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THUMBSCREWS ON MEXICO.

The Batteries of the Gold Interests Are Turned

On the Only Important Silver Country Left.

GOLD OBLIGATIONS

Cannot Be Met If Premium Goes Much Higher.

Repudiation or the Gold Standard Must Follow.

St. Louis, Aug. 7.—A special to the Globe-Democrat from Mexico City, Mex., says:

The continual fall in silver and the corresponding rise in exchange have reached the point when this country is brought face to face with what may be a serious crisis. No sophistry can hide the real condition of affairs here. It is all very well to say that Mexico can live within herself and can raise on a silver basis natural products that she can sell abroad on a gold one. This would be perfectly satisfactory if there was such an enormous increase of wealth resulting from such conditions that it could bear a high rate of taxation, in order that the government might be able to meet its debt interest abroad by such means without any extra strain. At this moment Mexican bonds are unsitered in London, principally owing to the scrupulous exactness under the most distressing conditions with which their interest has been met. These debts are in gold, and the interest has to be met in gold, and at this rate of exchange that interest is excessive and it is only a matter of time, unless there is a favorable change in silver, when this republic will be unable to stand it.

Repudiation has an ugly sound, but something very much like it must under present circumstances finally result. The great railway corporations and other foreign companies here have to meet a gold interest with a medium that is ever decreasing in value. It does not matter, however great the business and their capacity for making money, because the money earned is inadequate to meet their obligations abroad. There is only one thing for them to do, increase their earnings over one hundred fold or consider that their foreign debt was contracted in silver.

It seems hard that the credit of this government, that is now so high, and the excellent foreign investments here should be injured through circumstances over which they have no control. But facts are facts, and it will be interesting to watch what will happen unless there is a sharp rally in silver before long.

Merchants here are paralyzed and all orders for abroad have been countermanded. The manager of the Scotch thread monopoly here has raised prices on thread 25 per cent and the French importers of dry goods have followed suit.

A prominent banker said that he believed exchange would go to 150 per cent premium. He considered the outlook to be most serious for this country, in fact, he considered it too gloomy to speculate upon.

M'KINLEY ON A TRIP.

Attends the Meeting of the Fish and Game League.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Aug. 7.—President McKinley and party left Bluff Point yesterday to attend the midsummer meeting of the Vermont Fish and Game league at Isle La Motte, ten miles north of here. The president was accompanied by Secretary Alger, Secretary Porter, Senator Procter and Governor Grout of Vermont. There were no women in the party. The steamer Maquam was specially chartered for the trip.

The weather was perfect and the president greatly enjoyed the sail. Arriving at Mr. Fisk's residence luncheon was served to the president and party. After lunch the president held an informal reception. The large crowd present included many representatives of New York and Canada. On the arrival of the league's members and guests, dinner was served in a huge tent with a seating capacity of 800 persons. Every seat was filled.

After several others had responded to toasts the president was called for.

In answer to repeated calls the president spoke briefly of the hospitality of New England, referring incidentally to the New England forefathers and their civilization, which, he said, had penetrated every state in the Union.

Cheers greeted the president's remarks. Upon leaving he was saluted by all the yachts in the harbor.

The Maquam, with the presidential party on board, arrived at Bluff Point at 7 o'clock. The president denied the report that he was going to the Pacific coast after his outing here.

DEATHS.

The 6 months old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. Edmonds died this morning of brain fever. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from the family residence 917 Monroe street, North Topeka.

Hazel Sample, aged 14 months, died this morning of brain fever at 1415 Harrison street. The remains will be taken to Onaga, Kan., for burial.

Mrs. Ethel Walker Coan died Thursday evening of consumption at Walsenburg, Col. Mrs. Coan's infant daughter Inez, aged three weeks, died a few hours after her mother. The remains were brought to this city today for burial and the funeral will take place this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the First Baptist church. The Rev. M. L. Thomas will officiate. Mrs. Coan is a sister of Mrs. John E. Schmidt, 132 Monroe street.

