DANGER FOR AMERICA

POLICY OF IMPERIALISM FRAUGHT WITH THE GRAVEST OF PERILS

GERMANY SOUNDS THE ALARM

Europe Must Now Regard the United States as a Factor in Eastern Politics, and America Must Be Prepared to Meet the Responsibility Assumed — Dissolution of the Dreibund Seems Imminent.

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BERLIN, Dec. 3.—Spain's acceptance of the terms of the United States has, naturally, keenly interested the German government and press, although, adhering to its policy, consistently followed throughout, the government has uttered no opinion, either in interviews or through the medium of the semi-official press. But the newspapers generally admit that hereafter the United States must be seriously reckoned with in international politics and as a colonial power whose push and energy may interfere with the ambitions of other powers. The German papers, therefore, predict frequent political complications for the United States.

The Cologne Gazette attributes Europe's non-interference in the peace negotiations at Paris to mutual jealousies, and expresses the opinion that the Americans will find the new colonies a greater source of trouble than they suspect.

The Lokal Anzieger says that the American government will probably eschew compulsory general military service in America, but that its hired forces will come largely from Cuba, the Philippines, Central and South America and East Asia, "thus reviving the medieval system of mercenary troops."

The Vorwaerts declares that it is already certain that England will find her main competitor in the American as well as in the East Asiatic markets to be not Germany, but the United States, and not merely commercially speaking. The United States is a rising star and between the United States and Great Britain the fight for the exploitations of these districts will begin. The Deutsche Zeitung published a long editorial regretting that Germany had not intervened between Spain and the United States, and concluding as follows:

"And can we obtain nothing of the Spanish colonial estate which is visibly, piece by piece, being sold by auction?"

A bill is proposed to be introduced in the reichstag, as soon as the federal government has approved of it, regulating foreign insurance companies and providing for an imperial bureau in Berlin. The organization proposed will take the regulation of American insurance companies out of the hands of Prussia and the other separate states and place it in the hands of the imperial government, which will be a great improvement for the Americans, as it will provide for a uniform system in Germany.

AN AMERICAN'S PLIGHT.

Mr. Knaak, who has been imprisoned for referring to Emperor William as a "calf's head," is still in jail, despite the efforts of the American embassy and his counsel to release him on bail. They ask that this trial be expedited. It will probably take place before Christmas. Mr. Knaak denied that Emperor William was the person he referred to as a "calf's head," and his counsel have proof that Mr. Knaak on former occasions spoke of the emperor in complimentary terms. It is also claimed that the prisoner was intoxicated at the time the alleged offense was committed.

The emperor is not pleased at the reception he received at the time of reviewing the troops. The cheers came wholly from the soldiers. His majesty observed it, and remarked to the empress loudly enough to be overheard by the crowd:

"This town is the most unpatriotic in Germany. See the reception they are giving me."

In addition to this, the burghers declined to decorate the town on the occasion of the home coming of the emperor. The French flag was hoisted at the French embassy at the time of the emperor's return, and it was emphasized at the time by the fact that the French ambassador, Marquis de Noailles, watched the procession from the balcony of the embassy. This action was exceptional and was significant of the desire of the French government to be on friendly terms with Germany just now. A similar compliment was paid to the emperor by the United States and Russian embassies, which are situated on the Unter den Linden.

The North German Gazette says the empress intends to publish a volume of the photographs taken by herself in the Holy Land, the profits to be devoted to charity.

DREIBUND DOOMED.

The German newspapers are highly indignant over the recent speech of Count Thun Hohenstein, the Austrian premier, in which he threatened in the reichsrath at Vienna to retaliate against Prussia's expulsions of Austrians from the frontier province. Emperor William, however, is said to be very much dissatisfied at the "want of tact" shown by the Prussian officials, and many of them may be replaced. But the action of the Austrian premier is considered very serious, as it is regarded as indicating the attitude of Austria. It is pointed out that Count Thun Hohenstein's speech was intended to please the Czechs and the Poles, who detest the idea of an alliance with Germany, which is bound to suffer by such an incident. Indeed, the idea prevails here that the days of the dreibund are numbered. Several of the Berlin papers express this conviction.

The Cologne Gazette, in an article comparing the navies of Germany and the United States, says that in 1901 the American navy will be larger than the German navy, and it urges the government to push the present shipbuilding scheme so as to get on equal terms with the United States.

