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## DEMAND FOR PENNIES

PHILADELPHIA TURNING OUT 150,000 DAILY.

Wind, Snow, and Sleet Do Immense Damage at Chicago—Her Firemen Have One of the Most Stubborn Fights of Their Lives.

### Stamping Out Coppers.

There are 780,000,000 one cent pieces outstanding at the present time, and at the Philadelphia mint the daily output has been 150,000 pieces. The government apparently derives a profit of \$1,200 a day on this coinage, the seigniorage being at the rate of nearly 80 per cent. of the face value of the coins. This profit disappears, of course, when the coins are redeemed. Since August last there has been an exceedingly heavy demand for one cent pieces. Treasury officials attribute it to the growing custom in dry goods establishments and other business houses of marking down prices from round figures, which practice naturally requires a good supply of pennies for making change. The Treasury Department has received one order for 1,000,000 pennies from a cigarette manufacturer, who proposes to put one penny in each package of twenty cigarettes, selling the package for 5 cents, making the cigarettes cost a fifth of a cent apiece.

### HAVOC OF THE STORM.

Chicago and Vicinity at the Mercy of the Elements.

One of the most disagreeable storms in the annals of weather bureaus descended on Chicago late Monday afternoon. It rained, it snowed, and between times sleet pelted down pitilessly. Untold damage was caused by the elements. When night came the downpour of the mixture of snow and rain and sleet came heavier and the wind, which was gusty in the afternoon, rose to a gale. The streets, the pavements and sidewalks were flooded to a depth of three inches with slush. The storm made the pavements almost impassable; street car traffic was seriously interfered with; trolley lines were broken with the weight of the snow; telephone and telegraph wires were broken down, broken and crossed until half the wires in the city were made useless by midnight, and communication with the outside world was entirely cut off except at long intervals. Ends of broken trolley and other electrically charged wires dropped into the streets to the positive danger of passers. Numbers of accidents of this sort were reported from various parts of the city, and the operation of trolley lines in the outskirts of the city was delayed early in the evening on many streets. Then, too, the lake was lashed to a seething caldron, and it seems a miracle that many boats were not lost at the harbor entrance, as a two days' storm had driven them all to that end of the lake, and snow obscured the harbor lights.

### TO BOOM THE WEST.

Transmississippi Congress Begins Its Annual Session at Omaha.

Three hundred delegates were present Monday at the opening session of the transmississippi congress at Omaha, which was presided over by ex-Delegate to Congress George Q. Cannon, of Utah, who was elected president of the congress at the St. Louis gathering last year. The general object of the congress is the promotion of the welfare of the West, and under this head a vast number of questions have been scheduled for discussion and action. Among those are the irrigation of arid lands, the improvement of waterways and deep-water harbors, the construction and maintenance of levees on the Mississippi and its tributaries, disbursements in transmississippi freight rates, the recognition of a national bankrupt law, the restriction of immigration, methods for the relief of agricultural depression, the project for cable communication with Honolulu and the admission of territories to Statehood.

### CHICAGO FIREMEN BUSY.

Have Two Ugly Blazes to Fight at the Same Time.

Fire completely burned out the interior of the five-story building at the southwest corner of Wabash avenue and Randolph street, Chicago, Monday night shortly after 11 o'clock. Eight firms occupied the building, which is owned by A. S. Trude. The loss will aggregate \$150,000. Though the blaze was confined to the Trude building, the firemen had to make one of the stubborn battles for which the Chicago department is famous. The gale was blowing fifty miles an hour, and in every direction were enormous stocks of goods stored in inflammable buildings. A second fire in Haymarket Square at the same time did several thousand dollars' damage.

### He Wanted to Buy the Midway.

F. A. Riley, a well-known New York stock broker, went with his wife to see the Atlanta exposition. He suddenly developed a desire to minister to the spiritual welfare of the denizens of the Midway and began preaching religion to the conchoue girls. Then he wired his New York bankers for a lot of money, announcing that he was going to buy the Midway. He was placed in charge of his purchases.

### Taylor's Bondsmen to Be Sued.

J. L. Lockhart, State commissioner of public lands of South Dakota, who has been appraising the lands turned over by defaulting State Treasurer Taylor to secure the State against his thefts, has completed his work. The aggregate value of the land is \$75,000, and with cash turned in by Taylor leaves \$140,000 deficiency for the bondsmen to pay. They will be sued.

### Found No Arms on Board.

In view of the statement from the deputy collector of customs at Lewes, Del., to the effect that a thorough search had failed to discover arms, ammunition or men on board the Joseph W. Foster, the Secretary of the Treasury ordered the vessel released.

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### CAST UP BY THE WAVES.

Bodies of Drowned Sailors Are Washed Ashore.

