

AHEAD OF GERMANY

United States Held Up As Example In Prussian Diet.

TRANSPORTATION IS CHEAPER

Rhenish Manufacturer Visited This Country Last Year and Was Much Impressed by What He Saw Here.

BERLIN, March 7.—In the course of a discussion in the Prussian Diet which followed the introduction of a resolution asking for a reduction in railroad tariffs, the comparative cheapness of transportation in Germany and the United States was debated by Herr Macco and Minister of Finance von Rheinbaben.

Herr Macco is a Rhenish manufacturer who, in 1902, visited the United States to study matters pertaining to the transportation industry. He said that the United States was ahead of Germany in many ways and no matter what might be thought of American tariffs, it was a fact that transportation in the United States was cheaper than in Prussia.

"Give us cheap transportation," Mr. Finance Minister, said Herr Macco, "and we will guarantee cheap production." In reply Herr von Rheinbaben alluded to a remark made by Herr Macco and said he also was desirous of maintaining good relations with "that rising country." "I see one great drawback in American economic life," he continued, "namely, the operations of the laborer which, as he said, 'exercised a terrorism of the most dangerous character. Their power must be checked sometimes.'"

A comparison of railroad tariffs was hardly possible, however, as many American railroads own their own coal mines and other industrial enterprises. Where American railroads are without competition their tariffs are much higher than in Prussia. It must be taken into consideration, the Minister of Finance continued, "that the United States has much greater distance to cover and larger quantities of freight to transport than has Prussia. American railroads cost \$60,000 a mile to build, while, owing to the greater cost of land in Prussia a mile of road costs \$28,000."

Herr von Rheinbaben admitted that American tariffs were cheaper, but he pointed out that the passenger rates in the United States were double those in Prussia. In conclusion the Minister of Finance asked Herr Macco to put through a law raising passenger rates, saying: "If you will do this I will devote the surplus derived from them to the reduction of freight tariffs."

DESIRES PEACE WITH FRANCE

King Edward Says Good Understanding Must Be Preserved.

PARIS, March 7.—The Matin's London correspondent sends to his paper the report of a conversation last evening with a personage intimate with King Edward, who had just left the palace. This personage said the King spoke on the subject of the war in the Far East and repeated His Majesty's words as follows: "I am much distressed at the Russo-Japanese War, which I consider a most regrettable event. On the other hand, I consider that our good understanding with France has never been more useful than it is at present, and believe it is likely to become more and more useful, not only in the interest of France and Great Britain, but in the higher interest of general peace."

"Should complications arise despite the efforts to prevent them, the union between France and Great Britain will render the greatest service. That union must be closely maintained for the good of all whatever may happen. I hope the press of all countries, the English press included, will strive to alleviate difficulties rather than to aggravate them."

The correspondent adds that the interlocutor not only authorized a repetition of the King's words, but read the correspondent's dispatch, affirming that His Majesty's words were correctly rendered.

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LEIPZIG, March 6.—King George, of Saxony, has pardoned Dr. Gentsch, a former director of the Leipziger Bank, and ordered his release.

This pardon meets with general approval because Dr. Gentsch is regarded as being the victim of the Kaiser, manager of the bank, whose extravagant financing caused the downfall of the institution.

Von Waldersee's Funeral Wednesday. BERLIN, March 6.—The funeral of the late Field Marshal Count von Waldersee will be held at noon on Wednesday. Emperor William and Empress Augusta Victoria, all the members of the House of Hohenzollern and the sovereigns of all the German States, and also many eminent persons abroad, have telegraphed condolences to Countess von Waldersee.

Student Riots at Prague.

PRAGUE, Bohemia, March 6.—Student rioting was renewed here today on a larger scale than that of last week. Rival German and Czech factions demonstrated for and against Russia came to blows, and many persons were injured.

Boers Leave for St. Louis Exposition

PRETORIA, March 6.—The Boer contingent which will give exhibitions at the St. Louis Exposition left here today for St. Louis.

IRISH SYMPATHIZE WITH RUSSIA

St. Louis Nationalists Pleased at the Thwarting of British Designs.

ST. LOUIS, March 6.—The Irish Nationalists of St. Louis, at their celebration of the birth of Robert Emmet, tonight adopted resolutions upholding Russia in her war with Japan and expressing "sympathy with Christian Russia, thereby preventing the extension of England's tyranny over helpless people."

Mr. Bryan's Candidate.

MAISON TELEGRAPH (Dem.) It is not yet positively known who will be Bryan's candidate. For reasons not far to seek, he is probably loath to choose even one of his own type and altogether to his taste. But if he is still dreaming of a convention that will call "the Peers" to lead the hosts to defeat a third time, he will soon awake to the disagreeable fact that a large majority of his former warmest supporters have had enough of his disastrous leadership. The expressions of Democratic editors and politicians under number cannot fail to open the eyes of even the wilfully blind. So we may expect Mr. Bryan to choose

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