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but ship captains who have used it told me that it is better steamer fuel than the

me that it is better steamer fuel than the best coal of Japan.

"I have a sugget of pure gold picked up in its present form on the banks of a Philippine creek. I have gold dust washed out by the crude processes of careless natives from the sands of a Philippine stream. Both indicate great deposits at the source from which they come. In one of the islands great deposits of copper exist untouched. The mineral wealth of

"Consider their imperial dimensions, Luzon is larger and richer than New

York, Pennsylvania, Illinois or Ohio, Mindanao is larger and richer than all New

enance is larger and richer than all New England. Manila, as a port of call and ex-change, will, in the time of men now liv-ing, far surpass Liverpool. Behold the exhaustless markets they command. It is as if half a dozen of our states were

set down between oceans and the Orient and those states themselves undeveloped and unspolled of their primitive wealth

a few feet of frozen Alaska, which affords no market and commands none, what

should we not do rather than let England, Germany, Russia or Japan have all the Philippines? And no man on the spot can

Continuing, he declared the climate is

The Military Situation.

"The military situation, past, present and prospective, is no reason for abandon-ment," the senator stated. "Our cam-

and men whom he had a legal right to order into battle. The terms of enlistment

do so in ignorance of the real situation.
"We attempted a great task with insuffi-

cient means; we became impatient that it

that other element of disaster, pauring in

the work before it is thoroughly and for-ever done. That is the gravest mistake

we could possibly make, and that is the

only danger before us. Our Indian wars would have been shortened, the lives of

soldiers and settlers saved, and the Indiana

ous and decisive war; and any other kind

of war is criminal because ineffective. We acted toward the Indians as though

we feared them, loved them, hated them-

a mingling of foolish sentiment, inaccurate thought and paralytic purpose. Let

us now be instructed by our own experi-

Responsibility for Present Fighting.

The friendly methods of peace have

onging it. Had Aguinaldo not understood

that in America, even in the American

congress, even here in the senate, he

and his cause were supported; had he not

known that it was proclaimed on the stump and in the press of a faction in the

United States that every shot his mis-guided followers fired into the breasts of

American soldiers was like the volleys

fired by Washington's men against the soldiers of King George, his insurrection would have dissolved before it entirely

crystallized. I say to those whose voic

in America have cheered those misguided

natives on to shoot our soldiers down that the blood of those dead and wounded boys

of ours is on their hands, and the flood of

all the years can never wash the stain

the Filipinos utterly incapable, as they are

"must be simple and strong. The meaning of those two words must be written in every line of Philippine legislation;

realized in every act of Philippine admin-istration. A Philippine office in our de-

partment of state; an American governor-

general in Manila, with power to meet daily emergencies; possibly an advisory

council, with no power except that of dis-cussing measures with the governor-gen-

eral, which council would be the germ for

a future legislature, a school in practical

government; American lieutenant-govern-ors in each district, and a like council grouped about him; frequent and unan-

nounced visits of provincial governors to the districts of their province; periodical

reports to the governor-general; an Amer-

ican board of visitation to make semi-

annual trips to the archipelago without

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ice, with promotion for efficiency.

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As to peace, Beverldge sald:

themselves benefited had we made con

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SILVER LOVING CUP. Melted Dimes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.- The loving-cup of silver, made of the melted dimes collected from over 70,000 American citizens, the majority of whom were children, wa presented to Admiral Dewey today. cup stands nearly six feet in height, and is appropriately inscribed. At one side was a large siver-bound volume, containing the names of the contributors of the dimes who had subscribed to the token through the instrumentality of the New York Journal. Senator Depew acted as spokesman. In accepting the tribute, Admiral Dewey thanked Senator Depew for his gracious words, and said that he was overpowered by this new proof of the gratitude of his countrymen.

Will Keep Up the Contest. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Although ex-Tax Collector Sheehan, who attempted to retain possession of his office by force, has abdicated in compliance with an order of the superior court, he declares that he will continue his contest. It is not denied that J. H. Scott was elected at the recent election, Sheehan not even being a can-didate, but the latter claims he is entitled to retain the position pending a judicial decision as to Scott's eligibility.

Daily Treasury Statement. WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 .- Today's statement of the condition of the treasury

### A NATIONAL SCANDAL.

TALK No. 240.