Death in the pitiless, stormy waters of Lake Michigan came to the sailors and disaster and destruction to the ships that braved the elements and set out from port in the teeth of the gale of Tuesday and Wednesday. Wreckage from a number of boats has been washed ashore at various points of the lake, and while it is not known how many boats have been lost, four bodies were washed ashore Wednesday morning on the beach near Sarnia. Nothing is known there of any boat having gone ashore and it is possible that the bodies are those of fishermen who were lost in the gale. Batteries and storm-worn boats came into Chicago port bearing evidence of their struggles with the gale in decks swept clear of everything that offered any resistance to the wind and waves. Wreckage supposed to be marked "Corning" came ashore near Charlevoix, Mich., and the owners of the barge Ida Corning, Corning & Ryan, were fearful for the safety of their boat and its crew until in the early morning of Thursday the Bay City all right. Half a dozen boats were wrecked along the Michigan shore at various points, but so far as known may be released from their perilous positions, and no lives have been reported lost. The life-saving crews were kept busy on perilous missions of mercy, full of danger and hardship.

### RAVAGE OF FLAME.

Fire at Chicago Causes a Loss of Over Half a Million.

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Pena and Anthony M. Ruiz, claim that they are illegally held on board a British man-of-war at Nassau. They are accused of planning a military expedition to Cuba and protest their innocence. The news comes in a letter written by Ruiz to a friend in Brooklyn. When, with his three friends, he arrived at Inagua, the commander of the British whaling Party, he writes, sent a force to take them on board and carried them to Nassau. At the time of writing they had been in Nassau more than two weeks, but their case had not come up for trial.

### GO WILD OVER DEBS.

Thousands of Men Greet Him at Chicago.

When Eugene V. Debs stepped from the train Friday night that took him from Woodstock to Chicago he faced one of the most remarkable throngs of men ever brought together. There were 10,000 workmen crowded into and around the big Northwestern depot. They cheered, roared, sang, laughed, cried, and groaned. They stamped up and down the platform, surged against the coaches, swayed to and fro, brushed aside the policemen there to hold them in check, and, in fact, went wild with the enthusiasm as they were worked up to the sight of the man they call their hero and martyr, and who had just been released from jail, whether he was sent by the Government of the United States for contempt of court in disobeying strike injunctions. Debs has been placed in many strange positions, but he can never forget his reception in Chicago on his return from the Woodstock jail. For fifteen minutes after the big trial reached the dock there was no sign or semblance of order in the mass of struggling men. Finally a path was cleared for the band which Debs and his supporters had followed, and it squeezed its way outside the depot and started to move south across the bridge. Then the marshals shouted again, and the parade was fairly under way to Battery D, where a grand ovation was tendered the liberator leader.

### HEAVY GOLD EXPORTS.

Last Saturday's Shipments Aggregate \$3,000,000.

Gold withdrawals Friday for shipment amounted to nearly \$5,000,000. This reduces the reserve to approximately \$82,000,000. The week's record of withdrawals from the treasury gold will nearly equal the big week last winter immediately preceding the last bond issue, but the conditions then and now are entirely different. Last winter a panicky feeling prevailed on account of the number of bonds involved. The money centers were disturbed, funds were being locked up and interest rates were high. The situation was so threatening that a syndicate of bankers and money-lenders was enabled to exact extortionate terms for coming to the government's relief. The syndicate realizing a net profit of \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 of the transaction, according to the calculations of Senator John Sherman.

### PORUGAL'S MINISTER DEAD.

Senhor Augusto de Segura Thedim Passes Away at Washington.

Senhor Augusto de Segura Thedim, Portuguese minister to the United States, died at his residence in Washington of congestion of the lungs, after a short illness. Senhor Thedim had been a sufferer from consumption for a number of years. He had a sudden and violent stroke Saturday evening, but rallied and his physician had hopes of his ultimate recovery, but Wednesday evening he grew suddenly worse and from that time sank steadily. His wife was at his bed-side when he died.

### HURD LYNNCHED BY A MOB.

Taken from His Cell at Wartburg, Tenn., and Strung Up to a Tree.

Charles Hurd, the negro who murdered Jasper D. Kelley, a young white man, ten days ago, was taken from the jail at Wartburg, Tenn., and lynched. A mob of 200 masked men gathered three miles from the jail and marched in fours to the prison. The negro was taken from his cell and a rope placed around his neck. He was dragged to an oak tree, 100 yards distant where he was hung up.

### A Moonshiner Raid.

United States Marshal Kilbourn and three deputies made an extensive raid on moonshiners in Wise County, Virginia, just over the Kentucky line, destroying a dozen illicit stills, with a capacity of 2,000 gallons. In a fight between the officers and moonshiners three of the latter were seriously wounded.

