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THE FAKE DINNER AT "SHERRY'S."

We characterized the dinner given by alleged Democrats at "Sherry's" in New York the other night, as "a fake dinner." In harmony with that view, expressed as soon as it appeared that the dinner was given to launch another boom for the Trust candidate, is the later information that the telegram which the "toastmaster" read as coming from Mr. Bryan, was spurious. It was delivered by a regularly uniformed telegraph messenger, was written on the regulation telegraph blank, was signed "W. J. Bryan," and purported to have been received by the Marconi wireless telegraph company from on board the Celtic off the coast of Newfoundland. It placed Mr. Bryan in the ridiculous light of sending greetings to the givers of a dinner to which he had not been invited, and of being the author of the closing sentence of the telegram, which was in these words: "Do not forget the Western Democrat who polled 6,500 000 votes." The next day the Marconi company hastened to declare the telegram a forgery, saying also that the Celtic was not equipped with one of their batteries.

It is a precious set of scamps who are engaged in the endeavor to capture the Democratic organization for the J. P. Morgan band of pirates; and if Tammany wishes to retain any influence with Southern Democrats, it should make haste to disown that "fake dinner" at Sherry's,

DEATH OF GENERAL GORDON.

All the South is mourning the death of General Gordon. He was a brave and capable soldier, and a warm-hearted and most agreeable man. An Atlanta press dispatch of Saturday night gives this brief account of his death and sketch of his career:

Lieutenant General John Brown Gordon died at his winter home, near Miami, Fla., at 10:05 tonight. His fatal illness, which overtook him last Wednesday, was congestion of the stomach and liver, following an acute attack of indigestion, to which he was subject.

General Gordon was born in Upson county, Georgia, July 6 h, 1832, of Scoch ancestry, which had prominent part in the revolutionary war.

Young Gordon graduated from the Georgia State University in 1852 and a few months later was admitted to the practice of law. Early in 1861 he enlisted in the volunteer Confederate service and was elected captain of his company. He rose rapidly by promotion to be lieutanant colonel of the Sixth Alabama infantry, in December, 1861. He participated in the struggle on the peninsula, had part in the battle at Malvern Hill, and was commissioned brigadier general, November, 1862. He was at the battle of Gettysburg, the battle of the Wilderness and at Spottsylvania court house. In May, 1864, was promoted to be major general and took part in the important battles which marked the closing scenes of the civil war. His bearing was characterized by boldness and a dash which made him the idol of his soldiers. In an official report of General D. H. Hill General Gordon was characterized as "The Chevalier Bayard of the Confederacy."

When the hostilities were ended, he called his men about him and advised them to bear the trial of defeat, to go home in peace, obey the laws and rebuild the wasted country.

He has taken a prominent part in the councils of his party since 1866 He was a defeated candidate for Governor of Georgia in 1868, and in 1873 and 1879 was elected to the United States Senate. Resigning that position in 1880, he participated actively in building the Georgia Pacific railroad. In 1886 and 1888, he was elected Governor of Georgia and in 1890 he entered again the U. S Senate for the full term. Since his retirement from political activity he has devoted much of his time to lecturing, presenting to the North as well as the South his lecture upon "The Last Days of the Confederacy."

Since the organization of the Confederate veterans, he has held the position of its commander in-chief and his frequent re elections to that position have testified to the warmth of affection in which he has been held in the South.

Gen. and Mrs. Gordon had been in Florida three weeks before his death. His health had been unusually good prior to his fatal attack. He had bought a winter home at Biscayne three years ago and had since been spending a portion of the winters there.

General Gordon's body will be shipped to his home at Kirkwood, near Atlanta, Ga., tomorrow night, leaving here at 8 o'clock, and reaching Atlanta Monday afternoon.

The Rich Newfoundland Copper Mines.

Correspondence of the Observer.

Washington, D. C.,
Dec. 19th, 1903.

