

DE WITTE'S MOVE Would Mobilize Russia's Industrial Army.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 18.—Shrewd observers in St. Petersburg believe that the Russian financial minister, M. de Witte, in imposing a discriminating duty on American manufactures of iron and steel, was not animated only by a desire to protect sugar-producers, but was eager to seize an opportunity to mobilize Russia's industrial army, with a view of profiting its ability to stand the test of a tariff war. It is believed, moreover, he desires to impress Germany even more than the United States.

The Russian press does not give any particular approval to the experiment. The Boerse Gazette, usually influenced by the Minister of Finance, warns both sides against implicit faith in the Bismarckian theory that tariff wars will bring about good political relations, pointing out that experience has shown the opposite to be the case, as a rule.

"We hope the friction will be as quickly moved" as it is arisen," continues the Boerse Gazette. "The Russian policy is not new, but existing between the two powers are the best types known. Both are playing the game of the tertium quid, which is preparing a blow against both. Doubtless American public opinion is wiser than the Russian press, and the Government that is acting in their interest."

The Novosti, correctly representing Russian public opinion as to the Russian Government's support of the tariff war, in violation of the domestic law and of a system devised to enable a few luxury manufacturers to make profits at the expense of consumers. Russia's export policy, the Novosti continues, is keeping the public to support high domestic prices. It is well known that one of the chief obstacles to temperance work in Russia is the price of sugar, which checks the consumption of tea.

The Novosti reminds Americans that they are the principal commercial beneficiaries of Russian railway enterprises in Eastern Asia, and expresses a hope that the United States Supreme Court will decide in Russia's favor.

Regarding the Russian tariff, it says, "should remain as a last resort. Hitherto Russia and the United States have been able to settle their differences peacefully, whether political or commercial."

Evidently the Novosti's article was written before M. de Witte's retort. Americans here have long been convinced that one of the most formidable obstacles to the development of America's export trade with the United States is the insufficient return cargoes to make a direct steamship line between New York and St. Petersburg profitable. Therefore, they deplore any action that would tend to aggravate the difficulty.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times, who describes the action of M. de Witte in raising the duty of all the principal imports from the United States as a "repulsive, strikingly disproportionate" tariff, asks the United States to stop Americans from using sugar, says: "If any of the negotiations have been going on they must have been entirely conducted in Washington. Russians here have been taken by surprise, and the Russian papers, which are always well directed toward the United States, express great regret at the 'unfortunate incident' and a hope that some amicable arrangement may be reached."

Manufacturers to Take Matter Up. CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—The Illinois Manufacturers' Association will endeavor to assemble the leading manufacturers of agricultural implements in the United States in Chicago for the purpose of discussing the United States tariff. The chief object will be to canvass the situation with a view to its correction. It is understood the manufacturers will endeavor to get a sugar importer to protest against the tariff, that a prominent member from Russia, and thus carry the question before the board of appraisers in the hope that the tariff may be changed.

NEGRO WAS WINCHED KILLED MAN AND HIS FAMILY AND RANSACKED HOUSE.

Two Boys Visiting Victims Gave Alarm, and Mob Soon Meted Out Vengeance. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—Thomas Jackson, a negro, was lynched today at St. Peter, 20 miles above this city, for a series of crimes. This morning he visited the home of Alexander Bourgeois, the engineer of the drainage machine on Bellefont plantation, a white neighbor to the plantation quarters. He told Bourgeois the manager wanted him, and the engineer mounted the tricycle with the negro. Jackson stabbed the engineer in the back and threw the body into a ditch. He then returned to the house and butchered Mrs. Bourgeois and her two babies and ransacked the house. Two boys visiting the family hid in the woods. After the negro's departure the boys went to St. Peter and gave the alarm, returning with a mob of several hundred men. The negro was tracked to his home and fully identified by the boys. He was hanged and his body riddled with bullets before the Sheriff arrived.

