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# THE FUTURE

### If Her Extinction Is Proposed. We Must Take Part.

### THE FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

### American Interests Must Be Protected.

An Absorbing Topic of Conversation in Diplomatic Circles of the National Capital .- The Precedent of Poland's Dismemberment -- Its Bearing, According to an Authority on International Matters in Washington -- A Japanese Diplomat's CHINESE ECLIPSE Views.

Washington, Dec. 29.-The rapid movement of events in the far East continues to be an absorbing topic in diplomatic circles here, particularly at the embassies and legations of the powers which are apparently aligning for a struggle for Chinese territory. There is no further talk of the United States as a possible factor in the contest, as the recent understanding at a Cabinet meeting is accepted as removing this government from the

field of controversy. At the same time an eminent authority on international matters said today that a situation might develop when the United States would be called upon to go much further than protect American interests at the treaty ports in China. This situation would come, he said, if the scramble for Chinese territory went to the extent of the extinction of China and the complete absorption of the old empire by foreign

Such was the apparent drift of the present movement, he said, and if it became a reality then a condition would arise similar to the extermination of Poland. Poland had established a precedent in international affairs, and following that precedent, if China was to be absorbed, then it was a question which the United States in common with all the nations of the world must take cognizance of.

A leading Japanese diplomat said today: "I do not look at the question as it is but right that the full ceremoninvolving the partition of China, and lies be observed in paying the court's no event has occurred thus far to indicate that China is about to be divid- majesty. Let all the Yamen's concerned among the powers. The only tangifact is that Germany has occupied Kiao-Chau Bay and Russia has a fleet at Port Arthur. But Germany's action was taken to collect an indemnity, just as she enforced indemnity from Hayti. Beyond this Germany may seek to es tablish a naval station at Kiao-Chau, and thus have a naval base of operations on the Pacific. But that does not involve the taking of any considerable portion of Chinese territory, and it is yet to be shown that Germany will take more than a coast port and such land immediately adjacent as to give

#### the port proper facilities. CHINA'S RESOURCES.

'If it comes to taking territory, the resources of China must not be overlooked. While China is weak from a military and naval standpoint, yet she has an enormous number of men ready to take the field, while the entire force of Germans at Kiao Chau cannot exceed a few thousand men. Even a weak nation is strong in defending its own territory. There are reports that Japan would aid China in an extremity, but there is nothing in that. Japan doubtless will act alone if there is any reason for acting at all. Thus far, however, I know of no steps that Japan has taken, or contemplates, toard taking part in the controversy. My impression is that she will remain an independent and neutral observer. Her position will be much stronger by such a policy than it would be by an alliance at the outset.

"As an observer, if she sees that the partition of China is at hand, doubtless she would have some part to take but for the present there is no evidence that such an emergency is near.

A Chinese diplomat said: "The alleged official statements coming from the Chinese legation have been unwar ranted as the legation has not received i word from Pekin since the first notice was sent that a German force had landed at Kiao-Chau, without previous notice to the Chinese government. It is felt, however, that many the reports as to the seriousness of the situation, particularly those from Shanghi, are overdrawn,

"It is felt that an amicable settlement will be made, possible by the granting of coast stations, but without any serious dismemberment of territory.

The German officials here take the view that there are but two actual suit, as Kline left yesterday for Gersteps on the part of Germany, namely, the occupation of Kigo-Chau Bay and ment works and had the savings of sev the dispatch of Prince Henry's fleet eral years in his pockets, amounting to to Chinese waters. Beyond this, they | \$681. say, all is conjecture as to what Germany will do, and they convey the idea that these conjectures as to the pocket in which \$500 was tucked away. absorption of territory are unwar-

### GREAT BRITAIN'S INTERESTS.

The British embassy has not received Rodney Street Presbyterian church. a word from the foreign office on the eastern situation. There is a general disposition to credit the late reports that a considerable British fleet is at Port Hamilton, near Corea, and that large number of Japanese ships are decide, but will probably accept. in the same vicinity. There are some seventeen British ships on the Asiatic station, and a good part of them appear to be centering about Corea. This concentration of British ships on the Asiatic station is said, however, to relate only to the displacement of an

French diplomats say that France is probably be carried out.

not likely to take any part in a struggle for Chinese territory, if that eventuality comes, as France has already secured most extensive possessions in Southeastern China, notably French Tonquin. The sending of the French is said to have no more significance than the sending of the United States ship Raleigh, now on her way to the Chinese station.