Probably 90 per cent of the people

who consult me have eyes that are unlike. Sometimes one eye is near-sighted, and the other far-sighted.

Sometimes one eye is perfectly nor-mal, while the other is very defect-ive. In other cases there is only a

slight difference. It is bad policy to attempt to select glasses in pairs. All ready-made spectacles have

both lenses of exactly the same strength. They may fit one eye

perfectly and at the same time

perfectly and at the same time make the other eye worse. You cannot afford to take chances in this way. You should have each eye tested separately and fitted with the lens that it requires. In that way both eyes are preserved and placed under the best possible conditions. I always test one eye at a time.

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Tribute to Admiral Dewey Made of J. J. Hill's Opinion of the Ship Subsidy Bill.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 9 .- The feature of the opening day of the annual session of the State Agricultural Society was the address of J. J. Hill on "Enlarged Markets." Mr. Hill was particularly outspoken in his opposition to what is known as the Hanna-Payne subside bill now pending in congress for the second time.

"I cialm it would be a national scandal and disgrace," said Mr. Hill, "If, under the guise of helping the agricultural industry of the country, a bonus of perhaps \$450,000 a year is granted to a lot of fast Atlantic passenger boats on which people may go abroad to spend the money they make here. If we are ever to get so prosperous-and so foolish-as that, first let us raise the price of wheat about 50 cents

California Fruit Men's Petition

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—Commissioner Kasson, the negotiator of reciprocity treaties between the United States and foreign countries, will soon receive a pe-tition in which the fruitcanners of the state and dealers in California canned goods unite in asking him, in negotiating treaties with foreign countries, to give due consideration to the necessity for increasing the exports of California canned

# **GATE OF THE ORIENT**

Possibilities of the Philippines and Our Duty to Them.

SENATOR BEVERIDGE'S SPEECH

Islands Form a Natural Base for Future Commerce-The War, and Why It Has Been Prolonged.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 .- "That man little knows the common people of the republic, little understands the instincts of our race who thinks we will not hold it (the Philippine archipelago) fast, and hold it forever, administering just government by the strategy

the Philippine archipelago) fast, and hold it forever, administering just government by the simplest methods."

This sentence was the keynote of a speech delivered in the senate today by Beveridge, the junior senator from Indiana. It was the maiden speech in the senate of about the youngest member of the body. The announcement that he would deliver an address embodying his observations in the Philippines attracted an unusually large number of auditors to the galleries. On the floor of the senate every senator in the city was in his seat and scores of representatives came over from the house.

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The occasion was inspiring, and Bever-idge rose to it brilliantly. His oration for properly it was an oration—was deeply interesting. It was replete with striking sentences and well-arranged information. sentences and well-arranged information.

Spoken with all the earnestness, vigor and eloquence of a fine orator, enthusiastic in his subject, who rose at times to his subject with the power of passionate dramatic utterance, the speech created a profound impression upon all who heard it.

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Beveridge is scholarly and refined in appearance, with a striking face and figure. Throughout his speech he was easy and natural, and entirely free from mannerisms. He spoke rapidly and with great earnestness. When he declared, with deep solemnity, to those "whose voices in America have cheered those misguided natives on to shoot our soldiers down, that the blood of those dead and wounded boys of ours is on their hands, and the flood of years can never wash that stain away," there was a deep, although suppressed sensation among his auditors.

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At the conclusion of the speech, tremendous and unrestrained applause swept
over the galleries, and it was notable that
Secretary of the Treasury Gage, who occupied a seat in the senator's gallery, was Secretary of the Treasury Gage, who oc-cupted a seat in the senator's gallery, was a participant in it.

### Senator Beveridge's Speech, Senator Beveridge said in part:

"Mr. President, the times call for candor. The Philippines are ours forever, 'territory belonging to the United States,' as the constitution calls them. And just beyond the Philippines are China's illimitations. able markets. We will not retreat from either. We will not repudiate our duty in the archipelago. We will not abandon our opportunity in the Orient. We will not renounce our part in the mission of our race, trustee, under God, of the civilicur race, trustee, under God, of the variance of the world. And we will move forward to our work, not howling out regreis like slaves whipped to their burdens, but with graitfule for a task worthy to Almighty God that he has marked us as The

his chosen people, henceforth to lead in the regeneration of the world.

