

warning to his party that if the June convention declared for free silver, he would leave the party and carry with him a large following of the administration Democrats.

PUEBLO, Colo., April 10.—A union of all the coal and metalliferous miners of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming became practically assured at the semi-annual convention of district No. 15 of the Western United Mine Workers of America, when the proposition was unanimously approved by nineteen delegates representing 7,000 coal miners in the territory included in the district. Final amalgamation is expected to be completed at the convention of metalliferous miners at Ogden, May 22nd. The project was first suggested by the metalliferous miners who were asked to send delegates to today's convention to discuss the matter. The letter miscarried, however and no metalliferous representatives were present. The coal miners ordered a request sent to the metalliferous workers for permission to have coal miners represented at the Ogden convention. This request will undoubtedly be granted and the amalgamation will be effected. Indeed, it may go beyond a simple union of miners of all classes, for a plan was discussed for the organization under one head of all industrial workers. Another project discussed was the formation among the mine workers of an insurance association for the payment of sick, accident and death. The plan was introduced, but the final action was postponed as on other minor matters till after the Ogden convention.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Wm. Howells, Coal Creek; vice president, T. L. Reese, Castle Gate, Utah; secretary and treasurer, John Hicks, Coal Creek; executive board—Wm. Stokes, Castle Gate, Utah; John Travers, Wyoming; Geo. Clarke, Louisville, Colo.; Jos. Curran, Sopris, Colo.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Dr. J. H. Worman, the editor of the *Ouling*, last night received a cable dispatch that will help to throw some light on the missing bicyclist Frank G. Lenz. The dispatch said that Lenz had been traced to a Kurd village about eighty miles from Erzeroum. He reached there on May 10 and the villagers say he was murdered.

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—The bodies of Sadie Stinger, aged 12 years, and William Brady, aged 13, were found today lying beneath a tree in the edge of a grove at Fifty-fourth street and Farrington avenue. Both bodies were terribly burned and it is supposed the children were struck by lightning during the heavy storm yesterday afternoon. They had left their homes in search of wild flowers.

BOISE, Ida., April 10.—Governor McCounell today appointed delegates to attend the silver conference to meet in Salt Lake May 15th. They are: Colonel G. V. Bryan of Halley, who owns the Tip Top mine at Silver City and the Red Elephant mine at Halley; Judge W. B. Heyburn of Osborn, and Captain J. W. Plummer, manager of the De Lamar mine at De Lamar.

NEW YORK, April 11.—A special to the *Press* from Newport, R. I., says:

Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt appears to be opposed to the nude in art, for she has ordered sweeping changes in the

character of the interior decoration of her \$2,000,000 villa here. The decorations showed many undraped figures, couples of masterpieces of famous artists. Notwithstanding their artistic merit Mrs. Vanderbilt objected to them and she is now having the nude covered with drapery.

A fine design in the billiard room, representing an undraped woman with several children clinging to her, particularly annoyed Mrs. Vanderbilt and the figures are now being draped.

CALCUTTA, April 11.—A dispatch from Simla, dated at noon today, says Col. Kelly, commander of the British forces, attempting to reach Chitral from Gilgit since March 25, has succeeded in crossing the Conandar pass and was about sixty miles from Chitral on April 7. The march of the troops was arduous and a brilliant military exploit. The pass is 12,000 feet high and impassable to beasts of burden. Consequently the pioneers had to carry field and mountain guns during the last seven miles through deep snow with the weather intensely cold. The troops suffered from frostbites. When the advice was forwarded to Simla, the enemy was in a position twenty miles distant from the force commanded by Colonel Kelly and an engagement was expected. It is learned that Lieutenants Fowler and Edwards, belonging to the British garrison at Chitral, and reported missing for some time past, were invited to a Polo match at Reahun where they were treacherously seized and their escort, consisting of twenty Bengal sappers, was overcome by superior numbers and slain. Another report says Lieutenant Fowler was killed by a foster-brother of Amir Ul Mulk, the present ruler of Chitral, who assumed the rank of mehtar after having murdered his elder brother Nizam Ul Mulk, the late Mehtar of Chitral. Another dispatch from Simla says the latest news from the front points strongly to the collapse of the power of Umra Khen. It is added the fanatics upon whose help he relied and who have hitherto offered most serious resistance to the British forces, are now dispersing.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—An authoritative statement of the terms of peace being negotiated between Japan and China has been secured from official sources. The statement is made in order to clear up much misapprehension arising from speculation. The terms are as follows:

First—The independence of Korea.

Second—The permanent cession of the island of Formosa to Japan.

Third—An indemnity of 300,000,000 taels, a Chinese coin worth \$1.33.

Fourth—The permanent occupation of Port Arthur and the immediate contiguous territory.

Fifth—A new Japan-China treaty opening the interior of China to commerce.

The money indemnity is expressed in Chinese taels instead of the Japanese yen. A tael is in reality a weight instead of a coin. It is considered silver money. While the face value of \$1.33 would be equivalent to \$399,000,000 in silver, it is said the actual value would be between \$210,000,000 and \$220,000,000 in gold.

The fifth term, as to the new treaty

includes various trade features such as free access of Chinese rivers. There is no demand for territory on the mainland outside of Port Arthur and its contiguous surroundings.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 11.—A movement was set on foot by Representative Jones of Green, in the legislature today, which, if carried out, will practically sever Cook county (Chicago) from the state of Illinois. It was in the shape of a joint resolution and provides that the question of giving Cook county separate government shall be submitted to a vote of the people.

The resolution recited that the rapid and unprecedented growth of Chicago renders it necessary for special laws to be enacted at every legislature. The interests of Chicago are in many instances directly opposed to those of the state at large, and therefore injustice must be done to one section in order to benefit the other. It is therefore resolved that there be submitted to the people for their ratification or rejection at the next general election for members of the general assembly an amendment to take the place of section seven of article ten of the constitution.

This amendment provides that on and after January 1, 1898, Cook county shall be governed by a general assembly, composed of seventeen senators and fifty-one representatives. Provision is made for division of Cook county into districts, and the general election laws of the state shall govern the election of such senators and representatives. This general assembly of Cook county shall pass the laws necessary to administer justice in that county. All present judicial officers shall hold their respective offices until the expiration of the terms for which they have been elected.

DENISON, Texas, April 11.—Dick Edwards, alias Billy Leroy, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Hattie Hayner, committed here on the night of May 17, 1892, and sentenced to life imprisonment, died Sunday night in Huntsville prison.

It was believed that Edwards killed three of the women and wounded the fourth on that eventful night. He maintained his innocence to the last, and when approached for a confession, replied that he had nothing to say, and died with the secret locked in his heart. Consumption was the cause of death, after two months' confinement.

In the West Edwards was known as "Coyote Dick." He was well known in Salt Lake, where he was charged with the murder of a man named Callahan in 1891. He was also credited with the murder of a woman in Chicago.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Ex-Senator Warner Miller has recently been in Chicago. He has discovered that there are many free silver advocates in that part of the country. He says: "The prairie seems to be on fire with a sentiment of free coinage. I believe the feeling permeates many western states."

ST. PETERSBURG, April 12.—It is stated on excellent authority that Russia has determined to make diplomatic opposition to the annexation by Japan of any portion of the Asiatic continent. The Russian army and navy in the far east are being reinforced with the view of supporting this