Vinnie Ream Smith, aged 20 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van Smith, died at 11 o'clock this morning. The funeral will take place at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the residence 1005 Arch street.

A. J. Boiss and J.S.McGavren of Iowa stopped in Topeka last evening for a short visit with Lee Jones.

OUR OWN KANSAS WAIFS,

These are the Ones to Care for Instead of New York's.

Since April last the Topeka Orphans' home ladies have found homes for 20 children, of whom eleven were boys and nine girls. The home is now filled and is doing the usual good work.

Sometimes people go to the home and adopt children for the purpose of getting small help to do work for them. When a child is given in charge of a person for adoption it is given for three months on probation. At the end of that time if it is found that the people are not kind to the child the agreement is annulled, and back goes the child to the home. A case illustrating this happened some time ago. A man from the southwestern part of the state went to the home and said he wanted to adopt a little one. A little boy nine years of age was given him. Later it was found by the system of visitations conducted by the home that the boy was being treated cruelly. The president and corresponding secretary of the home went after the boy and brought him back.

Recently a destitute case was found by the ladies of the home and relief was given. A poor woman having five small children was left dependent on charity by her husband losing his mind and going to the insane asylum. One of the children was an invalid. The four children were taken to the Orphans' home and the invalid boy was given a cot at the Salvation Army hospital.

The mother was thus given an opportunity of earning a living and will some day take back her children.

The ladies of the home who occupy official positions are: Mrs. J. P. Howe, president; Mrs. Dell Parks, vice president; Mrs. Howell Jones, recording secretary; Mrs. C. S. Baker, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W. W. Gavitt, treasurer.

GOLD EVERYWHERE.

Washington Miner Takes Out $1,000 in Ten Days.

Seattle, Wn., Aug. 7.—G. B. Benton has reached this city with over $1,000 worth of gold nuggets the result of ten days' work on a Williams creek placer claim, in the Swauk district, Kilkitat county. One nugget was worth $260, another $120, others $50 and $60 and down to very small pieces.

He has been working the claim since January and since that time his taken out $5,000. The Swauk placers are old and well known but have been worked only in a crude way. One man who owns a claim there has been working it quietly for six years, during which time he has made about $50,000. Mr. Benton sunk a shaft 103 feet to bed rock before he made his find. He says the Klondike has no attractions for him.

GREECE IS DONE FOR.

New Frontier Line Puts Her Completely at the Mercy of Turkey.

London, Aug. 7.—The Athens correspondent of the Daily Telegraph asserts that the frontier line upon which the powers have agreed gives the Turks possession of the heights on the right bank of the river St. Ambria, west of Gunitza, and also the defiles of Klamakas and Xerial, thus rendering the defense of Larissa and the Salambra valley forever impossible to the Greeks. The correspondent says that this line places Greece completely at the mercy of Turkey.

HOUSES ROCKED.

An Earthquake Felt at Basalt, Colo., Last Night.

Basalt, Col., Aug. 7.—Distinct vibrations of an earthquake were felt here about 1:40 a. m. The vibrations appeared to come from Basalt mountain, just back of town, and traveled southwest.

Windows rattled, houses rocked, wall paper and plastering were cracked. No material damage was done.

SILVER MINES CLOSE.

Unprofitable to Work Them at Present Prices.

Salt Lake, Utah, Aug. 7.—A special to the Herald from Park City, Utah, says Superintendent Chambers of the Ontario and Dailey today received a telegram from New York to close down both mines at once owing to the recent decline in silver. These are two of the largest silver mines in the state and give employment to about 700 men.

The Ontario mine is one of the greatest producers in the country, and has been in active operation for twenty years and has paid about thirteen and a half million dollars in dividends.

It is claimed that these mines cannot be worked with profit at the present price of silver.

BLOCKADED.

