

**FRANCE AND WORLD'S GOLD**

**Gain in Amount of Bank Holdings in Europe in the Last Year.**

It has been pointed out that while nine great European banks now hold \$1,810,000,000 gold, against only \$1,750,000,000 a year ago, the same banks held in October 1899, when the Boer war was just beginning, only \$1,497,000,000. As compared with a year ago, the Bank of France has gained \$61,000,000 gold, and the Bank of Russia (excluding its credit balances abroad) \$27,000,000, the other banks having lost heavily or remained practically unchanged.

Which of these banks has benefited most in the \$403,000,000 total increase in gold reserves since 1899? The question has some bearing on the existing situation, and the results of the comparison are rather startling. The Bank of England, despite this enormous total increase in the European stock of gold, actually holds \$6,000,000 less than it did in October, 1899. The Bank of France, on the other hand, holds \$206,000,000 more. The rest of the increase in sums of \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 each, is distributed between the banks of Russia, Italy, Germany, Austria and Holland.

This throws an odd light on the continued increase over last year, in the case of the Bank of France. How does it command this gold? Russia sells bonds and pledges its public credit for what it gets, and the United States, where the New York banks have gained \$43,000,000 gold since October, 1899—not to mention the treasury's great hoards—has drawn the gold by its enormous expansion of credit resources and productive energy. But France, of all great financial straits, has virtually stood still during the six year period.

The only obvious explanation is, that as England for years gained power over the world's markets by its monopoly of manufacture and its maritime transportation profits, so France, since the Boer war started, has secured a similar power by its monopoly of ready capital and its profits as a lender.

**RACE SUICIDE IN ENGLAND.**

**There is Imminent Danger to the Empire from Decreased Birth Rate.**

England's birth rate is declining. It touched its highest point since registration began in 1838, in 1876. To-day it is at its lowest. The children of the most prolific mothers—those of 1876—are the most unproductive mothers. The reason assigned for the frightful decline is "the decay of the maternal instinct." Only 75 per cent. as many little ones see the light now, or remain in it as saw it 30 years ago. No one factor, however, can account for the entire falling off.

The fact is there are many causes. Notably among the most prominent is the advanced age at which persons marry and the fact that a great many never marry. Previous to 1876 the marriage rate was 16 to 17½ per 1,000. To-day it is 16½. The claim made for years by leading economists that population was supposed to vary with the food supply is being doubted. It falls to hold good in England for at no time in the past was food so cheap or so abundant as it is to-day.

Possibly, says one writer, "rent, the rates and taxes have more to do with the question than the price of wheat." The fact of the matter is, the question is beyond the best men in the empire. It baffles everybody from the humbled to the highest. In the light for first place that is on it means, or may mean, a great deal to England whether her birth rate is small or large. A short crop of little ones in 1905 and in each succeeding year means a short crop of men for the army, navy, mills, shops, farms, ships, factories and colonies of England 25 or 30 years hence.

**TOO EXPENSIVE TO CHANGE**

**Giles Wanted to Change Girls, But Objected to Paying Additional Fees.**

A young countryman in England was to have married his sweetheart, Polly, the comely butter maid, and had already been "asked" in church twice. Like many a better man, however, Giles changed his mind and decided that he would marry Jenny, the farmer's daughter. He straightway, therefore, went off to the parson and explained the altered circumstances, relating Judge.

"But my good man," said the clergyman, "the banns will have to be read all over again."

"Don't matter, zur," replied Giles, decidedly, "I be going to marry Jenny an' she an' me want to be put up t' banns ag'in."

"But it'll cost you another three shillings and sixpence to do that," the cleric pointed out.

"You don't say that, zur, do ee?" ejaculated Giles, taking off his cap and scratching his head with slow deliberation.

"Certainly, if you wish to espouse a new sweetheart, whether it is Jenny or yet another young lady, you will need to pay additional fees."

"Three and sixpence for new banns," said Giles, thoughtfully. "Oh, well, then, let 'em bide, zur; let 'em bide. I'll marry Polly."

And so Giles the careful married his first love, pretty Polly, the butter maid.

**One Reason.**

"Why do you Bostonians eat baked beans?"

"We don't like them raw."—Cleveland Leader.

**HE WAS A TYPICAL HOBO.**

**Member of the Peripatetic Fraternity Who Wanted Something for Nothing.**

"Would you mind giving a poor fellow a few pennies to help him get a night's lodging?" asked a stranger who called at police headquarters one night about seven o'clock, says the Washington Star.

"You won't need any change if you go to the lodging house," he was told. "They make you pay for what you get down there," said the caller. "I've been at the mission before and know what I'm talking about."

He was told that reference had been made to the municipal lodging house, and not to the mission.