Germany, from next April, will have a third secretary at its Washington embassy. Dr. von Holleben, the German ambassador to the United States, sails for New York on Dec. 13. He will be a passenger on board the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, of the North German Lloyd Steamship company.

All the American consuls of Southern Germany gave Gen. Mason a banquet at Frankfort this evening on the occasion of his change from Frankfort-on-the-Main to Berlin.

FATHER AND THREE SONS CURED OF ITCHING RASH

I take pleasure in letting you know how much CUTICURA REMEDIES have done for me, my father and two brothers. In the fall of '95, I began to be afflicted with an itching rash under my chin. It kept spreading until it was all over my body. I could not sleep but was compelled to lie awake and scratch all the time. My father and two brothers were afflicted with the same thing, at the same time. We all suffered terribly for a year and a half, trying in the meantime all the remedies we could find, but received no benefit. I happened to see CUTICURA REMEDIES advertised and how they had cured others from itching skin diseases, and we thought we would try them. I bought three cakes of CUTICURA SOAP and three boxes of CUTICURA (ointment) and they *cured the four of us completely*. Any person doubting the truth of this statement can write me. RICHARD ANDERSON, Feb 22, '98. Geneva, Box Elder Co., Utah.

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WILL WAGE WAR ON THE TOBACCO KINGS

HEAVY FINANCIAL INTERESTS BEHIND THE OPPOSITION TO THE TRUST

Men Identified With the Traction Companies Interested in the Concern—Wall Street Wakes Up to the Signs of Coming War.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—A great tobacco war which will completely overshadow the conflict of millions now going on in sugar trade is about to be fought, between the American Tobacco company, with its creature, the Continental Plug Tobacco company, on the one side and the new Union Tobacco company, recently incorporated at Albany by the Widener-Elkins combine, which owns the controlling interest in the Metropolitan Street Railway company and other great traction interests throughout the United States, on the other.

The true character of the new Union Tobacco company is slowly developing. When news of its incorporation was telegraphed from Albany about six weeks ago, comparatively little attention was paid to it in Wall street, which was then concerning itself with the new Continental company under the auspices of the "tobacco crowd," whose manipulation of the American Tobacco stock was the sensation of the street.

Wall street began to open its eyes, however, when the news came from Albany that $5,000,000 of the Union Tobacco company's capital had been paid up. Then "the street" began to console itself with the idea that the new concern was to be a friendly competitor of the trust.

By and by, however, Wall street's convictions changed to doubts. Rumors came from Louisville, Ky., and Richmond, Va., that agents of the new company were buying up great quantities of tobacco.

Then came the announcement that the National Tobacco company, makers of cigarets, had been absorbed by the new company. That explained the Richmond purchases. Richmond is the market for cigaret tobacco. But what did the new company want with old filled leaf, suitable only for plug tobacco? Wall street guessed in vain.

The mask was dropped and behind it were the millions of P. A. B. Widener and W. L. Elkins, the traction kings. To the consternation of the tobacco crowd, the official announcement was made that William H. Butler, late vice president of the American Tobacco company, had resigned as a director in that company and had been elected president of the new company. All the secrets of the trust were in the hands of its rivals.

Every day there have been developments that startle the friends of the trust. Today came the statement that William Wilson, the agent of the Union Tobacco company, had been dispatched to Louisville to buy a site for the greatest plug tobacco factory in the world.

It is to employ 5,000 hands and have a capacity double that of the American Tobacco company's great Louisville plant.

In a few weeks the smoke of battle will begin to puff from cheaper cigarets all over the land.

PORTLAND VICTIMS.

Six Bodies Taken From Orleans to the Boston Morgue.

BOSTON, Dec. 3.—Six bodies of victims of the Portland wreck were brought from Orleans today to the morgue in this city. Three were subsequently identified. One is that of Fred A. Brown, of Portland; another that of a man named Allen, of Philadelphia, and the other Eva M. Totton, of Portland.

Fishermen report seeing a mast sticking out of the water near Hogshead Rock, off Cohasset, with a man lashed to the rigging. A crew will attempt to cut the body loose and bring it to Cohasset.

Anxiety is felt for the safety of the British schooner Dolphon, Capt. Wyman, and Annie, Capt. Doucette, which left here the Friday before the storm, the former for Church Point, N. S., and the latter for Salmon River, N. S. The San Dolphon is twenty years old, and it is doubtful if she was able to withstand the fearful gale which she must have encountered.

Each vessel carried a crew of about five men. Their cargoes were principally flour.

KILLED HIS BROTHER.