### MR. QUAY LEAVES BEAVER.

#### Has Purchased a Homestead Near Sewickley.

Sewickley, Pa., Dec. 29,-Senator Quay will no longer be a resident of Beaver, Pa. He has just bought the Hare homestead at Osburn borough, near this place, for \$75,000. The prop-erty is one of the finest in the Sewickley valley, comprising eleven acres, with a fine large residence, commanding a magnificent view of the Ohio river for miles. The grounds have always been kept in excellent condition. The late | Chinese offered no opposition. Thomas Hare purchased the property about twenty-five years ago from General George W. Cass, the president of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad

Senator Quay and family have for many years lived at Beaver, but last summer occupied the residence of the Misses Bell, on Beaver street, Sewick-

# PROCLAMATION.

#### The Emperor Desires That Steps Shall Be Taken to Ward of the Wrath of Providence.

Washington, Dec. 29 -The state department has received a copy of the nperor of China's decree to ward off the wrath of Providence as indicated by the eclipse predicted for New Year's day. It is a typical exhibition of Chinese statesmanship, especially in view of the eastern crisis. The decree partly says:

"We are filled with foreboding at this selves for sins which may have thus in all walks of life expect that there brought the wrath of high Heaven up- will be a clash among the great powers on the land. We further command that the ceremonles of congratulation China. isually held on New Year's day in the Taiho throne hall be curtailed and only ordinary obeisances be made, the place being changed to the Chien Tsing port more than 24 hours. throne hall instead of the Taiho throne hall. The banquet usually given to the Imperial clansmen on New Year's day Japan to take a prudent attitude and must also be stopped, and when the eclipse occurs let all members of the ourt wear sober garments and assemble in the inner palace before the altar set up to Heaven to pray for forbearance and mercy to the country at large This is so far as shall concern ourselves to show our desire to propitiate high Heaven; but as her majesty, the empress dowager, is an elder and senior. obelsance on New Year's day to hir

### EDUCATORS MEET.

### Fifteenth Annual Convention of the

Modern Language Society. Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—The fifteenth nnual convention of the Modern Language association closed today with he reading of a number of papers by cominent educators. The next place of meeting will be at the University of Virginia. The election of officers eguited as follows:

President, Alece Forbier, Tulane Unversity, New Orleans; secretary, James W. Bright, Johns Hopkins University treasurer, Herbert F. Greene, John Hopkins University; executive council, C. T. Winchester, Wesleyan University; A. R. Hohlfield, Vanderbilt Uni-

versity; J. A. Harrison, University of Virginia; W. S. Currell, Washington and Lee University: Albert S. Cook Yale University; G. Karsten, University of Indiana; Richard Hochfelder, Wittenburg college; C. M. Gayiy, University of California,

### ORGANIZATION OF HOSPITAL CORPS Secretary Long Submits a Braft of

Bill to Congress. Washington, Dec. 29.-Secretary ong has sent to the house navai committee a draft of a bill "to organize a hospital corps of the United States navy, to define its duties and regulate

The corps as proposed is to consist twenty pharmacists at \$75 month, five at \$100; sixty-five hospital stewards at \$60; thirty first-class hospital apprentices at \$24; sixty hospital apprentices at \$18. The proposed naval hospitals are to be located at Portsmouth, N. H.; Chelsea, Mass.; Newport, R. I.; New York city, Philadelphia, Washington, Norfolk, Pensaola, Mare Island and Yokohama. The scheme includes navy yards and flag-

### HIGHWAYMEN SAFE FROM PURSUIT. Overlooked a Roll of \$500 in Their

Victim's Pocket. Allentown, Dec. 29.-There is no clue to the tramps who on Friday night held up and robbed John Kline, near Coplay, and they are in no danger of purmany. Kline was employed in the ce-

