

THE FALLING OFF IS LARGE

German Woolen Industry Has Gone to the Bad.

MANY LOOMS ARE IDLE

Shipments of Dress Goods to America Grow Less Every Season and There is Little Prospect of Improvement.

NEW YORK, June 13.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: "There is probably no German enterprise which has undergone within a comparatively short time such a marked change as the woolen dress goods industry of this and neighboring districts. Until 1900 prosperous conditions prevailed, but early in that year there was a falling off in the values of woolen yarns of 50 to 60 per cent. Enormous financial sacrifices followed. "The high tariff of Russia and the establishment of factories on a large scale at Laidre and other places in that country, the loss of the valuable United States market and the decrease in exports to Austria, England and Scandinavia are among the causes of depression. Last year two-thirds of the looms were idle, nor is there any prospect of improvement. Of the many manufacturers, previously engaged in the dress goods trade with our country, only seven or eight are still left and these ship less each season."

These statements are made by Chas. Neuner, consular agent at Gera, in a report to the state department. He says further: "Some of the prominent manufacturers of this and other German cities have established branch factories in Passau and Philadelphia and it is said with great success. I am convinced that more would follow if in possession of the necessary capital. Many communications have been received by this office from real estate agents, railroad companies and private persons in all parts of the United States wishing to sell property for woolen mills, but while I may claim the merit of having been the mediator in the partial transplantation of one of the largest Gera factories to our shores, my further endeavors were, on account of lack of capital, in vain."

"In my opinion this is an excellent opportunity for some of our large capitalists to combine with intelligent and reliable European manufacturers in the promotion of home industry. That such an undertaking will prove a first class investment is shown by existing establishments."

FOR PROTECTING VICE

Former Captain of Red Light Precinct Arrested.

NEW YORK, June 13.—Police Captain John D. Herlihy has been held for trial in the court of special sessions in \$1000 bail by Magistrate Cornell in the Harlem police court. Bail was furnished at once. The charge is alleged neglect of duty in permitting vice to exist in the Eldridge street precinct, known as the Red Light district, when the captain was in command there last year. The action of the magistrate grew out of charges that were made against Captain Herlihy by the Rev. Mr. Paulsen of the pro-Catholic, before the old police board which acquitted the captain.

CONSUMPTION IS ENORMOUS

Large Increase in Production of Blast Furnaces—Labor Troubles Cause Uneasiness.

NEW YORK, June 13.—The Iron Age today says: "Our blast furnace returns show that during May production increased from 30,115 tons per week to 34,565 tons per week, carrying it far beyond any previous record. Stocks of coke and

anthracite iron have declined further from 383,231 tons on May 1, to 333,813 tons on June 1, thus proving that consumption is still enormous.

The reports that the United States Steel Corporation had made heavy purchases are not correct. It is stated, however, that negotiations are still proceeding for round blocks for delivery during the second half. The new furnaces of the corporation are coming in one by one. One at Mingo has started, and a second one will follow. Noville Island is going into operation and the new Newcastle is soon to blow in late in the year. The two new Carnegie stacks to begin operations and the two new South Chicago stacks are running along. This means, of course, that the shortage will be lessened gradually and that the corporations will take smaller and smaller quantities from the open market.

So far as foundry pig iron is concerned, the market is really at a deadlock. Sellers are not pressing from simply because it would be of little use while the present temper of the buyers continues.

Under the circumstances prices are nominal. Consumption continues heavy in nearly all sections of the country, except in New England and along the coast, where there is some desire to delay deliveries. Steel is exceedingly scarce, and high prices are prepared for what little of it reaches the open market. The new tonnage of finished iron and steel which is being placed is rather small and there is more anxiety to secure what is coming up in some branches. In the plate trade some additional orders for shipbuilding are coming up on the lakes. The pipe trade has had further heavy demands upon it from the Texas oil country. The labor situation is causing some uneasiness. The machinists have driven the manufacturers into a much more closely knit organization, but there are mutterings among the molders, and it is possible that the demands for an advance on the part of the Amalgamated Association may cause some trouble.