1,800 Cars of Wheat on Track in Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 7.—The unusually heavy receipts of wheat from the west threaten a blockade at this point. Last night there were 11,800 cars loaded with wheat on sidetracks in Kansas City. About half of these cars are billed through to Galveston, and the gulf roads are said to be unable to move the product as fast as it comes in from the west. Grain is coming in, too, far beyond the capacity of the Kansas City elevators, and the indications are that the accumulation here will become greater.

COURTS FOR KLONDIKE,

And More Police Will be Provided by Canada.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 7.—At a meeting of the cabinet a decision was arrived at that on account of official reports from Dyea relating to the increasing rush of miners for the Klondike fields, it was necessary to send another detachment of 100 northwest mounted police to the Yukon district at once to maintain law and order.

A process of civil law is also to be established without delay. A judge, however, cannot at present be appointed nor can a particular judicial district be defined until special legislation for that purpose can be obtained from parliament at its next session.

BURGLARS ARE ABROAD.

One Got a Charge From a Shotgun

At the Home of Ed. Moeser on West Eighth.

ENTER OTHER HOUSES.

Burglars Rob C. D. Startzman and Dr. Lyman.

Attempt to Get Into Jas. R. Wick's Home.

At 3 o'clock this morning a burglar entered the residence of Ed Moeser at 919 West Eighth street, through a window on the east side of the house. George Moeser, son of Ed Moeser, heard the noise which the burglar made in moving about the lower floor. He went to the head of the stairs armed with a shotgun. At this instant the burglar started upstairs. Young Moeser heard the noise but could only distinguish a dark object coming toward him. He aimed the gun toward the burglar and fired. The cartridge was loaded with fine shot and it crashed down into the hallway, tearing off paper and plastering as it struck the sides of the walls. The burglar fell back and ran into the parlor and thence into the dining room where he escaped through a window which he had opened after entering the parlor. As he ran to escape he fired two shots from a revolver, probably as a warning to the young man to cease further pursuit.

The whole household was aroused by the volley of shots, likewise the neighborhood. The burglar made his escape easily and has not since been heard from. Nothing was taken from the Moeser residence, but young Mr. Moeser says he don't see how the shot could have missed the burglar.

Before breaking into Ed Moser's house, the burglar had entered the residence of Mr. C. D. Startzman at 913 West Eighth St., across the street from Moeser's. Mrs. Startzman was awakened by a noise, as of someone creeping past the foot of her bed. She could plainly hear light footfalls but could see nothing. She awakened her husband and they both sprang out of bed and fled downstairs. Mr. Startzman grabbed for his trousers which he had hung at the head of the bed, but they were gone. Then he ran after the burglar, but the latter had fled.

Entrance was made through a front window in the parlor. The window had been left open, with the screen and window shutter closed and fastened. The burglar cut an opening large enough to unfasten the shutters.

Mrs. Startzman said today: "I was awakened by a noise in my room and I felt sure a burglar was there. I said to my husband: 'Charlie, there's a man in our room.' He said: 'O, I guess not.' We both listened and heard someone creeping along in the room. Then we both jumped out of the bed and when Mr. Startzman started after the burglar I said: 'O don't.' When my husband found that his trousers were missing he procured another pair and went out to look for the stolen ones. Down on the corner of Western avenue he found them. Some valuable papers which were in the pockets were scattered on the ground but the money, about $12 in all, was gone." Mr. Startzman is connected with the Victor Manufacturing company of this city.

At James R. Wick's residence at 919 West Eighth street, two doors west of the Startzman residence, a large pointed instrument was slipped under the east window in the parlor and the sash was pried up. The window was locked and the attempt failed. The pane of glass in the upper sash was broken by the window fastening being pushed against it. Mr. Wick did not hear the noise, but his wife did.

Next door west, at 923 West Eighth street the residence of Dr. Harry Lyman, the dentist, was burglarized. The burglar got in through a pantry window. The burglar entered Dr. Lyman's bedroom and took his trousers, in which there was about $14. A gold watch and diamond stud were unmolested. Here too, the intruder escaped easily. Mrs. Lyman is sick in bed, and the burglary frightened her greatly.