Abstracting \$181 from one pocket, the highwaymen fied, neglecting to rifle a

Receives a Cali from Water. Wilmington, Del., Dec. 29,--Rev. Will-am Frederick Lewis, M. A., pastor of day received word from Wales that he had been nominated by the synod of the Presbyterian church of Wales to the chair of Hebrew and the Old Testament at the Presbyterian Theological college at Bala, North Wales. He has until February to

### Mayor Wan Wyck Is Modest.

New York, Dec. 29.-Mayor-elect Van Wyck objects to the board of aldermen's plans for decorating the city hall and celebrating the birth of Greater New York on New Year's eve. He wants to go English official in the administration | Most of the contracts for the joilification however, and it will

### THE FRENCH FLAG FLOATS AT HAI NAN

ruiser Jean Bart to the Chinese waters | First Nation to Follow Russia in the General Grab.

#### CHINESE OFFER NO OPPOSITION

The Report of the Seizure of the Fertile Island Off the South Coast of China by the French Is Confirmed. Are of the Richest of the Chinese

Shanghal, Dec. 29.-It is reported here that the admiral of the French fleet has heisted the French flag on Hai Nan island (between the China sea and the Gulf of Tonquin). The

London, Dec. 29 .- A dispatch to the Daily Mall from Singapore confirms the report of the seizure of Hai Nan island by the French.

Hal Nan island is off the south coast of China, and separated the Gulf of Tonguin from the China sea. It has an estimated area of 12,000 square miles and a population of a million Chinese, exclusive of wild tribes in the interior. Some of the mountains in the centre rise above the snow line. It has several large rivers. The coasts are generally rocky, but the west coast is low and the south coast has some good harbors. Timber is a principal product. This is sent to Annam, Siam and Signapore. Other exports are rice, sugar, wax, pearls, coral, sait and a little gold and silver. Its capital is Klong-Choo, a populous city on its north coast.

### CLASH AMONG POWERS.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29.-The officers and passengers of the steamship Victoria, which is just in from the Orient say that all is excitement on the ews and hasten to seek within our- other side of the Pacific. The people over the seizure of different ports of

> Hong Kong, has been ordered to begin no work that would detain her in Japanese papers are anxious for England to make some move, but advise

The British flagship Contuawa, at

### watch the progress of events. TIN PLATE MEN AT COLUMBUS.

#### Will Hold a Meeting to Look Over the I ield For 1898.

Columbus, O., Dec. 29.-D. C. Reed. of Richmond, Va., and Mr. Hagen, of Chicago, tin plate men, are here waiting for others for the purpose, if possible, of restoring rates agreed upon at previous meetings but which were violated by a part of the members. The following are the names of the dele-

George Laughlin, Middletown, O.; Mr. Donner, Anderson, Ind.; F. S. Wheeler, Joliet, Ill.; Julius Goldsmith, New Kingsington, O.: D. C. Reed, Ellvood, Ind : George Grecer, New Castle, Pa.; Mr. Bishop, Cleveland; W. C. Dutton, William B. Bantield, John Oliver and Richard Quay, Pittsburg; W. W. Graham, Bridgeport, O.; W. C. Robinson, Wheeling, W. V.; W. S. Simpsons, Cincinnati; George Humbert, Connellsville, Pa.; John W. Hoean, Chicago, and O. R. Quincy, Pittsburg. The statement for publication is that they are here to look over the field for 1898.

### TAILORS SHOVEL SNOW.

#### Six Hundred Unemployed Men Find Work in New York.

New York, Dec. 29 .- Over 600 of the unemployed coat tailors have found work as snow shovelers during the past two days.

Mayer Schoenfeld will hold another consultation with the trustees of the Baron de Hirsch association with reference to the proposed colonization plan, which has been suggested as a means of relief to the overcrowded East

In order that a sufficient amount of fighting capital may be in the treasury of the United Brotherhood of Tailors to successfully combat the contract system in 1899, an assessment of \$1 per capita has been levied on all branches

### Stockholders Seek Protection.

New York, Dec. 29.-Preferred stockpolders representing 200 shares of the Herring-Hall-Marvin Sofe company, which recently went into receiver's hands, net today and selected a committee to take steps for the protection of their property.

