

TO REVISE FINANCIAL LAWS.

VIGOROUS BUT QUIET CAMPAIGN AT THE DOORS OF CONGRESS.

The Fact Unobserved Until After Speaker Henderson's Dinner at the Metropolitan Club, Where the Subject Was Discussed by A. B. Steikney, the Guest of Honor, and Hugh Hanna of Indiana.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Owing to the absorbing interest in the controversy in the Ways and Means committee of the House and in the conference rooms of the Senate over the question of tariff concessions to China and in the efforts of a certain faction of the Republican party to attach tariff legislation to the bill repealing the internal revenue war taxes, the fact has been almost entirely lost sight of that a masterful campaign for a revision of the financial laws has been inaugurated at the very doors of Congress.

Silently but in great numbers the enemy has come upon the capital, and before the Administration and its friends in Congress, who are anxious that there shall be no tinkering with the financial laws, were aware of their approach, the army of financial experts had dug their trenches, thrown up their earthworks and had prepared to lay siege to the city.

The knowledge that the cohorts had arrived and were knocking at the gates came to the ears of the rank and file yesterday, when one or two newspapers published the fact that Speaker Henderson had the night before been the host at a dinner at the Metropolitan Club, from which he had but recently resigned, but to which he returned when it was discovered that his resignation had been presented owing to a little misunderstanding such as often happens among club members.

The guest of honor at the dinner was A. B. Steikney of Milwaukee, President of the Chicago Great Western Railway Company and a well-known writer and speaker on financial subjects, and the other guests were Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island, chairman of the Finance Committee; Representative Fowler of New Jersey, chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency; Representative Hill of Connecticut, a member of the same committee and also of Coinage, Weights and Measures; Representative Southard of Ohio, chairman of the last named committee; Representative Dalzell and Grosvenor of the Committee on Rules; Representative Overstreet, who was secretary of the Atlantic City committee that prepared and submitted a report on the gold standard measure that bears his name; Representatives Payne and Babcock, also members of that committee; Representative Cannon, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations; Representatives Hepburn and Smith of Iowa, and last, but not least, Mr. Hugh Hanna, chairman of the Indianapolis Monetary Conference, which still seems to be an active organization, as it has permanent headquarters in this city and never ceases its missionary work in behalf of financial reforms.

Nothing was said in advance as to the object of this gathering of financial luminaries, except that the speaker was expected to discuss the subject. Soon after they were seated, however, it was discovered that they were there to discuss a general revision of the laws which govern the currency system and the best way of educating Congress up to the point of making them. After a little preliminary talk, the oratory began, and from the very meagre reports that can be obtained it is easy to see that it must have been edifying and enlightening.

The first speaker was the guest of honor, Mr. Steikney, whose financial views are well known from his writings, and particularly through his recent address at the Milwaukee, at which he outlined a plan for causing elasticity of the currency by a system of bank credits that would create a general reserve fund to be drawn upon whenever any one bank in the combination should need it. He was listened to with great attention and paved the way for the new financial system that he proposed, which was rather brief in his remarks and confined himself particularly to suggesting various plans by which United States funds can be raised and secured other than by a cess of bonds.

Mr. Hanna made a very extended address, suggesting many changes in the present law, any one of which might be adopted as a means of avoiding financial stringency. Chairman Fowler of the Banking and Currency Committee, also had a few things to say, but he did not seem to any great extent however as he was not inclined to take the gathering into his confidence with regard to the terms of a general financial scheme which he is now preparing and which will soon be reported to the House of Representatives. Mr. Hill of Connecticut and Mr. Overstreet of Indiana also said some more or less practical ideas about what Congress ought to do on this important subject, and Uncle Joe Cannon and Glen Grosvenor let loose a few historical fireworks that were highly entertaining, if they were not entirely pertinent to the subject under discussion.

