

### SENATOR WOLCOTT'S VISIT TO EUROPE.

### British Bimetallists Think the Coloradoan Has Done Good Work.

### Conducted His Mission With Great Tact and Ability.

### Europe Looking to McKinley to Make the Next Move for a Satisfactory Solution of the International Question— Great Change of Opinion in Trading and Commercial Nations of Europe During the Past Two Years.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Several prominent bimetallists whom Senator Edward O. Wolcott of Colorado saw here, previous to his departure, are convinced that he has done splendid work in Europe. Among those who conferred with Senator Wolcott were L. J. Maxse, editor of the "National Review," Mr. Maxse occupies a high literary and social position here, is on terms of intimacy with the Government leaders, and was in America during the recent political campaign. Replying to the request of the Associated Press, Mr. Maxse writes:

"I have great difficulty in making any statement on the bimetallistic situation in Europe. Not because it is discouraging, but for the opposite reason. If I gave my real impression of the result of Senator Wolcott's mission, which was conducted with great tact and ability, I should be accused of unwarranted optimism.

"There has, in truth, been a great change of opinion in the trading and commercial nations of Europe during the last two years, though this is but faintly reflected by the press. I am convinced that if the incoming Administration follows Senator Wolcott's lead, a satisfactory solution of the international question will make McKinley's Presidency not less famous than any of its predecessors. Europe looks to him for the next move. John Bull does not block the way."

The murder of Mrs. Elizabeth Camp, a barmaid of Watworth, in a railroad carriage of the London and South-western line on February 11th last, is still a mystery, and has caused a widespread agitation for the adoption of the American cars. The Board of Trade has taken up the matter and its President, C. T. Ritchie, writes that while no plan is meeting with general approval, yet the question is receiving the best attention of the department.

A somewhat similar case occurred on the Great Western Railway yesterday. On the arrival of the express at Slough, towards midnight, a Mrs. Chapman discovered screaming and clinging to the footboard of the car. She charged the other occupant of the car with robbery and attempted murder. A window was broken and the car was strewn with money. There were other signs of a severe struggle.

Truth says has followed by the alarming increase of kleptomaniacs in the West End of London. One of the leading storekeepers states that he has been obliged to take the law into his own hands, recognizing the futility of legal proceedings, in view of the fact that the disgrace of the arrest, etc., falls upon innocent members of the family. This storekeeper says that he watched a well-to-do lady and caught her stealing several times. Finally he took her, he says to his private office, and offered her the choice of arrest or summary chastisement then and there. She accepted the latter and the proprietor left her with his sister, the manageress, who switched her until she howled for mercy and solemnly promised never to do it again.

The rector of St. James' Church, Piccadilly, is making an attempt against organized vice in Piccadilly, and the holds midnight services there of the White Cross Society, in which he is assisted by a number of gentlemen, some of them being of high social position. They nightly solicit men to attend these meetings.

The hat question is agitating Paris, where the theatrical managers are all anxious to abolish hats, but they are encountering many difficulties in the way of a doing.

Sarah Bernhardt offers to unite with the theater managers in an effective crusade against the obnoxious hat.

The weather for the past week has been warm and spring-like and flowers have been blooming.

The latest addition to the list of royal dramatists is Princess Charles of Denmark, formerly Princess Maude of Wales, who has just finished a one-act comedietta with which Ellen Terry is so enamored that Sir Henry Irving has accepted it for the Lyceum Theatre.

Lord George Hamilton, the Secretary of State for India, has furnished the following exclusive statement to the Associated Press:

"The people of India of all classes and the mother country from her majesty down are touched with the sympathy and liberality shown by the United States and Canada towards the subjects in India, who are now suffering from famine. Already large sums of money have been sent from Canada and contributions of wheat and maize have been promised from the United States, and further assistance is understood to be contemplated. The central relief committee of India report they can make better and more prompt use of gifts of money than of contributions of grain, valuable as they are, to enable those now receiving relief to start afresh at the end of the famine, which is one of the objects of the central relief committee, on which serve philanthropic men of all races and faith, including American and European missionaries.

