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IS CRISIS COMING?

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MONEY DEAR WORLD OVER

Increased Output of Gold Not Had Effect of Relieving Market—High Prices and Commercial Activity Maintain Stringency.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Stuyvesant Fish, in a statement written for the Journal of Commerce, declares a great industrial crisis is due and there are many indications of its being imminent.

"Despite the unprecedented output of gold," Mr. Fish writes, "money is dear the world over and dear because of high prices and activity in trade."

Other causes for dear money are found in the fact that Great Britain has not fully made up its losses in the Boer war that Japan and Russia, particularly the latter, have scarcely begun to recover from the effects of the war and that within the past year there have been tremendous losses of capital due to the calamities in San Francisco and Valparaiso. Turning to our own country, Mr. Fish writes that New York, especially that part of it known as "Wall street," has absorbed and is absorbing more than its share of the loanable funds. Of the stock existing Mr. Fish says:

"The New York Exchange has ceased to be a free market where buyers and sellers fix prices through the ebb and flow of demand and supply, and has become the plaything of a few managers of cliques and pools to such an extent that for months past every announcement of increased dividends of stock distributions and of rights has been met by a fall in prices. "The investing public are, and remain, out of the market, not because of ventures in Industrials, in electric railways or in suburban real estate—the speculation in each of which was checked months ago—nor yet because of the more recently pricked bubble in mining shares, but simply because of the distrust which even those possessed of ample means have of the methods of corporate finance now in vogue in New York. That Europe shares this distrust of those methods is shown by its outcry against the misuse of American finance bills."

Writing of the political possibilities, Mr. Fish says that so far as the po-

litical parties are concerned, no crisis can arise before the presidential contest of 1908. He says further:

"I take it, however, that your inquiry as to a political crisis relates to other matters and in that sense a political crisis is due and I think coming on."

"Indeed, it seems to me that we are already embarked on a long needed financial reformation, which like the religious reformation of the Middle Ages, will through much cruelty work out good in the end. To the need of such a reformation the public are fully awake."

The election of Mr. Hughes, Mr. Fish says, shows the temper of the people in this state and he declares it is vastly stronger elsewhere.

The selection by Mr. Hughes of Mr. Keep as superintendent of banks proves, according to Mr. Fish, that the governor recognizes the public demand for moral financial reforms. President Roosevelt and his cabinet, he says, are alike wise in this respect.

"We as yet see but the beginning. Time will work out the end," writes Mr. Fish in conclusion.

WOULD FOLLOW MEXICO.

American Mining Congress to Introduce Laws of Southern Neighbor.

DENVER, Jan. 2.—Secretary James F. Galbreath, Jr., of the American Mining Congress, has received word from A. G. Canlazo, director general of the International Bureau of Finance of Mexico, to the effect that the Mexican Association has agreed to the alliance offered them whereby the American and Mexican associations undertake to work together in helping investors from either country to get complete information about mining investments. Under the agreement, any Mexican capital seeking investment in America will be directed to the American Mining Congress for information and in a like manner the mining congress will direct American capital to the Mexican association if any investor comes to its attention. One of the objects of this movement is to still further limit the scope of the wildcat speculators. The Mexican association guarantees safety to capital invested in its republic and insofar as possible the American Mining Congress will do the same. According to Mr. Galbreath, American capital in Mexico is much more safe than in America. He says the Mexican mining laws are much more liberal in treatment of mining capital, yet they protect the rights of capital much more effectively than in America. The congress hopes by introducing Mexican ideas in mining into this country gradually to make the American system as effective as the Mexican.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., January 2.—

The annual meeting of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice which will take place in Washington, January 27, promises to be an event of much interest to the rifle world. Two of the important matters to come before the Board are the time and place for the next National Match, and the weapon that shall be used in the National Team Match and the National Individual Match. The militia has not yet been armed with the new rifle, "Model of 1903," as it is technically known, but arrangements are progressing to the end that is hoped by the time spring range practice sets in, the militia will have laid aside the Krag for the "New Springfield." Naturally there is room for discussion of this interesting point. The army has had the New Springfield for some time. Indeed it was prepared to use it in the National Matches last year, but was compelled to use the Krag because the militia had nothing else. The prime object of the National Matches is to enable the regular and the citizen soldier to meet on equal footing and under uniform conditions. Therefore the arms and ammunition must be identical, and so the army laid aside its new gun and shot with the Krag. But as the army has had the New Springfield for some time and the National Guard will not get it until Spring there may be some question as to whether the militia will be able to secure a satisfactory amount of practice before the National Match. It is thought however, that this objection, if there is any, can be overcome, and it is highly probable the New Springfield will be issued.

While the place of holding the next annual match will be discussed it will doubtless be referred to a committee. Fort Riley, Kansas, Sea Girt, New Jersey, and Ohio will be considered. There is almost unanimous disposition to move the National Match from place to place, both to give the marksmen variety, and because wherever it is held interest in rifle shooting is greatly stimulated. It will be years before every State will have a range sufficient to accommodate these matches, especially as the entry list is constantly increasing, but as they complete their ranges, made possible by increased appropriation, many think they should be encouraged by being given the National Match. As the National Rifle Association, the governing body of all civilian rifle clubs, holds its matches at the same time as the National Board, the two events attract riflemen from all parts of the United States. Some of those interested believe Congress should establish a National Rifle Range near Washington, for the National Matches, something on the order of the British range at Risley, where thousands of marksmen gather for the British National Matches. This proposition is still in embryo, but may be seriously considered some day.

Another question likely to be considered by the National Board is the advisability of continuing the large money prizes in the National Individual Match. Military rifle shooting is such a comparatively new sport, so to speak that what would be considered an ordinary prize abroad seems tremendously large here. We are far from being a nation of marksmen especially with guns that kill at a mile or so. In England the King's prize amounts to \$1,250, and in other countries are equally rich and even richer prizes. For 1906 some patriotic-minded gentlemen made up a purse of \$2,049, which was added to the prizes provided by Congress for the National Individual Match and thus the first prize was brought up to \$1,000. There is a guarantee of the same amount of added money for several years, by which time it is expected Congress will make some provision for prizes suitable to the growth of interest in practice. One of the ways in which the Swiss sustain interest in rifle practice is by permitting any citizen to shoot a match on any Sunday. He pays so much down, about five francs. If he makes a minimum score he gets his money back, and from then on the prize money increases until he can win

one hundred francs by making a complete score. That means quite a bit to a Swiss and they keep up their practice. The government makes good the difference between the entry fee and the prizes.

A question that has excited some interest is the possibility of a change being made in the ammunition used in the national matches. Some claim that military ammunition manufactured by private makers is superior to that turned out at government arsenals. Others maintain that hand-made cartridges are superior to machine made, whether of government or private manufacture. It certainly would be an interesting, if not a conclusive test, of the merits of these claims, if the various kinds could be used in the National Matches, but as care is taken that conditions shall be equal, there seems to be no chance that anything but government ammunition will be used. This matter is therefore not likely to come before the National Board, although it makes an interesting topic of discussion among the National Guardsmen.

SYMPATHIZE WITH FRANCE.

Italian Parties Would Imitate the Anti-Church Crusade.

ROME, Jan. 2.—The French ambassador, M. Barrere, received the members of the French colony yesterday. He delivered an address in which he mentioned the growing friendship of Italy and France, but made no allusion to Italian sympathy with France in her church troubles. The fact that he made no allusion to this trouble is deemed significant, as such an allusion would be interpreted as encouragement to the Socialists and Republicans in Italy to follow France's lead in separating state and church. The government is striving to prevent such action.

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