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A BIT OF FINANCIAL HISTORY

Ex-Senator Doolittle, a very decidedly able Republican, in a recent letter to the Chicago Times-Herald, states that in 1877, Samuel B. Ruggles, a delegate from this country to the monetary conference called by France, grossly misrepresented his country in representing it as favoring a gold standard.

"Had the United States in 1877 in the Paris conference, as it ought to, stood with France and the Latin union for bimetalism there would never have been any demonetization of silver by Germany or the Scandinavians States, and the monetary revolution from the double standard to gold alone would never have been attempted in this generation, in my opinion."

It is well to understand these historic events. They help to better understand the present situation.

Pertinent to this is a recent editorial in the New York World showing how France has managed her financial matters. Let it be remembered that France in 1871 had paid over \$3,000,000,000 to Germany as indemnity and paid it in gold, which no other nation on the globe could have done.

"The last annual report of the Bank of France shows that it is possible to keep a stock of gold and silver available at the same time."

During 1894 the gold reserve of the bank was increased by \$71,600,000, and since January 1st a further addition of \$16,000,000 has been made, bringing the stock of gold up to \$437,500,000. The cause of this increase is simply the natural flow of exchange. All payments to the bank from foreign sources are made in gold—in form of ingots or foreign coin. Money in this shape not being current in France it is brought to the bank, which issues its notes in payment for it.

In addition to its reserve of \$437,500,000 in gold the bank holds some \$250,000,000 in silver. When the notes of the bank are presented the holder is required to take a part in silver. If the amount is large and the bank supposes that it is intended for export it will pay only one half in gold and half in silver. It will sell ingots or foreign coins, but it will not sell French gold coins.

EASTERN VISITORS PLEASED.

The Massachusetts mill men are much pleased at the very cordial reception they have met with everywhere. The South never extended hospitality and cordial greeting half-way. They will no doubt speak well of the South and will not depreciate its advantages. The opinion of Mr. Lovering is indeed very favorable. He does not hesitate to affirm that its advantages and opportunities are very "remarkable" for cotton milling.

He did not fail to say at Raleigh that "it is perfectly natural that cotton should be spun where cotton is grown. Undoubtedly the immediate increase in the spindles of our country is destined to be near the cotton fields. The proximity to coal, in many sections, and the abundance of water power, together with a plentiful supply of cotton close at hand are advantages not to be ignored."

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But in 1895, it is declared, and perhaps the decision is wise and as it should be that an income tax is unconstitutional in so far as it reaches rents and income of real estate. It is also held that it is unconstitutional to tax Government bonds. With this decision before the next Congress we would suppose it would make many changes in the results of taxation. The estimate is that under the decision of the court the law will not raise more than \$15,000,000 yearly on such things as are deemed constitutional to be taxed.

"Although the decision may shelter a great many people from being taxed who are not bearing their proportionate part of the public burden, the Messenger will be glad if the return to the Constitution of the United States in this decision shall be the signal and forerunner that the Government is henceforth to regard the organic law, and that all usurpation of authority, like ordering U. S. soldiers into States without the sanction of States, and other high-handed acts, and all attempts at centralizing of power in the General Government shall be stopped such as divorcing cattle in the States, providing the forty acres and the mule

for impetuous folks, educating the masses, running railroads, owning all lines of communication—these and other dangerous monstrosities are to be henceforth tabooed, avoided, put down. It is a good and healthful sign to see a decision to protect the rich from righteously taxation made upon the distinct grounds of unconstitutionality.

A Supreme court composed of Republicans with but one exception long ago decided that a tax under a tariff levied for any purpose whatever other than "for revenue only" was purely and simply "obnoxious." What would the present court hold? Cannot this principle be tested?

HOME FOLKS.

It seems that Rev. Dr. Morrison will not be at Trinity college as published.

It is pleasant to know that railroad building is not at a complete standstill in North Carolina. It is reported that three roads are in course of construction. Very little was done last year. The Messenger regrets to learn that Minister M. W. Ransom is suffering from carbuncles on the neck and elbow. It is to be sincerely hoped that he will soon recover for otherwise they might not only give him great suffering, but might prove very dangerous.

