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HARD TIMES IN GERMANY.

WHY BERLIN HAS FELT THEM SEVERELY.

CITY GAY FOR EMPEROR'S BIRTHDAY—LIVELY AMERICAN COLONY.

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Banking combinations under the leadership of Berlin financiers have huddled the resources of capital, and trade syndicates have steadied foreign commerce by limiting production...

The most encouraging sign of this week has been the remarkable demonstration that the empire has enormous reserves of capital and credit which are awaiting the restoration of confidence...

The industrial depression of the last twelve months has resembled the financial revolution of 1871 in the United States, with the important exception that the collapse of all business interests, although generally apprehended, has not happened...

Cautious financiers, who have been wondering whether the bottom would fall out of everything, are now convinced that the resumption of business activities is impending.

Even more effective objections come from the Socialists and National Liberals, who inveigh against increased taxation on imported food...

It is now an open question whether any combination of the groups in the Reichstag is practicable for securing the passage of a tariff bill with increased protection for agricultural products...

The entertainment of the Prince of Wales will not be a mere business or stateless. There has been no breach of the relations of the two royal houses, and the Emperor has too true an insight in forecasting the trend of race tendencies...

Americans are represented by the Continental Journal as receiving ardent attentions from two jealous suitors, each eager to supplant the other. According to some cynical humorists, it is a game of "Coddin's the friend, not Short."

There is no evidence of anything save friendly feeling in the relations of Germany and the United States. The canal question has not been raised in any form at Berlin. There are no signs in Germany of hostility toward the American acquisition of the Danish West Indies...

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Announcement was made yesterday afternoon that ex-Mayor Edward Cooper, his sister, Miss Sarah Amelia Cooper, and ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt and his family had given \$600,000 as an endowment fund to Cooper Union. This announcement was made by Mr. Hewitt shortly after he had confirmed the report that Andrew Carnegie last week gave \$300,000, also as an endowment fund, to the same institution...

The various branches of the Organization Alliance Française express the desire that the full official correspondence should be disclosed, in the firm belief that the friendly attitude at that period of the French Government toward the United States will thereby be established beyond any doubt.

Notwithstanding the difficulty with which French diplomacy is confronted, namely, with proving a negative—that is to say, in demonstrating that France was never a party to any joint or collective proposal of intervention—those who originally selected the Paris cable service of The Tribune as the medium of putting the Continental case before the American public, and which has resulted in drawing from Lord Cranborne and from the foreign offices of the European capitals so much light on this point of history, now disclaim the endeavor to prove too much. They admit that England's friendship toward the United States in the spring of 1898 was unquestioned and patent to the world, but what they object to is that the frequently reiterated protestations of that friendship should invariably be coupled with assertions that the governments of France and Russia during the spring of 1898 were unfriendly toward the United States.

They declare that General Porter, at present in St. Petersburg, is cognizant of facts which, if he deems the moment opportune to disclose them, would furnish ample testimony to the good will of the French Cabinet toward the United States in the March and April previous to the Spanish-American War, and while the war lasted. It is pointed out that in March and April, 1898, there was extreme tension between the cabinets of France and England about the Niger question, and also between the cabinets of Russia and England, owing to the occupation of a port in China. The Austrian and Spanish ambassadors at the Court of St. James are accused of profiting by this tension, and making Mr. Balfour, who conducted the negotiations in Downing Street at the time, believe that there really did exist a coalition of the Continental powers.

NO FEARS FOR MANCHURIA.

RUSSIA'S POLICY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Peking, Jan. 25.—The Manchurian treaty is expected to be signed within a week. The diplomats here do not manifest much interest in it, as they do not believe any written treaties will in the slightest degree affect the policy of Russia in Manchuria. A separate contract with the Russo-Chinese Bank secures to the bank complete control of the railroads and mines.

TRANSFER OF CANTON CUSTOMS.

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Canton, Jan. 25.—The native customs will be transferred to the Imperial Maritime Department about February 20.

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Miss Tully remembers Roman Catholics in her will. Boston, Jan. 25.—The will of Miss Cecelia Tully, who in this city lived at No. 45 East Newton-st., which was filed in the Suffolk Probate office on Friday, contains about \$65,000 in bequests, among which are \$500 each to the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Home for Destitute Catholic Children, the House of the Good Shepherd, and the Carmel Hospital; \$1,000 to the Religious Society of the Sisters of Mount Carmel; \$2,000 to the Working Boys' Home; \$10,000 to Archbishop Williams, to be devoted to the use of St. John's Seminary; \$20,000 to Woodstock College, \$5,000 to the Apostolic College, County Limerick, Ireland; \$1,000 to the Biante Fathers Novitiate at Dublin, and \$4,000 to the trustees of Boston College for two scholarships.

REPORT ABOUT HARTLEY ESTATE.

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WELL INFORMED PERSONS DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT HAS ALL BEEN LEFT TO ONE GRANDSON. There were reports in circulation yesterday that the estate of Marcellus Hartley would amount to \$200,000, and that by the terms of his will the bulk of the estate would go to Marcellus Hartley Dodge, his grandson, who is twenty-one years old and a member of the junior class in Columbia University. Persons in position to be well informed said last evening that the reports probably were not true. At the same time it was said that the estate of Mr. Hartley probably would be found to be larger by many millions than it was generally believed to be at the time of his death.

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