HON. E J. HALE,
Editor "Observer,"
Fayetteville, N. C.

DEAR SIR:—

In looking over the "Daily Consular Reports" for Dec. 15th inst., I find that our Consul at St. Johns, Newfoundland, has this to say about some mines in that country that are owned by North Carolinians, and by Fayetteville people especially, if I am not mistaken.

I send you this extract, knowing that you have the interests of your people at heart, and any good news concerning them will be a source of pleasure to you:

"American capitalists are among the foremost in developing the wealth of Newfoundland. Of such interests I may mention the York Harbor Copper Mine, the Benoit Chrome Mine, the Valley Island and Bay Vert Pyrites Mines.

"The York Harbor deposits are the richest copper beds in the world, and the present owners are spending $250,000 on in their development."

With kindest regards, I am,
Yours very truly,
G. B. PATTERSON.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The reaction against that fake dinner at Sherry's is likely to produce an effect which will be the opposite of that which was so carefully planned. It is altogether probable that it will force the hand of Tammany and cause that organization to declare for Hearst. If, however, the reaction should not go that far, it will at least, in all probability, so intensify the anti Cleveland feeling that Hearst, the antithesis of Cleveland, will be the Democratic nominee.

"A SILVER LINING TO EVERY CLOUD."

By Eliza Cook.

The poet or priest who told us this
Served mankind in the holiest way;
For it hit up the earth with the star of bliss
That beacons the soul with cheerful ray.
Too often we wander despairing and blind,
Breathing our useless murmurs aloud;
But 'tis kinder to bid us seek and find;
"A silver lining to every cloud."

May we not walk in the dingle ground
Where nothing but autumn's dead leaves are seen;
But search beneath them, and peeping around
Are the young spring tufts of blue and green.
'Tis a beautiful eye that ever perceives
The presence of God in mortality's crowd;
'Tis a saving creed that thinks and believes
"There's a silver lining to every cloud."

Let us look closely before we condemn
Bushes that bear no bloom or fruit,
There may not be beauty in leaves or stem,
But virtue may dwell far down at the root;
And let us beware how we utterly spurn
Brothers that seem all cold and proud:
If their bosoms were opened, perchance we might learn
"There's a silver lining to every cloud."

Let us not cast out Mercy and Truth
When Guilt is before us in chains and shame,
When passion and vice have cankered Youth,
And Age lives on with a branded name;
Something of good may still be there,
Though its voice may never be heard aloud,
For, while black with the vapors of pestilent air,
"There's a silver lining to every cloud."

Sad are the sorrows that oftentimes come,
Heavy and dull and blighting and chill,
Shutting the light from our heart and our home,
Marring our hopes and defying our will;
But let us not sink beneath the woe;
'Tis well perchance we are tried and bowed;
For be sure, though we may not often see it below,
"There's a silver lining to every cloud."

And when stern Death, with skeleton hand,
Has snatched the flower that grew in our breast,
Do we not think of a fairer land,
Where the lost are found and the weary at rest?
Oh, the hope of the unknown Future springs
In its purest strength o'er the coffin and shroud!
The shadow is dense, but Faith's spirit voice sings:
"There's a silver lining to every cloud."

Rasford Ripples.

(Received after last week's issue.)

Mrs Dr. Graham, who has been visiting relatives in Fayetteville and Garland, returned home a few days ago.

Roland, the little son of Mr. Geo. L. Edgerton, had the misfortune to break an arm the other day.

Mr. Geo. L. Edgerton has returned from St. Louis and Kansas City.

Mr. Lee Bethune and family, of Mississippi, is visiting his father Mr. M. D. Bethune.

Mr. J. W. Maultsby and family have been visiting Mrs. Maultsby's father, Mr. Bethune.

Our college young people are returning to their respective schools, among whom we note Misses C. A. McFadyen, Bessie Blue and Davie MacDiarmid to the Southern Presbyterian College; Messrs. Kinnon McDiarmid and Tom Dickson to the State University; R. D. Dickson to Davidson, and John McGill to Raleigh.

