

GOSSIP FROM BERLIN

Confidence in American Securities Revived.

None Doubt a Peaceful Settlement of the Venezuela Matter and the Stability of the United States' Financial Standing—America Now Threatens German Insurance.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—The reaction toward confidence in the future of American finances, especially as affecting international monetary relations, has been surprisingly rapid within the last few days. Berlin and Frankfurt took the lead of London in speculative buying of American stocks and operators here have on the whole benefited by the selling which was done in London, and at no time during the Wall street panic have the German bourses been so much influenced as was the English market. The buying set in earlier here and even investors took a chance in securing stocks at low values. The bourse closed notably firm on Saturday after considerable buying of American railroad securities. The belief here in the permanence of peace between the United States and Great Britain is absolute and general conviction in the recovery of a healthy condition of American finances is as unshaken as at any previous time.

Hammerstein's Capture.

The capture in Athens of Baron von Hammerstein, the former editor of the Kreuz Zeitung, who absconded under charges of forgery and embezzlement created a tremendous sensation in political and social circles when his arrest became known. The arrest of this fugitive has cut the ground from under the feet of the socialist leaders and may even be said to have carried away the feet of some of them. All along one of the chief weapons of the socialist press and the socialist parliamentary leaders has consisted of insinuations that the government had connived at Hammerstein's escape and frowned upon genuine attempts to bring him back in order to prevent disclosures affecting the conservative supporters of the government. The capture of Hammerstein has taken the wind out of the sails of the socialist craft and rendered the Hammerstein letters which the socialists were holding over the heads of many conservative members of the reichstag almost if not wholly valueless as terrorizing measures.

Prospect of a Racy Scandal.

Berlin now has the prospect of an extremely racy scandal season, between the Hammerstein case and the revelations contained in the von Kotze documents, which are now in the possession of Fritz Friedmann, the absconding Berlin lawyer. According to current report, Friedmann is now in London, where he has prepared a pamphlet attacking high legal and political persons which he threatens to publish if the German authorities molest him anywhere. It is understood that Friedmann wants a formal permit to return to Germany, nominally incognito, in order to settle his affairs, and is now negotiating with the proper authorities in Berlin to that end.

Boom in Business.

The Christmas season, according to reports made by the leading shops in Berlin, shows a boom in business. The sale of the cheaper class of goods has been slack in favor of the higher and more costly class and the casual onlooker would consider that the merchants as well as the public have been having a fine time all round. The North German Gazette says that Berlin has received and sent out Christmas parcels far exceeding in number those sent and received during Christmas week of 1894.

The Poor Dined on Christmas.

The Countess von Waldsee provided a large number of widows and children with their Christmas dinner and had an immense tree upon which were hung parcels of clothing. Ex-Empress Frederik visited the Kaiser Friedrich hospital on Christmas day. She was received there by Dr. Virchow and Dr. Bosse, minister of ecclesiastical affairs, instruction and medical affairs. The ex-empress presided at the fete which followed her arrival and distributed the presents. Dr. Virchow interested her with a statement of the results of the treatment of the various patients by Prof. Behring and Heilserum of the institution, which led her to compliment the professors upon the success of their remedial preparations.

Retaliation Threatened.

Official information from Washington has been received in Berlin that the United States government will close out all German insurance companies doing business in the United States unless Prussia rescinds her measures against American insurance companies preventing them from doing business here.

New Year's Day Fetes.

Prince Hohenzollern will return to Berlin in time to take part in the New Year fetes. The New Year's day programme is as follows: At 8 o'clock in the morning there will be a reveille from the castle to Brandenburg gate and back performed by the massed bands of the Berlin garrison. At 10 o'clock religious services will be held in the castle chapel, and at 11 o'clock the court ceremony of filing past the emperor and the imperial party in the Weissen Saal. At 12 o'clock there will be a parade in the yard of the arsenal by the kaiser in the presence of all the commanders of the German army corps. When salutes will be fired in the Lustgarten.

