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CONTRACTING THE CURRENCY.

It seems that some of the Republican statesmen, who have doubtless held consultation with the Wall street magnates, have struck on a plan to retire the greenbacks and Sherman notes and lock them up without waiting for any action by Congress...

A short while ago we referred to a visit of Secretary Gage to Wall street, and to the suggestions under consideration to have been made to him at that time by the money kings who make that their headquarters.

Secretary Gage has given instructions to United States Treasurer Morgan and the several sub-treasurers to be prepared as far as possible all greenbacks and Sherman notes. His policy will keep these two classes of currency locked up in the Treasury...

In pursuance of this policy, during the past two weeks the greenbacks held in the Treasury have increased from \$29,037,000 to \$34,189,000, and Sherman notes from \$24,443,000 to \$29,802,000.

An increase in the Treasury holdings of these two classes of currency is expected this week as the result of gold exports. Some Treasury estimates for Saturday's gold exports run as high as \$3,500,000. To-day's exports reduce the gold reserve to \$147,440,000.

Nothing could more significantly cap the momentum of the currency contraction than the proposal, now distinctly avowed, to tax the people for a huge surplus, beyond the necessities of governmental expenditure, to be held idle in the Treasury, and not restored to the channels of business and trade.

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can only be retired by authority of law and can be safely retired only by such carefully contrived legislation as shall by a substituted currency avoid the distress of contraction.

The law which was passed for the express purpose of preventing such contraction of the currency as is here contemplated requires the reissuing of the redeemed greenbacks, but not the Sherman notes, for they were not in existence when the law was passed...

Of course the men who are playing this game and the administration which through the Secretary of the Treasury co-operates with them will oppose replacing those redeemed notes with silver or with State bank notes or any other notes which they cannot control...

With such object lessons as this perhaps our gold Democratic friends may catch on after awhile, as Senator Gray seems to be doing, and grasp the true indwarness of the "sound money" cry which caught its inspiration from Wall street.

There never was much doubt that when Cecil Rhodes sent Dr. Jameson to invade the Transvaal he had the secret endorsement of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, who, when the expedition came to grief, denied all knowledge of it, as Cecil Rhodes denied all responsibility for it...

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domicid in Hawaii. Under the monarchy a large immigration of Asiatics was not such a serious matter, but under a Republic with the right of suffrage, which cannot well be given to immigrants of our nationality and denied to those of another it is a more serious matter...

The report on the increase of exports from Southern ports for the nine months ending with March, as compared with the corresponding period of last year, makes a gratifying exhibit. One of the encouraging features in it is that while the increase in a few instances is due to the larger cotton shipments the increase in the others comes from shipments of Western grain, flour, meats, &c., a business which has grown from practically nothing to immense proportions in the past few years.

The Asheville Citizen referring to a rumor that George Vanderbilt intended to live abroad for many years, quotes a friend of his as saying that there was no truth in the report, that "Biltmore is the dearest spot on earth to him."

A somewhat remarkable funeral took place at Reading, Pa., the other day, when a 1 1/2 pound baby five weeks old was buried. It was eleven inches long and so well formed that the doctors hoped it would live.

Business must be bad with the Kentucky doctors, so many of them are going into politics, and Republican politics, too, which is worse. Dr. Hunter was knocked out for the Senate, Dr. Debow went in, and now Dr. James is legging for U. S. Marshal.

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DEATH OF MISS CALLE REED FRENCH.

The news of the death of Miss Calle Reed French is not a surprise to her friends, as it has been feared for some time that she could not live.

She is survived by her father, Mr. William French, clerk of the Criminal Court, her mother, Mrs. Eliza French, and her only brother, Mr. Robert S. French, who is general passenger agent of the Plant system, and who arrived here Monday to be present at the bedside of his sister.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 o'clock this morning from St. James' church.

MISSING LETTER FOUND. The Case Against Postoffice Clerk Jas. W. Moore Not Proceeded.

District Attorney C. B. Aycock, of the United States District Court, entered a nolle pro in the case of Jas. W. Moore, from the main, the letter which Moore was charged with stealing turned up last Sunday, May 9th, at the postoffice in Marion, S. C., with its contents intact.

The affair was mysterious enough before, but now it is doubly so, for now a letter mailed in this city May 1st, should in some unaccountable manner turn up in Marion, S. C., nine days afterwards, after a most diligent search had been made for it, it is certainly a mysterious nature.

Episcopal Visitation. The Bishops of the Methodist E. Church, South, have recently held their annual meeting at Nashville, Tenn., and arranged the plan of Episcopal visitation, for the year, which are as follows for North and South Carolina:

North Carolina Conference, Bishop Hargrove, Raleigh, December 1st. Western N. C. Conference, Bishop Key, Asheville, November 17th. South Carolina Conference, Bishop Duncas, Florence, December 8th.

SIGNS OF PROSPERITY.

HANDSOME NEW BUILDINGS IN COURSE OF ERECTION. Carpenter, Painter and Brickmasons Are Not Idle Now-a-days by any Means.

Handsome new buildings are springing up on the scenes of the recent confusions, and available vacant lots are rapidly becoming adorned with new and modern edifices of various styles.