Mrs. Lauch McFadyen was called to the bedside (Saturday) of her son, Mr. Lee McFadyen, in Floralla, Alabama.

Dr. A. A. McFadyen spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Sarah McFadyen, near here.

Work has been resumed on the A. & R. railway below here, and this road will run into Hope Mills within six days.

Mr. C. N. Blue, the popular and efficient superintendent of the A. & R. R., was in town a few days ago.

A special train was run on this railway during the holidays to accommodate the pupils of this school who wished to connect with the north bound trains on the S. A. L

Miss Ida MacLauchlin spent the holidays in Wadesboro.

Miss Fanny Dickson went to Georgia Monday, to visit in Savannah.

Mrs. Newel Thompson and children and Mrs. Thos. Currie spent Christmas with their father, Mr. D. K. McDuffie, here.

Miss Mary Gillis spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Katharine Gillis.

Miss Mattie Scales has returned from a visit in Monroe.

Miss Edgerton, of Greensboro, is visiting her brother, Mr. Geo. L. Edgerton.

Miss Mattie Keith has returned to Norfolk after a visit to her mother, Mrs D. M. Keith.

Mrs. Charles Palmer, of Stanly county, is visiting her mother, Mrs. McQueen, near here.

Mr. Louis Hobson, an old Cumberland citizen, has recently moved here from South Carolina, and has a position with the Raeford Drug Co.

Mr. Walter Townsend, from Lumberton, moved here last week.

Mr. John B. Dickson, of Autryville, spent the holidays with his parents here.

Quite a number of fine families are moving here, on account of the educational advantages. Houses are in great demand, although a good many are in course of erection all the time.

Miss Eva McFadyen left for Raleigh Monday to enter King's College.

A young negro man, Walter McKinnon, who was cutting wood with a number of other hands on a plantation of Mr. J. W. MacLauchlin, was killed by a falling tree a few days ago.

A CLEVELAND TRAITOR AND THE DEMOCRATS.

Some person has sent to us an envelope containing the press dispatch that appeared in the larger papers, and the substance of which was printed in the OBSERVER at the time and commented on, giving an account of the booming for the presidency of the bolter of 1896 and 1900 by Mr. Olney, the bolter of 1896. There is no name accompanying this missive, and the address on the envelope is in a disguised handwriting. We do not wonder at this attempt by the writer to conceal his identity, for we have no doubt he is one of those who calls himself a Democrat and an advocate of white supremacy, and yet voted for Roosevelt and the negro party, as his chief, Mr. Cleveland, did. He is also, by the way, the same person, as indicated by the handwriting, who has been sending to the editor of the OBSERVER for some time past anonymous letters and postal cards abusive of his dead relatives.

In addition to what we have had to say concerning that "fake" dinner in New York last week, which is the one described in the clipping sent to us by the anonymous person referred to above, the following extract from the Washington letter of the New York Times will be found interesting:

The reports of the New York harmony dinner have fallen like a bombshell on the Democrats in Washington, and have gone a long way toward dispelling the easy and comfortable assurance that party harmony is assured. The southern and western Democrats are dismayed. The cause of this sudden change of sentiment is the boom for Grover Cleveland which was sprung at the dinner by Mr. Olney.

Senator Tillman is outspoken in condemnation of Mr. Olney's declaration for Mr. Cleveland. "Cleveland again?" queried Mr. Tillman, when asked about the suggestion of Cleveland as a candidate of the Democracy this year. "Why, with Cleveland as our candidate we would lose every chance that we now have to carry the presidential election. Within the past month or two I have heard expressions and have seen interviews from every Democrat in the Senate, and they were almost unanimous in their statement that Mr. Cleveland is impossible. I admit that he would get some votes from Republicans. He is so good a Republican that he would be preferred by many men in that party to Roosevelt. But, bless you, for every one of those votes that he would bring us he would lose an untold number of our own Democrats."

