

NATIONAL CAPITAL.

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Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Hon. John W. Foster, who has represented this Government as Minister to Mexico, and also to Spain, is naturally well informed in regard to the interests of the United States, both at home and abroad.

Foster was asked what he thought was likely to be the practical result of the reciprocity provision, known as the Aldrich amendment.

He replied that he had very little doubt that its effect would be very beneficial in the enlargement of our foreign commerce in this hemisphere. It offers such great advantages to our country and to the producing countries, that they cannot fail to avail themselves of the privileges of this largest and best market of the world for the products.

"If the emergency arises, will the President reimpose the duty on sugar and coffee, named in the Aldrich amendment?"

"There is not the slightest doubt about it," answered Foster. "The President's duty is to reimpose the duty on sugar and coffee, named in the Aldrich amendment, if Congress has made a most liberal offer of reciprocity of trade, and if any nation concerned does not accept it as to that nation there is no other alternative than to impose the duty prescribed by Congress."

This reciprocity provision factor is regarded as the most popular and commendable feature of the new tariff act, and in its practical operation is most likely to give general satisfaction. It is free from the constitutional objection which has been urged against reciprocity by means of treaties. It is simple in its operation, as it is brought about by responsible legislation, and it binds upon the nations concerned only so long as dictated by their mutual interests. It is a policy which he believed would go far to reconcile the conflict in this country between protection and free trade, which would be favorably received by our neighbors, and would prove to be the most beneficial outcome of the International American Conference.

Foster said that the shipping bill now pending in the House was plainly necessary as a part of this great reciprocity program, and with its passage would be placed in a most advantageous position to come into effect. It would give our shipping business a commercial supremacy in this hemisphere. Without the aid of the proposed American shipping bill, we can never compete with the subsidized shipping of other nations, and whatever reciprocity of trade we establish under the provisions of the McKinley tariff act, then have to be conducted in foreign ships. Our shipping is now the only great industrial interest which is not protected by legislation. The bill now pending in the House is in harmony with the protective system, and is absolutely necessary to the proper enforcement of reciprocity of trade, as our commerce with other nations must be carried on under the American flag.

FREE COINAGE.

The South and West Union in Its

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Senator Daniel, of Virginia, said to a California Associated Press correspondent: "The one issue on which the South and West will unite on which there is little, if any, difference of opinion, is on free coinage. The South is almost united for free coinage, and so is the West. Silver has ever been the money of the people, and while the people demand silver coinage, we should comply with that demand. Since the rascally trick of demonetizing silver in 1873 the issue of free coinage has slowly but surely crowded its way to the front, and if the free coinage bill does not become a law during this session, it will be enacted in the next session. It is the leading issue in the Presidential campaign. In my judgment on the issues of silver you would witness the South and West going together for the benefit of a common interest. The vote in the South on free coinage shows an almost unanimous vote in favor of silver coinage. The vote was significant, and it does not require a keen vision to see the current of the political wind."

LOSS TO THE POOR PEOPLE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Ex-Congressman of the Currency, in discussing the free coinage bill, says: "There are nearly a thousand poor people in the United States, and they owe their poverty to fifteen hundred million dollars, representing that much in gold value saved by the poor people on their earnings. Here is debt that should be held sacred by Congress, yet, under the proposed bill, these institutions can settle with their debtors, and the poor people will probably be effected at a loss to depositors of 20 per cent in their deposits, about three hundred million in the aggregate."

DO NOT FAVOR FREE COINAGE.

BOSTON, Jan. 18.—The newly-organized Republican Club of Massachusetts has called a meeting in the city hall Tuesday next to protest against the free coinage bill. Party lines have been ignored, and invitations to take part in the meeting have been sent to every business organization in Boston.

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"You know, an investigation of Pacific Mail subsidy results in the purifying of legislation, and for a time the lobby kept very dark. Now, if there is no lobby behind these subsidy bills, and no barrel on tap, as is alleged, why does not some one ask for an investigation? I have heard some little talk of a resolution of inquiry that is to be introduced, but I have not seen a copy of it. I agree with Mills, and believe that an investigation will follow the passage of the subsidy bills."

BEYOND THE ROCKIES.

An Awful Tragedy at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

STARTLING CONFESSION OF A NEGRO MURDERER.

The British Government Says the Appeal to the Supreme Court in the Behring Sea Controversy Was Not Meant as an Act of Discourtesy Toward the President or State Department—The Coinage Bill.

