

DEPRESSION IN FARMING

THE SUBJECT DISCUSSED BY THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.

Causes Assigned to the Opening Up of New Lands and Conservation of Growers.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The Industrial Commission today made public its review of the evidence taken before the commission on the subjects of agriculture and agricultural labor.

The cause most often assigned for the depression of agriculture in the Eastern States is the increased production due to the opening of lands in advance of their natural demand.

Another cause which several witnesses assign for the unsatisfactory condition of agriculture in some parts of the country is the conservation of the farmers, their failure of quick adjustment to changed conditions and the restrictive business planning.

Another cause assigned for agricultural depression in the South is the scarcity of money, the difficulty of borrowing on real estate security and the consequent high rates of interest.

REBUILD WEST POINT ACADEMY.

That is the Recommendation of the Board of Visitors.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The most important feature of the report of the Board of Visitors to the West Point Military Academy is a recommendation that the academy be rebuilt.

It has been nearly 200 years since West Point was founded, and during the birth of the institution nearly a century has elapsed in the future for enlargement and altering and patching there is so much money thrown away.

The report which charges the academy with being a "shanty town" and that regard at Annapolis should be speedily adopted at West Point.

Features of the present arrangement which are especially condemned are the electric light and gas plants; no water supply; no sanitary arrangements; no bathrooms; the lack of church facilities; and the hotel, which is described as "a mere hut."

GENERAL HERRIAN WILL RETIRE.

General Bates Will Assume Command of the Department of the Colorado.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Brigadier-General Henry C. Merrian will be placed in the retired list tomorrow on account of age. His present command, the Department of the Colorado, will be assumed temporarily by Brigadier-General J. C. Bates, commanding the Department of the Missouri.

RECIPROCIITY ARRANGEMENT.

Its Workings During the Past Three Years.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Consul-General Skinner, at Marselles, has furnished to the State Department a statement of the operations of the French reciprocity arrangement made under the Dingley act in 1897.

TEEN PERISHED IN GREAT ODESSA FIRE.

ODESSA, Nov. 12.—The Mandelstich buildings, one of the finest blocks in Odessa, which include a fashionable arcade of shops, have been destroyed by fire.

ST. SAULT ABSENDS A RIVAL.

AKRON, O., Nov. 12.—It is rumored that the National Salt Company has absorbed the Colonial Salt Company of this city.

PROMOTIONS IN THE ARMY.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The death of Colonel John W. French, which occurred at Atlanta, Ga., will promote Lieutenant Colonel James Miller to be Colonel.

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GERMANY WILL SEND A NEW AMBASSADOR TO ENGLAND.

Count von Metterich Selected for the Place—Electric Traction in London—Other Foreign News.

BERLIN, Nov. 12.—Emperor William has acceded to the oft-repeated request of Count Paul von Hatzfeldt, Grand Baron, the German Ambassador to Great Britain, that he be allowed to retire from the diplomatic service on the ground of ill-health.

The Emperor, who has expressed his deep regret at the necessity for the Ambassador's retirement, "I feel impelled," says the Emperor, "to express my imperial thanks for the excellent service which during the 44 years of your official life you have rendered to myself and to the whole Fatherland."

Count von Metterich will succeed Count von Hatzfeldt as German ambassador to London early in 1902.

Count von Metterich on the first of the year was decorated by King Edward with the Order of the Victorian Order.

AMERICAN ENGINES IN AFRICA.

An Instance of Quick Delivery of Goods From This Country.

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 12.—Dr. J. W. Smart, Commissioner of Public Works of Cape Colony, in the course of his recent letter to the papers here dealing with the mission of the Cape Government, railways, portions of which have already been cabled, asserted that of the 124 engines for the construction of which government sanction has been given, 12 have been ordered from British firms and 38 from America.

The remaining 74 have not yet been placed. Mr. Elliott also declared that the Cape Government had ordered 100 American premium per month per locomotive for delivery within the contract time.

As an instance of quick American delivery, he mentioned the fact that four engines ordered in April last were actually built for The Netherlands Company, were awaiting shipment, and actually delivered at Cape Town during the following month.

About half of the rolling-stock for the Hopfield-Walshes Kraal two-foot line, and for the whole of the Avontuur-Fort Elizabeth line of the same gauge, 34 miles in length, including locomotives, is still unplaced.

The British tender of \$2 1/2 per ton for the same material is the lowest, and was accepted. Canada was invited to supply rolling-stock, as a recognition of the sacrifices made by her in behalf of the empire during the war.

ELECTRIC TRACTION IN LONDON.

County Council Has a Rapid Transit Scheme.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—At yesterday's meeting of the London County Council, a proposal was adopted to ask the consent of Parliament for the construction of a railway for electric traction from the Victoria embankment, under New Street, to Holborn, connecting a little further north with surface trams.