"The New York Democrats do not seem to understand that they need our votes," said another prominent Democrat, who declined to be quoted. "We are willing and anxious to make every concession for party harmony. We are willing to drop our financial views, say nothing about the Philippine question, let New York name the candidate, and do almost anything else that is necessary. But some eastern Democrats seem to think that in addition to that we should put on sackcloth and ashes, roll in the dirt, and publicly beg the pardon of the world for our heresies. Human nature cannot stand everything. We can't vote for a man who bolted the ticket."

"If by any possibility Cleveland were nominated," declared Representative C. F. Cochran, of Missouri, one of the few who were willing to be quoted, "I would take the stump against him."

Another Missourian said that his State would go Republican by at least 75,000 if Cleveland were nominated. "The east," he said, "does not understand the feeling in the west, or it would not talk of taking such chances."

A boom for Mr. Olney has been making some headway here in the past month. Today it is as dead as a doornail, killed by his utterances in behalf of Mr Cleveland. Olney voted for Bryan in 1900, and there are some who have been disposed to argue that that puts the badge of regularity on him, no matter how he voted in 1896 But his declaration in behalf of Mr. Cleveland has enraged the western and southern Democrats.

There is no likelihood of Cleveland's being nominated by the Democratic party to oppose Roosevelt, the Negro Party president whom he (Mr. Cleveland) caused to be elected, for the South and West would overwhelm him in defeat if he were. But, all the same, the agitation in his behalf by Eastern protectionists, and by McKinley and Roosevelt "Democrats," is doing all that can be done to repress the wave of Democratic unity on Democratic principles which lately has seemed to be growing so rapidly.

News From Stedman.

We regret very much to have to chronicle the death of little Miss Eva Strickland, which occurred Friday, January 1st, after an illness of several weeks. The funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 3rd, at Cokesbury church by Rev. L. W. Joyner. The remains were intered in the family burying ground near Bethany church.

Miss Euphie Autry, who is in school at Red Springs, spent the holidays at home.

Miss Mattie Sessoms, who has been teaching in Guilford county, is at home now.

Mr. A F. Bullard, who has been engaged in naval stores business in Alabama for the past two years, spent the holidays here with his father, Mr. A. C. Bullard.

Misses Nelia Butler, of Clinton, and Daisy Geddie, of Fayetteville, spent a short time at Stedman last week with Miss Fannie Bullard.

Prof. J. D Langston, principal of Stedman High School, and Miss Mollie Williamson, of Mt. Olive, were married at Mt. Olive Dec. 23d. Prof. and Mrs. Langston will make Stedman their home until after school closes in June.

Messrs. Clarence and Marcus Geddie left last Monday to enter Trinity College.

Miss Lena Sessoms is making an extended visit to relatives and friends in Florida.

There are a great many cases of mumps in Stedman now.

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BRYAN'S DEPARTURE AND RETURN.

Are We a Nation of Toadies.

Says the New York correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, in the course of a long account of the reception of the Democratic leader upon his return to America:

Hon. William J. Bryan arrived here today on the Celtic, of the White Star Line, after a two months' trip through Europe.

When Mr. Bryan sailed from New York on the Majestic, November 11, his departure was almost entirely private. He was welcomed home by a delegation of Democrats who met the Celtic on a tug at Quarantine, and a reception was given to him at the Hotel Victoria at night.

Since leaving New York Mr. Bryan has shaken hands with several kings and has been delightfully entertained by many of the notables of the Old World. Among these were the Pope, the Czar, President Loubet, President Deucher, of Switzerland; the Crown Prince of Denmark, Ambassador Choate, Tolstoi and Richard Croker.

He returns to this country more in love with it than ever before, he said, and with a firmer belief in his own ideas of Democratic politics. As to the platform of the Democratic party in the 1904 campaign, he said:

"There is nothing in the 1900 platform to be abandoned, and I can't say that there is anything to be added."

