

Around the Globe.

United Labor—A strike of the hard coal miners of the east began Sept 17, about 120,000 miners going out. The miners demanded better pay, a reduction of the manner of weighing and estimating slack and dirt, a reduction in the price of powder which is charged them at \$2.75 a keg and costs the operators about \$1, the abolition of company stores and the recognition of the united mine workers' union. The operators refused all the demands and also to arbitrate the matter in any way. The output of the mines for August and the first half of Sept was much above the normal, in anticipation of a strike, and there is no danger of a scarcity of coal unless the strike should be prolonged for two or three months, but coal dealers have taken advantage of the situation and put up the price of coal from 50c to \$1 per ton.

Growth of Cities—Certain very marked tendencies in the growth of population are coming to light in the returns of our cities at the last census. Two classes of cities are growing with phenomenal rapidity—those of the great lakes and those chiefly devoted to manufacturing. The river towns are growing more slowly. The coast cities south of Norfolk are making little progress. The railroad cities are growing much faster than those which were founded because of supposed river advantages. For the six lake cities the rates of growth are: Chicago 54 per cent, Milwaukee 39, Detroit 38, Toledo 61, Cleveland 46 and Buffalo 37, an average of about 46. The growth of the factory towns, particularly in New England and N. J., has been remarkable.

In South Africa—The war in South Africa is believed to be nearly over, except guerrilla methods be followed hereafter. The British have captured all the railways leading into neutral territory, and have issued a proclamation annexing the Transvaal to England and making the Boer rebels Pres Kruger has gone into Portuguese territory and sailed for Europe.

In China—Germany has injected a new and troublesome factor into the settlement of the Chinese troubles by sending to the powers a circular note stating that it is Germany's view that the delivery of the persons responsible for the outrages is an indispensable preliminary to the opening of peace negotiations. Eng and has demanded the return of the emperor to Peking and Italy wants \$6,000,000 indemnity. The Chinese peace commissioners are Earl Li Hung Chang, Prince Ching and Yung Lu.

Galveston Ruined—A hurricane swept Galveston, Tex, Sept 8 and almost swept the city away. Over 4000 people were killed, 4000 houses destroyed and several millions of property lost. Aid has been asked and given by nearly all cities in the U. S. The work of rebuilding the city is being pushed rapidly.

Loans to Europe—Following the success of England in borrowing several million dollars of N Y capitalists, Germany has placed a war loan of \$20,000,000 in the U S through N Y banks. Sweden is said to be looking this way also for some money. During Aug we exported nearly \$15,000,000 more gold than we imported, although the balance of merchandise trade in our favor was \$11,000,000.

King Corn—The corn kitchen at the Paris exposition has been one of the greatest successes of the American exhibit, and the means of introducing corn as a food to thousands who previously knew nothing about it. French and other European people have taken a great fancy to it.

The Navy and Army—Bronze tablets were presented Sept 18 by the state of N H to the battleships Kearsarge and Alabama. The former was named after one of N H's mountains. The torpedo boat Bagley was launched Sept 25 at Bath, Me. The war dept has decided to commence the home-ward movement of the volunteer troops for the Philippines about the middle of Nov. Natives are to be enlisted as

scouts and soldiers, trials of them in this capacity having been satisfactory.

Arizona wants to be admitted to statehood. Both the republican and democratic platforms declare in favor of it, so congress is likely to give the matter serious consideration at its next session. Arizona was made a territory by the confederate congress and two years later by the congress of the U S.

Small Savings—The increase in deposits in savings banks last year exceeded \$200,000,000, and the number of depositors increased from 5,657,818 to 6,202,779—a gain of 544,961. The total deposits at this time aggregate \$2,430,561,290. The average amount credited to the depositor is \$391.85.

The New Dial has been adopted by Spain of numbering the hours of day from one to 24, beginning at midnight. The hour of midnight will be 24 and the words afternoon and night will be omitted.

Reduce War Taxes—A reduction in war taxes is recommended by Pres McKinley. The gov't had a deficit of \$80,000,000 in '99 and a surplus of \$80,000,000 in 1900. With the country again on a peace basis, except the small troubles in the Philippines and China, the necessity for a revision of the war act is apparent.

Personal William Saunders, a noted horticulturist, died at Washington, D C, Sept 11. He had been connected with the U S dept of agri since its organization in 1862.

James F. Smith, the boy who carried the address and resolutions from Phila schoolboys to Pres Kruger at Pretoria, has returned after having accomplished his mission.

Practical Forestry will be developed for the profit there is in it and along theoretical lines by Prof Fernow of the Cornell school of forestry. The college has control of 30,000 a of woodlands in the Tupper lake section of the Adirondacks, Franklin Co, N Y. A 15 yr contract has been made with a barrel and a wood distillery (alcohol) and local pulp mills will take all soft wood, except the more valuable pine and spruce. The large, hard wood will be sent to the barrel factory, and small, hard wood to the distillery. The two mills have been brought to the forest because of the 5-yr contract. To cover the 30,000 a means that nearly 2000 a must be gone over on an average each year which will necessitate the employment of a large force. It is expected the methods employed will be object lessons in forest preservation and economical management.

Co-operation in Buying—To get supplies on the same basis patrons must do as some Ohio granges are doing, concentrate the needs of every grange in the county into one order. This done all over the state will attract attention in the general markets as cash buyers. The dealer, then, has something worth while to enter into contract for. Then, when a contract is made, all stand by it as one man, instead of hanting with every agent that comes along, thus showing the business world that we as an organization have come to stay and that economy and equal rights is our motto.—(L. L. Holman, Clark Co, O.)

The ascent of Pike's peak in Col. to an altitude of 11,000 ft, has been made by an automobile, for the first time, by John Erisbn Walker, a well-known N Y editor.

The coal industry has made great strides in W Va, which state now stands second in output. Twelve years ago there were but two regions in the state which shipped coal, while now there are over 100 big mines that can ship 100 carloads each a day. Seven different kinds of coal are mined.

The proposition to change the date of Memorial day to the last Sunday in May did not meet with favor at the Grand Army encampment.

So substantial and well apportioned are the buildings and grounds of the Ohio state fair, and so general is it patronized by all sections of the state, there is talk of holding the fair of 1901 two weeks instead of one.

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