Cycle Plant Sold. Chicago, Dec. 29.—The plant of the in-olvent Fowler Cycle Manufacturing ompany, which inventoried at \$73,000, and the book accounts amounting to \$73,050 was sold today to Frank T. Fowler, for mery president of the company,

### price paid was \$25,000.

Beached the Schooner. Breakwater, Del., Dec. 20.—The Assu-eague life saving crew has beached the chooner Virginia Rulon, which struck n Turner's Lump, Dec. 25, and was later pulled into deep water. The schooner was leaking so badly that if she had not been beached she would have been a total loss

## Ten Years for Mordorff.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 29.-George Mor-loff, alias Cowen, was convicted of shoot ing John Mather on October 21 in Mather's cigar store in this city and afterward robbing the money drawer. He was entenced to ten years by Judge Arm-

#### Was a Friend of the Slaves. Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 29.-Mrs. Wool-ey G. Sterling is dead, aged 82 years. he was a prominent abolitionist, and he "underground railroad" for aiding slave:

#### Five Hundred Miners Strike. Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 29.-Five hun dred miners at Dayton, Tenn., are on strike on account of a notice that hereafter the men would be decked for all

Countess Castellane's Son. New York, Dec. 29.—Word was received at the office of George Gould today that the Countess Castellane, formerly Anna I Gould, gave birth to a son yesterday.

### LUMBER AND RECIPROCITY.

#### Representatives Keeping a Watch Over the Lumbermen's Interest.

Washington, Dec. 29.-The lumbe and other interests which might be affected by reciprosity treaties are watching closely through their representatives here all that corperns their special interests. The principal repre-sentative of the lumbermen is Mr Theopholus Tunis, chairman of the exscutive committee of the National Lumbermen's association. He has had several interviews with Mr. Kasson wno is it charge of reciprocity nego tlations for the state department, and has received a letter from him announcing the success of efforts to prevent Argentine striking a blow at American pine. The lumbermen are chiefly apprehensive that their product may have to bear the brunt of Canadian reciprocity negotiations, Mr. Tunis today said: "Representatives and senators from the south, regardless of politics, realize that a reduc- quiry for his reasons: tion in the duty of white pine would be as harmful to them and their conhemlock and spruce interests in Michigan. Wisconsin, Minnesota, Pennsylthe Pacific coast, and in view of the hearty approval given by their constituents to their votes in favor of raising the duty on white pine to \$2 will oppose this article, being singled out lower duties in Canadian reciprecity negotiations."

### CORBETT'S CHALLENGE IS FORMALLY ISSUED.

#### He Desires to Meet Bob Fitzsimmons But Will Not Agree to Fight Any of the Lesser Lights.

New York, Dec. 29.-William A. Brady, manager of James J. Corbett, tonight sent to the Associated Press the following challenge to Robert Fitzsimmons, champion pugilist of the

James J. Corbett, dissatisfied with the result of his late contest with you at Tarson City, and not believing that you are his superior either as a boxer or fighter, and being of the opinion that the majority of the American public shares his belief that he can defeat you if you are man enough to grant him a return battle on equal conditions, has deposited today \$2,500 as a first deposit to bind a match for \$10,000 a side, the person or persons offering the largest inducements to have the management of the contest. As you have said today that your wife has withdrawn her objections to you again. entering the ring, there is no reason why the arrangements should not be speedily consummated; for you in my presence at Carson gave Corbott your word of honor that if you ever entered the ring again you would give him first chance. It is seless for you to attempt to deceive the ublic and try to boom your private incrests by attempting to force Corbett o meet some second or third rate boxer before he shall be entitled to your notice, He will not agree to meet Maher, Sharkey or any one else. He claims the chance that he gave you-the right to win back the title of champion. He clearly proved sentiment of their countles and dis-himself in your class on March 17 last, tricts. They can vote against him and and it was only by the greatest kind of yet remain in good standing at home. fluke that you are now titled champion. and I do not believe that you will ever forget until your dying day the beating that he gave you then, and if ever he cures the opportunity to again face you a twenty-four-foot ring I will guarane you that he will prove conclusively nd beyond a question of doubt whether or not be is in your clas-