He declined to discuss Democratic candidates, as he had not been home long enough to learn who they were. As for his own position he said:

"I have said that I shall not be a candidate this time, I say so now. I have no plans for office at any time, but I will not give a bond that I will not be a candidate at any time."

OUR FIRST GENTLEMAN OF AMERICA IS UNCHANGED IN LOVE OF HIS NATIVE LAND.

Mr. Bryan was averse to being interviewed. He was asked if all he had seen and heard abroad had changed his views as to political policies in this country.

"Not a whit," he said. "In fact, my views in the matter of tariff reform have been strengthened after talking with Joseph Chamberlain, Balfour and other Englishmen who are conversant with that topic."

"Of all things you saw what impressed you most?" was asked.

"The American shore," he said.

NOT FOR NEW YORK CONVENTION.

Asked if he was in favor of holding the Democratic National Convention in New York, Mr. Bryan dropped the bundle of letters thrust in his hands and with pronounced emphasis said:

"No; not by any means. The convention should be held somewhere near the center of the country. San Francisco is as proper a place as New York. If you New Yorkers have as much money as you boast of having you can well afford to go to some city nearer the center of the States.

"But don't you regard New York as a necessary State for Democratic success, and don't you believe an Eastern man will be nominated?"

"No. It will be far better to put forward a candidate because he deserves to win than because he comes from New York or for any other geographical or foolish reason."

"And do you expect that the Kansas City platform will be the platform at the next convention?"

"The Kansas City platform is not worn out. It still stands."

THAT "WIRELESS MESSAGE."

Someone asked him about the supposed "wireless" message from him read at the McClellan dinner last week.

"Wonders of science overwhelm me," he replied. "Once we thought it very marvelous when men could send messages over wires and a still greater marvel when they could send them with no wires at all. Now, when men send messages without knowing it themselves science herself has been beaten. But I was quite in sympathy with the paragraph in the message which said: 'Don't forget the voters.'"

Mr. Bryan will go to New Haven tomorrow and will attend a dinner there at which he will speak to the toast "A Conscience Campaign." He expects to return to Nebraska early next week.

Democracy Has to Fight the Cleveland Effort to Republicanize the Party.

Tazewell (Va.) News.

There are many reasons for believing that the presidential contest of 1904 will be a hard fought battle. In order to command the support of thoughtful men, the democratic party must be true to the people by being faithful to democratic principles.

It is an open secret that the trust magnates and the financiers will be undertaking to control the democratic party, through which popular government is to be re established. See to it that the schemes of the men who would republicanize the democratic party and make the organization wholly noworthy of the support of democrats are not successful.

Beauty Triumphs,

'Tis a Priceless Treasure.

No woman objects to being beautiful. Beauty is woman's charm, joy, pride and strength. The world has always petted and adored beautiful women. A pretty woman dreads maternity for fear of losing this power and influence over men. What can be done to perpetuate the race and keep women beautiful? There is a balm universally used by cultured and uncultured women in the crisis. Husbands will do well to investigate this remedy in order to reassure their wives on the point of ease with which children can be born and all beauty of form and figure retained.

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"COL. BRYAN'S POPULARITY."

"Enjoyed Receptions and Demonstrations Never Before Accorded a Private American Citizen."

The above is the heading which our Greensboro contemporary, the Record, gave in its Saturday's issue to the following press dispatch:

New York, Saturday, 9.—After being delayed by storms and bad weather for two days, the steamship Celtic, with Col. Bryan, has arrived, thus practically ending the continental tour, during which he enjoyed receptions and demonstrations never before accorded a private American citizen.

Col. Bryan was given an enthusiastic reception by a special committee.

The administration extended him the courtesy of port for his many rare souvenirs.