Tragedy Growing Out of a Quarrel Over an Estate.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 3.—At Girard today William Kent shot and killed his brother, Noble Kent, who was on board a train in custody of an officer, having been arrested on a charge of attempting the life of his brother William. The murderer jumped from the train and made his escape. The trouble between the brothers grew out of a quarrel over their father's estate.

MAGOWANS HAVE FLED.

Another Sensational Chapter in the Abduction Case.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 3.—A special from Erie, Pa., says:

"Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Magowan have given their case here another sensational turn by getting out of town, taking with them Mrs. Magowan's child, Edith Beryl Barnes, whose abduction from Cleveland Nov. 14 was the opening act of the present case. The Magowans left some time last night, and it was not until late today that their absence became known. It is generally believed that the Magowans are in Canada."

Accidents to Be Reported.

Strict orders were issued to the police last evening concerning the making of proper record of accidents or casualties occurring throughout the city. The orders set forth what information a policeman is expected to gather and imperatively state that every accident of any kind must be reported to the station where any particular officer is detailed. Neglect to observe the rule laid down, Chief Goss says, will meet with severe discipline.

NO CURRENCY LAW

REPUBLICANS WILL BE ABLE TO DO NOTHING DURING THIS CONGRESS

OPPOSED TO EXTRA SESSION

Congressmen, Especially Those From the West, Urge the President Not to Attempt to Force Matters — Dawes' Report Makes It Almost Certain Nothing Will Be Done With the McCleary Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Republicans generally concede that no serious effort to reform the currency will be made during the life of this congress or the next. Differences between the house and senate as now organized bar the way to financial legislation. While conditions will be different in the Fifty-sixth congress, the Republican leaders say it will be unwise to agitate the money question at the threshold of a presidential campaign. Besides, they argue that there is no use trying to bring about monetary reform when the financial doctors cannot agree as to the remedies and the methods of treatment. The politicians think the report of Comptroller Dawes has made it impossible to pass either the McCleary bill or the bill proposed by Secretary Gage.

Although the comptroller denies that he directed his argument especially against the Gage measure, the politicians accept his denial with many grains of allowance. They believe the comptroller's criticisms were aimed directly at the monetary reform plan submitted to congress by the secretary more than a year ago. Mr. Gage is not popular with the politicians of his own party. They resented his appointment on the ground that he was not a loyal Republican, and he has never done anything in office which has met their approval. Mr. Gage has not been regarded as a part of the administration. He has occupied an isolated position, and a more sensitive man would have resigned long ago.

MR. GAGE NOT POPULAR.

He has avoided coming in contact with the politicians as much as possible. Matters of patronage were turned over to Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, because Mr. Gage did not care to be bothered with applicants for office.

When Senator Wolcott assailed the secretary on the floor of the senate last winter his utterances were vociferously applauded by the Republicans. It was thought President McKinley would manage in some way to let the country understand he did not approve of Wolcott's attack on the head of the treasury department, but the president did nothing of the kind. Mr. Gage has been left alone to fight his own battles, but he apparently is well satisfied with his environments.

It is now said that President McKinley read and indorsed the report of Comptroller Dawes before it was published. If this is true, it shows that Mr. McKinley and his secretary of the treasury are not agreed on questions of finance. There is nothing new in this, however, as it has been pretty well understood for some time that the president did not share Mr. Gage's financial views.

The Republican members of congress are doing everything in their power to convince the president it would be a mistake to call an extra session next spring. They are likewise trying to persuade him that no good can possibly result from an agitation of the currency question prior to the campaign of 1900. Every senator or representative who comes to Washington hurries over to the White house to give Mr. McKinley the benefit of his views on both propositions. It is true the Republicans profess that they would like to do something to advance the cause of monetary reform, but they insist that the conditions will not be favorable to financial legislation during the next two years.

WAR INQUIRY BOARD.

Capt. McKay Denies Ugly Stories About Government Transports.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—At today's session of the war investigating commission the examination of Capt. McKay, who was in charge of the transports of the Santiago expedition, was continued.

Capt. McKay also superintended the embarkation of the troops which came north from Santiago after the surrender, and he indignantly denied many of the published statements regarding the filthy condition of the transports. He cited the case of the Alleghany particularly. The condition of that vessel had been criticised especially. Yet, he insisted, it was one of the best ventilated and best cared for ships of the transport fleet. There had been plenty of ice for the ships at Santiago, mainly supplied by the Red Cross, and he had personally superintended the loading of the supplies for the ships.