A SAD MARRIED LIFE.

Story Told by a Prominent English Woman in Her Suit for Divorce.
Oklahoma City, O. T., Dec. 30.—A divorce suit involving prominent English people was filed in the district court here Saturday. It is docketed as Agnes M. Freeborn vs. Richard J. G. Freeborn. The petition sets forth that they were married in county Sussex, Eng., June 6, 1880, and that they lived together until April, 1892. The defendant is a graduate of Oxford college and the wife is a niece of Sir E. John Paul of Albany, Eng. The grounds set forth, among others, are non-support, cruelty and gross neglect of duty. The charge is made that, although in receipt of an excellent salary and holding high positions under government, the wife had to depend upon her relatives for support. Freeborn spending all his money in fast living and debauchery. As another ground she charges that he brought great disgrace upon her by being guilty of theft and forgery, the course of the law being stayed only by her intercession and that of her friends and relatives. The forgery was committed on Sir E. John Paul. After it was hushed up Freeborn was shipped to South Australia, his wife and child accompanying him. There he acted no better, and Mrs. Freeborn left him in Tasmania and came to America to be freed from him.

GOLD SHIPPED TO NEW YORK.

Coin to the Value of \$14,000,000 from the Mint.
Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—Gold coin valued at \$14,000,000 has been sent from the Philadelphia mint to New York within the past week. It is believed that most of this gold has been used in recent shipments to Europe. The mint received \$20,000,000 worth of gold bars in August and all this has been made into coin. There is now on hand gold bars valued at \$20,000,000 and as the work of coining is going on daily and there is no decrease in the demand, it is only a matter of a short time until it is all gone. Small shipments of gold bars are being received daily, but not in quantities sufficient to keep up with the demand for coin.

PEACE ASSURED IN SICILY.

Duties of the Military Commander at Palermo Reduced.
Rome, Dec. 30.—Prime Minister Crispi has issued an order revoking the decree giving the military commander at Palermo direction of both the police and military forces of the island of Sicily. The revoking of the decree is due to the fact that the authorities have at last succeeded in improving the condition of affairs on the island and life and property are now everywhere secure, and no further trouble is apprehended from the machinations of the Fasci dei Lavoratori and other secret socialist societies, which caused the government great trouble in 1893 and 1894.

GLADSTONE 86 YEARS OLD.

Many Messages of Congratulation Received at Hawarden Castle.
London, Dec. 30.—Yesterday was the eighty-sixth anniversary of the birth of Mr. Gladstone. Many of the liberal clubs throughout the united kingdom telegraphed congratulations to Hawarden castle, Mr. Gladstone's residence in Chester, from which place the messages were forwarded to Biarritz, France, where Mr. Gladstone has gone for the benefit of his health.

BRITISH EMPIRE DAMAGED.

Ran on the Rocks and Sustained Serious Injury to Her Bottom.
London, Dec. 30.—The British steamer British Empire, which sailed from Boston, Dec. 14, for London, has put into Falmouth in a damaged condition. During a dense fog Saturday, when off the Scilly islands, the British Empire struck a rock, and injuring her bottom. Her forward compartment is full of water.

Chief Justice Fuller at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Chief Justice Fuller of the supreme court of the United States arrived in Chicago yesterday from Washington and took apartments at the Palmer house. He will remain in the city until after New Year's day. To a newspaper man Justice Fuller had no comment to make on the Venezuelan situation or any of the questions of the day.

For the Blair Statue.

Jackson, Mich., Dec. 30.—Gen. R. A. Alger of Detroit and Dwight S. Smith and Gen. W. H. Withington of this city, comprising the Blair memorial commission appointed by Gov. Rich last spring to contract for a memorial statue to Austin Blair, Michigan's first governor, have closed the contract with Sculptor Potter of Enfield, Mass., for the work.

Justice Brewer Denies the Report.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—Justice David J. Brewer, of the United States supreme court, was in this city yesterday en route from San Antonio, Tex., where he has been at the bedside of a sick daughter, to Washington. He denies the report that he had been asked to accept a place on the Venezuelan commission.