The OBSERVER, which gets the same service as the Record, received the same dispatch, but it came to us too late to be placed in its right position as the leading piece of news of the day. We say "the leading piece of news of the day" because the fact that the head of the Democratic party—the man who polled the largest vote ever given to a Democrat, notwithstanding Cleveland's aid to his opponents, McKinley and Roosevelt—the fact that such a man received "an enthusiastic reception" in New York, "the enemy's country," is reassuring to all patriotic Americans.

We say that such an evidence of returning reason is reassuring to patriots, because the growing popularity of Bryan must be the measure of the growth of the unpopularity of Cleveland—Cleveland, who gave us Roosevelt for President and Morgan for our financial mentor—Morgan whose "midnight bond deal" with Cleveland transferred many millions of dollars from the people's pockets to his own—Morgan, Mr. Cleveland's right hand man, now the disgraced financial bunco steerer.

How far Mr. Bryan's increasing popularity is due to his social and other successes in his tour of Europe, we do not know. Collier's Weekly, speaking on this subject, says:

"Foreigners have enjoyed him because he was representative of Western Americanism, and, at least in casual relations, they are more likely to enjoy that type than the cultivated Eastern type, which is more like themselves. They breathe freshness from a man like Mr. Bryan, and he learns intellectual ripeness and tolerance from them."

Collier's Weekly is far wrong in its assumption that what it calls "the cultivated Eastern type" is "more like themselves" (the foreigners). Southern and Western gentlemen of the Bryan type are much more like English gentlemen, for example, than the so-called cultivated Easterners.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT AND CONDOLENCE.

Passed by Cross Creek Lodge I. O. O. F., January 11, 1904

In loving memory of our late brother Capt. A. B. Williams, who suddenly passed away on the night of the 2nd, inst, we would fain express our deep sorrow, and record our sincere admiration and affection, therefore

Resolved, That in his death the order has lost a valuable member, the community a highly esteemed and useful citizen and the county a faithful, able and zealous official.

Resolved, That within the limits of this simple, heartfelt tribute we can not tell the story of his life, with its prominence, influence and popularity—its responsibilities, burdens and duties well discharged. Let it suffice to point to his unselfish, kindly disposition; his fidelity to his friends; his broad tolerance and sympathy; his superiority to prejudice and malice, and his open-handed benevolence and charity. What brighter jewels in human character?

Resolved That we extend to the bereaved family our sincere condolence in this hour of their grief and sadness.

Resolved, That a chair in our lodge room be draped, and that the members wear the usual badge of mourning for 30 days.

Resolved, That a page in our minute book be set apart for these resolutions and that a copy, under the seal of the lodge, be sent to the family of the deceased and to the Fayetteville Observer publication.

H. R. BORNE
W. D. GASTER
B. C. GORHAM
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D. A. MCMILLAN,
Committee.

MANCHESTER DOTS.

January 12, 1904.

Manchester was the seat of quietness during Christmas. Everything seemed lovely. Every one seemed to enjoy the sacred day. Mr. E. A. Bolton and wife and little son spent the day with relatives. Mr. R B Reaves and sister also spent the day with friends. Miss Kate Fairly gave the children of Manchester a nice reception at the school house the Monday night after Christmas. The children enjoyed the delicious refreshments, and every one received a Christmas present from the kind hand of that Christian heart. It will ever be remembered by the little tots.

Mrs. Carrie Bowden and little son have returned from a visit to relatives at Lumber Bridge.

Mr. W. A. Bolton killed a wild turkey the day before Christmas, and the hunters at Buckthorn lodge caught nine foxes last week, besides killing lots of other game, including birds, turkeys and rabbits.

Mrs. Lizzie McLean left Tuesday for Spout Spring, to visit relatives in that section.

Best wishes for the OBSERVER.

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War With Colombia Probable.

Our Treaty With China Ratified.

Clews Says Wall Street Generally Favors Roosevelt.