"They administer the funds, bestowing great personal care and diligence in making the moneys received go as far as possible in relief and help, outside of the bare sustenance, wage or dole which the Government is dispens-

ing to those who would otherwise starve. In every famine district there is a large number of respectable persons who fear losing caste and die rather than seek publicly for Government aid.

"To those help can only come through the relief committees, and great good has been done in this direction since the committees have been formed.

"Since January there have been changes in the famine outlook. The Province of Punjab, in parts of which a famine was apprehended, will, thanks to the favorable winter rains, escape with perhaps partial distress in some of the southern districts. But in parts of the northwest provinces and in the central provinces, and possibly also in one or two districts of Bengal and Bombay the prospects are worse than were anticipated. In some districts 20 per cent. of the whole population is already receiving Government relief, and the proportion may ultimately reach 10 to 15 per cent. In previous famines 10 to 15 per cent. had been the largest proportion of the whole population, at the worst time, over the whole area affected by famine.

"Three million people are now receiving daily relief from the Government and before the end of May these numbers will reach much higher totals. I feel confident that the people of the United States having never been slow to reply to the appeals for help from this country, will, on the above facts are known to them, respond with their accustomed generosity."

### BANK FAILURE AT ST. LOUIS. A Savings Institution Closed by the State Examiner.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27.—The Mullaphy Savings Bank, a State institution, was closed today by the State Bank Examiner, J. H. Rettman, is President.

The statement issued on February 26th by the bank was as follows: Installment—Capital stock, \$100,000; surplus, \$5,204; demand deposits, \$248,132; time deposits, \$396,088; certificates of deposit, \$18,208; cashier's checks, \$3,434; bills payable, \$45,000. Total, \$896,060.

Resources—Bills receivable, \$561,753; loans, \$44,093; real estate, \$80,112; cash in vault, \$42,946; cash in banks, \$58,197; total, \$896,060.

Yesterday the Continental National Bank, through which the Mullaphy Bank cleared, notified the Chairman of the Clearing House Association that it would not clear for the savings institution longer because of its condition. Austin had examined the bank's condition and finding it unsafe, had reported so to the Continental National. Last night the Executive Committee of the Clearing House Association met to devise some means for carrying the bank over, but decided it could do nothing.

This became known to some of the depositors and they began a run this morning. Examiner Austin promptly closed the bank and the depositors were put out of doors. There was much indignation among depositors, mostly poor people, who can ill afford to lose their money.

The failure has caused a sensation, as this is the first bank in St. Louis to fail for many years. The bank had been in operation over twenty-five years.

T. A. Teuscher ran up his overdrafts at the bank to \$80,000 nearly when he tried to corner the whisky market. President Rottman said this was a dead loss. Rottman also borrowed freely from the bank to push his whisky business.

### Appropriation for Mare Island. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The Appropriation for the Navy Yard at Mare Island, Cal., is increased from \$96,000 to \$316,000, of which \$250,000 is to be expended in deepening the channel of Mare Island Strait that will enable all classes of vessels to reach the yard.

### HANNA AT WASHINGTON. HAS A CONFERENCE WITH RE- PUBLICAN SENATORS.

Talks With Hoar Regarding the Failure of the Oregon Legislature to Elect a Senator.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Chairman Hanna and party arrived at the Arlington Hotel this morning. Hanna went to the Capitol immediately and was in conference with the Republican Senators. He had an extended consultation with Senator Hoar, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, upon the Senatorial situation in Oregon. An effort is being made by Hanna, as Chairman of the National Committee, to secure the election of a Republican Senator from Oregon. The fact that the Legislature never organized raises a question as to the ability of those now sitting at Salem to adjourn. There has been some discussion of telegraphic correspondence between Hanna and Republicans of Oregon, and it may result in the agreement of the Republicans of the Legislature to elect a Senator. Hoar indicated to Hanna his belief that an appointment by the Governor would not be accepted by the Senate.