"This island empire is the last land left "This island empire is the last land left in all the oceans. If it should prove a mistake to abandon it, the blunder once made would be irretrievable. If it proves a mistake to hold it, the error can be corrected, when we will see every other progressive nation stands ready to relieve us. "But to hold it will be no mistake. Our lessest trade honefully must be with largest trade henceforth must be with Asia. The Pacific is our ocean. More and more Europe will manufacture all it needs secure from its colonies the most it consumes. Where shall we turn for consum-ers of our surplus? Geography answers the question. China is our natural customer. She is nearer to us than to Eng-land, Germany or Russia, the commercial power of the present and the future. They have moved nearer to China by securing permanent bases on her borders.

Base at the Door of All the East. "The Philippines give us a base at the door of all the East. Lines of navigation from our ports to the Orient and Australia; from the Isthmian canal to Asia; from all Oriental ports to Australia, converge at and separate from the Philippines. They are a self-supporting, dividend-paying fleet, permanently anchored at a spot selected by the Pacific. And the Pacific is the ocean of the commerce of the future, Most future wars will be conflicts for commerce. The power that rules the Pa-cliic, therefore, is the power that rules the And, with the Philippines, that power is and will forever be the Ameri-

can republic. "China's trade is the mightlest commercial fact in our future. Her foreign com-merce was \$285,728,300 in 1897, in which we, her neighbor, had less than 15 per cent, of which only a little more than half was merchandise sold to China by us. We ought to have 50 per cent, and we will. And China's foreign commerce is only be-ginning. Her resources, her possibilities, her wants-all are undeveloped. She has only 340 miles of railway; I have seen trains loaded with natives and all the ctivities of modern life already appearing along the line. But she needs, and in 30 years will have, 2000 miles of railway. Who

can estimate her commerce then?
"Japan's Chinese trade is multiplying in volume and value; she is bending her energy to her merchant marine, and is lo-cated along China's very coast. But Manila is nearer China than Yokohama is. The Philippines command the commercial situation of the entire East.

"Can America best trade with China from San Francisco or New York? From San Francisco of course. But if San Francisco were closer to China than New York (a. D. Pittheway) York is to Pittsburg, what then? And Manila is nearer Hong Kong than Havana is to Washington. And yet, American statesman plan to surrender this commercial throne of the Orient, where provi-dence and our soldiers lives have placed When history comes to write the story that suggested treason to American supremacy and, therefore, to the spread of American civilization, let her, in mercy, write that those who so proposed were merely blind and nothing more.

Resources of the Islands. "But, if they did not command China,

India, the Orient, the whole Pacific for purposes of offense, defense and trade, the Philippines are so valuable in themselves that we should hold them. I have cruised more than 2000 miles through the archipelago, every moment a surprise at its love-liness and wealth. I have ridden hundreds of miles on the islands, every foot of the way a revelation of vegetable and mineral riches.

"No land in America surpasses in fertility the plains and valleys of Luzon. Rice and coffee, sugar and cocoanuts, hemp and tobacco and many products of the temperwe:

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## dors, Palawan and parts of Luzon are in-valuable and intact. The woods of the Philippines can supply the furniture of the

world for a century to come.

"At Cebu, Rev. Father Julio Segreratold me that 40 miles of Cebu's mountain chain are practically mountains of coal. Pablo Majis, one of the most reliable men on the islands, confirmed the statement. Some declare that the coal is only lignite, the coal is only lignite. No News Has Come Out of Natal Since Sunday.

THERE WAS NO FIGHTING THEN

The Press Reduced to Conjectures and Criticisms of the Conduct of the War-Butler Summoned.

exist untouched. The mineral wealth of this empire of the ocean will one day surprise the world. I base this statement partly on personal observation, but chiefly on the testimony of foreign merchants in the Philippines, who have practically in-vestigated the subject, and upon the unan-

Ladysmith being subjected to such courageous assault, and it is realized that General White's troops cannot be expected greatly to prolong such arduous defense. In some quarters it is considered unaccountable that Buller did not press a passage of the Tugela while the Boers were engaged northward and comments. were engaged northward, and comments on his apparent supineness are nowled

complimentary.

From Boer headquarters it is reported that Buller is constructing a subsidiary railroad from the main line to Colenso westwardly in the direction of Potgeeter's

Advices from Modder River say the Boers continue to extend their works, and is estimated 20,000 men are required to defend them.