When it was getting late and almost everybody had delivered himself of his particular panacea for financial distress, one of the guests who had been rather quiet during the evening, but whose advice is generally regarded as sound, was called upon to speak, and under protest did so. His remarks were very brief, however, and were confined to a few sentences of a very famous man who once gave his friend a sage piece of advice to this effect:

There are three subjects that you should not discuss too persistently, or should not allow yourself to become too greatly interested in— theology, spiritualism and politics. Men have been known to get paralytic from thinking and talking too much on these subjects.

After this it was thought to be high time that the meeting should break up, and it did so. The matter in hand was not dropped, however, and yesterday and today the financial missionaries have been hard at work in the conference rooms of the Capitol, conferring with members of the Finance Committee and other leaders there, and impressing upon them the lessons taught in the speech of the speaker.

Mr. Hanna has been particularly busy in urging his views and those of the other officers in the army of financial reformers. He has been in conference with Senators Aldrich and Allison of the Finance Committee.

To the Sun's correspondent Mr. Hanna said to-day that the House Committee on Banking and Currency would soon report a bill, which he thinks will present a wise scheme of amendment to the present financial laws, and he hoped that it would be passed by the House promptly, in which case he thought the Senate might be ready to take up the subject. Mr. Hanna said that there should be a strengthening of the gold standard policy, and he favored a law that would make silver certificates

METROPOLITAN'S VAST PLANS SAID TO INCLUDE CONTROL OF RAPID TRANSIT HEREABOUTS.

The Underground, the Elevated, the Brooklyn and North Jersey Lines May All Be Brought Under One Management—Details of New Financing Company.

It is now expected that some official announcement as to the plans of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company to finance their projects will be made early next week. It was reported yesterday in Wall Street that the name of the new company will be the Manhattan Securities Company, its primary purpose being to finance the unfunded debt of the Metropolitan and to meet the company's new capital requirements.

That its scope may extend further and that it will be organized so as to permit it ultimately to take over the Rapid Transit Subway, the Manhattan Elevated Railway and the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company is believed in many quarters in the financial district. Another idea is that the Metropolitan Street Railway Company is preparing to obtain control of several northern New Jersey traction companies and will help to back the enterprise of finishing the old tunnel under the Hudson River, to complete which the Jersey City and New York Railway Company has been incorporated.

This is the way the status of the new Metropolitan Securities Company was figured in Wall Street yesterday:

For immediate purposes the new company is to raise \$30,000,000, of which about \$10,000,000 is to be provided by stock identified with the new company, while \$20,000,000 will come from Metropolitan stockholders, who are to be allowed to take 40 shares in the new company for each 100 shares of Metropolitan which they now own, or, in the event that stockholders should not take their full share, the amount will be furnished by the underwriting syndicate.

The \$30,000,000 thus obtained is to be used in making contracts for the purchase of the Metropolitan company and in converting about eighty miles of horse car lines into mechanical traction. The new company will guarantee 7 per cent. on Metropolitan stock. It is expected it will receive from the Metropolitan company some of the assets of that company, which will be used as the basis of additional financing.

Proposals of the belief that one scheme of the Metropolitan interests is to obtain control of the North Jersey traction companies the announcement of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company a few days ago of its intention to connect its system with the terminal at the Hudson River Tunnel, which the Jersey City and New York Railway Company will finish, was interesting.

Published in THE SUN yesterday that the terminal station of the tunnel is to occupy the block bounded by Greenwich, Hudson, Christopher and West Tenth streets, the block immediately adjacent to the Metropolitan stock, is stated yesterday. Several speculative purchases of nearby property have been made in the neighborhood of the terminal, and it is expected that the contemplated location of the terminal, Daniel B. Freedman, a real estate operator, has bought 314 and 316 West Tenth, through Horace S. Ely & Co., and Alvan W. Perry, and these brokers announce that they have also bought 323 and 325 Hudson street to other clients.

CLEVELAND ELECTRIC LEASE. Proposition Made, It Is Said, by Widener-Elkins People.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 7.—H. R. Newman, chairman of the Board of Directors, made this statement to-night regarding the reported lease of the big Consolidated Electric Railway here, which is owned by the Everett-Moore syndicate and others:

We have received proposition from people who, we believe, represent the Widener-Elkins-Dolan syndicate for the lease of this property. The proposition is drawn up in writing and Mr. Everett favors accepting the proposition. There is the matter of the lease, but the proposition is drawn up in writing and Mr. Everett favors accepting the proposition. There is the matter of the lease, but the proposition is drawn up in writing and Mr. Everett favors accepting the proposition.