THINK THEY HAVE ROBBERS. Officials Capture Three Men for Illinois Revenue Office Theft. CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Secret service officials are confident they have captured three men who robbed the Internal Revenue office at Peoria, Ill., January 28, of \$5,000 in stamps. The men under arrest are John Delehanty, James McVey and John Reagan. They are held on a charge of attempting to sell "washed" stamps, but the secret service agents say they have been able to substitute the robbery charges. Delehanty and McVey and McVey was made in the office of a firm of brokers in the Rookery building, where they produced a bundle of documentary stamps, amounting to \$180 in face value. They agreed to part with them for \$100.

It is said that Delehanty made a partial confession, in which he implicated Reagan, who was arrested later at the Richardson Hotel.

QUEEN SOPHIA MUCH IMPROVED. STOCKHOLM, Feb. 17.—The condition of Queen Sophia is so much improved that it is now believed she will be no longer confined to her bed.

Slight Earthquake at Vienna. VIENNA, Feb. 17.—A slight earthquake shock was felt here today.

OVERDUE RICKMERS IN PORT German Ship from Hong Kong at Astoria—Trip Not a Hard One. ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 17.—The overdue German ship Peter Rickmers arrived in today, 14 days from Hong Kong. Her long passage was occasioned by her coming a different route than that usually taken.

Sailor Killed by Fall. The British ship Ben Dearg, which arrived in today from Santa Rosa, reports the loss of a sailor named Alex Wright, who fell from the rigging to the deck and was killed. He was buried at sea.

Bright Outlook for Lucerna. ST. JOHNS, N. F., Feb. 17.—There is now a decided conflict of opinion with reference to the identity of the wreckage near Beaulieu. All who went to the scene on the Government tug Ingraham assert that the wreckage shows no indication of having belonged to the steamship Lucerna. On the other hand, the agent who went to the scene first insists with equal positiveness that he saw much material which unquestionably belonged to her. The absence of precise information brightens the outlook for the friends for the crew of the Lucerna, leading them to hope that she may be adrift somewhere.

Hala Makes Victoria. VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 17.—The ship Iala arrived this afternoon. She had been delayed by contrary winds. The captain says that the life belt found on the west coast was not from his ship.

Domestic and Foreign Ports. ASTORIA, Feb. 17.—Sailed, at 9 A. M.—Steamer Columbia, for San Francisco. Arrived, at 10:40 A. M.—German ship Peter Rickmers, from Hong Kong and British ship Ben Dearg, from Santa Rosa. Arrived at 11:50 A. M.—British ship Scottish Hills. At 4:30 P. M., two squalls. At a schooner outside. Conditions of the bay at 5 P. M. rough, wind, north-west; weather cloudy. San Francisco, Feb. 17.—Sailed—Steamer George W. Elder, for Astoria; British steamer Victoria, for Chemulup; schooner Alice Cook, for San Francisco; schooner Wing and Wing, for Suislaw; schooner Occidental, for Columbia River; schooner Nancy Dupard, for Port Blakely. New York—Sailed—Steamer for Boulogne. Arrived—Prerita, from Hamburg. Liverpool—Sailed—Tauric, for New York; Bovic, for New York. Moville—Arrived, Feb. 18.—Anchored, from New York for Glasgow. Genoa—Sailed—Auguste Victoria, for New York. Queenstown—Sailed—Bttrita, from Liverpool for New York. Portland—Sailed—Tunisian from Liverpool; Peruvian, from Glasgow.

CUBA'S BILL—WHO PAYS? Serious and Troublesome Question That Must Have an Answer.

Chicago Inter Ocean. The war with Spain added \$177,261,538 to the national debt. This country between April, 1898, and June, 30, 1899. This amount was paid in freeing Cuba from the yoke of Spain.