Dr. Lyman found his trousers lying in his yard carefully folded. After the shots were fired the neigborhood was aroused and much excitement prevailed. The police department was notified and an investigation was made.

L. A. W. CLOSES TODAY.

It Has Been the Most Successful Meet in the League's History.

Philadelphia, Aug. 7.—What veteran wheelmen unhesitatingly pronounce to be the most successful race meet ever held in this country will close this afternoon at Willow Grove.

The first event on today's programme after the trial heats was the mile handicap for professionals, in which Cooper, Bald, Kiser, Loughead, Johnson, McFarland and Nat Butler were scratch men. There were nearly 100 entries in this event. Then followed the mile handicap, amateur, with 80 entries; the half mile championship, professional, in which all of the racing cracks were entered; the five mile championship, professional, with all the long distance men among the starters; the two mile championship, amateur, and the mile open, professional.

The chief topic of conversation among the racing men this morning was the remarkable riding of F. J. Loughead, the Sarina, Ont., crack. This great rider started in three events, a total of six heats, winning five of the heats, including two finals, and finishing a close second to McFarland in the final of the two mile handicap.

Willow Grove, Pa., Aug. 7.—C. M. Bly, the well known amateur from Northampton, Mass., met with an accident today which will prevent him competing in today's races. He was taking a spin on the track while some linemen were cleaning the big electric light globes overhanging the track. The globe was lowered to a short distance from the track. Bly was going a good clip and failed to see the lamp. His head struck the globe and he was cut very badly. He was removed to the Jewish hospital.

The Modocs

Will furnish the music at Mr. J. L. Troutman's next Wednesday evening.

BRICKBAT FOR BARBER.

Colored Women Make an Assault on Oscar Rader.

Yesterday as Oscar Rader, the deaf and dumb barber, was drawing water from a well on lower Jackson street, he was set upon by two colored women named Lizzie Mason and Nora Combs and severely bruised. One of them is said to have thrown a brick which hit the deaf mute on the cheek. Rader finally got away from the women. Patrolman Sommers and Special Officer Haisch arrested the women and they deposited $5 for their appearance on the charge of disturbing the peace. The barber was bruised and greatly frightened. It is supposed that when he entered the yard one of the women told him not to draw water, and he being unable to hear anything, went ahead and drew a bucketful.

This morning the two colored women appeared before Judge Atchison dressed in silks and green shoes. They asked for a continuance which was granted.

TOPEKA GETS A PIGEON

And It Has a Silver Ring Containing Figures on Its Leg.

There was excitement in the federal building this morning which for a time bore some evidence of being a genuine sensation.

When engineer J. J. Harter went to his private room in the basement of the building this morning he found a pigeon of the carrier variety on top of the lookingglass. Its feathers were disordered and it looked as if it had come a long way. The bird was nearly starved, and when Engineer Harter secured some wheat it ate greedily.

When Mr. Harter told the employes of the building of his discovery they at once suggested that the bird might be one of Andree's pigeons and they trooped to the basement to make an investigation. It had on its right foot a German silver ring with "97" and "24" stamped on it. Two letters which appear to be "S. W." were also found on the ring. They looked under the wings of the bird and examined it carefully, but there was no message and neither was Andree's name stamped upon its wing.

So Engineer Harter has decided that the bird is not Andree's, but has escaped from someone living near Topeka and he will surrender it to the owner on demand. It is a mystery how it secured entrance to the basement, for all the windows were closed.

PTOMAINE POISONING.

Two Topeka Young Ladies Come Near Losing Their Lives.

Two society young ladies of this city —Miss Edith Godard and Miss Olive Lewis—came near losing their lives by ptomaine poisoning at the Godard ranch at Maple Hill this week. Both of the young ladies were dangerously ill for two days, and are yet suffering from the effects of the poisoning.

