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ALL AMERICAN CAPITAL. MR. MORGAN'S WORK A SURPRISE TO EUROPEAN FINANCIERS.

TALK IN LONDON ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE STEEL TRADE—THE SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION.

London, April 13, 1 a. m.—J. Pierpont Morgan continues to thwart the curiosity of English financiers...

England's foreign policy is being sharply criticized by some of the newspapers and reviews which usually support the government.

Lord Lansdowne's attitude with regard to China is particularly objected to, and it is urged that the time has come for England to make some sign that she is conscious that her interests in the Yangtze Valley entitle her to assert the same pre-eminence there that Russia asserts in Manchuria.

The police authorities are vainly struggling to discover a remedy for the congestion of traffic in the streets of London.

There is the usual lull in the publishers' trade, and the autumn lists are in course of preparation.

MORGAN TALKS OF STEEL TRUST.

BELIEVES IT WILL NOT INJURE THE TRADE IN ENGLAND OR GERMANY.

London, April 12.—J. Pierpont Morgan in an interview with a London reporter is quoted as saying he thought the Steel Trust would have a steady effect on the British steel market, and rather more favorable than otherwise.

Mr. Morgan courteously declined to discuss the joint any further.

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AGAINST PLATT AMENDMENT

THE CUBAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PLACES ITSELF ON RECORD.

Havana, April 12.—The Cuban Constitutional Convention placed itself upon record to-day by voting on a resolution that the convention should declare itself opposed to the amendment "on account of the terms of some of the clauses, and the way in which they are drawn, and also on account of the contents of others, especially Clauses III, VI and VII."

The Conservatives assert that this action is embarrassing, inasmuch as it practically ties the hands of any commission that might be sent to Washington.

The legal authorities have granted permission to Charles F. W. Neely to sell the brickyard and land in Havana standing in his name.

ANGRY AT CAPTAIN YOUNG.

HIS IMPRISONMENT OF TWO CUBANS FOR LIBEL STIRS UP FEELING IN HAVANA.

Havana, April 12.—The men sentenced to prison by Captain Young yesterday have been released. Americans and Cubans declare the imprisonment a great outrage and it will have a bad effect throughout the island.

As told in a special cable dispatch to The Tribune from Havana yesterday, Captain Lucien Young, Captain of the Port of Havana, sentenced Secundino Torral de Garcia and Julio Urrutia, editor and director of "El Estivador," to sixty and thirty days respectively in Alcazar Prison, for a libelous article, in which it was said that Young held when he sent General Wood a copy of the paper purporting to contain the agreement with the stevedores for some time under Major Lord, but is now reappointed as a purely civil official.

A CUBAN DEPUTY AUDITOR.

Washington, April 12.—Another step toward the establishment of full civil government in Cuba was taken to-day by the appointment by General Wood of Ernest Fontes y Sterling as deputy auditor of the island.

CHINA'S ABILITY TO PAY.

COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS BELIEVE THEY CAN SECURE \$300,000,000.

Peking, April 12.—The committee of ministers which is considering China's financial resources has learned from the information thus far obtainable that \$300,000,000 can be raised without injuring China's resources.

The discussion of politics has this week given place to amusements, beginning with the German races at the Hunting Park on Monday last.

The ministers openly express their desire that the frontier troops leave Peking. They are seemingly as anxious for the departure as were the besieged ministers anxious for the arrival of the troops.

WANT TRADE RATHER THAN MONEY.

BRITISH VIEW OF THE BEST WAY TO SECURE INDEMNITY FROM CHINA.

London, April 12.—Great Britain has not yet definitely estimated the money indemnity she desires China to pay.

Trade prospects are extremely gloomy. Chinese importers and wholesale dealers are fearful, owing to the disturbed state of the country and the uncertainty as to the future.

AMERICANS IN A ROBBER BAND.

Beilin, April 12.—According to a dispatch from Peking, dated yesterday, to the "Kölnische Zeitung," a robber band of four Americans and four Chinese was recently captured by a German outpost at Tung-Kia-Fu, west of Tien-Tsin.

EXTRA INSURANCE ON VESSELS FOR ORIENT

San Francisco, April 12.—"The Examiner" says that vessels bound from this coast to Chinese and Japanese ports must carry extra insurance and have been put on a "war risk" basis.