Without speaking of the new stores and residences which have been completed and occupied since the beginning of the year, there is a sufficient number of stores and dwellings in process of erection now to encourage the belief that our city is moving steadily forward in architectural improvements.

It is undertaken here to name just a few of the buildings in course of erection, and it is to be remembered, of course, that there are doubtless many others that have escaped the notice of the reporter.

The brick work of Mr. I. Shirer, near corner of Front and Mulberry, is under direction of architect Jas. F. Post, rapidly reaching completion. The walls are built as high as the second story, and the sleepers for both floors are in place.

Further down Front the sound of the saw and hammer may be heard on the Loeb building, owned by Mr. A. D. Wessell, and just south of his store. It was formerly a dwelling house, and the upper story will still be used as a suite of sleeping rooms, but the lower floor is being converted into a store.

There is another new dwelling being erected on Second street, between Orange and Ann, by contractor Silvy. It is the property of Mrs. A. A. Moffitt.

Under the thorough-going methods of contractor Geo. B. Hanna, the Wrightsville Beach Hotel will be ready for guests by the specified time—June 1st. The roof is on, and the painters are putting on the second coat of paint.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS.

THE SULTAN POSTPONES HIS REPLY TO THE POWERS. It is Believed Will Not Stop Edhem Pasha Until Very Strategic Point is in the Hands of the Turks—The Turkish Garrison at Prevesa Offers to Capitulate.

LONDON, May 15.—The Sultan's reply to the note of the "ambassadors" at Constantinople offering mediation, saying he would be ready to discuss the matter after the greater Bazaar festival which ends on Sunday night, justifies the fear that the Powers have drawn a veil of silence over the Sultan's answer.

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The chancelleries are also occupied with the difficult problem of how Greece will pay the indemnity which Turkey seeks to demand.

An international commission, to administer the finances of Greece on the lines of the similar Turkish commission, is mooted. The Greeks and Bulgarians would, it is proposed, sit at Athens and talk over the Greek debt and possibly for the war indemnity.

ATHENS, May 15.—A private dispatch from Arta says that the Turkish garrison at Prevesa, at the northern entrance of the Gulf of Arta, which has been betrayed by the Greek land and sea forces almost from the outbreak of the war, has accepted the Greek Archibishop and five nobles of Prevesa to the commander of the besieging Greek army with a message of surrender.

The Greeks have been bombarding Nikopolis since early this morning. The government has addressed a note to the ministers of the Powers saying that the Turks, by fortifying Gribroro, are responsible for the operations in the Gulf, and that the capture of the Port of inducing small vessels to commit piracy upon Greek ships.

A second batch of troops has been recalled from the front, and it is expected that the last detachment will soon be withdrawn.

THE CUBAN QUESTION.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY WILL SEND A MESSAGE TO CONGRESS. Concerning the Deprivations to Which American Citizens Are Subjected in Cuba, and Recommending an Appropriation for Their Relief.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The definite announcement was made at the Capitol to-day that a message on the Cuban situation will be sent to Congress by the President next Monday. It will deal specifically with the question of the deprivations to which American citizens are subjected in Cuba, and it will recommend an appropriation for their relief.

In considering ways and means of affording substantial relief to American citizens in Cuba who are in great distress owing to the war, the administration has a plan which it has adopted in operation if it is sanctioned by the judgment of the United States consular officers in Cuba who, being on the ground, are supposed to be best qualified to judge of the efficiency of proposed relief measures.

The proposed American exodus from Cuba must be purely voluntary, and it is not even proposed to force the alienation of denying supplies if destitute Americans refuse to leave the island. It is the belief of Gen. Lee that many persons will avail themselves of such an opportunity.

All the information which the State Department is receiving from official and unofficial sources confirms the published reports of the destitution existing in Cuba among those who are penned up in the towns. A desperate starvation, threatened, owing to the lack of food supplies. The reports also confirm the statements that many sufferers are American citizens and professional men whose course naturalized, but there are also native born Americans.

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WASHINGTON, May 15.—The Democratic members of the Senate Committee on Finance were in consultation to-day on the tariff bill. They decided not to offer a substitute for the Finance Committee bill, but to propose amendments which, while they will reduce the rates would, if added to the rates of the Wilson law, produce sufficient revenue.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Absolutely Pure. Celebrated for its great leavening strength and healthfulness.

THE CIVIL SERVICE. Some of Its Abuses and Inconveniences as Shown by the Investigation of the Senate Committee.

MISSISSIPPI FLOOD. River at a Stand-still. New Orleans Work Still Progressing So Slowly.

A DASTARDLY DEED. An Elderly White Man Assaulted and His Throat Cut, Near Redfield, N. C.

SPANISH NEWSPAPERS. Disposed to Embrace the Proposed Action by Congress for the Relief of American Citizens in Cuba.

THE TARIFF BILL. Plan of Action Decided Upon by Democratic Members of the Senate Committee on Finance.

CONSUMPTION. TO THE EDITOR: I have an absolute Cure for CONSUMPTION and all Bronchitis, Croup, Cough, Whooping Cough, and all conditions of Wasting Away.