Czar's Admiral to Decide Question of War—Japan Deliberate—Two Divisions of Russia's Army Move—Measles, Influenza, Grippe and Pneumonia Epidemic in New York; Pool Room Men to Circumvent Western Union—Columbian Minister's Departure—Columbian Army at Titumati—Ex-Governor Bushnell Dying Thousands View the Body of General Gordon.

Wreck on the Southern Railway.

By telegraph to the Observer

Belleville, Ill., Jan 13—A Southern Railway train was wrecked near New Bladen killing one person and injuring several others.

Legations Strongly Guarded.

By cable to the Observer.

London, Jan. 13—It is reported that the legations at Seoul are strongly guarded owing to political intrigues against Russia. The Court is favorable to Russia.

Death of Col. Charles Denby.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Jamestown, N. Y., Jan 13—Colonel Charles Denby, United States minister to China under Cleveland and Harrison, died suddenly today. He lectured here last night.

Ex Governor Bushnell Dying.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan'y 13.—The condition of ex Governor Bushell is unchanged. Death is momentarily expected though he may live for hours.

Colombian Army at Titumati.

By cable to the Observer.

Colon, Jan 13—It is reported that a Colombian army of four thousands with field guns are at Titumati, ready to invade Panama. Colombian Generals have arranged to ford the rivers in Indian canoes.

Chicago's Mayor Summoned at Inquest.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Chicago, Jan. 13—Mayor Harrison was summoned to appear at the inquest of the Iroquois theatre fire today. The purpose of this being to attach the responsibility to higher officials for criminal prosecution.

Driggs Paid the Penalties, and Says He Did Not Intend to Do It.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Brooklyn, Jan'y 13—Ex-Congressman Driggs served his sentence of one day, paid the fine of ten thousand dollars and was released to-day. Afterwards he said that, though technically guilty, he had no intention of defrauding the postal department.

Czar's Admiral to Decide Question of War.

By cable to the Observer.

Port Arthur, Jan. 13—It is officially stated that the Czar has finally left the question of war with Admiral Alexiff to decide. Fearing a surprise the Russian fleet has been in fighting trim with a vigilant watch kept. Ports and railroads are guarded.

American Chinese Commercial Treaty.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Jan 13—The ratification of the American-Chinese treaty was exchanged between Secretary Hay and the Chinese Minister Cheng at the State Department today. The treaty provides for opening the ports of Mukden and Antung in Manchuria to the world's commerce.

The Bechtel Trial.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 13—George Kocher, first witness in Bechtel trial testified this morning. He said that when the body of Mabel was found he saw Eckstein going toward the Bechtel house. Later he saw Myrtha Bechtel in the street. He expressed surprise at seeing her abroad so early. She said "Mabel is dead." Mrs. Bobst, was the next witness and testified that she heard Eckstein and Mabel quarrelling. The latter said, "You are trying to put me in my grave."

Measles, Influenza, Gripp and Pneumonia Epidemic in New York.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, Jan 13—Measles, influenza, gripp and pneumonia are epidemic here. The health board is prepared to begin fight against spitting. Orders are to inforce sanitary laws. Public buildings must be cleaned. Last week 364 persons died of pneumonia in greater New York.

Henry Clews Interviewed.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, Jan 13—Henry Clews in an interview today said Wall street favors Roosevelt excepting a small but important clique that lost much money. Also he said the decision against northern security was an unmixed blessing in disguise; the losses were mostly on paper. A decision for the company would cause a panic. The future business outlook is bright.

Two Divisions of Russia's Army Move.

By cable to the Observer.

Pekin, Jan. 13—The Viceroy Tsen, Shanghai, has obtained a loan of a million taels from a German firm to purchase Krupp mountain guns. Two divisions of Russian army moving east on Siberian railroad. Russians have seized the terminus of the Haikwan Newchaang railroad an important strategic position.

Japan Deliberate.

By cable to the Observer.

Tokio, Jan. 13—At a conference of the Emperor of Japan and his cabinet it is reported that a decision was reached to send another note to Russia asking her to reconsider her position.

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