BOER GENERALS' ODD REQUEST. Asks President's Permission to Attack British Mule Camp Near New Orleans.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Gen. Samuel Pearson, late of the Boer Army, who has been in the country for a year engaged in working out sentiment for the Boer cause, has sent communication to President Roosevelt indicating an intention to organize an armed force of Boer sympathizers in New Orleans to attack a camp established by British military agents near that city, whence horses and mules are shipped to the British Army in South Africa.

TRIAL HELD BY TELEPHONE. The Judge Sees Miles From the Prisoner—All Satisfied With the Result.

MOUNT VERNON, Ky., Feb. 7.—A trial held over a telephone took place here yesterday. Judge Durham, a Magistrate of the Wilde district, was in this place, and was called up by telephone by Constable Jones who had a prisoner at Wilde, charged with breach of the peace. The trial was held over a telephone, including County Attorney Bethurum, agreed to proceed with the trial, though the court was seven miles from the prisoner. The phone was used for the testimony.

Woman Senseless in the Subway Trench. All Dead from Suffocation.

A woman who is believed to be Alvah Sederstrom of 342 Lexington avenue was found unconscious in the subway excavation at Sherman Square at midnight last night. She had evidently fallen the whole distance of forty feet to the bottom of the trench. She is in the Presbyterian Hospital in a critical condition.

CAPT. THOMAS BUYS A HOUSE. Costs \$100,000—Made It in Speculation. He Says, Not in the Tenderloin.

Police Captain Andrew J. Thomas, now in command of the West Twentieth street station, recently purchased the Iowa seventy apartment house in West 104th street, between Columbus and Amsterdam avenues. He paid \$100,000 for it.

Capt. Thomas was in command of the Tenderloin station when that precinct was "wide open" under Tammany rule. He was reported yesterday in Wall Street as having been on the force since 1879. A police captain's salary is \$2,750 a year.

When reporters asked Capt. Thomas yesterday if he had saved so much money out of his salary the captain said he had followed the advice of some good friends and made his money in speculation. Senator Thomas C. Platt, the captain said, once told him to buy Tennessee Coal and Iron stock. He followed the Senator's advice and made quite a profit. Capt. Thomas said he had bought the apartment house because he thought it would be a good investment, being near the line of the Rapid Transit tunnel.

ROOSEVELT JR. HAS PNEUMONIA. GROTON SCHOOL CLOSED; SIXTY YOUNG MEN GO TO HOMES.

President's Wife Leaves Washington to Be With Her Son—President Curtains Charleston Trip and May Abandon It—12 Cases, One Death at School.

GROTON, Mass., Feb. 7.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., the President's oldest son, has pneumonia. He is in the hospital of the Groton preparatory school, where he has been a student, but is not regarded as being dangerously ill. Mrs. Roosevelt, however, who telegraphed the news, at once left Washington and will be at her son's bedside to-morrow morning.

To-night the President telegraphed Dr. Endicott Peabody, head of the institution, asking that he be kept informed of the serious condition throughout the night if alarming symptoms should develop. He also had a talk with Dr. Peabody over the long-distance telephone.

There is much reticence at the Groton School regarding young Theodore's condition. Peabody refused to-night to see newspaper men, begging in his ever-courteous way that he be excused, as he would be busy until midnight.

Groton School has been ordered closed, pneumonia has taken hold of the young students and Teddy Roosevelt is but one of the dozen who are confined in the hospital. The parents of all have been notified and those who have not already arrived are expected to-morrow.

CAT AND DOG SLAUGHTER. Anti-Smallpox Schutzverein Going On in Plymouth Township.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 7.—The killing of cats and dogs in Plymouth township to prevent their spreading smallpox germs, as it is believed they have done, started to-day. Instead of the eighty men expected, however, the authorities allowed only fifteen to kill.