A dispatch from Frere camp last Sunday night said all was quiet there, thus dis-pelling the widespread hopes that Buller had followed up his demonstration before

LONDON, Jan. 19, 4:30 A. M.—The war office has not contributed the least particular as to what is taking place in Natal Since Sunday. Neither has it allowed the dispatches of correspondents to get through. Consequently the facts of the rey and White and Z men. Mtssing, Capture of the contributed of the sunday of the Sufficient of the sunday of the Sufficient of the sunday of the Sufficient of the Sufficie



SENATOR A. J. BEVERIDGE, OF INDIANA.

situation are replaced by conjectures and tains Brett, Thompson and Brown and the impatience of the public pours itself Lieutenants Allen, Woods, Martin, Butler and 107 men. Wounded, II men. General war and of what might have been done fall to see that this would be their fate if we retired." the best tropic climate in the world. As to the people, he said they are a bar-

war and of what might have been done or what ought to be done.

The Morning Post demands that the forces afield, afloat and in preparation should be increased by 65,000 men. To this end it urges that all the trained men the country possesses, militia and volunteers, shall be called out, asserting incidentally that, although the attitude of the other powers is correct in the diplomatic sense of the word, an invasion, if attempted, would be sudden, and that now is the time to apprehend contingencies.

French further reports that the casuallies of other regiments to January 4 were 12 men killed and 44 wounded.

There is reason to believe that the United States and German embassies are trying to find some common basis on which they can co-operate in pressing their respective demands against Great Britain for the Delagoa bay seizures. A high official of the German embassy had a long conference today at the American embassy, and the diplomats are believed to have discussed the steps each country has already barous race, modified by three centuries of contact with a decadent race. We must act on the situation as it exists. As a act on the situation as it exists. As a race their general ability is poor. They are incurably indolent. They are like children playing at men's work. Aguinaldo he characterized as a clever, popular leader, able, brave, ambitious, unserupulous and masterful; a Malay Seylla, not a Filipino Washington.

ment, the senator stated. Our campaign has been as perfect as possible with the force at hand. We have been delayed, first by a failure to comprehend the immensity of our acquisition; and, second, by insufficient force; and, third, by our efforts for peace. In February, after the treaty of peace. Otis had only 3722 officers and many when he had a local right to of the rest of his troops had expired, and they fought voluntarily, and not on legal military compulsion. Those who complain quarters staff. This seems to indicate that his advice, which only recently was in extreme disfavor, is about to be utilwas not finished before it could fairly be commenced; and I pray we may not add

The criticisms extend to the entire field bay, and that a Dutch officer was killed. of war transactions, finding fault espe-cially with the lack of transports for the troops who are ready to depart, and with the concealment of news, averring that the censorship in South Africa embraces the mails; that the reports of correspondents are being mutilated, and entire letters suppress

The admiralty, in seeking transports, is reported to have chartered the American liner St. Paul, which was inspected pre-vious to chartering, and three Liverpool

The government's defense, as put forth by Mr. Balfour at Manchester, has produced a disagreeable impression upon the country. The Standard, Times and St. James's Gazette join in the almost unanimous metropolitan and provincial disapproval of the government explanations.
The various segments of the liberal party are being drawn together for united opposition to parliament next month.

Great Britain's loss since the war began been thoroughly tried, only to make peace more difficult. American opposition to the war has been the chief factor in pro-

is fast approaching 8000. A war office compilation of casualties, issued last evening, shows a total of 7213—1027 killed, 3765 wounded and 2511 missing. These do not include 140 who have succ umbed to disease, nor the casualties at Ladysmith

The Daily Mail says: "With characteristic bad manners, the Transvaal authorities have refused to allow Mr. Hollis, the American representative at Pretoria, to care for British interests. This is an act without precedent in modern diplomatic

A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle dated at Frere Camp, Sunday afternoon at 3

o'clock, says;
"There has been no bombardment of There has been no bombardment of Ladysmith today, nor any shelling at Cheveley by the British guns."

The Dally Mail has the following dis-patch, dated Sunday, June 7, from Cape Regarding self-government, he declared

not a self-governing race, but are Orientals, Malays, instructed by Spaniards "Dordrecht is now garrisoned by 1000 located in Arizona and has recently been rebels, thus releasing the Orange Free in litigation. The property was sold for State troops for service elsewhere."