In the course of the session the delegates recently visited the United States described the systems in Boston and New York. J. Williams Bonn declaring his conviction that what had been done in American cities should be done in London.

Commenting editorially upon the importance of the decision of the County Council, the Daily Chronicle says: "It appears that while the district railways of the metropolis are engaged in a tedious dispute, the County Council, and Charles T. Yerkes have agreed on a quick and efficient electric traction, with cheap and efficient electric traction. We prefer that the Council should be the winner."

FINANCIAL DEPRESSION IN JAPAN.

VICTORIA, Nov. 12.—According to news received by the steamer Empress of China, the financial depression is being keenly felt in Japan.

The economic condition of the country may be gauged by the fact that the mere report of the failure of the government to sign a bill to extend the term of issue of exchequer bills sufficed to bring about a disastrous fall on the Tokio stock exchange, stocks falling as much as 30 yen and 50 per cent.

The Japan Times reports that the United States Government has sent an order for six gunboats for use in the Philippines, at a cost of between 10,000 yen and 20,000 yen per boat.

DE WITTE WANTS AN EXPLANATION.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 12.—The persistent complaints of iron workers and coal miners in regard to the difficulty experienced in disposing of their products and the consequent restriction on the output, while imports of these products are increasing, are so inexplicable, has inquired the mining congress.

During the course of a telegram to the congress, M. De Witte points out that the imports for the current year are valued at 1,621,000,000 roubles of cast iron and steel, 2,385,000,000 roubles of machinery and 104,122,000 roubles of coal.

"In view," telegraphs the minister, "of the fact that the country is a net importer of iron and steel, and that the production of the protection of home industries, I ask the congress to explain how the home producers can complain of a lack of market in the face of such an ideal import."

REARMING BRITISH CAVALRY.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—The Daily News makes the following announcement: "Owing to Lord Roberts' conviction that the sabre and lance have seen their best days and must be replaced, even for cavalry, by rifles, while the bulk of the infantry must be converted into a small-arm corps, the War Office has instructed some months ago to find a modified form of the Lee-Enfield rifle suitable for all arms."

The decision has been made to decide in favor of shortening the barrel five inches and increasing the twist of the rifle in order to compensate for the loss of the range and accuracy, adding 10 to 15 grains of powder to the propellant charge of 1901 will be made soon."

A ROYAL DIVORCE.

BERLIN, Nov. 12.—There appears to be foundation for the renewed reports that a divorce of the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Hesse is impending.

Incompatibility of temper, long existing, appears to be the main cause, and a separation is inevitable. They are both grandchildren of the late Queen Victoria. The Grand Duchess is regarded as one of the most beautiful Princesses of Europe.

TROUBLE ON AFGHAN FRONTIER.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—"It is reported here," says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, "that the British Government has been notified on the death of the Amir, has been making trouble on the Indian frontier. He gathered several hundred followers and attacked an Afghan post of 200 troops, commanded by Ali Akbar, near the frontier. Akbar drove the rebels over the border, losing one of them and nine soldiers killed. The British authorities then arrested Ali Akbar, while Jendeh Khan fled to Kurram Valley. Haidar Ullah has ordered the troops to pursue him."

GERMAN ARTICLE ON ROOSEVELT.

BERLIN, Nov. 12.—The National Zeitung publishes an article dealing with President Roosevelt as a man and a statesman. After giving a just description of his character and tastes, the article proceeds to forecast, in a conservative way, his relations with foreign countries and particularly with Germany.

"Mr. Roosevelt will be an American President," says the writer, "in the true sense of the word, without sentimentalism and basing his course solely on American interests. A conflict with Germany is present in out of the question, but minor points of difference will be smoothed out."

FRANCE-TURKEY TROUBLE SETTLED.

PARIS, Nov. 12.—The Council of Ministers at the Cabinet Council today, the foreign minister, M. Delcasse, read the letter which the Turkish foreign minister, Mr. Enver Pasha, wrote to M. Basset, counselor of the French Embassy in Constantinople, notifying him of the signing of the imperial irade providing for the execution of the Sultan's engagements with the Porte.

Count von Metterich notified that he had notified the Porte that diplomatic relations between France and Turkey had been resumed and that Admiral Calliaud's squadron had left the island of Mytilene.

ELECTION AT NAPLES.

ROME, Nov. 12.—Municipal elections were held today at Naples, where the result has been a surprise. The Democrats, owing to wholesale corruption by the Camorra party, and where the city administration had been constructed by the Government, secured the loss of the majority. The press congratulates Naples upon the defeat of the Camorra, and the press congratulates the Democrats for their victory.

REMARKABLE SPEED ON GERMAN RAIL.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—The German representative of the Daily News reports that a speed of 106 miles an hour has been attained on an electric railway between Marlenfels and Zossen, says the London correspondent of the Times. Engineers are even convinced that this speed can be increased. Running at this rate, the air pressure was found to be equal to a wind force of 12 feet a second, a force which would be sufficient to blow a man off his feet.