FORESTRY RESERVE.

Move to Induce Congress to Set Aside Minnesota Lands.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—A strong move has been inaugurated toward the creation of a national forest reserve in Minnesota on a portion of the Red Lake or Leech Lake reservation. The National Forestry association and several other organizations are pressing the matter and many Minnesota people are interested. The project is rather too new for Minnesota to talk about yet. One member said this afternoon: "I heard about this matter before I left home. It will, of course, require an act of congress as I understand part of the proposition embodies a very large appropriation to purchase lands from the Indians which, under treaty rights and by terms of existing law, belong to various tribes. I think there should be a forest reserve in Northern Minnesota. There is a beautiful island in Cass lake that would make a splendid park." It is understood that Commissioner Hermann and Indian Commissioner Jones favor the plan.

INDUSTRIAL GERMANY.

Strong Picture of the Development of That Country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3. — A strong picture of the industrial development of Germany during the past year is contained in the annual report to the state department of United States Consul General Mason, at Frankfort. The consul shows that the year was "another twelve months during which every chimney in the fatherland was smoking; every wheel turning," and he presents more remarkable facts and figures in illustration of German trade methods and their results, particularly in their effect upon the trade relations with the United States. It appears that the United States stands second only to England in the total volume of trade with Germany, including both export and import trade. The exports to the United States decreased in the textiles alone nearly $4,300,000 as a result of the last United States tariff law, and some aggressive journals have been urging that the time is ripe to retaliate against the United States.

Archbishop Ireland's Case.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Attorneys for the settlers who are opposing Archbishop Ireland's application to purchase land in Minnesota are receiving letters from their clients asking when a decision in the case will be handed down at the interior department. Assistant Attorney General Vandevanter, who will write the opinion, is out of town, owing to the death of his father. He will return next week, and it is possible that the decision will be formulated for presentation to Secretary Bliss then. Both sides are claiming a victory, but those who have followed the case and are familiar with it assert that the land office decision will be affirmed, and about 28,000 acres awarded to Archbishop Ireland.

WAS ABOUT THE CANAL.

Real Object of President Iglesias' Visit to America.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—President Iglesias said his adieux to President McKinley today, expressing his deep appreciation for the official courtesies extended to him since his arrival. He made farewell calls also on cabinet officers, in anticipation of his departure for New York tomorrow and after a week's stay there for London and Paris. Now that President Iglesias' visit is about to end, it is said by those near to him, that nothing in the nature of an entente or formal treaty has come out of the conferences he has held with public officials, but these have been productive of a very full understanding. Mr. Iglesias has made it clear that he favors an international agreement in which the three countries directly interested—the United States, Nicaragua and Costa Rica—could take common action to prevent any isthmian canal from passing into the hands of foreign capitalists. The control of the Suez canal has been cited as an experience to be avoided.

EUROPEAN SQUADRON.

Battleships Will Probably Not Form a Part of Its Complement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Secretary Long has decided to assign the Chicago to duty as flagship of the European squadron which is now in process of selection. The squadron will include about five ships of different classes. While there will be armored ships among them, it is not likely the battleship type will be represented, owing to the fact that these vessels are not designed for long cruises, and, notwithstanding the achievement of the Oregon in that direction, it is not deemed well to make a steady practice of what was regarded as a questionable experiment.

HAWAIIAN BILL.

In the Hands of the President for Presentation to Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The Hawaiian commission has completed its bill for the government of the Hawaiian islands as a part of the United States, and has also finished its report to accompany the bill, and both matters have been placed in the hands of the president, by Senator Cullom, chairman of the committee.

It is the senator's expectation that the president will transmit the papers to congress some time next week, and that he will ask early consideration for the question.

AN UNLUCKY MAJORITY.

The Republicans Will Control the Next House by Thirteen.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The clerk of the house has completed the official list of members of the house chosen at the last election. It will show 185 Republicans, 163 Democrats, 2 silver Republicans, 7 Populists. That means a clear Republican majority of 13.

Minnesota's Budget.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Minnesota will fare reasonably well in the budget of annual estimates sent to congress Monday. The Chippewa Indians will be well taken care of, with $90,000 advance interest on the fund accruing from the sale of pine lands. The schools at White Earth, Vermillion Lake and Pipestone, the continuation of the improvements in Duluth harbor and Fletcher's lock and dam improvement will be liberally estimated for, with also substantial amounts for dams at the headwaters of the Mississippi.