A number of people, fearing that promiscuous shooting by eighty men would endanger life, protested against the plan, and the killing will now be done by fifteen good shots. About fifty dogs and a dozen cats were killed this afternoon.

SMALLPOX IN YERKES HOUSE. Engineer Falls Ill With the Disease—Workmen There Vaccinated.

The Health Board learned yesterday that Michael Fallon, a smallpox patient, who was removed from Bellevue Hospital late on Thursday night, had been working at 864 Fifth avenue, the house owned by Charles T. Yerkes, who is now abroad. Mrs. Yerkes is living in the house.

Two hundred workmen are now employed there making alterations and additions in the building, and the health board has ordered that all the men in the city who are in contact with the workmen as were willing to undergo the operation. They did not think it necessary to vaccinate Mrs. Yerkes.

Health Commissioner Lederer is determined to have every person in this city vaccinated, if possible. Yesterday he sent copies of this letter to the head of every city department to secure the vaccination of all the employees in your department who have not been recently vaccinated.

RIOT IN A RAILROAD CAR. Passengers Exposed to Smallpox Fight Against Vaccination.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 7.—The Iron Mountain train due here at 3:30 P. M. was held three hours north of Desota while the train crew quelled a riot, and a physician vaccinated every passenger in one coach. A physician was bringing two sick negroes to St. Louis for treatment. They occupied seats in front of another coach, who was traveling alone. The doctor discovered symptoms of smallpox in this passenger and notified the conductor.

FREIGHT STEAMERS AFOUL. Forest Brook Hits Her Bow Plates Off and Puts Back to Port.

The British freight steamer Forest Brook, bound for Hamburg, while turning into Gedney's Channel yesterday, fouled the outgoing oil carrier Snowflake. About ten of the Forest Brook's plates on the starboard bow were stove and she put back to port. The shipper of the Forest Brook says the suction of the deeply laden oil tank drew his ship against the quarter of the Snowflake, which was taking an effort to turn the channel buoy together.

MRS. ELAND REMARRIES. Widow of Hotel Man Becomes the Wife of William James Elias.

William James Elias, son of Henry Elias, the lawyer, and Katherine Anne Eland, the widow of Warren F. Eland, who was proprietor of the Hotel Grenoble, were married yesterday at the Hotel Grenoble. Mr. Elias is Vice-President of the Elips Building Association in East Fifty-fourth street. The bride and bridegroom both live at the Grenoble Hotel.

WALKED ON RIVER DANUBE. Capt. Grossman, Towing His Wife in a Boat, Covered Twenty Miles in a Day.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. VIENNA, Feb. 7.—Capt. Grossman started on Thursday from Linz for Vienna, a distance of 100 miles, walking on the surface of the River Danube on shoes invented by himself. He covered twenty miles on Thursday, towing his wife in a boat. He was therefore unable to make anywhere near the speed he expected. It is stated that the peasants along the banks were terrified by the strange spectacle.

TRAMPLED IN BRIDGE CRUSH. William Dick the Second Victim in Three Days of the Frantic Rush for Cars.

In the usual rush at the Bridge entrance in the early evening yesterday William Dick of 64 Macdonald street, Brooklyn, a transfer agent who has offices at 106 Franklin street, was thrown on the platform of a car and may be badly injured.

Mr. Dick had just got one foot on the platform of a Putnam avenue car when the crowd behind lifted him off his feet. His head struck the stanchion on the car platform. The crowd trampled on his chest and legs.

Policeman Strebel pushed his way through and managed to get hold of Dick. He was bleeding from the nose and ears. The policeman and several of the guards carried him to the temporary hospital under the Bridge, where he was treated by Dr. C. H. Haffner of Ninety-seventh street and Amsterdam avenue, who happened to be in the crowd. It was some time before Dick revived sufficiently to go home. Dr. Haffner expressed the opinion that the man may be injured internally.

TALL TOWER FOR TESLA. Inventor's Long Island Station for Wireless Telegraphy Nearing Completion.