IN THE HOUSE. Appropriation Bills and Conference Reports Have Right of Way. WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The last week but one of the present session of Congress will be an exceedingly busy one in the House. Much business remains to be disposed of, and the inevitable crowding of the week will bring the closing hours of a Congress has begun already. The appropriation bills, so far as the House is concerned, are in fairly good shape.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE. Firmness Prevailed, and a Great Amount of Business Was Done. LONDON, Feb. 17.—Last week on the Stock Exchange was eventful. The settlement was successfully negotiated, firmness prevailed, and a good amount of business was done. The price of gold was fairly successful, as more than double the amount asked for was tendered at a higher of 2 1/4 % to 2 1/2 %.

On the Berlin Bourse. BERLIN, Feb. 17.—The bourse last week showed less demand for state funds. Prices declined slightly. The market yesterday there was a marked improvement. Imperial 2 1/2 closed 3 pfennigs down for the week and Prussians 6 1/2. Among foreign rentes Mexican weakened upon the rumors that a bond issue of \$25,000,000 had been placed. Argentine were heavily bought upon the strength of the belief that a funding operation is near.

DESTRUCTIVE FISH WHEELS. An Appeal to the Legislatures of Two States. VANCOUVER, Feb. 17.—(To the Editor.)—I have just seen The Oregonian of the 17th, containing an article from J. W. Wise, of Astoria, on fish wheels and fishing above tidewater in the Columbia River. Like all articles of this kind, it should only have protection in the close seasons and against the use of villainous vampire wheels that are located in every available spot in the narrow gorge of the river, both at the Cascades and the dalles of the Columbia River.

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Sheriff Stopped Two Fights. TOLEDO, O., Feb. 17.—Two attempts were made this afternoon to pull off a fight between Kid Moore, of Cleveland, and Fred Green, of Toledo. Both were stopped by Sheriff Newton.

To Create Feeling Against G. A. R. CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Colonel George W. Cook, of Denver, Past Department Commander of the G. A. R., of Colorado and Wyoming, and a member of the council of administration of the G. A. R., arrived here today for the purpose of arousing sentiment among the troops against the recent action of the executive committee of the council, at a meeting in St. Louis, changing the place of the forthcoming encampment from Denver to Cleveland. Mr. Cook declared that Denver has not been treated fairly by the executive committee and declares tonight that he had it from most excellent authority that a prominent member of the committee stated during the encampment in Chicago "that while Denver would be chosen here, Cleveland would finally receive the prize." This alleged statement, Mr. Cook quotes in evidence of the insincerity which he charges.

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More Kansas Joins Must Go. HUTCHINSON, Kan., Feb. 17.—At a mass meeting of citizens today, resolutions were adopted demanding that every joint in town remove its goods and fixtures from the saloons by tomorrow. Unless this order is complied with the resolution says the Law Enforcement League will use whatever means are necessary to abate the places. The resolutions were adopted after the speaker demanded unless they take immediate steps to enforce the prohibition law.

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Texas Raiders Frustrated. ROCKWALL, Tex., Feb. 17.—This morning at 3 o'clock a band of 20 men would make a raid on the property of the freight house at the depot here, for the purpose of destroying some whisky there, but were frustrated.

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humanity. Further up the street hundreds of others, men, women and children, were following the same line as fast as their feet would carry them.

Without any desire to lessen the enthusiasm of the gentlemen from Nebraska, the Chronicle begs leave to supplement his calamity figures with the comparative January totals of bank clearings as reported to Bradstreet's for 11 years, given in round numbers:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Amount, Amount, Amount. Data includes years 1891-1900 and amounts ranging from \$448,000,000 to \$1,458,000,000.

Until two months ago March, 1899, held the record for the largest total of bank clearings, \$3,601,000,000. November, 1900, approached it with \$3,681,000,000. December, 1900, broke the record with \$3,013,000,000. Now comes the first month of the new century, with a grand total of \$4,025,000,000, more than twice as much as the January total of four years ago.

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