Women Wanted It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3. — Representative Tawney today recommended B. A. Shaver for postmaster at Kasson. There were four ladies contesting for this position in addition to Mr. Shaver, who was the only male candidate. The ladies were Mrs. Grinnell, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Clement and one other, whose name cannot be learned. Mr. Shaver is editor of the Dodge County Republican, and he had the indorsement of the party organization. Representative Tawney also recommended F. W. Hall for postmaster at West Concord, and M. H. Tobias at Kellogg.

Long Goes Back.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3. — Representative Morris today recommended the reinstatement of Lawrence Long in the weather bureau station at Duluth. He enlisted in the Fourteenth Minnesota at the outbreak of the war, and will be reinstated in accordance with the order of Secretary Wilson, issued at the beginning of the war.

EARLY TO BED PLAN.

Philadelphia Women Urge Abolishment of Society Late Hours.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3.—Philadelphia's Acorn club, composed of society queens who are mainly millionaires, met 150 strong in the club rooms in Walnut street and indorsed the novel movement to send society devotees earlier to bed after dances and other functions.

Mrs. Charles Custis Harrison, wife of the provost of the University of Pennsylvania, presided. One of these society leaders said: "There seems to be really no opposition to the new plan for curtailing night hours in society, and the meeting should result in the biggest kind of success. I have seen no opposition to the movement so far, and everything seems to indicate that we will carry through our project with flying colors."

Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson said: "I have a son in business, and that is all the more reason why I should advocate with all my heart an earlier hour movement in society. I do not think staying up most of the night is conducive to getting up early in the morning and attending to business with a clear head; therefore I say that reform is needed in society, and this meeting today had my entire approval."

GERMANY AND AUSTRIA.

Recent Rupture Clouds the Austrian Monarch's Jubilee.

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—The members of the United States embassy attended a "Te Deum" today at St. Hedwig's church, in honor of the jubilee of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria. Later several were present at a reception given to the Austrian colony in Berlin at the Austro-Hungarian embassy. Count von Szoegyeny-Marich, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, in the course of a brief speech, alluded indirectly to the anti-Austrian feeling engendered in Berlin by the recent threats in the Austrian reichsrath of Count Thun-Hohenstein, the Austrian premier, to make reprisals in case the German policy of expelling Austrians from Germany were continued. The ambassador said he felt special satisfaction at his cognizance of the treaty with a mighty empire which benefits Austria and the world and will endure forever.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co., having attained the highest standard of service on its night trains between St. Paul and Minneapolis and Milwaukee and Chicago, is now turning its attention to the improvement of its daylight trains between the same points, and hereafter its trains leaving Minneapolis at 7:35 a. m. and St. Paul at 8:15 a. m. will run buffet parlor cars, which will serve luncheon and supper en route. Fine steaks, chops, etc., cooked on patent gas broilers, will be served, in addition to other substantials, and this alone, it is claimed, makes the buffet service on this line superior to any other between the Twin Cities and Milwaukee and Chicago.

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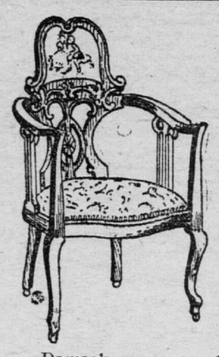

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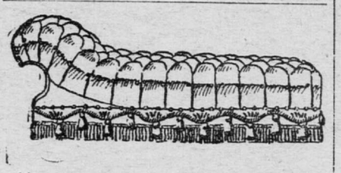

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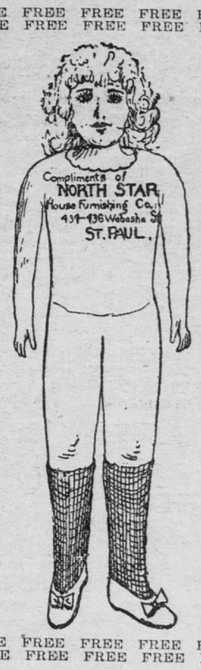

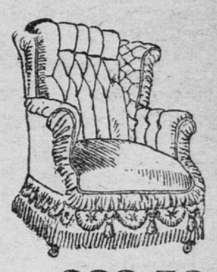

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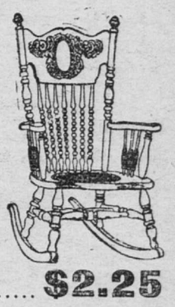

