, his policies prove an injury to the people generally, those of his supporters who do not belong to the office-holding class or to the privileged classes, will suffer in common with those who opposed him. The friends of bi-metallism have not been vanquished; they have simply been overcome. They believe that the gold standard is a conspiracy of the money-changers against the welfare of the human race, and until convinced of their error, they will continue the warfare against it.

"The contest has been waged this year under great embarrassment and against great odds. The money question has been the paramount issue. The Republican convention held out the delusive hope of international bi-metallism, while the Republican leaders labored secretly for gold monometallism. Gold standard Democrats have publicly advocated the election of the Indianapolis ticket, while they labored secretly for the election of the Republican ticket. The trusts and corporations have tried to excite a fear of lawlessness, while they themselves have been jefying the law, and American financiers have boasted that they were the custodians of national honor, while they were secretly bating away the nation's financial independence. But in spite of the efforts of the administration and its supporters, in spite of the threats of the money-loaners at home and abroad, in spite of the coercions practiced by corporations, and in spite of the influence of a hostile daily press, bi-metallism has almost triumphed in its first great fight. The loss of a few States, and that, too, by a very small plurality, has defeated bi-metallism but its energies from the contest stronger than it was four months ago.

"I desire to commend the work of the three National Committees which have joined in the management of this campaign. Co-operation between the members of distinct political organizations is always difficult, but it has been less so this year than usual. Interest in a common cause of great importance has reduced friction to a minimum. I hereby express my personal gratitude of the individual members, as well as the executive officers of the national committees of the Democratic, Populist, and Silver parties, for their efficient, untiring and unselfish labors. They have laid the foundation of future success and will be remembered as pioneers when victory is at last secured.

"No personal or political friends need grieve because of my defeat. My ambition has been to secure immediate legislation rather than enjoy

the honors of office, and, therefore, defeat brings me no feeling of personal loss. Speaking for the wife who has shared my labors, as well as for myself, I desire to say that we have been amply repaid for all that we have done. In the love of millions of our fellow-citizens, so kindly expressed, we find full compensation for whatever efforts we have put forth. Our hearts have been touched by the devotion of friends, and our lives shall prove our appreciation of the affection of the plain people, an affection which we prize as the richest reward which this campaign has brought.

"In the face of an enemy rejoicing in its victory let the roll be called for the next engagement and urge all friends of bi-metallism to renew their allegiance to the cause. If we are right, as I believe we are, we shall yet triumph. Until convinced of their error let all advocates of bi-metallism continue the work. Let all silver clubs retain their organization, their regular meetings and circulate literature. Our opponents have succeeded in this campaign and must now put their theories to the test. Instead of talking mysteriously about 'sound money' and an 'honest dollar,' they must now advocate and defend a financial system. Every step taken by them should be publicly considered by the silver clubs.

"Our cause has prospered most where the money question has been longest discussed among the people. During the next four years it will be studied all over this nation even more than it has been studied in the past.

"The year 1900 is not far away. Before that year arrives international bi-metallism will cease to deceive; before that year arrives those who have called themselves gold standard Democrats will become bi-metallists and be with us or they will become Republicans and be open enemies; before that year arrives, trusts will have convinced still more people that the trust is a menace to public welfare and to public safety; before that year arrives the effects of a gold standard will be even more evident than they are now and the people then ready to demand an American financial policy for the American people will join with us in the immediate restoration of the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation.

[Signed] "WILLIAM J. BRYAN."

THIRTEEN LIVES LOST.

The Steamer Tibeers and the Schooner Maggie Collide at St Johns.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Nov. 6.—The steamer Tibeers, Captain Delisle, bound for Sydney, left here at seven o'clock to-night. Fifteen minutes later, when just beyond the entrance to the harbor, she collided with the schooner Maggie, bound from Benavast Bay for St. Johns with a cargo of fish and lumber. Thirteen lives were lost. The schooner carried a crew of nine and fourteen passengers, five of whom were women.

Seven widows and thirty-three orphans is the result of this catastrophe. The pecuniary losses of the survivors are heavy. All on board the schooner were more or less closely related. The accident happened within half a mile of the town. The steamer lay to while she sent a boat to ashore to the land the survivors and then continued her voyage. The police are arranging to cause the arrest of the Tibeers' captain at Sydney on a charge of manslaughter. The government is caring for the survivors.

A Receiver For The Santa Fe Road.

TOPEKA, Kansas, Nov. 6.—Much to the surprise of these connected with railroad interests, State Senator C. F. Johnson has been made receiver for the Santa Fe Railway. The appointment of a receiver has been brought about, it is said, by the men who opposed the recent reorganization plan of the Santa Fe.

GOLD AND SIL- VER FORCES TIE.

MITCHELL GOES TO THE GOLD SIDE.

Vice President Hobart Will Have to Cast the Deciding Vote—Interesting Situation in the Senate as Matters Now Stand—Composition of the House.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 7.—The announcement from Milwaukee by the friends of Senator John L. Mitchell, of Wisconsin, that he will support gold measures in the Senate, makes a tie of the gold and silver forces in that body; and puts upon Vice President Hobart the responsibility of casting the deciding vote. This, of course, upon the assumption that no other changes are made.