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CHATTANOOGA (Tenn.), Jan. 18.—An awful tragedy occurred here to-day, S. M. Fugette, Cashier of the South Chattanooga Savings Bank, being shot and killed by his father-in-law, A. W. Warder, City Attorney of Chattanooga. Warder is probably fatally injured, and Mrs. Fugette has a dangerous wound in her right thigh.

Judge Warder came home at 1 o'clock in a drunken condition, and went to Mr. Fugette's room, where he was sleeping. Mrs. Fugette's room, where the tragedy occurred, was not yet known, as Warder and Mrs. Fugette are not able to talk. The neighbors, hearing shooting, rushed in and found Fugette dead, with a bullet through his heart, and Mrs. Fugette lying on the floor, while Warder was staggering down stairs with blood streaming from a wound in his breast.

BEFORE CONGRESS.

Probable Programme for the Present Week.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The election bill comes up in the Senate to-morrow again as unfinished business. The course of business will depend altogether on the vote upon the attendance of the expected Republican quorum in the present session. The next move will be to consider the Aldrich closure resolution, for the managers of the bill believe the time is at hand when the bill will be passed. The bill is the most important of the session, and its passage must be secured. The efforts to lay aside the election bill will doubtless be made, but it is believed that the bill will be passed. The bill is the most important of the session, and its passage must be secured. The efforts to lay aside the election bill will doubtless be made, but it is believed that the bill will be passed.

THE APPEAL TO THE SUPREME COURT IN AN ACT OF DISCOURTESY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—A London special says: Rumors are afloat of a somewhat forcible remonstrance having been addressed by Blaine to Lord Salisbury on account of proceedings being taken by the Supreme Court. Nothing seems to be known about it in official circles. If such a dispatch has been received, Lord Salisbury is keeping it to himself until Tuesday next, when there will be a Cabinet meeting to arrange the course of business for the week.

THE GOVERNMENT IS IN A POSITION, IT UNDERSTAND, TO DISPOSE QUICKLY OF ANY CHANGE BROUGHT AGAINST IT BY THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Henry B. Jarvis, of Umatilla County, Oregon, has been allowed \$1,000 for depredations committed by Bannack Indians in 1878. Thomas E. Byrnes, of San Mateo, and Albert H. Shively, of Lewis, California, have been appointed postmasters. T. B. Mercer, of Nevada, has been appointed postmaster of Nevada. The United States steamship Newark, which was wrecked in the Behring Sea, is being repaired at the yard of the United States Marine Hospital.

UNITED STATES MARINE HOSPITAL.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The annual report of Supervising Surgeon-General Hamilton of the Marine Hospital service, shows that during the past year in the United States Marine Hospital and branches 26,671 sailors were treated. As a result of the report of the Surgeon-General, it is stated that but 6,016 of this number were born in the United States. Investigation has been made into the cases of sailors and grapple are treated at length. The Surgeon-General recommends a new hospital at Sitka, Alaska.

FREE COINAGE BILL.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The Post to-day asserts emphatically that the President will veto the free coinage bill should it be passed by the House. It also says that Speaker Reed will make every endeavor to thwart the measure in their attempts to carry the bill before the House.

FATAL GAS EXPLOSION.

AN OHIO HOTEL COMPLETELY WRECKED.

Two Girls Killed and Several Other Employes Are Severely Wounded. Special to the RECORD-UNION.

FINDLAY (Ohio), Jan. 18.—The first great disaster that Findlay has ever experienced from the use of natural gas occurred shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon, while the guests of the Hotel Marvin were waiting to be summoned to dinner.

This morning it was discovered that gas was escaping from some leaking pipe somewhere into the dining-room, and Mr. Marvin, the owner of the building, with three plumbers, spent the entire forenoon trying to locate the leak.

SENSATIONAL MURDER CASE.

How a Woman Got Rid of Her Wealthy Husband.

LINCOLN (Neb.), Jan. 18.—There have been three arrests in the past twenty-four hours in connection with the murder of John Sheedy on Monday. McFarland, a colored barber, was the first suspect, and he-to-day made a confession acknowledging the killing and implicating the wife of the murdered man and her supposed lover. All are in jail. McFarland declares that Mrs. Sheedy agreed to pay him \$5,000 to make away with her husband. Developments of a sensational nature are expected. Sheedy was an old resident, and quite wealthy.

TWO BOYS DROWNED.

RIONNEVILLE, Jan. 18.—While fishing this afternoon two boys of J. M. Freedman, aged 4 and 17 years, were drowned in Red river. The youngest fell out of the boat and the oldest tried to save him.

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