State Capitol Liable To Collapse.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 30.—A dispatch from Jackson, Miss., says: Recent investigations of the condition of the state capitol have demonstrated the fact that it is in an unsafe condition. Experts who have examined the building say it is likely to collapse at any moment.

Bark Svenningsen Wrecked.

London, Dec. 30.—The Norwegian bark Svenningsen, which sailed from Gunston, Nov. 21, for Para, has been wrecked off Salinas. Her crew were landed at Para.

VOTE THIS AFTERNOON

House Continues Debate on Bond Bill To-day.

Efforts To Rush the Measure to a Vote Failed—Johnson of California, in a Sensational Speech, Severely Criticized the Bill—Teller Between Senators Hill and Teller.

Washington, Dec. 28.—In accordance with the decision of the committee on ways and means reached last Monday Chairman Dingley yesterday reported to the house the bill to provide for the restoration and protection of the gold reserve by the sale of three per cent. bonds and to authorize the issue of certificates of indebtedness to meet deficiencies in revenue. But under the protests of a large number of republican members, the bill was amended by the committee at a meeting held during the morning, and the programme calling for a vote on the passage of the bill at 5 o'clock in the afternoon was changed so as to give six hours' additional debate, three last night and three today, the vote to be taken at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The resolution from the committee on rules to this effect was adopted by a vote of 195 to 101, after it had been antagonized by Messrs. Crisp, Bailey and McMillin; the republicans refraining from discussing it.

To Redeem Greenbacks Only.

The debate on the bond bill was opened by Mr. Dingley, who advocated its passage in a speech of scarcely an hour's duration. He said its provisions would tend to strengthen and protect the gold reserve by making it a fund for the redemption of greenbacks only, and not a fund to be drawn upon for current expenses. The passage of the bill was also advocated in the course of the afternoon by Mr. Grosvenor, rep., Ohio, as a patriotic duty; by Mr. Laezy, rep., Ohio, and Mr. Johnson, rep., N. D. It was opposed by Mr. Turner, dem., Ga., who said the administration wanted all the paper money retired, and that if he had an opportunity to do so, would have offered to so amend the bill; by Mr. Patterson, dem., Tenn., who said the duty of congress was to restore confidence in the currency of the country, and by Messrs. Swanson, dem., Va. and Wheeler, dem., Ala.

Johnson's Sensational Charges.

The sensation of the day came at a late hour in the afternoon, when Mr. Johnson, rep., Cal., voiced in impassioned manner the opposition to the bill. He said it gave the lie to every republican speech and every republican platform, and he pleaded with his republican associates to vote against it. He was cheered by the democrats and many republicans as he predicted the defeat of the first section of the bill, and declared that the only true relief to be found was in the free and unlimited coinage of silver. Before the debate was entered upon by the unanimous report of the committee on elections, No. 1, which commended Mr. McGann for his fairness and justice in waiving his claim to the seat, Hugh Bellnap was declared to be entitled to the seat from the third Illinois district, for which Lawrence E. McGann held the certificate. Mr. Bellnap was sworn in by the speaker.

Financial Question in Senate.

The financial question came to the front in the senate yesterday in the form of a joint resolution introduced by Mr. Hill, dem., N. Y., to the effect that all bonds to be hereafter issued shall be made payable in gold coin or in standard silver dollars, at the option of the holders; and that no bond containing such shall bear a higher rate of interest than 5 per cent. He made a long, carefully prepared speech on the subject, winding up with the declaration that his proposition was a measure simply for temporary relief, but that as a measure of permanent relief it was reasonably clear that all United States notes and treasury notes should be redeemed and then cancelled.

Tilt Between Teller and Hill.