BOERS CAPTURED CAVALRY HORSES.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—The London Times, says the Berlin correspondent of the London Times and the New York Times, assert that a British larger containing mounts for the cavalry now on the frontier in England, was captured by the Boers near Cape Town.

KITCHENER HAS LOCATED DEWEET.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch from Pretoria dated Monday, November 11, presents his weekly report on the progress of the operations in the north-western Transvaal.

AFRAID OF AMERICAN COAL.

BERLIN, Nov. 12.—The Vossische Zeitung publishes a letter from Essen asserting that the Rhine and Westphalian coal and iron producers now manifest a growing concern at the efforts of the United States to extend exports of coal and iron products to the Continent.

TALK OF SALISBURY'S RETIREMENT.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—Referring to Lord Salisbury's speech last Saturday night at the Guild Hall, Truth says: "The careless composition of the speech of Lord Salisbury, which contained some singularly obscure sentences, has revived the talk of his impending retirement, and has given cause for believing at least that he no longer takes an earnest interest in political life."

MORE CONVICTS CAUGHT.

Only Nine of the Desperadoes Are Still at Large.

PRESIDENTE A TRAITOR

TREACHEROUS FILIPINO ARRESTED AT TALCABAN, LEYTE.

Proved to Be an Agent of the Junta at Hong Kong—Rebel Signal Station Discovered.

CATBALOGAN, Island of Samar, P. I., Nov. 12.—Dias, the President of Talcabán, who has been proved to be an agent of the Filipino Junta at Hong Kong, has been arrested. Many incriminating papers, implicating numerous officials, were seized at the time of his arrest.

The gunboat Leyte discovered a signal station working on the island of Leyte and communicating with the insurgents on the island of Samar by the flashlight system. Three operators were arrested and the station was destroyed. The men confessed that many recruits have been sent from Leyte to Samar.

AGINALDO WANTS OUT.

American Lawyer Trying to Secure His Freedom.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 12.—According to mail advices received from Manila by the steamship Empress of China, Judge O'Neil, an American lawyer, was engaged in endeavoring to secure the release of Aginaldo from the Philippine Islands.

Walter F. Hale, a miner, had been arrested for endeavoring to usurp the authority of the Governor of Benguet Province, and had been appointed Mayor of town there from February to May, 1900, who collected taxes on his account without the compliance of the Government.

The worst typhoon of the season raged in Manila, October 17, causing the loss of much property, wrecking a number of small steamers and freight boats and causing the loss of several lives. The Quartermaster's stores, Manila, Suez, Quater and Kansas City, were all damaged. Three soldiers were washed overboard from the steamer Alerta bound from Subig to Manila. The lost were Corporal and Sergeant of the Philippine Army, Corporal Pugh, Company L, and Private Lee, Company I.

Quartermaster Timmarsh, of the transport ship, is going to court-martialed for "shooting up" the town of Legaspi.

SHARRETT IN THE DARK.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Bishop Sharrett, of Havana, who has been appointed special apostolic delegate to the Philippines, arrived here today on the Ward Line. It was expected that Mr. Sharrett would go to Manila via San Francisco, but that plan has been abandoned, and he is going to Rome before proceeding to the Philippines.

"I am going to Rome to get instructions as to my new post," said Mr. Sharrett. "I am not sure that I know what my duties are to be. I have read in the newspapers that the Vatican is sending me to the Philippines to endeavor to arrange an agreement between the Philippines and the American Government. Other papers speak about the settlement of the friar question, whatever that may mean."

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Ex-Governor Aldrich, one of the counsel for the respondent, entered a formal objection to the decision. "This case, I may say," the court remarked, "is not appealable. You may file a bill of exceptions for a writ of error, but you will be required to delay the serving of papers on Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Canfield until you have drawn up the bill."

We do not feel that we have any favor coming from this court," Mr. Aldrich answered. "We are much obliged."

The article in the American upon which the proceedings in contempt were based, was a criticism of the court's decision on an application for the forfeiture of the charter of the People's Light, Gas & Coke Company. Judge Hancey said if the matter published were allowed to go unnotified by the court, it paved the way for other attacks, and that the judiciary, if not held in respect, would fall with all the democratic government. The article, the court declared, was not merely an attack on the people and on the court, but a hold threat to every other court. It should, therefore, be every unpunished.

When Canfield and Lawrence appeared before Judge Hancey this afternoon, ready for commitment to the County Jail, the court announced that, "inasmuch as he understood Judge Hancey had issued a writ of habeas corpus before the men were sentenced, he would take no action in the matter until that writ had been vacated. It was decided, however, to hold the writ in abeyance until the commitment papers have been made out and the men delivered into the custody of the Sheriff. This will probably be done Friday."

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