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OLD ALLIES AT OUTS

THE TRIPLE BUND, SO LONG A FACTOR IN EUROPE, IS TOTTERING

ITS LIFE RESTS WITH AUSTRIA

Germany Turning to England, While France and Italy Are Shaking Commercial Hands—Contest for Supremacy in Central Europe May Mean the Death of the Dreibund.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The triple alliance is tottering. Already in the various courts of Europe the probable results of its collapse are being discussed. So integral a factor in European politics has the dreibund been for years that it is difficult to credit a suggestion that it can ever fall, save under unusual circumstances. Yet there are not wanting keen observers here who consider that the events of the last few days indicate, if not the point of collapse, at least a dangerous shaking of the foundations of the dreibund. With Italy and France shaking hands, commercially at all events, with Germany showing signs of turning to England for an alliance, and, last but not least, with Prussia expelling Austrian subjects on the ground of "national safety," and the Austrian premier retorting in a threatening speech and hinting, none too darkly, at reprisals, it is no wonder that the minds of men are disquieted.

It must be remembered, as an English diplomatist said today, that the dreibund, after all, is the creation of the iron will of Prince Bismarck, for at one time Austria was in most imminent danger from North Germany, and Italy was actually pledged to assist France against Prussia. With Bismarck gone, the question arises, Will the combination fall apart? Will a rearrangement of the powers be brought about.

SLAV VS. TEUTON:

This diplomatist thinks the triple alliance is not yet ready to fall to pieces. He bases his opinion on the fact that the chief disturbing cause in southern and central Europe is the struggle of Slav and Teuton for the mastery.

"In Eastern Prussia," said he, "and Saxony, Bohemia and Austria proper, the Teuton is being elbowed out by the Pole and Czech. Hence the expulsions by Germany; hence the attitude of the so-called German party in the Austrian reichsrath, and hence, finally, the pregnant fact that such Austrian papers as the Vienna Neue Freie Presse are opposing their own government, which is dominated by the Slav majority, and sympathizing with Germany in regard to the expulsion of aliens. It is these facts that will prolong the existence of the triple alliance beyond its natural limits. It rests with Austria to say whether or not it shall fall to pieces.

"Francis Joseph and his ministers dare not face the risk. What would be menace for Germany would be annihilation for Austria-Hungary. She would cease to be even a geographical expression. Yet I must confess that I think the bonds uniting the three nations are weakening. Germany is undoubtedly alive to this, and she must have allies, so, if there is any prospect of Austria, when she shall be further dominated by the Slav element, forsaking her, she may endeavor further to extend the understanding already arrived at with England touching Africa and Delagoa bay."

SUBURBAN SOCIAL.

WEST ST. PAUL.

The Misses Bess and Mary Rowan entertained the Why Not Cinch club Wednesday evening, at their home on East Winifred street. Progressive prizes were won by Mrs. J. Stewart and Mr. James Clark, and foot prizes were won by Mrs. E. Robert and Mr. J. Clinesmith. The hostesses served a dainty lunch. The club will meet next with Mrs. James Stewart, of St. Pierre terrace.

The Epworth league, of Clinton Avenue M. E. church met in a body Thursday evening at the home of Miss Anna Rothausen, and took a sleigh ride to St. Paul Park, where they were entertained by Mrs. Scofield. After the serving of refreshments the crowd returned. The party were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. J. Munson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lutz, of East Winifred street, entereained Wednesday evening, in honor of their niece, Miss Minnie Fay, of La Crosse. About thirty guests were present, and all enjoyed a most pleasant evening.

Miss Olive Growe entertained informally Monday evening in the nature of a farewell party for her brother, who has left for the West. Dancing and music made the evening pass pleasantly for all.

Unity camp, No. 1561, M. W. A., will give a card party and dance Thursday evening, Dec. 15. All members and friends are invited to attend.

Mrs. E. M. Randall entertained formally at a progressive euchre party Friday evening at her residence, corner Anita and Winifred streets.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of Bethany Church will hold an auction social Thursday evening, at the home of Mrs. D. Kribs, of West Isabel street.

Benjamin Wilcockson, of Smith avenue, has returned from a trip through the Western states and the northern part of Minnesota.

Mrs. Gordon Read and Mrs. A. Pool, of Bloomington, Ill., were guests of Mrs. M. L. McIntire, of The Clinton, last week.

Gleason Rogers leaves Wednesday for the East with his mother, to visit relations, returning the latter part of the month.

The Social club has invitations out for a private masquerade to be held at A. O. U. W. hall next Wednesday evening.

The young people of Westminster church will give an old folks' concert next Friday evening at the church.