WARDENCLIFF, L. I., Feb. 7.—Work is being pushed on the plant here for Tesla. The power house, built of pressed brick and 100 feet square, is completed, and the big tower is under course of construction. The tower will be 100 feet in diameter at the base and 216 feet high. It will be 80 feet wide at the top. The materials used are wood and iron. Inside the tower will be a well 120 feet deep, with a staircase leading down into it. Transversely across the bottom of the well will be a series of four tunnels, each 100 feet long. These are being excavated now. The electrical plant is nearly finished, and Mr. Tesla, it is stated, expects to be ready to begin experiments in wireless telegraphy in the early spring.

BURNED IN A HUNTING CAMP. Charles Gould, Maine Canoe Builder, Dead and Two Mortally Injured.

BANGOR, Me., Feb. 7.—Word was received this morning from Ingal's Sliding, on the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad, of the burning of the famous "Long A" sporting camp, owned by George Gould of Bangor. It took fire from a stove at 2:15 o'clock on morning, and the fire spread so fast that it was quickly consumed.

Charles R. Gould of Bangor was burned to death and two others were badly injured. It is feared that no more than one of the Goulds and his wife escaped with slight burns. George and Charles Gould are known throughout eastern Maine as canoe manufacturers.

BURGLAR IN THE HALLWAY. He and Lawyer Carr Had a Race—Police- man Near and Useful.

George W. Carr, a lawyer of 127 West Seventy-seventh street, entering his house to dress for a night, noticed that the glass in the front door was broken out. He also heard some one inside, and knew that no one ought to be there at the time. He sent a boy for a policeman and waited outside. While he waited a negro ran out. Mr. Carr dashed into the policeman's arms.

West Sixty-eighth street station which he had taken from a room on the second floor. They were recognized by an old-time thief. He was locked up charged with burglary.

SCHLEY ISSUE IN HISTORIES. Kentucky Legislature May Bar School-books That Do Not Call Him Victor.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 7.—Mr. Rigdon of Bracken county has introduced a bill which prohibits the use of any history in the common or graded schools of Kentucky that do not give W. S. Schley the credit of having been the victor in the Battle of Fort Mifflin. The Committee on Education, which is made up of Democrats, reported back the bill to-day and recommended that it be not passed.

GOLD IN ONEIDA COUNTY. Quartz Which, It Is Said, Will Average 800 in Gold to the Ton.

ROME, N. Y., Feb. 7.—Gold has been discovered in Oneida county, on a farm located between the towns of Rome and the village of Oneida. The discovery was made by Peter F. Huginine of Rome, mineralogist. He has in his possession several fine specimens of nuggets, and has analyzed the quartz, which he says will run 800 to the ton. The parties interested are preparing winter quarters in the spring, when they will join Mrs. Roosevelt at Groton at once.

STAGE CARPENTER STOOD. Fireman Objected, Though the Broadway Theatre's Manager Interfered.

A fireman on duty at the Broadway Theatre last night saw Claude Hagan, the chief stage carpenter standing in an aisle. The fireman told Hagan to sit down and get out of the theatre. Mr. Hagan refused to do so, and the fireman called the manager. The manager told Hagan to sit down and get out of the theatre. Hagan refused to do so, and the fireman called the manager. The manager told Hagan to sit down and get out of the theatre.

BEHAVIOR SOLDIERS HOME. Municipal Legislature to Stop Mrs. Johnson's Display.

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820,000 FOR KILLING A MAN. Decision Against J. F. Morgan of Texas for the Death of Mr. Marshall.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 7.—In the Federal District Court here to-day Mrs. Libbie Marshall of Winder, Miss., got \$820,000 damages against J. F. Morgan of Louisiana. The damages were for the alleged killing of her husband by the defendant. The two men were in a quarrel in the street, and the defendant shot the plaintiff. The damages were for the alleged killing of her husband by the defendant.

Magie Pictures for the Children. A Ticket or a Silver Coin Over the Blank Space in the Pictures on the Front Page of the Daily Magazine Section.

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