"And I know all about that place, too," said the man who wanted a few pennies to help him along. "Down there a man don't get the worth of his labor, and it's too late to go there now, anyhow."

The house, he was told, was kept open every night until ten o'clock, and he was advised that he had about three hours in which to reach there.

"If it keeps open until ten o'clock," the caller said, "the rules have been changed since last year. I know they closed the doors earlier than ten o'clock last year."

Until he had volunteered this information his hearers were under the impression that the man who had asked for assistance was a stranger in the city. In response to questions, he said he had come here from New York two days ago, and thought he would stop here a short time before proceeding south. It was a little earlier than this when he passed through here last year and he admitted that his start was purely a matter that was guided by the weather conditions. He was not pleased with his reception at headquarters, and showed his displeasure as he walked from the building.

**JUVENILE CRIME IN ITALY.**

**Depravity of the Young the Result of Bad Environment and Illiteracy.**

Consul Brittain, of Kehl, Germany, furnishes some startling statistics on juvenile crime in Italy, taken from an article recently published and written by Lino Ferranti. He says that 80 per cent. of the child criminals of Italy are manufactured by bad environment and inadequate education in other words, by preventable causes; that 30 per cent. of the criminals of the country are minors, and of these 85 per cent. are thieves.

Prof. Ferranti protests against sentimental description, but pleads for actual investigation. He himself has closely studied 500 boy prisoners between the ages of 11 and 14 and reports that more than half of them came from the most wretched homes, and over 200 had criminal parents. Very few had ever done any work, all were sexually corrupt, nearly all smoked and many had a taste for alcohol.

As a proof of how little good is effected by mere instruction apart from moral training, he asserts that the best scholars were among the worst offenders. As an alternative to prison the author proposes agricultural colonies in districts where the air is bracing, with good food and outdoor work, kindly discipline and the supervision of an experienced physician.

**IMITATES THE ORIGINAL.**

**Young Englishman Named George Washington Attained for Cutting Down Trees.**

A young man of the name of George Washington was lately brought before the bench of magistrates at Bendigo, charged with "illegally cutting down (under an crown lands)." At first, says the Liverpool Post, he strenuously denied his guilt, pointing out that he had nothing of the nature of a hatchet. When it was urged that by taking this line of defense he was spoiling a good tradition, he at once pleaded guilty, somewhat confusing the minds of his hearers by adding that it was worth while telling a lie if it enabled him, even feebly, to imitate his great nameake.

The chairman of the bench then took up his parable. "George Washington," he said, "you have pleaded guilty in somewhat dubious language to a most serious charge. You have no right to go into the orchard of another to cut down trees, even though they be not cherry trees. I feel sure that in pleading guilty you are telling the truth, and when you say you are telling a lie in so doing, you are telling a lie. Twenty-two days." He might have kept to the book at the end, sighed George Washington, as he went below.

**French Officers.**

Our officers are now hard to distinguish from their troops. For the most part, they have the same origin and the same simplicity of manners. They are, as it were, the brothers of their men—brothers invested with authority and better instructed, but without pride.—Paris Los Annales.

**London's Masterly Tailors.**

There is no doubt the tailors of this country, as an entire class, stand at the head of their profession; yet this is largely due to a small majority who have thoroughly mastered their business.—London Tailor and Cutter.

**She Hadn't Thought of That.**

"The last fish I had from you didn't seem very fresh."

"Well, mum, 'ow can you expect fresh fish from salt water?"—Stray Stories.

"A Broken Heart," at the Forest City opera house, Saturday night, January 27th, 1906.

—Mrs. Julia Varvel and Thomas E. Rupp were married January 12th, by Esquire F. S. Rostock.

—B. W. Smallwood, who has been on the sick list for several days, threatened with pneumonia, is now able to be out again.

—Read the Special Combination offer: St. Joseph Gazette and The SENTINEL for one year for only \$3.00. This offer is good only up to and including January 27, 1906.

—There is an interesting series of Bible readings being delivered at the Methodist church by the pastor each evening, to which the public and the membership of the churches are cordially invited to come, and bring their Bibles.

—According to figures furnished by the government, there are consumed in the United States about 40,000,000 gallons of beer, 38,000,000 gallons of proof spirits and 30,500,000 gallons of wine. Sold at retail, these beverages take out of the pockets of the consumers in a single year, the astounding sum of \$1,451,199,850. A sum equal to the cost to Russia for her war with Japan.

—Deputy Grand Master H. E. Denny has returned from his visit to Maitland and Mound City, where he installed the following officers of the I. O. O. F. at Maitland: C. D. Weller, N. G.; B. F. Bundy, V. G.; J. B. McHugh, secretary; E. P. Waller, treasurer. At Mound City: C. E. Mumm, N. G.; Charles Morse, V. G.; W. E. Smith, secretary; John S. Smith, treasurer and C. M. Smith, financial secretary.