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Ex-Governor Lillinkalant, having put off her departure for some time, decided that she desired to witness the ceremonies and sent a request to Senator Perkins, who was her guest when he visited the island, for four seats for herself and her suite. Every seat had been promised weeks ago, and so the Senator laid her request before Sherman and Elkins of the Committee of Arrangements, and they, with Sergeant-at-Arms Bright, went over the seat plan at length.

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### ANTI-RAILROAD TICKET SCALPING BILL

### Passes the House by a Vote of One Hun- dred and Forty-Two to Fifty-One.

### Despite the Filibustering Tactics of Its Adversaries.

### The Senate Turns From the Stirring Theme of Cuba to the Common- place Appropriation Bills, Giving Up the Entire Day to Considera- tion of the Postoffice Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The House, after five hours' struggle, today passed the anti-railroad ticket scalpers' bill by a vote of 142 to 51. The adversaries of the measure resorted to filibustering tactics, but were defeated by an overwhelming majority.

The bill applies only to interstate commerce transactions. It requires all carriers subject to the interstate commerce act to provide agents authorized to sell their tickets with certificates. It makes it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$1,000, or imprisonment for one year, for any person not duly authorized to sell tickets, and requires carriers to redeem unused tickets, and makes the forgery or counterfeiting of tickets punishable by imprisonment for two years.

A number of other bills were passed during the day under the suspension of the rules.

The inauguration visitors for the first time, began to make their appearance in the House galleries today, and the galleries were well filled. Practically all business was transacted under suspended rules.

The House non-concurred in the Senate amendments to the Indian appropriation bill, and agreed to a conference.

Under suspension of the rules bills were passed as follows: To repeal the Act granting a right of way through the military reservation to the Birmingham and Mobile Railroad; to grant right of way through the Spokane military reservation to the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railroad; to vacate the Sugar Loaf reservoir site in Lake county, Colorado, and restore the lands to entry; to require the issue of patents to actual settlers in Florida in 1842 and to establish an additional land office at Kallispell, Montana.

The Senate amendment to the bill to allow the bottling of distilled spirits in bond was agreed to.

Sherman (R) of New York, for the Committee on Interstate Traffic, called up the anti-ticket brokerage bill. This action raised a howl of protest, and Terry (D) of Arkansas raised the question of consideration against it.

The House voted 153 to 79 to consider the bill.

Sherman demanded the previous question, and a filibuster was inaugurated by Bowers (R) of California, who moved an adjournment. The motion was lost, 55 to 176.

The previous question was ordered, 157 to 80. Under the rule twenty minutes for debate was allowed on each side.

Sherman then took the floor and explained the provisions of the bill. The bill attempted to carry out the basic principle of the interstate commerce law—like compensation for like services.

Patterson (D) of Tennessee declared that this bill would probably result in the discrimination against non-competitive points.

Terry (D) of Arkansas said the measure should be entitled a bill "to strengthen railroads." The bill originated with the power for the railroad companies.

Northway (R) of Ohio called attention to the fact that the pains and penalties of the bill were all to be imposed on innocent passengers or unauthorized agents.

Many (R) of New York denounced the attempt to railroad through a bill which affected the whole traveling public injuriously.

### CORBETT PRACTICES KNOCK-OUT BLOWS.

### Both Jeffries and Woods Have a Taste of the Champion's Slugging.

### Sent to the Floor Dazed From Hard Knocks on the Chin.

### Fitzsimmons in Excellent Spirits, His Cold Having Almost Entirely Dis- appeared—Work on the Great Arena Rapidly Progressing, and Will Probably be Completed, With the Exception of the Trimmings, by the End of the Week.

CARSON, Feb. 27.—There was a radical change in the weather today, and the thermometer, which had been hovering around zero and frequently below, took a sudden jump just after sunrise, and at noon the mercury touched the forty-four mark. The sun beat down upon the snow-covered hills, playing havoc with what snow remained after yesterday's thaw. Many of the sporting men arrived at the conclusion that life is sometimes worth living even in Nevada. Some of the careless visitors there have a chance to be substituted what the natives called "biled" shirts for sweaters. During the afternoon they were on dress parade along Hackett avenue, which is the favorite promenade of Carson.

