
NEWS NARRATIVE

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arms; he denounced government by injunction, and advocated the eight hour day and the election of senators by the people; and he expressed his gratification at the fact that the movement toward democracy is universal. On the money question he spoke with satisfaction of its present elimination from politics by the vast production of gold which has pleased the gold standard men by making the gold standard acceptable, and the bimetallists by furnishing an adequate supply of money. In connection with the trust question he denied that the trusts are here to stay, asserting that they are not an economic institution harmonizing with economic progress; and he took in support of this assertion, the strong ground that the moment any economic organization "secures a monopoly it ceases to be in the line of economic progress."

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Mr. Bryan went to New Haven and Bridgeport today. He goes to Newark and Jersey City to-morrow. Some friction occurred with reference to Newark. Ex-Senator Smith, who is nominally a Democrat but really a political partner of Senator Dryden and the great monopoly interests that own northern New Jersey geographically and the whole Senate politically, and who was one of the band wagon converts to Bryan, had announced weeks ago that he had engaged Bryan to speak in Newark. This was false, and was proven to be by a cable message from Bryan to Mayor Johnson; but the pretense was kept up and Smith went on with his preparations. The opposition of anti-machine Democrats to Bryan's appearance in New Jersey under Smith's especial auspices was widespread and emphatic. Under the circumstances Mr. Bryan had positively refused to go; but at a late hour last night he yielded to the advice of James Martine, the leading Bryan Democrat of northern New Jersey, who until then had co-operated with John Moody in opposing Bryan's appearance under Smith's patronage. With this exception and the exception of the disappointment of the predatory interests which had hoped to win Bryan over to their brand of "safety" and "sanity," nothing occurred to mar his unique and enthusiastic reception. Friends of Bryan came from all parts of the country east of the Rocky Mountains. The cities represented by genuinely Democratic mayors, besides Cleveland by Mayor Johnson, included Omaha by Mayor Dahlman and Chicago by Mayor Dunne.

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Shall we yield to any other nation in the estimate to be placed upon the value of human life? I confess that my aversion to killing increases with the years. Surely the Creator did not so plan the universe as to make the progress of the race dependent upon wholesale blood letting. I prefer to believe that war, instead of being an agency for good, is rather an evidence of man's surrender to his passions, and that one of the tests of civilization is man's willingness to submit his controversies to the arbitrament of reason rather than of force.

—W. J. Bryan at Madison Square Garden, Aug. 30.

Russia Gay Above Her Volcano.

The gayety of France in her revolutionary days, and the exaggerated theater attendance during the dark days of our own Civil War, have their counterparts in contemporaneous Russia. A dispatch reports that "the music halls and cafes of the capital are thronged nightly by gay crowds solely on pleasure bent;" and adds, as if history had been forgotten, "to foreigners it seems almost as if a certain moral sense were lacking in the Russians."

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Nineteen soldiers found guilty of participating in the Sveaborg mutiny (pp. 441, 462) were shot on the 31st.

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The hated General Treppoff, ostensibly on the ground of ill-health, has been removed from the position of governor of the palace of Peterhoff.

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China Grows Stronger.

The Emperor has promulgated an edict in regard to the constitutional government toward which China is drifting (p. 511). The edict thus describes the "forward movement" in China:

Since the beginning of our dynasty there have been wise emperors who have made laws suited to the times. Now that China has intercourse with all nations our laws and political system have become antiquated and our country is always in trouble. Therefore it is necessary for us to gather more knowledge and draw up a new code of laws, otherwise we shall be unworthy of the trust of our forefathers and the people.

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A still more concrete evidence of China's awakening is to be found in the renewed and more strenuous measures now under consideration for the suppression of the opium traffic. Advices have been received in Washington to the effect that China contemplates entering into an agreement with India to diminish annually the import of opium into China, so that the traffic will cease in ten years. An imperial edict is expected condemning the use of opium and forbidding the employment in the government service of opium eaters. The edict is also to order an annual reduction in poppy cultivation, with the industry to be prohibited at the end of ten years.