### William A. Brady.

#### DAN STUART IS HOPEFUL. Expects to Arrange a Fight Between

Corbett and Fitzsimmons. New York, Dec. 29.-Dan Stuart, who managed the Fitzsimmons-Maher and Fitzsimmons-Corbett bouts successfully, said today that he would leave for the west and hopes that he would secure the signatures of both Fitzsimmons and Corbett to articles of agreement or a ring contest which he proposes to bring off next summer, probably in the state of Nevada. He said that as matters stand now he does not anticipate any trouble in getting Corbett to sign, and he is equally hopeful gaining the consent of Fitzsimmons to meet the big Californian in the ring once more. Just what the amount of the purse, which he would offer, would

be, Mr. Stuart refused to say. Mr. Stuart would like to have the contest take place not earlier than next July, and said that he would like to arrange a meeting between Kid Meoy and Choynski or some other good middleweight to take place in the same week as the Corbett-Fitzsimmons bout. If he can succeed in making arrangements for both contests, Stuart said he would offer excellent inducements for the winners of both these bouts to meet six months later, so that in the event of McCoy and Fitzsimmons winning they could settle their differences as to their respective prowess within the year 1898. Mr. Stuart expects to be in Chicago by the latter end of next week, and said it would be no fault of his if the big fellows did not come to an agreement.

### PLAGUE IN BOMBAY.

### Death List Reaches 11,832 -- Inhabi-

tants Seek Safety in Flight. Bombay, Dec. 29.-There were 37 eaths and 54 new cases of the plague in the Mandvie district today, total cases to date in Bombay are 14,-257, and 11,832 deaths. The inhabitants are seeking safety

### Pension Recommendations.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Secretary of the lavy Long has recommended to congress gislation amending the law as to penmers admitted to the naval home in Philadelphia so as to hereafter restore t he naval pension fund all pensions de lucted on account of residence in the aval home and to restore to the naval ospital all pensions deducted because of

#### Beath of Robert Seymour. Louis, Dec. 28 .- Robert M. Seymour founder of the benevolent order of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, and grand secretary for the state of Missouri, died at his home at Maplewood today as the suit of a paralytic stroke.

#### Death of a Somnambulist. Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 29.- S. P. Lock, prominent business man, fell from a Kan-sas City. Memphis and Burlington railway train while walking in his sleep near Jusper, Ala., last night. His body was found on a treatle bridge.

### BELIEVES THAT HANNA WILL WIN

### Money and Patronage and the Obio Senatorship.

THEY WILL TURN THE SCALE

Hanna's Supporters Assembling in Columbus -- Kurtz's Animosity Will Outlast the Present Contest .- Possibility of a Deadlock in the Legis-Columbus, Dec. 29.-A Republican state official, who is steering clear of implications between the factions now warring in Ohio, remarked today: I begin to think that Hanna will He added in response to an in-

"Because he has the money. I don't say that Hanna will do any bribing stituents as it is to the white pine, to win his election. That would bring about an ugly scandal. However, if he is going to lose a number of Republivania, New York, New England and can members, there are Democrats who can be persuaded to vote for Hanna or not to vote at all.

"I have understood that certain rich Democrats have agreed to put up \$25,-600 to help defeat Hanna. They will put up that amount if Hanna's Republican enemies will put up \$25,000 more. If it comes to a fight with cash, who can produce more of it than Mark Uanna? The \$50,000 said to be raised against him will be nothing compared to the fund that he and his friends and backers can contribute.

"It certainly does look as if time were to be good about here for several weeks. Hanna's patronage will help him with Republican members. can't call that bribery or make any scandal over it."

Two years ago there was no senatorial caucus. Foraker had been endorsed for senator by the state convention. Therefore , the legislature elected him without caucus, an honor never before conferred on any senator from this

state.