Mr. Teller, rep., Col., was wrought up to a state of indignation by Mr. Hill's proposition and speech; and in his lively and impetuous manner, the secretary of the treasury and treasury subordinates made a cutting allusion to "the tide-water waiter who now assumes to speak on the financial matter." Everybody believed that it was the New York senator who was thus referred to; but when Mr. Hill subsequently took up the offensive epithet he was assured in the most positive manner by Mr. Teller that he had had no reference whatever to the senator from New York, but had only meant to apply the epithet to such subordinates as the director of the mint and the assistant treasurer at New York. Mr. Hill apparently accepted the disavowal, but avenged himself in some degree by the intimation that the director of the mint was as competent to speak on the financial question as gentlemen who hailed from the wilds of Colorado.

No Action Taken.

The joint resolution remains on the vice-president's table to be taken up for further discussion, in connection with a substitute offered by the new populist senator from North Carolina, Mr. Butler, to make the interest and principal of all coin-bearing bonds payable in the cheaper of the two metals. A joint resolution for the acceptance of the ram katahdin was reported from the committee on naval affairs and passed. The senate then adjourned until Monday next.

No News from Abyssinia.

Rome, Dec. 27.—No official news has been received to-day from Abyssinia.

POISONED BY IODINE.

Painting of the Skin Followed by Small-pox-Like Eruptions.
Hitherto the use of iodine in this way has not been followed by evil consequences, but a case has just occurred in New Brunswick which seems to show that the stuff is not altogether harmless.

A patient was brought to the Coldstream Cottage hospital suffering with double pneumonia and advanced disease of the kidneys. The usual treatment necessary in such cases was carried out with great care and his condition was scrupulously noted. The condition of his lungs gradually improved. Beginning on September 14 and continuing until and including September 18, his back was painted with dilute iodine liniment.

On the 19th, the day after the painting was stopped, the patient's face



HAND POISONED BY IODINE.

was completely covered with pustules, or eruptions, much resembling those that appear on the breaking out of smallpox.

At the same time an eruption of a peculiar character made its appearance on the back of his hands, wrists and forearms. The patient experienced severe smarting and heat in his face; otherwise there was no change in his condition. The physician at first supposed that the case was one of smallpox, but it afterwards proved to be a malignant instance of iodine poisoning.

On September 27 the patient complained to the nurse of headache and chilliness all over the body. At 12 o'clock he was seized with sickness, nausea and vomiting. A severe stiffness of the body set in, the pulse became very rapid, and the breathing was labored. He became rapidly unconscious, with twitching of the hands and frothing at the mouth and nose. Profuse sweating preceded a violent convulsion. He had ten similar attacks, following each other rapidly. Chloroform was administered to relieve his sufferings without success, and he died at 5:45 p. m. of the same day.

Several physicians who were present were startled at the eruption on the hands, wrists and forearms, and admitted that it was impossible, except on the most minute examination, to detect the difference between iodine poisoning and smallpox.

MERITS ENCOURAGEMENT.

A Movement to Repair the House in Which Dr. Johnson Was Born.

A movement has been inaugurated in Lichfield, England, to raise a fund with which to repair the house in which Dr. Samuel Johnson was born, and convert it into a museum and literary club. Most of the relics of Dr. Johnson remaining in the vicinity of his old home are in the cathedral. They are chiefly books, but are few, most of his possessions having been willed at his death to Oxford. The house has lately been allowed to fall into decay. It was built by the doctor's father, Michael Johnson, on land belonging to the corporation of Lichfield, and in 1767, as a mark of respect for the doctor, a lease for 99 years was presented to him. The house is now practically as it was 100 years ago, the present owner having purchased it to prevent structural alterations. It stands at the corner of



BIRTHPLACE OF DR. JOHNSON.

the market-place, and opposite it is a statue of Dr. Johnson.

Lichfield, says a writer in Colliers' Weekly, was the scene of one incident in the life of Johnson which is worth recording here, being the one remarkable romance with which he is associated. A young woman of Leek, in Staffordshire, fell in love with Johnson, followed him to Lichfield, and took lodgings opposite his house. When he learned the story he offered to marry her, but she died before this could be accomplished. She was buried in Lichfield cathedral and the inscription over her grave was placed there by Dr. Johnson.

