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THE CURRENCY LAW.

Secretary of the Treasury Preparing Plans to Put It Into Operation.

NEW YORK, Mar. 5.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Plans for complying promptly with the currency law are being considered in the treasury department, and will be put into operation at the earliest possible moment after its passage.

Secretary Gage will have a new form of the daily treasury statement prepared, which will separate the funds set aside for the redemption of gold and silver certificates and legal tender notes from the funds used in the ordinary fiscal operations.

The most important work to be done is to prepare the new bonds under the refunding plan.

The new two per cent bonds will be issued to holders of the old bonds to the face value of the old bonds, but certain premiums will be paid by the treasury in cash.

The effect of the premiums paid will be that a man holding a bond for \$1,000 will receive a new bond at two per cent for \$1,000, will receive a check from the treasury for the premium, amounting in the case of the four and five to something like \$100, and will thereafter receive interest at the rate of two per cent.

None of the two per cent bonds will be offered for sale by the government. This probably accounts for the reported premium of five or six per cent upon new bonds when issued.

If the government were taking up a loan which had matured, some of the new bonds might be offered upon the market and the money received for them used in paying old bonds whose holders desired their redemption.

In the present case, however, the only option of the holder of the old bonds is to accept the new ones, or retain the old ones.

It is proposed to issue bonds of as high as \$50,000 to meet the needs of the banks, but they will also be issued as low as \$100. An apprehension seems to have gained ground that the pending bill calls for large silver certificates. This is not the case.

The treasury will not make any call for large silver certificates, but when they are received in the ordinary course of business and for redemption only, certificates of \$10 and under will be issued in their place. This will tend to put all the silver certificates into small notes and there will be a tendency to cancel small legal tender notes and substitute large ones.

The high price of the bonds capable of being refunded and the recent increase of bank note circulation indicate that general preparations are being made by the banks to exchange the old bonds for the new. It is expected that a rush of applications will come to the treasury when the law is approved. The issue of the bonds for the payment of premiums which

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provisions therefor. And, if congress by appropriate action extend the territorial boundaries of the United States to include the islands acquired by the nation during the late war with Spain and thereafter continue said islands in the condition of unorganized territory governed by the sovereign powers of the nation, the exercise of said sovereign powers will not be directed, limited or controlled by the expressed provisions of the constitution.

MORE GERMAN RESTRICTION.

Curtailed of the Treaty Rights Belonging to Our Consuls.

NEW YORK, Mar. 5.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Restrictions imposed by the governor of Dusseldorf, Germany, upon American consuls to prevent them from getting information of a commercial character, may be objected to by this government in case an official dispatch regarding them should be received by the state department.

Reports of this character have been current in this country for several months, but an official of the state department said that no official information had as yet reached the state department. If the facts are as stated in the press reports, then he said, the department would require Germany to live up to the provisions of the treaty of 1871 respecting consular officers.

Article two of this convention provides that the respective consuls-general, consuls, vice consuls or consular agents, as well as their chancellors and secretaries, shall enjoy in the two countries all privileges, exceptions and immunities which have been granted or may in future be granted to the agents of the same rank of the most favored nations.

If it should be ascertained that consuls of other nations accredited to Germany are getting the information desired by the consular representatives of the United States, then the claim may be advanced that the latter are not allowed the privileges "accorded to other consuls." In the treaty of 1825 with Prussia, the two contracting parties grant each other the liberty of consular representation and the consuls "shall enjoy the same privileges and powers as those of the most favored nation." Other states of the German confederation have treaties with the United States containing provisions of like character. No complaint can be made to the German government at the action of the authorities in refusing information, but if as stated, the refusal shall be especially directed against the United States then complaint can and will be made. The authorities are not inclined to the belief that the restrictions imposed by the governor of Dusseldorf were prompted by the act of an official who desired to make political capital with the Agrarian party.

SMOKELESS POWDER FACTORY. The Government Going Into the Business on a Large Scale.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Manufacturers of smokeless powder by the government will now shortly be started at the Indian Head proving grounds. The buildings of the plant are practically completed; the machinery has been delayed but its placing will be accomplished soon. In order to avoid injury to the proving grounds, the plant has been established in a tract of land several miles away and the two points are connected by a railroad, the factory and the railroad to be operated by an electric plant, which had been established in the power house.

The powder plant comprises a nitric acid factory, cotton washing house, cotton dry-house, cotton store house, ether factory, pumping and poaching house, hydrating house, mixing house, press, nitrating house, solvent recovery house, four powder dry houses, packing house, two magazines, a stand pipe for water supply with a 500,000 gallons capacity, and acid storing and mixing tanks.

Rear-Admiral O'Neil, chief of ordnance, asserts that there is no intention on the part of the government to enter into competition except as to quality with private manufacturers. Experiments will be made at the factory with a view of improving the quality of the powder. There is a disposition on the part of the private manufacturers to secure a limitation by the specific provision of the amount of powder which the government factory shall turn out.

EVADING CALIFORNIA'S TAXES. Ships Loading Wheat at Port Costa to Avoid Its Local Assessment.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 5.—During the past forty-eight hours the loading of wheat on British ships in this city and Port Costa has been pushed with phenomenal speed. In all, eighteen vessels, carrying an aggregate of over 50,000 tons have received nearly all of the whole of their cargoes.

The cause of the hurrying in getting the grain on board is said to be the fact that today the owners must make a sworn statement of the amount they have on hand for the information of the assessors. If on foreign vessels the taxes on the amount mentioned, amounting to nearly \$10,000, cannot be collected in this state.