The state convention of this year approved Hanna for senator. Yet Hanna will have a caucus. He wants to smoke out members who are opposed to him-If they fall to attend the caucus, or if they vote for some one else. Hanna will know then what he does not know nov-what men are in the opposition. The senatorial caucus will be held on Jan. 5. By that time the legislature will be organized and doing business. It is held in the middle of the week, so that no member will have an excuse for going home to spend Sunday, etc. It is now claimed that thirteen members are on the anti-Hanna list, and that these thirteen are known to be men of good standing and strong convictions. No one has ever impeached their party loyalty or personal charac-They are men above bribery. In sentiment of their countles and dis-

Really, the wonder would be if he did not win. Backed up absolutely and without reserve by a popular president-with many good offices yet to be given out in Ohio, to say nothing of other states; with capital "pull" and the caucus whip-it seems almost impossible for Hanna to lose.

### COTERIE OF ENTHUSIASTS.

On the other hand, there is opposed to him a coterie of warm-blooded, enthusiastic, popular men-Republicans who despise the collar of bosses and there is a vendetta against Hanna, His who love political warfare. Then, too, enemies are relentless, vindictive, and venomous. They represent a great army of young progressive Republi-

Here lies the danger to Hanna. He is sixty years old. Young men of thirty and of forty are most actively engaged against him. Hanna has not drawn largely on young men for support. If Hanna wins this time the oung men will carry their fight into the campaign of 1900.

They will not permit President Mc Kinley to have the solid delegation from this state if he desires a second nomination. Even if he gets the nomination against a faction of his own state, he may lose the electoral vote. The great army of the unappointed and disappointed can do great both before and after a National con-

vention. In parcelling out the diplomatic and onsular gifts President McKinley has often been moved by personal friendship and his natural goodness of heart. Yet all these mistakes will be blamed on Hanna whether he is really to blame or not.

### THE FORCES ASSEMBLE.

There was an influx of legislators tolight and the senatorial election is the absorbing question. That the anti-Hanna Republicans led by Charles Kurtz, esq., will test the strength of their forces in the organization of the legislature was indicated by the unofficial announcement that Representative Mason, of Cleveland, would oppose Representative Boxwell, of War-

Mr. Mason, accompanied by Repre-

sentative Bramley, of Cleveland, both

ren county, for speaker.

The of whom are known to be unfriendly to Senator Hanna, opened beadquarters at the Great Southern hotel today and was generally understood that the anti-Hanna men would conduct their campaign from that place. It is significant that the Democratic state headquarters are located in the same hotel. Allen O. Meyers is the apparent leader of the Democrats in the proposed fusion with the anti-Hanna Republicans. Mr. Meyers has given out that the Democratic members of the house will support Representative Mason for speaker and C. H. Gerrish, of Columthe admission of a beneficiary to a naval bus, one of Mr. Kurtz's licutenanas, for clerk of the house in opposition to John R. Malley. The anti-hanna Republicans, it is generally understood, are to turn all the other officers of the house over to the Democrats in consideration of the election of the men chosen by Mr. Kurtz for speaker and clerk. A conference of Democratic members of the legislature and party leaders is to be held here Friday to

discuss the proposed fusion with the

anti-Hanna Republicans. Within the

last few days strong opposition has

arisen from certain Democrats to the

proposed fusion and it is now certain

#### that all the Democratic members cannot be whipped into line.

There was a conference of Republican leaders at Major Dick's rooms this afternoon and Major Dick stated that Senator Hanna's re-election was assured. While Mr. Kurtz denies himself to all public interviews he still asserts to his confidential friends that Senator Hanna will be defeated.

### SPECULATOR'S SUICIDE.

### John Bergmann, Ruined at the Chica-

go Board of Trade Seeks Death. New York, Dec. 29.-John Bergmann who last night halled a policeman or Third avenue with "here, copper, take this corpse to the morgue," and sent t bullet through his own brain, falling dead at the officer's feet, is said t have been formerly a wealthy resident of Chicago. It is said that Bergmann lost his money in speculation on the board of trade of Chicago, after which he came east. He took to drink, and in spite of aid which relatives extended to him, reached the depths of poverty The muzzle of the pistol with which he ended his life was placed in his mouth and the explosion blew away the entire back of Bergmann's head In his room was found the following Give my body to some college of hospital, so it will be of some It wasn't while I was alive. No work all kinds of trouble and gout; that is too much-John Bergmann."

