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## PAST AND PRESENT

AS IT COMES TO US FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE EARTH.

Telegraphic Information Gathered by the Few for the Enlightenment of the Many.

W. J. Bryan Has Bout with Bear. W. J. Bryan is the hero of a bear hunting expedition in Mexico, in which a wounded bear attempted to hug the Democratic leader in a death squeeze. After several shots had been placed in the bear and he tumbled to the ground as if dead, Mr. Bryan ran up to measure the animal, which suddenly grabbed at him. With a quick jerk Mr. Bryan escaped with a few scratches on his body as the hunting coat was torn from his back by the claws of the enraged beast. His companions rushed to Mr. Bryan's rescue and quickly dispatched the bear before he could do further damage. The animal weighed about 500 pounds, and the skin will be preserved as a memento of the event. The members of the expedition were cautioned by Mr. Bryan to keep the escapade quiet as he did not wish to be held up as a nature faker.

**Murder and Suicide.**  
Actuated by jealousy R. J. Byman (colored) shot and killed Mrs. Myrtle Evans (colored) and himself near the Pennsylvania freight house in Fort Wayne, Ind. Two witnesses saw the trouble, but heard none of the conversation. When officers arrived on the scene half a minute later the two negroes were found lying stretched out on the brick driveway bearing their last groans. The man died within five minutes, but traces of life were noticed in the woman for a minute or more. On Mr. Byman's person was found a letter addressed to Mr. Charles Allen, Gary, Ind.

**B. & O. Limited Wrecked.**  
One man was killed, five others seriously injured, and many passengers shaken up when train No. 5, known as the Chicago Limited, in the Pittsburgh & Western branch of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, crashed into a "buckled" freight train near Valencia, about twenty miles north of Pittsburgh. The wreck was due to the breaking of a long freight train on the grade near the scene of the accident. One of the cars on the end of the rear part of the disconnected freight lurched out over the northbound tracks just as the limited came along.

**Two Boys Buried Alive in Sand Bank.**  
Verne Cripe and Walter Evans, of Walkerton, Ind., aged 15 and 13 years, were found buried in a sand bank near the Baltimore & Ohio coal chutes. The boys had left home early in the day to spend the day in their cave in the sand bank. The heavy rains caused the roof of the cave to fall in. The boys had been dead three hours when found. They were of prominent families, who had been searching for them for hours. Two young companions led them to the cave which was the boys' tomb.

**Fire Causes Loss at Philadelphia.**  
Fire, of supposed incendiary origin, destroyed the bending shop and other property at the car shops of J. G. Brill & Co. in Philadelphia, Pa., entailing a loss exceeding \$200,000. The plant is one of the largest of its kind in the country. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

**PREDICTS CHILDLESS WORLD.**  
Great Peril in Race Suicide Is Seen by Prof. Wilcox of Cornell.

That there will be no children left if present race suicide tendencies continue during the next century throughout the civilized world was a prediction made by Prof. Walter P. Wilcox before the class in sanitary science and public health at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. The real reason for the fall in the birth rate, he said, "is that in modern times, mainly in the last half century, births and the birth rate have come under the control of human will and choice in a sense and to a degree never before true. This power to control increase has been used and is being used to-day with reference to private economic advantage and far too little with due consideration to social welfare and progress."

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## END OF TOBACCO WAR.

Trust Yields to Growers' Organization and Lawlessness Will Cease.

After years of fighting, involving the depredations of night riders, the American Tobacco Trust has closed a deal with the Burley Tobacco Society, its unremitting foe for five years, involving the sum of \$14,000,000 and \$8,000,000 pounds of burley tobacco. Practically all of the money will be put into circulation at once in Central Kentucky, and after a long period of self-enforced purity, that part of the State producing burley tobacco once more will be prosperous. The transaction also marks an unusual situation in the United States, in that a great corporation has been worsened by a hand of humble, but determined farmers.

The Burley Tobacco Society is an organization that comprises about fifty-five counties in the northern and central portion of Kentucky, and has in its membership all tobacco raisers. These growers pooled all of their crops of 1906 and 1907, and the organization was controlled exactly like any corporation or trust would be, that is—by officers and an executive board.

For years previous to the time the farmers organized, the American Tobacco Company had been driving out competition and setting a price upon tobacco from their offices in New York, and had not for four or five years allowed the farmer practically any profit for raising the weed, never paying more than 7 or 8 cents a pound as an average.

The tobacco growers, knowing that the trust was realizing at least from 40 cents to \$1 for the Burley tobacco after it was manufactured for consumption, decided as a last resort, to organize against trust prices. This they did, with the result that by the recent deal they received an average of nearly 15 cents a pound for their tobacco, thus attesting that they have gained their point. This was done by curtailing the production and not raising a crop this year.

Lawlessness was brought about in several counties of the burley district because farmers refused to go in the pool and wanted to take advantage of the high prices paid by the independent buyers and raise a crop. To hot-headed members of the Burley Society this brought about much disorder, as these obstinate farmers were either forced into the pool by threats or duly punished, either by violence to person or to their property. While the officers and leading members of the Burley society frowned upon these acts of lawlessness, they, in a manner, condoned some of the depredations that were committed.

**RECORD POSTAL DEFICIT SHOWN**

According to Report of Postmaster General It Is \$16,873,222.

In his annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, Postmaster General Meyer gives the total receipts for the year as \$191,478,663, and expenditures are \$208,351,886, thereby showing a deficit of \$16,873,222, the largest in the history of the department, with an additional loss from fire, burglary, etc., of \$37,056. The deficit of 1908, it is estimated, again will exceed \$16,000,000. Attention is particularly called to a number of improvements in business methods of the department as tending to its advantage and the saving of considerable amounts.

The necessity for good roads is pointed out in connection with the development of the rural free delivery service. It is suggested that should Congress grant the department authority to utilize rural routes still further by the establishment of a limited parcels post, confined entirely to rural delivery routes, it would then be possible to earn additional revenue amounting to millions of dollars and at the same time benefit the farmer by enabling him to have merchandise delivered when ordered by telephone or postal card which otherwise would not be purchased.

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## JAPAN MADE AN ALLY BY THE UNITED STATES

Uncle Sam Reaches Agreement with Mikado in Affairs in Pacific.

**WILL CONSULT EACH OTHER.**

Nations Promise to Respect Respective Territories and Chinese Independence.

Despite official reticence at Washington, information from reliable sources has been obtained of an agreement of far-reaching importance between the United States and Japan covering the policy of the two countries in the Pacific.

The agreement is based on the idea of encouraging and defending free and peaceful commercial development in the Pacific. It contains not only a mutual guarantee to respect each other's territorial possessions there, but defines the attitude of the two countries toward China, binding each to defend by every peaceful means China's independence and integrity, and to give equal commercial opportunity to all nations. But most important still, the agreement in the event of complications threatening the status quo in the United States and Japan to consult each other with a view to acting together.

The agreement has been drawn up in the form of a declaration and consists of five articles. The first article gives expression to the wish of the two governments to encourage the peaceful development of their commerce in the Pacific. The second is a mutual disclaimer of an aggressive design, and contains also a definition of the policy of each government, both as directed to the maintenance of the existing status quo in the Pacific and the defense of the principle of equal opportunity for commerce and industry in China. The third article contains a statement of the consequent "firm" reciprocal resolution of each government to respect the territorial possession in the Pacific of the other.

In the fourth article the United States and Japan express their determination "in the common interest of all the powers," in China to support "by all peaceful means at their disposal" the independence and integrity of China and the principle of equal commercial and industrial opportunity for all nations.

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