The poison was contained in cold tongue which the young ladies ate for lunch one day this week. Shortly after eating it they were attacked by nausea, accompanied by intense pain, and in a few minutes were dangerously ill. The symptoms were the same as those in cases of arsenical poisoning.

The nearest physician, residing at Paxico, was hurriedly sent for, and a telegram sent to Dr. J. P. Lewis, father of Miss Lewis, in this city. Dr. Lewis at once left for Maple Hill, and on arrival there found both his daughter and Miss Godard in a critical condition. It was not until the second day that they were pronounced out of danger.

Miss Godard has almost entirely recovered from the effects of the poisoning, but Miss Lewis is yet too ill to return to her home.

DEMOLISHED.

Two Engines Crash Together at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Aug. 7.—Chicago express No. 10 on the Pennsylvania due here at 4:30 this morning and a Monon switch engine came together in a head end collision at the Market street crossing at 4 o'clock this morning.

William Martin, the Monon engineer was instantly killed and both engines were completely wrecked. The Pennsylvania train was marked late and the switch engine had taken the track to do switching. None of the passengers was injured. The property loss will be heavy.

MAIL ROUTE TO KLONDIKE.

Arrangements Will be Completed in About Four Weeks.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 7.—I. W. Vaille, assistant superintendent of the railway mail service, has returned from a trip to Victoria, B. C., where he arranged with the Canadian mail authorities regarding the carrying of mail into the Klondike region. He says that the Canadian authorities have created a postoffice at Dawson City.

This makes three offices established by them in that portion of the Northwest territory. The other offices are at Forty Mile and Fort Cudahy. The mail will be carried by the mounted police from Dyea and Skaguay. The service will be established in about four weeks.

TODAY'S APPOINTMENTS.

Richard S. Oakford Made Postmaster at Herington.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The president has made the following appointments:

Wm. L. Distin of Quincy, Ills., to be surveyor general of Alaska, vice Gilbert B. Pray, declined.

Lewis Morris Iddings of New York, to be second secretary of the embassy of the United States at Rome, Italy.

The president has also appointed Richard S. Oakford postmaster at Herington, Kansas.

Lohrman's Vitascope.

Prof. Lohrman's vitascope and phonographic entertainment was well attended at the Crawford Opera House last night. The vitascope views are more distinct than the usual "moving pictures" and the phonographic selections can easily be heard in all parts of the house. The entertainment is interesting. This afternoon a matinee entertainment is being given, and tonight the regular evening entertainment will be repeated. The prices are 10 ,20 and 30 cents.

MUST LOSE CUBA

Secretary Sherman Says Spain Cannot Keep It.

She Is Nearly Out of Money Now, With Credit Gone.

NO PAY, NO MORE WAR.

Refuses to Divulge Orders to Minister Sewall,

But Says There Will Be No Trouble With Japan.

New York, Aug. 7.—The World publishes an interview said to have been obtained with John Sherman, secretary of state just previous to his return to Washington from Amagansett, L. I. In this interview Mr. Sherman is represented as saying:

"Spain will lose Cuba. That seems to me to be certain. She cannot continue the struggle. Already the conflict has cost her more than $200,000,000. Her money is gone and she can get no more. She has reached the limit of her borrowing capacity. She cannot pay back what she has already borrowed. The only thing left for her to do is to repudiate her debts. We had to do that after the revolution. Having repudiated them she can begin anew but she will have to begin with Cuba. That country is devastated. The insurgents have been fighting with only the hope of ultimate success as their reward. The Spanish soldiers have been battling for pay. The pay will stop and then the conflict will stop.

"Spain is in no condition to wage war anywhere. The burdens placed upon her people to sustain the struggle for retaining Cuba have been very heavy. Widespread discontent will come sooner or later within the Spanish kingdom. By stopping the struggle, by withdrawing her troops from Cuba and by repudiating her debts is her only way to recover. Sooner or later she must do this. So far we have done nothing to arouse the anger of the Spanish people. We have gone on minding our own business, blind to the distress of Cuba and deaf to the pleadings of our own people who wanted the government to interfere."