P. J. Donahue, who is superintending the construction of Dan Stuart's great arena, had an additional force of workmen at the race track today, and at the conclusion of the day's work nearly half the superstructure was completed. The field, which once four days ago was covered with snow and had not a stick on it, has been transformed by Donahue's men, aided by the sun's rays, into a structure of remarkable size. The contractor expects in another week that his whole job, with the possible exception of a few fancy trimmings, will be finished. His plans call for a structure that will comfortably seat 17,500 persons, but from the looks of the part of the arena already completed, it is doubtful whether 12,000 sporting citizens can witness the entertainment with any degree of comfort.

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When the premier projector of pugilistic enterprises is able to return to the helm a number of pertinent questions will be proposed to him. It is not known exactly how he stands upon the proposition to allow women to see the fight, nor has any official information been offered as to the exact hour of the contest, or arrangements for seating newspaper correspondents.

Jim Corbett went through his regular training and afternoon performance, but acting upon the advice of his trainers, Delaney and White, he abbreviated both periods of work. He said to a representative of the Associated Press, however, that he was only giving the Delaney-White suggestion a fair chance for a few days, and if it is not pleased with the change he said it was his intention to do just as much work as he pleased.

At Cook's ranch, where Fitzsimmons and his retinue of athletes are quartered, there was no startling developments. The cold from the effects of several days has almost entirely disappeared, and he was in excellent spirits all day. The prospect of 12,000 sporting citizens can witness the entertainment with any degree of comfort.

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### GENERAL LEE INSULTED. SCANDALOUS ATTACK ON THE U. S. CONSUL AT HAVANA.

### The Marquis de Palmerola Asserts That He is a Liar, Impostor and Rebel.

### NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A dispatch to the "Herald" from Havana says:

The Marquis de Palmerola made a scandalous attack on General Lee on Wednesday night in the palace in the presence of several newspaper correspondents. The incident arose because the censor refused to pass a dispatch for the correspondents which said that the release of Scott had been demanded because he was both arrested and kept in prison in defiance of the law.

"Who told you that?" shouted General Palmerola, the Secretary of State for the island.

"General Lee," replied a correspondent calmly.

"General Lee is a liar, impostor and rebel," shouted the little Marquis with an oath.

This incident is telegraphed merely to show how the wind is blowing in the palace and to let you see what must be the treatment and position of an ordinary citizen when our Consul-General is reviled openly by one of the heads of the Government here.

### GERMANY ENTANGLED IN THE CRETAN QUESTION.

### The Course of the Government Criticized by a Conservative Leader.

### Will Entail Great Expense, and May Lead to Something Worse.

### Generally Admitted That the New Departure in Foreign Politics is Radically Opposed to Bismarckian Ideas, Colonial Enthusiasts Being the Only Ones Who Express Satis- faction With the Emperor's Pro- ceedings.

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—(Copyrighted, 1897, by the Associated Press.)—It is the opinion in German political circles that the Emperor and the Government have needlessly entangled Germany in the Cretan question and its embarrassing developments. A Reichstag Conservative leader, referring to the subject, said to the correspondent of the Associated Press to-day: "The admission of a training camp for the Kaiser's army, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, that German interests are in no wise involved in the Orient argues plainly against the recent course of the Government, which will make us no friends but only enemies, and which will entail considerable expense to us, if it leads to nothing worse."

This opinion is shared by nine out of ten men who meet privately, irrespective of party. It is generally said that this new departure in foreign politics is radically opposed to the old Bismarckian ideas. Even the Centrist press, although anti-Bismarckian, recalls the sounder policies of the Bismarckian regime.

