

THE BARS DOWN.

Germany Removes Her Restrictions on American Pork.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATES NECESSARY.

The Agreement Likely to Lead to an Extensive Trade Between the Two Nations—Secretary Rusk Hopeful of Good Results.

BERLIN, Sept. 4.—The Reichsgeschäftsblatt, publishes an order to the effect that the prohibition of the importation of swine, pork and sausage shall no longer be enforced when such live pigs or hog products are furnished with official certificates stating that they have been examined in accordance with American regulations and found free from qualities dangerous to health. The chancellor has sent instructions to the proper officials that the order be given immediate effect.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Secretary Rusk yesterday received official notice that the German government has raised the embargo on American pork. The agreement relative to the admission of pork into Germany was signed at Cape May Point about ten days ago, but at the request of the German government the fact was withheld from the public press until official action could be taken by the home government.

The agreement not only provides for the admission of American pork into Germany but also affords to the United States the same schedule with reference to farm products as that enjoyed by Russia. Secretary Rusk is confident that he will soon be able to extend the market for corn by introducing it into Germany as an article of food in the place of rye, the crop of which in Germany is this year exceedingly short. To this end he has instructed his corn agent, Col. C. J. Murphy, now in Europe, to proceed at once to Berlin and lay the matter before the German government.

EXTENSIVE TRADE EXPECTED.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—The removal of restrictions on American pork by Germany means millions. While the German decree of June 25, 1880, in terms excepted ham and bacon from the prohibition, the exports of these products declined from \$3,155,507 in 1881 to \$239,880 in 1882. In the year ended June 30, 1883, the exports were increased to a total of \$1,469,283, but the exports of lard fell about \$140,000. In March, 1883, came the decree excluding bacon and hams, and in the year ended June 30, 1884, the total exports of bacon amounted to \$207,822, and of hams to \$59; in 1885 the same items amounted to \$121,120 and \$22, respectively; in 1887 to \$155,643 and \$63; in 1889 to \$50,680 and \$48 1/2; in 1890 to \$148,914 and \$12,841. That any American pork, bacon and hams whatever have found their way into Germany since March 6, 1883, is explained by the fact that such products are admitted into certain ports to be transported under government regulations and supervision to other sea-going vessels for consumption on ship board. The exports of bacon from the United States to England—not including Scotland or Ireland—in the year ended June 30, 1889, amounted to \$2,402,394, and the exports of hams to \$2,690,650. In the year ended June 30, 1890, the figures were: Bacon, \$31,474,291; hams, \$5,236,329. England has never excluded the pork or pork products of the United States. Not only have American farmers been deprived by the arbitrary action of Germany of a market for pork, hams and bacon, amounting on the average to at least \$6,000,000 per annum, during the last eight years, but the exclusion of these products has injuriously affected the exports of American lards to that country.

Lawlessness in Alabama.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Acting Attorney-General Taft has received a telegram from United States Marshal Walker, of the southern district of Alabama, saying that a mob of fifty persons had driven a number of families out of their homes in Choctaw county, Alabama. Mr. Taft replied by telegraph that the facts stated did not constitute in his opinion a case calling for federal interference. He suggested, however, that the matter be reported to the state authorities for such action as they might deem necessary.

Protest Against Switching Charges.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 4.—The state board of railway commissioners has received a complaint from the miners at Pittsburg against the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Co. They claim that the company will not accept shipments of coal to the interior towns upon the schedule issued in November, 1890. The company charges in addition to the regular rates switching charges of \$3 per car, which it is claimed is a violation of the long and short haul clause of the law governing freight rates.

Sub-Treasury Scheme Condemned.

JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 4.—The anti-sub-treasuryites met here yesterday in convention and adopted strong resolutions condemning the sub-treasury and land loan schemes advocated by the old organization, appointed delegates to the St. Louis convention on the 15th inst., and denounced Macune very severely, demanding that he be deposed as editor of the national alliance organ and expelled from the order as unworthy of membership.

AN IDEAL DUEL.

A French Affair Amid Beautiful Surroundings and Satisfactory Results.

It does not fall to the lot of every sojourner in France or her colonies to accidentally witness a real French duel, such as fell to my good fortune lately. One afternoon about 4, while strolling through an olive grove in the neighborhood of Tunis, I came on a group of eight or ten unmistakable Frenchmen halted on its outskirts. At first I did not pay any attention to them, thinking it was a party on an afternoon's outing, until I saw two of their number divest themselves of hat, coat and vest, and another take two shining swords from a mysterious bundle, which lay on the ground, and hand them with much ceremony to the combatants. I at first thought it was to be a sham encounter, but seeing that the combatants did not wear masks, and the evident earnestness of all present, I soon decided otherwise.