The Board of Supervisors of Squaw Creek Drainage District held their monthly business meeting at Forest City Tuesday, January 16, 1906, and allowed the usual bills of expense, excepting that Rogers & Rogers had no bill, because their dredge was detained for over one month at the railroad near Napier. W. F. Vance was re-elected Drain Commissioner for one year. An order was made requiring abstractions or fences to be removed from ditch right of way. This should be done at once, as the penalty for obstructing ditches or dykes is very severe, and the Board of Supervisors will be compelled to enforce the law.

**Letter List.**

The following letters remain uncalled for in the postoffice at Oregon, Mo., for the week ending January 19, 1906:

Miss Essie Darr.  
W. A. Pobleby.

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**Special Homeseeker's Excursions** will be run to some points in Arkansas, Colorado, Indian Territory, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming. Date of sale February 6 and 20, 1906. Rate, 75 per cent. of one way rate; minimum, \$10.00. Return limit 21 days from date of sale. For full particulars apply to a local agent.

**Winter Tourist Rates to Colorado**—The Burlington quotes winter tourist rates to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo of \$27.20 for round trip, every day to May 31st, 1906. Good to return May 31. For any further information apply to local agents.

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**Notice of Election.**

Notice is hereby given that there will be an annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens' Bank of Oregon, Mo., held at the office of the Citizens' Bank in Oregon, Mo., on Saturday, February 10, 1906, at 9 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing five directors for the ensuing year and transacting any and all business that may come before said meeting. By order of the president.

C. L. EVANS, DANIEL ZACHMAN, Secretary of Board. President.

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		All trains daily except as otherwise noted.	
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27	For Council Bluffs and Omaha from St. Louis and St. Joseph.	8:10 a. m.	
41	For Lincoln, Denver, Colorado and Pacific Coast from Kansas City and St. Joseph.	9:13 p. m.	
A 17	For Lincoln, Denver, Colorado and Pacific Coast from Kansas City and St. Joseph.	11:05 a. m.	
21	For Council Bluffs, Omaha, St. Paul and Minneapolis from Kansas City and St. Joseph.	2:31 p. m.	
A 43	For Tarkio and Nodaway Valley branches from St. Joseph.	5:10 p. m.	
23	For Council Bluffs, Omaha, St. Paul and Minneapolis from St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph.	1:30 a. m.	
A 91	Way freight north bound.	8:45 a. m.	
A 46	For St. Joseph from Villisca and Nodaway and Tarkio Valley branches.	9:45 a. m.	
22	To St. Joseph and Kansas City from St. Paul, Minneapolis, Omaha and Council Bluffs.	3:03 a. m.	
20	To St. Joseph and Kansas City from St. Paul, Minneapolis, Omaha and Council Bluffs.	1:02 p. m.	
26	To St. Joseph and St. Louis from Omaha and Council Bluffs.	8:17 p. m.	
A 18	For St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Louis and all eastern points.	5:10 p. m.	
A 92	Way freight south bound.	1:35 p. m.	
15	For Lincoln, Denver and Western points, Sunday only.	12:35 p. m.	
16	For St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Louis and Eastern points, Sunday only.	5:25 p. m.	

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- NO. 6.** Consists of 10 acres, located 4½ miles northwest of Forest City. Has a one-room box house, small stable; 10 acres in cultivation; 30 acres in timber. Price \$1,000.00.
- NO. 7.** 79½ acres, 1½ miles from Forbes; has dwelling of 3 rooms and \$500.00 will buy it.
- NO. 8.** Consists of 10 acres with frame house 14x24, log barn, located 1½ miles east of Richville; has 30 acres in cultivation, 10 acres in timber, a good dug well. Has apple, peach, pear, cherry and plum trees. \$1,300.00 will buy it.
- NO. 9.** We have under contract, a large body of rich Missouri bottom land. This land is all within the Ditch District and will be drained by the ditches now being constructed. There is no richer land in the state of Missouri, and we can sell it to you if sold soon, at prices that will insure a profit of from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per acre as soon as the ditch is completed. This will pay you to investigate.
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- NO. 17.** We have a very attractive, little home of 24 acres, situated in the Murray neighborhood and about 5 miles northeast of Forbes. It has a fine apple and pear orchard, dwelling and other outbuildings, situated in about 200 yards of a school house and about ¼ mile from a church in a good neighborhood. Owner has a blacksmith shop on premises and has been doing the neighborhood work for many years, but on account of failing health is forced to sell. We should like to show this to the right man. If interested, please call and see us or write.

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