The "Hamburger Nachrichten" strongly protests against the Government's policy in articles evidently from Bismarck's pen, and the only class which express satisfaction with his majesty's proceedings are the colonial enthusiasts, who also favor his gigantic naval schemes.

Delegate Aucker and fifty-seven others have introduced a resolution in the Reichstag granting members a per diem compensation. This time the Agrarians, besides other factions, support it. There is little doubt that it will be passed by a majority. It will then go to the Bundesrath.

Both houses of the Prussian Diet have now approved the bill raising the salaries of teachers in public schools, which will be enforced on April 1st. The new law provides an average increase in the salaries of 20 per cent. and fixes the minimum at 900 marks.

The Government already has begun an agitation for real voters to pass during the next legislative period of the Reichstag. The most important is an increase of the German army on a peace footing beside the big naval projects. The increase in the army amounts to 21,000 men, mainly to comprise the third Battalion, added to the new forty-two regiments which will be formed on April 1st.

Great indignation prevails among Berlin folks at the police order forbidding, after March 3d, all traffic in the streets leading to the site of the national William monument, which is to be unveiled on March 23d. This is interpreted as meaning that the Emperor, a favored few will again be rigidly excluded from the unveiling ceremonies. Even the loyal "National Zeitung" rebels at this. Enormous prices will be paid for places from which to view the ceremonies. Eight thousand marks has already been paid for half-story of a large house overlooking the scene. Eight hundred marks have been paid for single windows, and 200 marks for single seats.

The abscess on the Emperor's knee has been giving him excessive pain, and he had to have fomentations night and day in order to reduce the swelling. The pain commenced a fortnight ago, and his majesty was unable to stand upright for several days. It is commented that this is the Emperor's third case within four years. Professor Bergmann removed a small abscess from his left shoulder in 1894 with the knife.

Cousess Von Griebnow, formerly Miss Ada Rhodes of Savannah, Ga., is the first lady in Germany to enter her trotters for this year's race.

There has been an epidemic of influenza in the military barracks at Berlin, Breslau and Koenigsberg barracks.

The sharpshooting practice of the guard is now proceeding along the line of the Potsdam Railroad, and on Wednesday for a distance of several miles were whistling past the passing trains. One passenger was mortally wounded.

On the occasion of the centenary of March 22d the Emperor will issue an amnesty decree, the provisions of which only exclude murderous and malefactors offenders. Robert Knebes, the American horseman, undergoing imprisonment for racing the horse Bethel on the German turf under the name of Nellie Knebes, will probably be included in the list of pardons.

Count Von Rottenberg, curator of the Bonn University, and son-in-law of late William Walter Phelps, has incurred the wrath of the whole Centrist press and party by a paper on "Melancthon and Liberty of Thought in University Teaching," the "Volkszeitung" and the "Germania" fiercely attacking him.

There have been many cases of explosion of American citizens except from the Reichsland, and in every instance the United States Embassy has been powerless to effect a revocation of the order of expulsion, as the Reichsland is not included in the treaty of 1868 with the North German Federation. Some of the cases of explosion are deserving of sympathy and special consideration, but nothing could be done. For instance, a youth named Remo Guirand of Colmar was visiting his dying parents, when he was turned out of the house and escorted to the frontier by the police. Guirand is a naturalized American, residing at Worcester, Mass.

### Condition of the Treasury. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—To-day's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$215,063,028; gold reserve, \$146,562,505.

### SANTA ROSA'S BICYCLE MEET. SUCCESSFUL OPENING OF THE SPRING CIRCUIT.

### Both MacFarland and Stevens Beat Becker, the National Champion, in the Five-Mile Professional.

### SANTA ROSA, Feb. 27.—The California spring bicycle racing circuit opened here to-day very successfully. Men from all parts of the United States started in the professional races, which was bitterly contested, and won in most cases by inches only. The riding of Zeigler, Loughead and MacFarland was surprising, considering the earliness of the year. The first named carried off the third mile scratch in grand shape, winning from Allan Jones, the San Francisco boy, by a few inches in a desperate race for the tape.

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