The Daily Graphic makes the following Donald, who is said to have represented in the latter's worst estate. They know nothing of practical government, except as they have witnessed the weak, corrupt, cruel and capricious rule of Spain.
"The form of government," he declared,

"Germany has addressed two notes to "Germany has addressed two notes the British foreign office, challenging Great Britain's right to detain any ships traveling between any two neutral ports. The notes have been duly answered. The queen's government finds itself wholly unable to acquiesce in Germany's contention. Germany cited a case in sup-port of her contention. port of her contention, but on examina-tion this so-called pracedent proved to be quite inapplicable to the seizures under discussion. The correspondence between discussion. The correspondence between the two countries rests, there, pending a decision by the prize court."

NO WARRANT FOR EXULTATION. Situation at Ladysmith Must Be Worse Than Ever.

LONDON, Jan. 9 .- Further news of Ger power of suggestion or interference to of-ficials or people, but only to report and eral White's victory is anxiously awaited, as it is generally realized today that there recommend to the Philippine office of our is little warrant for the exultation which followed the announcement of his repulse state department; a Philippine civil servfollowed the announcement of his repulse of the Boers. The remarkable revelation butions to the Lawton fund from the peoplete surprise to the British, who had not reckoned on the weakened garrison of Shafter to make the final total \$10,121. Government Must Be Pure. "The men we send to administer civil-

demands against Great Britain for the Delagon bay seizures. A high official of the German embassy had a long confer-ence today at the American embassy, and the diplomats are believed to have diswould be sudden, and that now is the time to apprehend contingencies.

The Daily News editorially defines the public opinion of the Continent as "in a state which should not be ignored." It is calls for "greater vigitance than ever on the part of those responsible for the efficiency of the state," and advises caution and business-like diplomacy.

The Daily Mail says it understands that the supersession of another general commanding in South Africa will shortly be announced. This may have relation to General Butler's hasty summons from Davenport. It is rumored that he came by special train to London yesterday, and held a long consultation with the head-quarters staff. This seems to indicate

NOT THE GREED OF GOLD. Manchester Speech of the First Lord | lectorship. of the Trensury.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Addressing a meeting held in a suburb of Manchester, tonight, Mr. Balfour said:

While I am loth to claim, in any proud and arrogant speech, that we are in any special sense the leaders of a great humanitarian cause, I deny in the strong-est manner that we are animated by ignoble motives. No more faise or stupid calumny was ever invented than the accusation that Great Britain is animated by a petty desire to add wealthy regions to an already gigantic empire. No mere acquisition of territory could compensate for a war costing so much blood and

Rear-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, addressing the London chamber of com-merce today, and dealing with questions of national defense, said that, now that war prevailed, more attention would paid, perhaps, to those who had warned paid, perhaps, to those the country that it was laboring under a "rotten, false and misleading system of administration," so far as the services

were concerned.
"While I would deprecate the adoption of conscription," said Lord Charles, "I hope the country will insist upon overhauling and reforming the naval and military service. In connection with the war in South Africa, I contend that our generals should be held blameless, for they have been sent to do an impossibility.

Sale of the United Verde. NEW YORK, Jan. 9.-The United Verde opper mine, together with the works and railroad owned by the company, were sold at public auction today. The property is

pany. TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 9.- The Verde Queen Copper Company, of Arizona, capital \$1,000,000, to mine and smelt copper. was incorporated here today. The incorporators are F. L. Patton, jr., D. P. Bos-worth, T. D. Dale, H. A. Magher, I. M. Sutton, L. S. Stillman, all of Jersey City.

the reorganization committee of the com-

Two Transports for Manila. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.- The transports Tartar and Aztec will sail for Manila tomorrow. The Tartar will go to the Philippines direct with 500 recruits and a large quantity of commissary stores. Colonel Freeman, of the Fifth artillery, will be a passenger. The Aztec will carry cavalry horses and will stop at Ilo Ilo.

The Lawton Fund. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.-Major-Gen eral Shafter has sent to Adjutant-Gen-eral Corbin a draft of \$3494, the contri-

Importance of Senator Beveridge's Philippine Speech.