Among the special features at Greensboro Female college commencement in June is the Alumnae address, which is to be delivered by Mrs. John W. Hays, of Oxford, N. C., an Alumna of the institution. We do not know personally a woman now living in North Carolina who is the superior of Mrs. Hays in natural ability. She is well cultivated and full of wit.

In 1894, North Carolina cultivated 53,118 acres in rye and produced 478,017 bushels; 164,535 acres in hay and grew 238,561 tons; 17,955 acres in potatoes and 1,113,210 bushels; 695,147 acres in wheat and 3,475,735 bushels; 2,459,663 acres in corn and 32,959,484 bushels; 527,893 acres in oats and 5,754,034 bushels. The hay crop is far too small. Make more hay and stop buying from the North. The potato crop is much less than we had supposed. The wheat crop is rather small. Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia exceed it. If more oats were made there would be much less demand for the products of the hay fields in the West. Raise home supplies all round, including home manures.

Our vigilant Raleigh correspondent reported that another trick had probably been played upon the people. Shaffer, a Northern Rad at Raleigh, did not intend, he says, to tax churches and schools in the bill he sent to the Douglas gang, but the bill he drew cannot be found. Another appears to have been substituted. By whom? It seems that the scamps tricked the unsuspecting often and changed bills to suit themselves. So in this staid old State, with perhaps a larger membership in the churches in proportion to white population than any other, and with as much need of education for the ignorant masses as any other State whatsoever, by the act of the incompetent, reckless, stupid Fred Douglass Memorial Association education and religion are both taxed.

What an outrage. It was very bad for Democratic Legislatures to tax knowledge—the small scattered libraries of young and aspiring young men—but it is infamous to tax education and religion. In such object lessons there is instruction for this country. It is admitted by the Richmond, (Va.) Times, one of the most extreme advocates of a single gold standard, that "the Rothschild-Morgan syndicate protects our Treasury against further raids on its gold." Think of that. Morgan, is a Wall Street broker, and Rothschild a British money broker. These powers control and protect the Treasury of this great country of nearly 70,000,000 people. Shades of Hamilton! The Lynchburg News reminds us that "if when the gold raid commenced from Wall street, Secretary Carlisle had adopted the policy of the Bank of France he could have stopped it in a single day and by one stroke of his pen. Gold and silver were the legal coin of the country and the law as it then stood distinctly and in so many words made it his option to pay in those two coins according to his convenience."

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THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE.

Table Talk for April has among other papers the following that will interest the housekeepers and others: The Peanut as a Food Constituent, The Dietetic Lesson—Digestion, Housekeepers' Inquiries, Literature of Childhood, The New Bill of Fare, In Woman's Line, For the Children, New Menus for April, Fashionable Luncheon and Tea Tables, Are Women Too Domestic.

The Forum for April has its usual variety of practical, business and speculative articles. It has also an interesting sketch of Lord Rosebery, written by the leader of the Irish Home rulers, Justin McCarthy, who some ten or fifteen years ago put the English speaking race under obligations to him for his admirable, most entertaining "History of Our Own Times." He has written many books but this work is all we have read of the long list. We referred Sunday to another cleaver paper by Richard Burton on "The Healthful Tone for American Literature." The terms are \$3 a year or 25 cents a number. Mr. Walter A. Page, a native of this State, is editor. Published at Union Square, N. Y.

News From the Lost Cruiser. MADRID, April 9.—A bottle has been washed ashore at Riva Della containing the following note written in pencil: "March 10, 9 o'clock evening. No hope of being saved—twelve miles from Bajo Aceteras. (Signed) "Cruiser Reina Regente."

The Government has announced that they will assist the families of the officers and men lost on the Reina Regente.

THE Delaware Dead Lock. Dover, Del., April 9.—Every member of the Legislature was present when the 16th ballot for United States Senator was taken at noon to day. The dead lock entered upon its 13th week to day and the issue as strictly drawn, as they were when the contest began, notwithstanding the death of Governor Marvel last night, which it was thought would hasten a solution of the question.

Justice Jackson Refuses an Opinion. NEW YORK, April 9.—A Nashville, Tenn. correspondent writes that Justice Howell E. Jackson, whose illness prevented the full Supreme bench passing upon the Income Tax law, refuses to express an opinion upon its constitutionality. Justice Jackson is much improved in health and expresses his intention of resuming his duties on the bench at the October term of court.

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