TALK OF BIG COTTON GOODS TRUST.

REPORT FROM NEW-ORLEANS DOUBTED BY MEN IN THE TRADE HERE.

New-Orleans, April 12 (Special).—Cotton houses in this city have received private advices from New-York that a billion-dollar cotton mill trust is being organized and that the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co. is interested in the syndicate.

J. H. Lane, Captain F. Norton Goddard and other men prominent in the cotton goods trade in this city said last evening that they knew nothing about the formation of such a trust. They said they did not believe the report.

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INDEMNITY FROM CHINA.

THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES THAT DEMANDS OF THE POWERS BE CUT DOWN ONE-HALF.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Washington, April 12.—The United States has set an example to the ten other powers taking part in the conference at Peking by instructions to Commissioner Rockhill to announce the readiness of this government to cut its indemnity in half if the other nations will make similar reductions.

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CALLS IT UNWISE CHARITY

BENEFIT FOR "BREAD LINE" MEN SEVERELY CRITICIZED BY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY.

"To give bread or lodgings at stated times and in places which are announced to all who are willing to accept them is dangerous and demoralizing, and even more demoralizing and dangerous is it to raise a special fund by a 'benefit' to promote such schemes."

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LEFT \$10,000 FOR PET DOG.

MISS ELLEN A. GRIFFIN, RICH RECLUSE, DIES IN BOARDING HOUSE.

Miss Ellen A. Griffin, who years ago was prominent in social circles in New-York, died yesterday morning in a plainly furnished room at No. 57 East Eleventh-st. Curled up at the foot of the bed upon which she lay was a little black and tan dog, Dandy Jim, and swinging in a cage near the window was a canary, both of which had been her only companions for many years.

A few days before Miss Griffin died she sent for Mr. Lord, of the law firm of Lord, Day & Lord, and instructed him to draw her will. The only special bequest in that instrument was one of \$10,000, which she gave to Mary McGivney, the housekeeper of the house in which she lived, for the care and maintenance of Dandy Jim, her pet dog, to the end of his days.

Miss Griffin's father had a home, Magnolia Cottage, at New-Brighton, Staten Island, near that of Commodore Vanderbilt.

It is said that a love affair was the primary cause of Miss Griffin's retirement from social life and her subsequent hermitic habits.

The story goes that she became engaged to a cousin, but that because of the relationship the families objected to the match, and it was broken off.

SAYS TEWKSBURY WILL PAY.

FUGITIVE BANKER HAS MADE A NEW FORTUNE IN MEXICO, HIS LAWYER DECLARES.

B. Gerson Oppenheim, of No. 265 Broadway, attorney for Lewis G. Tewksbury, who fled to Mexico last July, leaving debts amounting to \$600,000, announced yesterday that he would advise to-morrow for a meeting of his client's creditors, to inform them that they would be paid in full by Tewksbury.

Mr. Oppenheim has just returned from the City of Mexico, where he conferred with his client. He told an interesting story of Tewksbury's career since his disappearance.

"Leaving here with a trifle over \$5,000 in his pocket," said Mr. Oppenheim, "this adventurous man went to Chicago to adjust some mining difficulties in which he was involved. Instead of returning East, as he promised his friends he would do, he established himself in princely style in an office in the City of Mexico.

According to his statement he succeeded in securing important government contracts from President Diaz. He amassed a fortune sufficiently large to enable him to arrange for the full settlement of his debts here. He has already paid in full the claim of \$15,000 of my former client, W. B. Johnson. The remaining creditors are mostly New-York men. The largest individual claim against Tewksbury is \$50,000.

"Now, unless he makes a success of his operations in Mexico will be recognized as the fugitive banker. He had concealed his identity upon the assumed name of Louis Thorne. He is now in the mining business in South America."

Tewksbury had a banking and brokerage office at No. 72 Broadway, and several uptown offices. He was one of the best known bucket shop proprietors in the city.

The original attachment was brought against him last July by W. B. Johnson, the judgment being perfected in the following October.

LOOMIS MAY HAVE TO EXPLAIN.