The secretary was asked as to whether there was any truth in the report that the American flag was to be raised in Hawaii and a protectorate proclaimed. He replied: "I cannot divulge the instructions given to Minister Sewall. What they are will develop as time passes. But I can say that there will be no change in the situation in Hawaii until congress reconvenes. There can be no change because the terms of the pending treaty, which have been approved by President McKinley must be observed."

"There is nothing in this talk that a serious disagreement between this country and Japan will follow any interference on our part with the existing system of government in Hawaii.

"Japan must certainly understand that this nation has never objected to the Japanese, and that whatever trouble it has had on this score was due to officials for whom we are not responsible and over whom we have no control."

"If we had Hawaii, Japan would have no reason to fear that her subjects would suffer from unfair treatment."

"While I believe that Japan is entirely innocent of any intention of assuming toward us a belligerent or threatening attitude, it may be well to remark that her attitude, no matter what it might be, would not affect our position in the least."

"Have you taken any interest in the discovery of the new gold fields?"

Mr. Sherman looked up in surprise.

"You mean the Klondike region? Of course I have. That is a matter that would naturally attract the attention of any man in my position.

"The fact that international complications may ensue has of course sharpened my interest in the subject. There may be questions as to boundaries.

"This government is ready to maintain the rights of its citizens and to protect its own interests to the last degree.

"However, it is too early to speculate as to what may happen in Alaska. If difficulties arise we will be ready to face them, but I expect no trouble.

"The statement is printed this morning that the making of Dyea a port of entry is likely to injure us financially. Whether or not it is a port of entry is of no special consequences. The matter cuts a small figure either way."

"Our relations with England seem to have been restored to a friendly basis?"

"O, yes," said Mr. Sherman, with a laugh, "that cloud, if indeed there ever was a cloud, has blown completely away."

LONG DON'T WANT IT.

Finds it Hard Pulling and Won't Run for Governor.

Newton, Kan., Aug. 7.—Ex-Congressman Chester I. Long, who was in the city yesterday to address the Republican county convention, said:

"There is not an iota of truth in the report that I am a candidate for governor. I have never even thought of such a thing. The report that I am a candidate for congressman-at-large is also untrue. I am not a candidate for any office. I want to return to congress from this district, but whether I will be a candidate or not depends upon the people of this district. I will not be a candidate unless warranted by the statement of the Republicans of this district.

"I have been a candidate three times. The first time I was nominated on the first ballot; the second and third times by acclamation. As to whether I shall be a candidate the fourth time remains for the Republicans of this district to say.

"This district believes in a protective tariff. It was declared in 1894, when it was the issue. We were defeated in 1896 because this district was in favor of free silver. I am not ready to concede that that decision was final, and I believe that when another opportunity is given this district will declare in favor of the Republican position.

"Our defeat was not due to the personal popularity of the Populist candidate, Jerry Simpson, but to the fact that silver was the issue. Bryan carried this district by 3,942; Simpson by only 2,823 votes."

BY HABEAS CORPUS.

League Umpire Hurst Taken From the Officers to Umpire a Game.

St. Louis, Aug. 7.—Tim Hurst, the league umpire, who was arrested for assaulting a Cincinnatian with a beer glass, has been released in bonds of $500, a writ of habeas corpus being issued by Judge Murphy. The bond was signed by Ex-Alderman Cronin and Nicholas Griffin. Hurst umpired the Pittsburg-St. Louis game here yesterday. Hurst received a message from N. Ashley Lloyd, treasurer of the Cincinnati club, stating that Chief Deitsch had expressed his willingness to have Hurst go to the ball ground under constabulary escort, and after umpiring the game return to the four courts to await the arrival of officers, who will take him back to the Ohio metropolis.

Chief Harrigan refused to recognize the telegram and to release Hurst, whereupon the writ of habeas corpus was obtained.

THUGS AT A PICNIC.