Putting him among the gold men, the Senate in the next Congress, as at present indicated, will be divided among the parties as follows:

Gold Republicans 37, gold Democrats 8, a total of 45; silver Democrats 26, silver Republicans 10, Populists 9, a total of 45.

Should Messrs. Carter, of Montana, and Soup, of Idaho, who supported Maj. McKinley in the campaign ally themselves with the dominant faction of the party, the gold vote in the Senate, after March next would be 47 and the silver vote 43.

The composition of the House of Representatives in the fifty-fifth Congress remains substantially same as at first sent out by the Southern Associated Press, the political division, according to the latest returns, being as follows: Republicans 112, sound money Democrats 2, Democrats 120, silver Republicans, Populists and fusionists 23, a total of 357.

WILL CALL AN EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS.

Chairman Hanna Says Major McKinley Will Call One After His Inauguration.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Chairman Mark A. Hanna, of the Republican National Committee, said yesterday:

"I have had comparatively brief conversations with Major McKinley since his election. Next week I expect to meet him in Cleveland, and, as he has had time to think over matters, I presume he will have more details than I am at present aware of. But this much I know, he feels that he owes to the patriotic Democrats who prefer principle to strict parties. Indiana, for instance, was unquestionably carried against fusion by Democratic votes.

"The first movement he will make will be to obtain sufficient revenue to conduct the government.

Further issues of bonds would be altogether too dangerous. Business prosperity and stability demand that as soon as possible the government should be on a paying basis.

"To this end, an extra session of Congress will be necessary, and President McKinley will undoubtedly call one soon after his inauguration.

Legislation will be required to secure the desired revenue, and Major McKinley will do everything in his power to secure it, as well as the legal establishment of a policy which will tend to put everybody to work. In all this he hopes and expects that he will be backed by patriotic men, regardless of party lines.

Mr. Hanna was asked what Democrats of note he had talked with on the subject of the future.

"I do not wish to name them all," he said, "but I may mention Messrs. W. C. Whitney and Abram S. Hewitt as examples."

Democratic returns to the Legislature give 65 Republicans, 54 Populists 40 Democrats, and 8 doubtful. There are said to be seven negro members.

It is said there will be over 100 Baptists in the next Legislature.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

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NOT A GOLD SENATE.

The Gold Standard Forces Will Not Be in Control of That Body, So The Latest Returns Indicate.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—The developments of the past twelve hours in the contests in the Congressional field have been few, but in one respect, important. They practically demonstrate that the gold forces will fail to control the Senate in the Fifty-fifth Congress, which control yesterday deemed probable. At that time the apparent division of the forces was as follows:

Silver Republicans, 9; silver Democrats, 26; Populists, 9. Total, 44; majority for gold 2.

Gold Republicans, 38; gold Democrats, 8. Total, 46.

One of the gold votes in that table was credited to North Dakota, but it now appears that the Legislature of that State will elect a free silver advocate to succeed Senator Hansbrough. To emphasize the truth of this fact Representative Picyler, who made the canvass for Senator, has announced his withdrawal from the contest.

This will make the Senate a tie between the gold and silver forces, and should Senator Dubois' assertion of last spring—that no financial or tariff legislation should be accomplished that did not provide for free coinage of silver—remain in force in the next Congress, and there be no individual changes of attitude on the subject by Senators there is but little likelihood that anything will be done in that direction for another two years. According to advices the House will stand: Republican, 214; sound money Democrats, 2; Democrats, 118; silver Republicans, Populists and fusionists, 23. The delegations of the following States, consisting of more than one member, will be solid in the next House:

Democrat: Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina.

Republican: Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, Oregon, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont, Wisconsin.

Fusion: Colorado.

Weyler Takes The Field.

HAVANA, Nov. 9.—Captain General Weyler has taken the field in person against the insurgent under Antonio Maceo, in the province of Pinar del Rio and reliable news received from the front indicates that the Spanish columns are approaching close to the enemy.

General Weyler left Havana on board the cruiser Legazpy, half an hour after midnight, his destination being the Port of Mariel, province of Pinar del Rio. From Mariel, it is understood that the Captain General will go South by the highway of the town of Atemisa, and along the line of the trocha. Strong reinforcement are being embarked to support the Captain General in the operation now in progress against the insurgents.

A Horrible Accident.

GREENVILLE, N. C., Nov. 9.—Yesterday in the northern portion of this county, Mr. Wyatt Meeks lost a barn containing seventy-five barrels of corn and five bales of cotton, by fire. Just after the fire the terrible discovery was made that two of Mr. Meeks' children, aged 2 and 5 years, had perished in the flames. It is supposed the children went in the barn to play and setting fire to some shucks near the door ran up to the corn pile in the back of the barn. Their charred bodies were found on the pile of corn after the building had burned down.

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