The whole affair was very romantic and came up to my ideas of what a duel should be, culled from pictures and descriptions. The mysterious group on the edge of the wood, the two carriages within halting distance, the combatants stripped to their shirts, and the shining sword blades. Several of the group wore peg-top trousers, so much affected in journalistic circles in Paris, and which gave such an unmistakable French air to the group.

Before going any further I must state that the principals were a journalist and a politician, the latter being a colonist, or what is better known as a gentleman farmer; the journalist, a Monsieur Craft, one of the editors of the Depeche Tunisienne, the principal French daily paper in Tunis, and the politician a Monsieur Carnieres.

The duel arose out of an election dispute some four months ago, and it had to be postponed on account of the illness of one of the principals. At the time of my witnessing the duel I did not have the slightest knowledge concerning the affair, and only came on it by accident.

Well, to return to the strife. The combatants were ready, and after the customary salute they crossed swords. From my meager judgment I would say they were both very good swordsmen, and pressed one another very hard and with fury. The journalist was a man of about thirty-five, of slight build, and his adversary a man forty-five, of heavy build. Three rounds were fought, and in the fourth the politician was slightly wounded in the shoulder, which finished the encounter. Just then there was a lively altercation between both sides. I was not near enough to get the gist of it, but I surmised the principals wanted to continue. At length they shook hands, the surgeon attended to the wound, the swords were packed up, the carriages were hailed, and the honor of both sides was satisfied.

My opinion on dueling, from the single one which I witnessed, is that it is not such a serious affair when both sides are skillful swordsmen or when it is not a duel to the death.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Very stylish.

An exceedingly pretty and fetching costume is of smoke-blue camel's hair, trimmed with velvet to match. The skirt is plain, with a deep hem turned upward, and piped with a very narrow cord of the velvet, the hem secured by a row of silk stitching. The bodice is in coat form with deep basques, with flap pockets of the velvet matching the deep gauntlet cuffs. Revers, wide at the top and diminishing to a point below the waist, turn back to show a waistcoat of cream brocade. The gown is accompanied by a stylish Tudor cape to correspond. The yoke and upstanding collar are cut in one and trimmed with perpendicular bands of blue and gold galloon about half an inch wide.—Chicago Post.

THE GENERAL MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 4.	
CATTLE—Shipping steers	4 00 @ 4 20
Butchers' steers	3 70 @ 4 00
Native cows	2 90 @ 3 10
HOGS—Good to choice heavy	4 15 @ 4 25
WHEAT—No. 2 red	87 @ 87 1/2
No. 3 hard	84 1/2 @ 85
CORN—No. 2	27 @ 27 1/2
OATS—No. 2	22 @ 22 1/2
RYE—No. 2	77 @ 77 1/2
WHEAT—Patents, per sack	2 30 @ 2 40
FLOUR—Fancy	1 90 @ 1 95
MEAT—Dressed	8 00 @ 8 50
BUTTER—Choice creamery	16 @ 17
CHEESE—Full cream	10 @ 10 1/2
EGGS—Choice	11 @ 12
BACON—Hams	9 @ 10
Shoulders	5 1/2 @ 6 1/2
Sides	7 @ 7 1/2
LARD	6 1/2 @ 7 1/4
POTATOES	80 @ 80
ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE—Shipping steers	4 50 @ 5 50
Butchers' steers	4 00 @ 4 50
HOGS—Packing	4 00 @ 4 25
WHEAT—Fair to choice	4 90 @ 5 15
FLOUR—Choice	4 00 @ 5 00
WHEAT—No. 2 red	96 1/2 @ 97 1/2
CORN—No. 2	29 @ 30 1/4
OATS—No. 2	25 @ 25 1/4
RYE—No. 2	84 @ 85
BUTTER—Creamery	16 @ 19
PORK	10 00 @ 11 00
CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Shipping steers	5 00 @ 5 50
Butchers' steers	4 75 @ 5 00
HOGS—Packing	4 50 @ 4 75
WHEAT—Fair to choice	4 90 @ 5 15
FLOUR—Choice	4 00 @ 5 00
WHEAT—No. 2 red	96 1/2 @ 97 1/2
CORN—No. 2	29 @ 30 1/4
OATS—No. 2	25 @ 25 1/4
RYE—No. 2	84 @ 85
BUTTER—Creamery	16 @ 19
PORK	10 00 @ 11 00
NEW YORK.	
CATTLE—Common to prime	4 00 @ 6 10
HOGS—Good to choice	5 10 @ 6 00
FLOUR—Good to choice	4 50 @ 5 75
WHEAT—No. 2 red	1 03 1/2 @ 1 07
CORN—No. 2	74 @ 75
OATS—Western mixed	31 @ 37 1/2
BUTTER—Creamery	15 1/2 @ 20
PORK	10 50 @ 12 00

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