LABORERS NOT SOCIALISTS. NEW YORK, Mar. 5.—The Central Federated Labor Union has adopted resolutions expelling members of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance from the federated union. The expelled members belong to the DeLeon branch of the socialist labor party.

CONFLICT OF AUTHORITY.

Treasury Department Orders the Navy to Vacate the Dry Tortugas.

NEW YORK, Mar. 5.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: Naval officers have been astounded this week to learn that they have no rights at Dry Tortugas, where a sum of over \$500,000 has been expended in the last year in establishing a coaling station and rendezvous commanding the gulf coast of the West Indies, and where there is now being rapidly prosecuted the establishment of what is regarded as the most important strategic base between the Chesapeake and Central America.

At Tortugas the army had erected the most formidable fortifications south of Fort Monroe, but the station was deemed insalubrious and several years ago was turned over to the quarantine service. When Cervera's fleet left Spain, the president promptly had Fort Jefferson, on Tortugas, garrisoned to hold as a naval base, thereby enabling the blockade of the northern shore of Cuba to be maintained. Since that time, the naval contracts have been continually engaged in completing the great station which, under naval discipline and efficient methods, had been made as healthy as a ship at sea and besides kept in telegraphic communication with Washington.

Under the circumstances, Secretary Long was astounded the other day to receive an official communication from the treasury department notifying the navy to stop work and get its men away from Tortugas by April 1, as Surgeon-General Wynant, of the marine hospital service, was looking for a good deal of yellow fever and bubonic plague this summer and had to use Fort Jefferson, which cost \$5,000,000 as a pest house.

HILL A DELEGATE. David B. Will Lead New York Delegation to the Convention.

NEW YORK, Mar. 5.—The Tribune's Albany correspondent says David B. Hill's friends claim that the ex-senator will head the New York delegation to the national democratic convention. Mr. Hill's fellow delegates at large, it is stated, will be ex-Judge Augustus Van Wick, of the borough of Brooklyn; Richard Croker, of the borough of Manhattan, and Edward Murphy, Jr., of Troy.

There has been talk of bringing forward ex-Judge Van Wick for the democratic nomination for vice-president. His presence as a delegate in the democratic national convention might further carry out this design.

AMERICAN VINES BARBOED. French Growers Will Not Be Allowed to Renew Their Vineyards From This Country.

STRASBERG, Mar. 5.—The government of Alsace-Lorraine has declined to grant the petition of the vine-growers of the Reichland that they be permitted to import American grape vines in order to renew their ruined vineyards.

Baron Von Bulach, secretary of state for agriculture, declared on the floor of the landtag that the American vines brought into the country many worse blights than phylloxera.

OAKLAND SUICIDE. OAKLAND, Cal., Mar. 5.—With his throat gashed to the windpipe and both wrists nearly severed by self-inflicted wounds, Ethelbert F. Smith, who has wealthy relatives in New York and Japan, was found in New West Oakland street yesterday. He had attempted suicide with an old razor.

His wounds are serious, but he will recover. He recently returned from the Orient and was en route to his brother's home at St. James, Long Island. Disipation was the cause of his act.

MRS. STANFORD BETTER. NEW YORK, Mar. 5.—Mrs. Leland Stanford, who has been ill at the Fifth Avenue hotel with symptoms of pneumonia, is somewhat better. She was able to sit up for a short time last night. Her physicians express the hope that the turning point in her illness has been reached and pneumonia is averted.

"SAPHO" OFFENDERS HELD. NEW YORK, March 5.—Police Magistrate Mott today held Olga Nethercole, Hamilton Revelle, Marquis Mayer and Theodore Moss for trial on the charge of presenting an immoral play "Sapho." Ball was given at \$50.

EXCITEMENT IN COTTON. NEW YORK, March 5.—There was a great excitement on the cotton exchange this morning when the call opened with prices showing an advance of from 11 to 28 points.

IDAHO MAN APPOINTED. WASHINGTON, March 5.—Among the names of the members of the board of visitors to the naval academy appointed by the president today was that of Dr. W. W. Watkins, of Idaho.

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Some Interesting Figures.

Table showing Capital Stock of the Four Great Banks of the World, Dec. 31, 1900. Bank of England: \$86,045,793. Bank of France: 38,050,000. Imperial Bank of Germany: 28,580,000. Bank of Russia: 25,714,920. Total: \$176,372,855.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank OF ASTORIA.

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ASSETS. Loans and discounts, \$210,395 31. Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 154 47. U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 12,500 00. Premiums on U. S. Bonds, 900 00. Stocks, securities, etc., 99,560 04. Real estate, 9,407 44. Due from National Banks (not reserve agents), 4,861 01. Due from state banks and bankers, 34,850 09. Due from approved reserve agents, 120,836 91. Checks and other cash items, 869 54. Notes of other National Banks, 95 00. Nickels and cents, 99 10. Lawful money reserve in bank, viz: Special, \$100,001 00. Legal-tender notes, 99 00 100 700 00.

Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer, 5 per cent. circulation, 562 50. Total, \$495,791 35.

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in, \$50,000 00. Surplus fund, 25,000 00. Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 27,432 76. National bank notes outstanding, 4,500 00. Due to state banks and bankers, 1,245 22. Individual deposits subject to check, \$407,823 47. Demand deposits, 79,622 63. Certified checks, 127 27 487 613 37. Total, \$495,791 35.

STATE OF OREGON, County of Oregon—S. S. GORDON, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. S. S. GORDON, Cashier.

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