Many Thieves Arrested on Grocers and Butchers' Excursion.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Crooks mingled with the crowd of pleasure-seekers who attended the Butchers' and Grocers' picnic at Laurelwood park yesterday. Twenty-two pickpockets and thugs were arrested on complaint or suspicion during the day.

As the result of the vigilance of the police 12 suspected crooks were removed from the trains before they were outside the city limits.

All day long numerous complaints were received of money and pocketbooks lost or stolen, but owing to the special vigilance of the detectives and officers there were no robberies of importance with the exception of a gold watch, stolen from a barber. Ten arrests were made on the grounds, but none of the stolen property was found. Among those taken in custody were "Pug-Nose" Tobin, Mike Daly, O'Brien, Klein and McMahon, all of Chicago, and said to have bad records behind them.

Sixty-two coaches were required to transport the jolly crowd to and from the park on the bank of the Fox river.

THINKS ANDREE SAFE.

A Belief Expressed That He Has Already Landed.

London, Aug. 7.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily News says the Neu Wiener Tageblatt publishes an interview with Dr. Otto Norienskiold, the Antarctic explorer, in which he expressed the opinion that Herr Andree has already landed on the North Asiatic or North American coast, probably the latter.

WELCOME WILLIAM.

There Will be a Hot Time in St. Petersburg When the Kaiser Comes.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 7.—The Russian newspapers are full of eulogistic articles extending a welcome to the Emperor and Empress of Germany, whose approaching visit to this city will be the occasion for a round of festivities. The ships in the harbor of Cronstadt are already gay with decorations.

The emperor and empress left Kiel on Wednesday, according to a dispatch from Berlin, and are expected to arrive in Cronstadt on board the Hohenzollern today. They will be met by the czar and czarina on board the imperial yacht Alexander.

Count Muravief, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, gave a luncheon today in honor of Prince Hohenlohe, the German chancellor, who has arrived here to meet the Emperor and Empress of Germany.

RIOT AT FAIRPORT.

Troops Ordered to the Scene of the Trouble.

Columbus, O., Aug. 7.—A special to the Dispatch from Painesville says:

The militia company left here about noon for Fairport, seven miles north. There is rioting on the ore docks there. The Fins oppose the putting to work of an extra force of Hungarians in unloading vessels.

Company C, Fifth regiment, has been ordered out and will protect the new men when they go to work, and an effort will be made to unload a vessel this afternoon, the Fins threaten vengeance.

IN BOILING POTASH.

A Human Body Will be Sunk at Rush Medical College.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—At the Rush Medical college today an experiment will be conducted that will prove unique in the realm of science.

On the results attained may depend the ability of the state to convict Adolph L. Luetgert, the sausage manufacturer, alleged to have murdered his wife.

In the presence of a number of citizens, medical experts and experts of the scientific world, a human body will be subjected to a solution of crude potash previously heated to the boiling point. It is expected by those who have carried on preliminary experiments that inside of three hours' time not a vestige of a human being will remain—not even the smallest fiber of a bone. What was a body, it is said, will be only a dark, sluggish, slatish substance of the consistency of thin paste. The solution will easily carry it away and when the last drop has run from the receptacle the possibility of the murder of Mrs. Luetgert, as the state conceives it was accomplished, will be demonstrated.

LATER.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—The experiment was successfully carried out. The body was destroyed with the exception of a few small splinters of bone in two hours. Of the fleshy substance only a small quantity of fluid about the consistency of molasses remained.

BIKE TAX IS VOID.

Judge Tuley Decides the Ordinance to be Unconstitutional.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Judge Tuley today decided the new city ordinance establishing a vehicle tax to be void. The ordinance permitted the city to collect $1 a year license from each bicycle owner and for other vehicles proportionately.

ANSWERS BACK.

Fed. Judge Williams Comments on Gov. Leedy's Criticism.

Says That the Kansas Law Provides That

ANY SOLVENT COMPANY

Can Do Business in Kansas and Shall

Be Granted a License to Do Such Business.