In the heavy lines the export trade is practically suspended and this of course with our rapidly increasing productive capacity will push additional quantities of material upon the domestic market during the second half. The prospect of good crops may stimulate further heavy consumption of iron and steel.

ANARCHISTS FOILED

Wanted to Punish a Suspected Spy in Vermont.

BARRE, Vt., June 13.—There is great excitement among the Italian anarchists and socialists in this section over the detention by order of State's Attorney Hoare of one Eugenio Ristoli, of Naples, on the nominal charge of breach of the peace. He was found under guard of six Italians and the story is that he was accused by the anarchists of being a spy sent here by the Italian consular general at New York.

Mr. Moore has asked the consular general at New York to help him probe the circumstances. Last winter Chief of Police Brown was nearly killed by anarchists, the trials of several Italians arrested having lasted for months, resulting in two convictions with long terms of imprisonment and other trials to come. Since then a spy is said to have been driven away after being wounded in an attempt to assassinate him.

Ristoli was to have been driven away today but the supposed kidnapping was reported to Mr. Hoare and he had the police raid the place where six men had Ristoli a prisoner.

WILL INSTRUCT CURRAN

ALBANY, N. Y., June 13.—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Chas. B. Skinner reports that a communication has been received by Myron T. Scudler, principal of the New Paltz Normal School, from Lieutenant Matthew B. Hanna, acting commissioner of public schools for the island of Cuba, announcing that arrangements are being perfected for sending between fifty and a hundred teachers from the island of Cuba to the new Paltz Normal School for a course of instruction for one or two years in English, manual training, domestic science, social economy methods and civil government. The Cuban government defrays the expense of transportation, board and instruction for these teachers and allows each a salary of \$25 a month during the entire course of instruction.

TROLLEY CARS FOR GREENE

NEW YORK, June 13.—The World says: "Trolley cars built in this country will soon go whizzing and clanging from Athens to Piræus (in Modern Greece). The contract for constructing the line has been let. In a general way the cars will resemble those used in Brooklyn. The electric beam has struck Greece so forcibly that electric light plants are now being manufactured in the United States to illuminate Calamata, Lyra and Patras, the latter the most important seaport in the kingdom and the export point for large shipments of currants."

MARTIN COMING HOME

MANILA, June 13.—Governor-General MacArthur expects to leave on July 1 for the United States. He will sail on the transport Meade for Nagasaki and after spending two weeks there will embark on the transport Sheridan for San Francisco.

GILMAN ESTATE TANGLE

Another Announcement That Heirs Will Agree.

NEW YORK, June 13.—Frazier Gilman, the half brother of the late millionaire tea merchant, of Bridgeport, George Francis Gilman, has reached the city from Georgia to confer with certain full blood relatives with a view to settling the dissensions among the various members of the family upon the subject of the deceased merchant's estate.

Alfred Gilman who had not before appeared upon the scene but who under the Connecticut laws would have rights of considerable moment has been in consultation with Frazier Gilman. Frazier Gilman said: "We have reached a virtual agreement, according to which the estate is to be divided equally among the full blood and half blood heirs. The Connecticut laws may administer the estate in one way, but the family will divide up the money in its own way after the lawyers get through. We don't want to have any lawsuit in this matter. We find that the estate is worth about \$5,000,000."

"As to the relations of Mrs. Helen Hall in this case, I will say that her claim is not considered seriously. We all know that she has no legal claim upon the estate, but I think both branches of the family are disposed to make allowance for her. I have no doubt that some annuity will be by mutual agreement settled upon Mrs. Hall, although we are satisfied that she has no claim before the law. I believe the whole matter will be settled in a very short time, and that we will avoid any litigation."

BRAVED MANY PERILS

To Bring Succor to Their Disabled Steamer.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 13.—After sailing nearly 700 miles in an open boat to take relief to their ship, the Border Knight, Mr. Mathie, chief officer and two of the crew arrived at White harbor, the end of their fifteen days' journey, to find that their steamer had just been towed in, a distance of 450 miles, by the Spanish steamship Durango, from Philadelphia for Bilbao. Captain W. F. Splatt, of the Border Knight, and his crew were landed here, while the brave little rescue party found a haven 40 miles to the eastward.