Mrs. G. W. Sinks, of Ohio street, entertained a large number of her lady friends Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. William Bailey, of West Winifred street, entertained the Park Tennis club Monday evening.

Mrs. William Bourne, of East Winifred street, entertained the Helpful club, Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Shaw, of Atlanta, Io., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shaw, of Hall avenue.

Miss Eva Baer, of East Robie street, will entertain the Young People's Whist club Monday evening.

Mrs. John Dale, of Prescott street, has as her guest, her mother, Mrs. Peabody, of Star Prairie, Wis.

Mrs. Otto Lucas, of Concord street, entertained the Kensington tea ladies Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Milhouse, of East Robie street, entertained the W. R. B. P. Euchre club Friday evening.

Mrs. Leslie Rutherford, of East Winifred street, entertained informally Wednesday evening.

Mrs. H. S. Wheat, of Hope, N. D., is the guest of Mrs. F. C. Schriber, of West Delos street.

Miss Dot White, of Faribault, who was the guest of Mrs. G. H. Dampier, has returned

Mrs. Wilson J. Doran, of East Winifred street, has returned from Menomonie, Wis.

Mrs. Dedolph, of East Congress street, is entertaining her sister from Milwaukee.

Henry Martin, of West Delos street, left for Chicago, Thursday, to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher, are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Fairbairn, of Milwaukee.

Edward Theim, of East Isabel street, has returned from Boston.

Mr. John Grewe, of East Isabel street, has gone to Montana.

EAST ST. PAUL.

The Idle Hour Cinch club was entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. McCray, on East Tenth street. Mrs. Tyrer, Mrs. Howatt, Mrs. Harry Cleveland, Mrs. Kaufer won the prizes.

Miss Dorothy Judson, of Burr street, was given a surprise Wednesday evening. Miss Judson will leave St. Paul Tuesday for New York and will shortly leave for Stockholm, Sweden.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Burgess entertained the Trainmen's Social club Monday evening. Prizes were won by Mrs. Langley, Mrs. Ed Kimball, Mrs. Jaggard, Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Head.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, East Seventh street, entertained Wednesday evening for their tenth wedding anniversary. About twenty-five were present.

The History class will give a social next Tuesday from 2:30 to 5, at the home of Mrs. D. R. Herener, on East Sixth street.

Miss Ethel De Hass, East Sixth street, entertained the Birthday club Wednesday evening for her fourteenth birthday.

The G. P. Euchre club was reorganized Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. N. Canby, on Olive street.

Mrs. George Rice, of Beech street, has returned from a six weeks' visit with friends in Syracuse, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams, of Jenks street, are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. James Bland, of Menomonie, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. James Blade, of Menomonie, Wis., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, of Jenks street.

Mrs. Z. G. Holms, of Burr street, is entertaining Mrs. John Rosendahl, of Delhi, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark, of East Seventh street, entertained a few friends Friday evening.

Mrs. George Gander, of Minnehaha street, entertained at dinner Wednesday.

Miss Minnie Cameron has gone to Milwaukee for a two weeks' visit.

Miss Mary Dallas, of De Soto street, has gone to Oak Park, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones have returned from Dawson City.

Mrs. William Potter has returned from Farmington.

ST. PAUL PARK.

Mr. and Mrs. George Scofield entertained a sleigh load of young people from the Epworth League of Clinton Avenue Church Tuesday evening. Refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, coffee, pickles, cake, fruit and confectionery, were served. The following were present from St. Paul Park: Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Keogh, Mr. and Mrs. George Hammer, Misses Belden, Kelly, Della Miller, Grace Miller, Banter, Scofield, Mabel Scofield, Blanche McKown; Messrs. Herbert Hammer, Alfred Nelson, Will Cook, Joe Cressy.

Lorenzo De Cou gave a sleigh ride party Friday evening. The guests were Misses Kelly, Miller, Blanche McKown, Bell, Hattie Scofield, Frances Parker, De Cou, Messrs. Weeks, Himmelwright, Hammer, Cressy. After an enjoyable ride the party stopped at the home of Mrs. Katherine Tuelle, where refreshments were served and a pleasant evening enjoyed.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year by Park Lodge No. 137, I. O. O. F.: Fred Delamore, noble grand; E. R. Bailey, vice grand; F. C. Ford, recording secretary; C. R. Wilkinson, treasurer; Frank Rich, financial secretary.

Mrs. John Weeks entertained at luncheon yesterday. Those present were Mesdames De Cou, Clark, Kent, Payne and Anderson.