OFFICIALS HOPE HE WILL REPUDIATE SOME OF HIS ALLEGED UTTERANCES.

Washington, April 12.—The various interviews ascribed to Minister Loomis at San Juan have attracted much attention here, and the minister will probably be invited to explain some of his utterances, if he is not able to deny the accuracy of the interviews. Reflections on the personal character of the President of Venezuela are not regarded as proper, according to official etiquette, and it is confidently hoped that Mr. Loomis will be able to repudiate them. Otherwise it would manifestly be impossible for him to return to Venezuela, even if the issues which led to his departure were satisfactorily settled.

The belief prevails here that, no matter how personal the questions are asked, it will be long time before a United States Minister resumes the post at Caracas.

FAIRQUHAR'S FLEET COMING HOME.

Washington, April 12.—The Navy Department announced to-day that the North Atlantic Squadron, now at Culebra Island, is due to arrive at Hampton Roads on April 23 or 24. This sets at rest the rumors that the squadron is to be sent to Venezuelan waters.

THE NEW-MEXICO OIL FIELD.

MUCH EXCITEMENT OVER DISCOVERY—COMPANIES BEING ORGANIZED.

El Paso, Tex., April 12 (Special).—The excitement here over the discovery of oil at Deming, N. M., near El Paso, is growing every day. The announcement of the discovery was made public on Tuesday, and already more than one hundred prospectors are on the ground, taking up claims and investigating. The Okeffe Company, which made the discovery, has been chartered, with a capital of \$50,000, and has already let contracts for boring wells. The first discovery was made by the United States Geological Survey, which treated the ground with a needle drill at a depth of six hundred feet and pushed out the top going twenty feet above the surface. There is no question as to the existence of the oil, and spectators are crowding into the field from every town in this region. Every train out of El Paso is crowded with prospectors, and to-morrow two more companies will be organized, with an aggregate capital of \$1,000,000. The oil field is seventy miles from El Paso.

HE MAY LEARN TO TALK AGAIN.

PART OF BROOKLYN LECTURER'S TONGUE SUCCESSFULLY REMOVED.

William H. Crampton, adventurer, ex-policeman and lecturer, who spent Thursday talking into a phonograph at his home, No. 48 Thirteenth-st., Brooklyn, in order that he might still lecture—by proxy—after his tongue had been removed by the surgeons at the Seney Hospital, passed through the operation successfully yesterday afternoon. When Crampton was put under the knife it was found that the cancer, which affected the tongue, had not spread as far as had been supposed. A portion only of the tongue was taken out. A diagonal cut was made, and the front section of the member, back nearly to where it joins the lower jaw, was removed. One of the doctors said last night that when the nerves shall have been revitalized in the stump, Mr. Crampton may be able to talk again, after a fashion.

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CONFERENCE ON CHARTER.

POSSIBLE CHANGES TO BE MADE IN THE REVISION BILL.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Albany, April 12.—It was the general belief of prominent Republican members of the legislature to-day that when Governor Odell returns from New-York he will give expression to an opinion that certain amendments should be made to the New-York Charter Revision Bill.

The Governor left here at 2:35 o'clock this afternoon, but early in the day the fact became known, which had hitherto been kept a secret, that he held a "council of war" last night in the Executive Chamber with Speaker Nixon, Senator Higgins, Senator Ellisworth, Senator Stranahan, Senator Krum, Assemblyman Aldis and Assemblyman Keyser, at which the Charter Revision bill was considered and the amendments suggested to it were discussed.

Most of those in attendance at this conference are said to have favored the signing of the bill by the Governor, and then the passage of a supplementary act containing amendments thought necessary to the measure.

The supplementary act or a series of such acts amending the act would, of course, be sent to Mayor Van Wyck for his signature, and that individual would have a chance to veto them, but it is thought since most of the amendatory legislation would be recommended by him, he could not in all conscience veto the measure.

OPPOSED TO PRIVATE SCHOOL GRANTS.

The amendment to the Charter Revision act which met with most favor was one that will eliminate the provision giving to the Board of Education authority to grant public school funds to private schools. It is felt by many Republicans that this is a dangerous authority to grant to that board; that it would be better to reserve it to the legislature, as is the case at present.

Another supplementary act which is likely to be passed