### SCOVEL RETURNS TO THE FIELD.

#### Rumor Regarding His Death Seems to Have Been Well Founded

Havana, Dec. 29 .- Many friends of enor Canalejas and Mr. Sylvester Scovel, correspondent of the New York World, went to the railroad station today to meet them and were greatly disappointed at their non-arrival. They confidently expected tomorrow. News has arrived here ahead of them this evening that Mr. Scovel is back from the field after having presented says, against the plan "for more thor-President McKinley's letter to General Maximo Comez

The rumor that Mr. Scovel had been ntenced to death appears to have been well founded. The insurgent scouts sent word to General Gomez's camp that two Americans, Senor Madrigal and Mr. Scovel, were on their way to headquarters to Induce General Gomez to surrender. General Gomez, enraged, decided that both be courtmartialed on the mot, but learning that opoly' they were special nvoys of Secretary Sherman, acting under orders of Pres Sherman, acting under orders of President McKinley,he instructed that they the "evils of the gold standard are se released and agreed to meet them. Senor Madrigal (United States consul at Sancti Spiritus) explained to values that interferes with the just General Gomez that President McKin- distribution of wealth; that deprives ley, in accordance with a promise to Spain to use his friendly influence with | that is rightly theirs and confer it upthe insurgents to bring the war to an end, had selected him (Senor Madrimany instances they are backed up in gal) and Mr. Scovel to carry out the unjust distribution of labor; that detheir position toward Hanna by the mission. He then presented Secretary prives producers of fruits of their toil. Sherman's letter to General Gomez. tricts. They can vote against him and The latter had the same translated for destroys the incentive to enterprise sioners should be treated with all consideration. He fixed an appointment for the following day, promising during the interval to confer with th Cuban government with reference to the action to be taken.

The following morning General Go mez assured Senor Madrigal and Mr. Scovel that he was much pleased with the interest shown by the American government in the Island of Cuba and that he would reply to President Mc-Kinley through the representative of the Cuban government at Washington, as he (General Gemez) was not allowed to correspond directly with foreign powers.

It is understood that Senor Canalejas is returning to Havana for good. having given up his proposed visit to

#### Eastern Cuba. MR. WURZER'S ACTIVITY.

### Expects to Bring the National Con-

vention to Indianapolis. South Bend, Ind., Dec. 29 -F. Henry Wurzer, of the University of Notre Dame, secretary of the American Republican College league, has appointed James Tabor, of the University of Indiana, chairman of the sixth department of the organization, including In-

diana, Kentucky and Iowa. Wurzer has been working to bring about the organization of the Indiana League of College Republican clubs. and it is shortly to take definite form. He expects to bring the national convention to Indianapolis in the spring,

### Stean ship Arriva s.

New York, Dec. 21-caned: St. Paul. Southampton: Majestic, Liverpool: Kensington, Antwerp, Cleared: Obdam, Rot-terdam; Kaiser Wilhelm II, Genoa and Naules, Southampton - Arrived: New York, New York,

The Herald's Weather Forecast. New York, Dec. 20.—In the middle states and New England, today, cloudy to partly cloudy, warmer weather will pr vail, preceded by moderate snow or rai with brisk southwesterly and westerly winds, high on the coasts, clearing ge-England cloudy, warmer weather with snew or rain and southwesterly winds

### THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

### Weather Indications Today:

General-President Compers Replies to Secretary Gage. Bellef That Hanna Will Win. America as a Pactor in the Eastern

Rain: Southwesterly Winds.

France Floats Her Flag in China. State-Christian Endeavor Convention at Forest City. Pennsylvania Labor Interests. Local-Alleged Shoplifters Have

Embroglio

The Markets.

Hearing. Gossip of the World of Sport. Editorial. Comment of the Press. Germany's Ruler Has No Sinccure

Local-Mr. Crawford Visits a Coal Fatal Fall from a Slippers Roof,

Was Murdered. Fire Department Expenses. Local-West Side and Suburbar

New Year's Day at the Y. M. C. A. Lackawanna County News. Neighboring County Happenings.

# MR. GOMPERS MAKES REPLY

### Submits an Open Letter to Secretary Lyman Gage.

### EVILS OF GOLD STANDARD

Explained from the Labor Man's Point of View.