Mrs. Flarsheim, of t. Paul, entertained the Winter Euchre club Friday. Mrs. Heberling and Mrs. Beals won prizes.

Rev. J. W. Ravelle, of Heron Lake, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Scofield the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Bailey, of Langdon, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Willoughby Wednesday.

Mrs. Hodgkins, of St. Paul, was the guest of Mrs. Kincaid this week.

Mrs. Charles Emerson visited friends in Trumbell, Wis., this week.

Luther Case gave a stag party last evening to fifteen friends.

Miss Ebba Anderson is entertaining Miss Brack, of St. Paul.

SOUTH ST. PAUL.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill, of Michigan, who have been residing with Mr. and Mrs. C. Wickman, have taken rooms at South Park for the winter.

Mrs. Stoler and children, of Wisconsin, have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick King.

Mrs. Davis and daughter, of Waseca, are visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. Doss.

Rev. Mr. Schwartz spent some days in Southern Minnesota with old friends.

Miss Clara Beards, of South Park, has returned from her visit to Illinois.

Miss Fuller and friend, of Minneapolis, visited Miss Edgar last week.

Mrs. Taylor, of South Park, visited Mrs. Thompson during the week.

Mrs. Flum, of South Park, is the guest of Mrs. Charles Peterson.

Miss Shepard, of St. Paul, visited her father Monday.

B. MacBeth, of Chicago, has come to live in this city.

MACALESTER.

R. L. Jones gave a sleighing party and supper to about twenty-five of his Minneapolis friends Thursday evening.

Miss Winnifred Moore, of Blue Earth City, left for her home Tuesday after a few weeks' visit with friends.

Paul K. Pulte is a new student who has recently entered the junior academic class.

The Philadelphian Literary society held an open meeting for friends Monday evening.

Miss Sarah Haynes, of Austin, has entered college, and is domiciled at The Elms.

Mrs. Fanchett, of Neche, N. D., has been visiting Miss Carmen at "The Elms."

Miss Mary Rankin, of Stevens, Minn., has come to take up the year's work.

Dr. and Mrs. McCourt entertained at dinner Wednesday evening.

Mrs. A. L. Craig entertained a number of friends Friday evening.

F. M. Johnson has returned from Brainerd.

NEWPORT.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Scofield entertained a party of friends Wednesday evening in honor of their fifth wedding anniversary. The guests were Messrs. and Mesdames George Scofield, Matthew Miller, Samuel Hess, W. B. Hatton, McDonald; Mrs. Harvey Scofield, Rev. J. W. Ravelle, Mrs. W. M. Link, Mrs. Brown, Misses Hattie Scofield, Mabel Scofield, Ernestine Scofield, May Link, Lottie Link, Elton Link.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ford entertained Rev. H. J. Harrington and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hall for Thanksgiving.

Miss Greenlee, of Mason City, Io., is visiting her niece, Mrs. Ella McCrossin, at Red Rock.

INSURANCE WAR OFF.

Wisconsin Underwriters Have Come to an Agreement on Rates.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 3.—The Madison insurance rate war will in all probability be amicably settled next week and rates will be restored to the old figures. G. E. Haney, of Milwaukee, representing the "union" companies, has been here for two days in conference with local underwriters, and the Northwestern National Company of Milwaukee, which has been holding out, will be brought back into the fold.

During the war rates were deeply slashed and practically all the business of the city was written for several years ahead at low figures. A threat by the Northwestern company of a still further cut brought about the reconciliation.

Special Excursion to California.

The Chicago Great Western Railway is making arrangements to run a special excursion from St. Paul and Minneapolis to California points on Dec. 13, at very low rates. This excursion will be in the nature of a special party excursion, as ample accommodations will be provided and every effort made to make this trip interesting and comfortable to all. Through first-class tourist car will be used and, while the accommodations are first-class in every respect, the berth rate will be exceedingly low—only $6 from St. Paul or Minneapolis to Los Angeles. Attention is called to the fact that a berth is sufficiently large to comfortably accommodate two persons. The route will be via Kansas City and the A., T. & S. F. railway through Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona, the true winter route to California. No cold snow blockades or high altitudes to mar the pleasure of the trip. Remember the date and call upon J. P. Elmer, City Passenger Agent, Fifth and Robert streets, St. Paul, or R. W. Thompson, City Passenger Agent, Nicollet avenue and Fifth street, Minneapolis, for further information.