When the Border Knight's last shaft broke in latitude 34° north, and longitude 53° 41' west, 200 miles northeast of Bermuda, sails were rigged and she began to make her way slowly northward. Provisions were scarce, for she had made an unusually slow voyage from Africa and the situation seemed to be desperate, as she was far out of the track of commerce.

Mr. Mathie and the two men volunteered to set out in the life boat with a flimsy bit of sail to bring assistance to the British steamer. This was on May 29 and on June 7 the Durango, outward bound, responded to the signals of distress on the Border Knight. They were sighted by the Trace on Saturday. The Border Knight was bound from Cape Verde Islands to New York.

DIPLOMATS DISCUSS CLAIMS

America's Effort to Secure Reduction Failed.

NEW YORK, June 13.—A dispatch to the Herald from Peking says: "At the meeting of the diplomatic corps, held yesterday, a reduction of the claims as proposed by America was definitely rejected."

Secretary Hay's proposal to submit vouchers for the claims to the tribunal of the Hague was taken into consideration. If the ministers voice the views of their government there is hope of its acceptance. Russia made a concession by withdrawing her opposition which has been most pronounced.

The tax on salt will be guaranteed to the powers provided the commercial powers consent to the augmentation of the import duties. This is agreed to on condition that the Chinese government undertakes the improvement of the harbors and consents to have the tariff readjusted by an international commission.

The tax on salt, the native customs duties and the taxes on grain which have been conceded, amply guarantee the indemnity. It is now apparent that the powers will group themselves together for the purpose of levying bonds for the indemnity. The opposition of America to the proposed international guarantee has not been overcome.

TO TAX THE MINES

Large Amount to Be Levied to Pay for Transvaal War.

NEW YORK, June 13.—A dispatch to the World from London says: "The British government has decided to levy \$250,000,000 on the Transvaal gold mines to pay half the cost of the war."

Sir David Barbour, ex-finance minister for India, who was commissioned to report upon the taxable capacity of these mines advised Colonial Secretary Chamberlain to levy \$125,000,000, but Mr. Chamberlain after consultation with Lord Milner increased the maximum in the amount stated.

Barbour's report is awaited here with the keenest interest in political and financial circles. This recommendation when it becomes known here, is certain to cause consternation among the Kaffir stockholders who fancied that the idea of taxing the mines, which are mostly owned in England, had been abandoned. As these very gold mines were the

real underlying cause of the war, many have maintained that their British owners should be made to bear a large share, at least, of its heavy burden.

COMMANDER THLEY ROBBED

Assaulted by Thugs on His Arrival in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13.—Lieutenant-Commander D. F. Thley, U. S. N., governor of the American part of the Samoan Islands, has been assaulted and robbed by two unknown men. He arrived from Pango Pango Tuesday, and registered at the Occidental Hotel.

Last night he started out for a stroll, intending to view the water front. When in an unfamiliar part of the city, according to his statement to the Associated Press, he was passed by two men, who turned suddenly and seized him from behind. One of them grabbed his gold watch and chain, while the other held him by the throat. A struggle ensued, during which he was struck over the head and across the mouth or thrown down with violence, rendering him unconscious and inflicting two ugly bruises.

When he recovered consciousness he made his way to a saloon and called up the hotel, to which he was taken in a hack. His assailants, who made their escape, relieved him of a gold watch and about \$25. Governor Thley will start for the East tomorrow.

EX-SLAVE DEAD

William Giles, Who Cooked for Grant During the Civil War.

CHICAGO, June 13.—William Giles, an ex-slave, who cooked for General U. S. Grant during the civil war, is dead. For twenty years Giles had been a resident of this city. Prior to taking up his residence here the old ex-slave had spent many years in Washington, where General Grant, when president, employed him about the White House in a confidential capacity.

William Giles was born in Orange county, Virginia, June 24, 1827. He was born a slave but early gained his freedom. He came into possession of considerable wealth, but according to his friends' statements, he spent it all aiding fugitive slaves to escape to the North.

SILVER MARKET

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