They Have Grown From a Dishonest Measure of Values That Interferes With a Just Distribution of Wealth. The Measures of Value That Force Unequal Distribution of the Products of Labor That Deprives Producers of the Fruits of Their Toil, Cuts Down Wages and Profits.

Washington, Dec. 29.-Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has replied in an open letter to Secretary Gage's recent letter. taking exceptions to the resolutions passed by the federation with reference

to the Gage financial bill. Mr. Gompers denies that the resolutions denounced the secretary's motives or his plan. They declared, he oughly committing our country to the gold standard, a plan for destroying our greenback currency and substituting bank notes; a plan, in fact, for weakening the control of the national government over that most important of all measures, the measure of values, and strengthening the banks; a plan aiming at what you call 'currency reform,' and which we call bank mon-

Answering the secretary's question those that have grown from a dishonest measure of values, a measure of some men of a part of their earnings on others who have earned it not. The measures of values that thus force an cuts down wages and profits, thereby leads to industrial stagnation, enforced idleness, distress and public suffering."

#### INJURY OF GOLD STANDARD. Continuing, he says:

Now, if our adherence to the gold tandard has caused money to grow dearr, you must admit that the gold standard has done injury to our people, brought listress to wage-carners and employers and discouraged enterprises. Our adher-ence to the gold standard has caused noney to grow in value and, of cours forced things measured in money to fall in price. However, it is not alone to a cheapening of the labor cost of produc tion, but also to an actual appreciation of gold that the fall in prices since 1872 has been in great part due. This appreciation has grown out of the demonetization of sliver which has increased the demands for gold. This is a question that every producer can answer. Has the fall in prices curtailed my earnings? If the fall in prices has been due over the fall in prices has been due over the fall in prices has been due to the fall in prices and the fall in prices are the fall in prices and the fall in prices are the fall in prices a prices has been due only to general improved methods of production, a lessening in the true cost of production, he has suffered no loss from such fall. Moreover, the fall in prices since 18%, common to all gold using countries, a fall in prices of 20 per cent., has not grown out of improve ment in machinery exclusively; but the labor cost of production has not been incrossed by one-lifth in the past lour years, and therefore, the cause of this fall in prices must be in what, it not in dearer money, and was due primarily to an ap-

reclation in gold.

You must abandon the advocacy of the gold monometallism, unless you can show that the demontization of silver and the doubling of the demand for gold resultant therefrom has not caused gold to grow dearer and prices lower to the great injury to all producers of wealth. should at least show that the perpetua n making money dearer and human flesh

And now just one word as to the second part of the resolutions to which you take exception. The resolution declares, and you admit, that the purpose of your currency bill is to cause the retirement of our national greenback currency and ell government paper money, and the substi-tution of bank notes. This you hold to ution of bank notes. This you desirable. Why? Would eign exchanges, the power to check gold exports by contraction and by screwing down accommodation to merchants so as to force them to throw their products on the market at prices at which our for-eign creditors would rather take such products than our gold? Would it not products than our gold? Would it not thus relieve the treasury of the burden of providing for gold redemptions and make the banks supreme? This we hold to be undestrable. It would make the banks guardian over our volume of money and so of our measure of values; it would enable banks working in the in-terest of speculators to cause move-ments in prices with great certainty conents in prices with great certainty, onable them to depress prices by contract-ing the currency and raise prices by expanding the seme. It would make the banks the masters, the many the slaves, and would enrich the few and impover-

#### ish the multitude. GLARING INCONSISTENCY.

In the statement you recently made he-fore the house committee on banking and currency in support of your bill, you say and repeat this truism "that the less the government owes, the less it will have to pay." Yet your plan involves the proposition of the retirement of our national paper currency and greenbacks upon which We pay no interest at all and the isau-ance of bonds in its steed in the sum of \$200,000, which we shall owe, and pion which we shall be required to pay inter-Local-Coroner's Jury Says Frank

which we shall be required to pay inter-est. The inconsistency of your statement and your plan seems glaring.

We oppose your currency bill because as has been well said, it is "a bill to pro-vide for the abdication of the sovereign powers of the government to the banks for strengthening the hands of the spec-ulative cliques, enriching the few and impoverishing the many."