### CIVIL SERVICE REFORM LEAGUE.

The annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform League will be held in Washington Dec. 12 and 13. Ex-Secretary of the Interior Carl Schurz, the president, will deliver his annual address on the opening night, and a reception will be given the next evening.

### ARMENIANS MUST ASSAULT.

The Armenian Catholics have received a reply to the communication which was recently sent to the Russian Ambassador at Constantinople, M. De Neufeld. It is as follows: "The Armenians of Constantinople are now reassured. They are threatened with no danger. In the provinces, however, there are regrettable conflicts, which in most cases were caused by the Armenians, who were instigated by their revolutionary committees. The result is terrible revenge upon the part of the Turks in the shape of horrible massacres of Christians. The Sultan has sanctioned the law for reform submitted by the three most powerful provinces, and preparations are now proceeding to carry them out. To this end it is necessary that the leaders of the people should persuade the latter to desist from revolutionary attempts, to abandon the idle hope of foreign intervention, to put a stop to all disturbances and to co-operate in the re-establishment of universal peace, in the introduction of the new order of things." The administration at Washington will not take part in any joint action with the European nations to compel Turkey to keep its promises to institute reforms. Neither will it assist in splitting up that country in the event the Sultan failing to keep his promises. Such was the decision reached at the Cabinet meeting Tuesday.

The situation was then thoroughly discussed. Minister Terrell's course was pronounced perfectly satisfactory and American interests will, it is believed, be competently looked after by him.

### BREVITIES.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.25; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 55¢ to 58¢; corn, No. 2, 27¢ to 28¢; oats, No. 2, 17¢ to 18¢; rye, No. 2, 36¢ to 37¢; butter, choice creamery, 22¢ to 23¢; eggs, fresh, 20¢ to 21¢; potatoes, per bushel, 20¢ to 30¢; corn, common growth, 18¢ to green hulk, 2¢ to 4¢ per pound.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 63¢ to 65¢; corn, No. 1 white, 26¢ to 28¢; oats, No. 2 white, 21¢ to 22¢.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 60¢ to 62¢; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24¢ to 25¢; oats, No. 2, 17¢ to 18¢; rye, No. 17 to 18¢; No. 2, 32¢ to 34¢.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 63¢ to 68¢; corn, No. 2 mixed, 31¢ to 33¢; oats, No. 2 mixed, 21¢ to 23¢; rye, No. 2, 41¢ to 43¢.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 63¢ to 68¢; corn, No. 2 yellow, 23¢ to 30¢; oats, No. 2 white, 21¢ to 23¢; rye, 38¢ to 40¢.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 63¢ to 64¢; corn, No. 2 white, 20¢ to 25¢; rye, No. 2, 38¢ to 40¢; clover seed, \$4.35 to \$4.45.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 67¢ to 68¢; corn, No. 2, 30¢ to 32¢; oats, No. 2 white, 22¢ to 25¢; butter, creamery, 16¢ to 24¢; eggs, 21¢ to 24¢.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 50¢ to 53¢; corn, No. 3, 28¢ to 29¢; oats, No. 2 white, 19¢ to 20¢; barley, No. 2, 35¢ to 36¢; rye, No. 1, 37¢ to 39¢; pork, mess, \$7.75 to \$8.25.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 67¢ to 68¢; corn, No. 2, 30¢ to 32¢; oats, No. 2 white, 22¢ to 25¢; butter, creamery, 16¢ to 24¢; eggs, 21¢ to 24¢.

Mothers and Children Put to Death.

Col. Fernando Figueredo, the Cuban leader of Tarapaca, Fla., is in receipt of a letter from Hayes giving details of a shooting that he had committed by Spaniards in Matanzas province. Col. Moline, who commands the Spanish troops, recently encountered the advance guard of Gomez' army in Matanzas and was defeated. While soldiers under Moline were in retreat they met a group of women and children near a little town called Cayopion. As the soldiers passed one of the women made a sneering remark about the Spaniards. The remark was overheard by the soldiers, and so enraged them that they fell upon the women and children and butchered every one of them. There were ten women and about a dozen children in the group. The commander will likely be court-martialed and be called to give the extreme penalty.

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Four citizens of New York, Geraldo Domeneon, Severiano Galvez, Branlie

and a woman, are being held in custody without trial.

### WIPE OUT BY FLAME

#### EXCELSIOR BLOCK, CHICAGO, TOTALLY DESTROYED.

Aggregate Loss Will Reach \$621,000—Plants of Twenty Firms in Ashes—\$300,000 Blaze in Woollen Exchange Block—Many Firemen Buried.

Burned Like a Tinder-Box.

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