Meanest Man in Tennessee.

"Talking about muzzling the ox that treadeth out the corn, the meanest man I ever knew," said Henry Wilson, of Savannah, to a reporter for the Atlanta Journal, "was an old fellow down in Tennessee. He had a cherry orchard and in the season would hire a squad of boys to pick the fruit. The boys had to do two things—pick the cherries and whistle 'Dixie' continually. The moment one of them stopped warbling he was called up and promptly discharged. By this method the avaricious owner rendered it impossible for the boys to eat any of the cherries, and I imagine it was the most unique and original method ever invented to counteract deficits in a fruit crop."

PHELPS AND LINCOLN

Invited To Serve as Venezuelan Commissioners.

The Third Member, Who Is Likely To Be One of the U. S. Supreme Court Associate Justices, Not To Be Chosen Until After the Other Two Have Accepted.

Washington, Dec. 27.—It is semi-officially reported that President Cleveland has asked Edward J. Phelps of Vermont, ex-minister to England, and Robert T. Lincoln of Illinois, also an ex-minister to the court of St. James, to serve on the Venezuela commission. The third place, it is rumored, will not be tendered to any one until Mr. Phelps and Mr. Lincoln have accepted. The full commission, it is expected, will be announced next Monday. The third member is likely to be one of the associate justices of the United States supreme court, probably either Justice Brewer or Justice Brown. The president thinks that the fact of one of the members of the supreme court temporarily leaving the bench to undertake this delicate task would add dignity to the commission. The appointment of either of these justices, together with that of Mr. Lincoln, would give the majority of the commission to the republicans. This fact would, it is stated, relieve the president from any suspicion that he was working for the aggrandizement of his own party in creating an international issue.

J. C. SMITH RETURNS.

The Buffalo Contractor Denies That He Eloped With Mrs. Tennant.

Buffalo, Dec. 27.—J. C. Smith, a well-known contractor of this city, returned here last night after an absence of several weeks. A few months ago he was engaged on a municipal contract in Binghamton, N. Y., but was obliged to give it up. Shortly after leaving the city it was reported in the newspapers that he had eloped with Mrs. H. D. Tennant, wife of the hotel keeper with whom he had been stopping. In an interview with a reporter Mr. Smith emphatically denied the story that he went away with Mrs. Tennant. "I have not seen her since I came away from there," he said. "It is true that I gave up the city contract, but I did it in a regular and legitimate way. I notified my bondsmen and withdrew in a manner satisfactory to everybody concerned."

GIVEN UP FOR LOST.

Schooner J. H. Carey Has Probably Gone Down With All on Board.

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 27.—The schooner J. H. Carey, owned by Foster & Oakes of this city, sailed from here Aug. 20 on a codfishing trip to Grand bank, and as she has not been heard from for a long time it is thought she was lost in the heavy storms that prevailed in the early fall. The rest of the fleet arrived more than a month ago and this is the only absent one. All hope of her crew ever returning again is considered doubtful. She carried a crew of eleven when she sailed from here, but it is feared her captain shipped more men in the provinces.

PRIZE CHINESE SCHOONER LOST.

Her Deck Officers and Sixty Men Probably Perished.

Yokohama, Dec. 27.—The formidable cruiser Kyan-Ping, one of the warships captured from China by the Japanese during the recent war, was wrecked on the Pescadore islands last Saturday. Nearly all her deck officers and sixty men are missing and were probably lost.

G. A. R. COMMANDER

Jas. S. Dean, Gen. Grant Post, Rondout, N. Y.

CURED OF DYSPEPSIA.

Commander Dean writes: "As Chief U. S. Mail Agent of the U. & D. R. R., good health is indispensable. I found myself however all run down with dyspepsia. I doctored and doctored, but it grew worse. I suffered misery night and day, for fully two years. My case was pronounced incurable. I chanced to meet Dr. Kennedy about that time, and told him of my condition and he said, try a bottle of

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