THE ANTIS WERE IN A PANIC

Feared It Would Make a Deep Impression on the Country-Chandler's Re-Election Doubtful.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The speech of lenator Beverldge today is the real opening declaration from the republican side regarding the Philippine policy. bored under the disadvantage of breakored tinuer the disadvantage of oreasting through senatorial traditions and making a speech during the first session of his term. The importance of the subject, however, drew a targe crowd to the senate, and senators listened with unusual interest. That he made a deep impres-sion upon the senate, and that it was feared by the "antis" that it would make a deep impression upon the country was evident from the fact that Senator Hour found it necessary to make a reply as best he could, although a prepared speech on the subject by the Massachusetts senator is to be delivered some weeks hence. The clear and forcible presentation of the case and the actual knowledge which Bev-eridge possesses concerning the conditions in the Philippines will be unanswerable, no matter whether Hoar, Mason and all the other "antis" in the senate should

undertake to break them down,
It is not believed that Senator Beverlige is speaking for the administration because he went directly contrary to what seems to have long been the purpose of the ad-ministration in the matter of speedily crushing out the rebellion. It was not until public opinion forced a larger army that Otis was given sufficient troops to put down the uprising. Beveridge be-lieves that even now a larger force should be sent there, and that there should be no delay whatever in beating the Malays, who would keep the islanders in turmoil

It is not likely that Reveridge's reso lution or his plan of government will be adopted, as the older senators believe that they are capable of handling this subject without the advice of the young man from Indiana. Beveridge's speech was far above expectations.

Chandler's Political Suicide. The position that Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, has assumed on the silver question has made his re-election very doubtful. All the republicans of New Hampshire are planning to send a straight old man who would be in harmony with his party in place of the energetic but

missuided Chandler, Administration Abandons Quay. For several days there have been rumors afout about the capitol that the administration has practically abandoned Quay, and that no senator seeking patronage will be compelled to support Quary of der to keep in favor with the powers be. If this is true, it will probably r in the loss of a number of votes to Q It is said the changed heart of the ad istration has been brought about bee

An uncredited rumor is current here will, it is expected, be between Oregon that a British cruiser fired upon the and California men. The salary is \$5000, Dutch cruiser Friesland, near Delagon and it is a very much sought after place. Ivey is very enthusiastic over Alaska mining propositions, and believes himself worth \$1,000.000 prospectively. He thinks nore of his mining interests than the col-

> New Department of Alaska. The organization of a military depart-

ment of Alaska does not mean that the territory will be placed under military control, but it simply takes Alaska out of the department of the Columbia, of which it has always been a part. This was found necessary because of the con-solidated command of the departments of the Columbia and California. Everything coming from Alaska went first to Vancouver and was then forwarded to San Francisco to be acted upon by Shafter, who was the commanding officer of both departments. This caused a delay which the war department wishes to avoid by having direct communication with an offi cer commanding in Alaska.

TO TEST THE BLAND ACT.

Case in Supreme Court May Have Bearing on Financial Question,

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.- A record and brief have been received by the cierk of the supreme court of the United States, in a case from the supreme court of Michigan, that may have a bearing on the mancial question. It is the case of Baker vs. Baldwin, in when F. A. Baker, a Michigan lawyer is to test the court. Michigan lawyer, is to test the consti-tutionality of the provisions of the Signid-Alliann act, making the silver dollar of 571.25 grains of pure sliver a full and un-limited legal tender in the payment of all debts, public or private.

Mr. Baker cialms that the act of 1873, establishing the gold detlar of 24.23 grains of pure gold as the standard of value, is the only valid act in existence making coined money a full legal tender, and that all contracts since entered into payable in money without slipulation as to the kind of money, can be settled only in gold indiars or in United States notes redesmable in gold. He contends that the Bland-Allison act is unconstitutional, because the bullum value of the silver dollar at the date of the passage of that act, and ever since then, has been less than the value of the gold dollar, and that congress has "no right, under the power to coin meney, to issue a debased coin and to make it an un-limited tender where no provision is made for its redemption in coin of full value."

Mr. Baker is an advocate of silver, and
in 1898 was chairman of the democratio state central committee, of Michigan, but he believes that the new standard of value which would result from the restoration bimetalism, should be adopted for further contracts only, and that all existing public and private debts contracted since 1573 should be paid in gold, unless the contract specifically provides for the payment of

some other kind of money.

Breach of Promise Suit. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.-Elizabeth Gladstone, aged 53, has secured judgment in the superior court against Joseph Boardman, aged 73, for breach of promise to marry. She sued for \$30,000.