Colorado Springs, Col., Aug. 7.—Judge John A. Williams of Arkansas, who a few days ago as judge of the federal court issued at Manitou a sweeping injunction in behalf of the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York, restraining the commissioner of insurance for Kansas, McNall, from preventing this insurance company from doing business in that state, was seen today in Manitou in regard to the report that Governor Leedy and the state administration proposed to contest the order. He did not seem to be much disturbed by the report, and said:

"I issued that order in the discharge of my duties as federal judge. The matter has been in the courts for a number of years. It started by the refusal of the Mutual Life Insurance company to pay Mrs. Hillmon $25,000 on a policy which the company claimed to be fraudulent. The case has been tried five times and always resulted in a disagreement by the jury. It was tried before Justice Brewer, Justice Foster and others and was also tried before me last winter. The laws of Kansas provide that any solvent company shall be granted a license to carry on business in that state, and there is no doubt in my mind as to the solvency of this company and I therefore believe that they are entitled to operate in that state. The state insurance commissioner refuses them a license because they had not paid the Hillmon claim. I do not consider this a sufficient ground for a refusal to issue the license and therefore issued the injunction against the state authorities restraining them from interfering with the company."

READY TO FLY.

Felts Will Make His Aerial Trip From Pike's Peak Tomorrow.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 7.—William B. Felts, who is to make his flight with a flying machine from the top of Pike's Peak to Colorado Springs, a drop of 8,000 feet Sunday, was busily engaged today in putting the frame of his machine together and spreading canvas on the bamboo work of the rectoplane and wings. Mr. Felts intends to take the machine to the summit of the Peak before he will put it together for the attempted flight on Sunday if the weather keeps favorable.

"I shall not be foolish enough to start in the face of a storm," said Mr. Felts, "and I want other conditions as favorable as possible before I make the jump. I have concluded to erect a track thirty feet long on top of the peak, at an angle of 30 degrees, down which I will slide with the machine in order to get a good sailing start that will keep me from dropping down too rapidly. Under favorable conditions and with a favorable atmosphere I have no doubt whatever of being able to reach Colorado Springs."

"I expect to start early in the forenoon because the air currents are usually more favorable then than at any other time of the day. I was told today that I would not be allowed to make the experiment at all, as the authorities propose to stop me, I am not much afraid of any interference from that source. I am anxious to get the matter over with because I have trained down in the last three weeks from 135 pounds to 111 pounds, and I am getting a little nervous under the strain which I have been undergoing."

HOTSPRINGS FLOODED

Many Bridges and Houses Washed Away in Dakota.

Omaha, Aug. 7.—Reports received here state that a waterspout struck the town of Hot Springs, S. D., between 9 and 10 o'clock last night. It raised the water in the creek which runs through the town between 10 and 12 feet. Four small wooden bridges of the Elkhorn railroad across the creek were carried away.

Several small houses were carried away by the high waters of the creek. One life has been reported lost. There has been no railroad traffic this morning.

DEADLY EXPLOSION.

46 Killed and Many Injured at a Cartridge Factory.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug. 7.—A disastrous explosion occurred yesterday at the cartridge factory of Rustchuk, on the Danube 139 miles northwest of Varna. Forty-six persons were killed outright and many others were injured. The lives of sixty of the latter are despaired of.

Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, on receipt of the news of the disaster, visited the sufferers from the explosion who had been taken to the hospital and caused money to be distributed to the families of the victims.

GOOD IN SMALL DOSES.

Benefits and Evils of Biking Scientifically Discussed.

Washington, Aug. 7.—A characteristically thorough and scientific summary of the benefits of bicycle riding is submitted to the state department by United States Consul Kennan at Bremen in an article prepared by Dr. Mendelssohn.

He cites temperamenis and the diseases that are affected favorably or injuriously and his general conclusion is that, in moderation, bicycle riding is of inestimable value to the average person.