

## TO TALK IT TO DEATH.

## SILVER MEN DECLARE WAR ON LOAN CERTIFICATES.

May Kill Sundry Civil Bill—House Democrats Will Insist Upon Fulfilling Contract With Bond Syndicate—News of the Capital.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The silver men have determined to fight the proposition for certificates of indebtedness in the sundry civil bill and will carry their opposition to such lengths as will prevent the bill becoming a law if it is retained. A conference of silver senators upon this subject last evening developed great opposition to the certificate proposition and a purpose of talking the bill to death in case the loan amendment was retained. The possibility that the senate will send the sundry civil bill back to the house with the amendment authorizing the secretary of the treasury to issue certificates of indebtedness is not yet stirring much discussion in the house. The members of the appropriations committee, who will be the conferees upon the bill, say that if the secretary of the treasury wants the authority they are willing to give it to him. The statement of the secretary that the provision will not be needed has its weight with the administration democrats but not with the republicans, many of whom say they will support the amendment. It will be opposed by the democrats, however, if the clause compelling future issues of bonds to be offered at public sale be retained. That is construed to be a prohibition against fulfilling the agreement in the recent contract to offer to the syndicate any bonds issued before Oct. 1. Democratic members who are on the best terms with President Cleveland do not hesitate to say that they would veto the sundry civil bill rather than have it become a law with such a stipulation incorporated in it.

## MAY CONSIDER STATEHOOD BILLS.

Senate Not Likely to Act on Pooling and Bankruptcy.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Now that there is no further prospect of action on the financial question in the senate there has been a revival of interest in the other general measures, including the pooling, bankruptcy and New Mexico and Arizona admission bills, but the especial champion of each of these measures realize that there is little hope of favorable action and only in the case of the territorial bills of getting any of them up for consideration. In the matter of these bills, Senator Faulkner, who as chairman of the committee on territories, has charge of them, says he expects to get a day for their consideration but does not believe the republicans will allow them to pass, and that if they choose they can easily prevent this result at the present late day of the session. Senator George frankly admits that he sees no prospect of again getting up the bankruptcy bill. The friends of the pooling bill are more persistent but they find obstacles in their way at every turn. Much will depend upon the decision of the democratic steering committee as to whether these bills will be given a day in court.

## DRUMMED UP A QUORUM.

Only Sixteen Senators Present When the Session Opened.

Washington, Feb. 21.—There were just sixteen senators in the senate chamber when the 11 o'clock session opened today and Senator Wolcott suggested the absence of a quorum. The jingling of senate bells hurriedly assembled the senators and forty-seven responded to the call for a quorum, two more than the necessary number. Senator Ivey presented the credentials of R. R. Tillman as senator from South Carolina for the term beginning March 4 next. Senator Tamm offered a resolution from the committee on foreign relations expressing the high appreciation of the senate as to the distinguished honors accorded by the Mexican government on the occasion of the obsequies of the United States minister, Mr. Gray, and directing the secretary of state to forward copies of the resolution to the authorities of Mexico. The resolution was agreed to. The house bill authorizing the transportation of goods through the United States to the free zone of Mexico so long as the Mexican free zone law exists.

## BONDS AT A BIG PREMIUM.

New 4's Are in Risk Demand at 118 1/2.

New York, Feb. 21.—The new 4's were bid at 118 and offered at 120 at the opening, and have since advanced to 118 1/2, offered at 120.

London, Feb. 21.—Messrs. Rothschild this morning announced that the American loan had been covered a little over twenty times. The Rothschilds did not intend to take any portion of the amount of the loan that has been allotted to America. Subscriptions for the loan were not opened in Paris, as the French subscriptions have been made here, and large subscriptions were made in England outside of London proportionately at a par with those in London.

## She Went to Sea as a Boy.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 21.—Lucy Dewhurst, a 15-year-old girl, ran away from her Monday disguised as a cabin boy, and sailed from Boston yesterday on the Leyland liner Bostonia, bound for England. The officials had failed to see through her disguise, at least such was the information received by her brother, who went to Boston yesterday. The girl's mother lives in Blackpool, England, and it is thought she will go there after arriving across the water.

## Fataally Hurt by Mexicans.

Albuquerque, N. M., Feb. 21.—E. C. Mount, a prominent merchant and old fellow of Guthrie Center, Iowa, who has been living on a ranch near Barea for the benefit of his health, was attacked and robbed by four Mexicans as he was returning to the city yesterday. A lone rider, Jones Martin, Mariano Montoya and Portillo Padillas, all of Barea, have been arrested charged with the crime.

## FRED DOUGLASS DEAD.

Sudden End of the Noted Freedman at His Home.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Frederick Douglass, the noted freedman, orator and diplomat, died a few minutes before 7 o'clock last night at his residence in Anacostia, a suburb of this city, of heart failure. His death was entirely unexpected, as he had been enjoying the best of health.

Fred Douglass was born in slavery in Maryland about the year 1817. He was a mulatto and celebrated as an orator, statesman and diplomat. During the war he enjoyed the friendship and confidence of President Lincoln, who habitually consulted him in matters pertaining to his race and upon whom he always urged the policy of the employment of colored troops and the issuing of the emancipation proclamation.

When in 1863, permission was given to enlist colored troops he was active in promoting the enlistment, and especially for filling up the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Massachusetts Regiments. After the war he filled many high civil positions. His wealth is variously estimated at from \$100,000 to \$200,000. Douglass' published works are: "Narrative of My Experience in Slavery," 1845; "My Bondage and My Freedom," 1855; and "Life and Times of Frederick Douglass," 1881.

Tragedy in Illinois. Two Wounded in an Unprovoked Shooting in a Farm House.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 21.—John Bowley, a farmer, his wife, Albert Wallace, his brother-in-law, and Thomas Lyman, a hired hand, were slaying in their house at Dillon township Tuesday evening when Wallace entered the bedroom, secured his double-barreled shot gun and a number of shells. Then he walked into the house a few times and all commenced shooting through the window at the people inside. The first shot struck Bowley in the hand, the second struck Mrs. Bowley, causing injuries which it is thought will result in her death. By this time Lyman was on the front porch to investigate and was greeted with a fusillade. He was wounded, but retreated to the house. Wallace was arrested. He is thought to be insane.

## LOT OF GOLD PAID IN.

\$32,500,000 for Bond Account Has Been Deposited.

New York, Feb. 21.—Under the terms of the agreement between the bond syndicate and the government, some \$32,500,000 was to have been deposited with the treasury for the home account, the rest of the gold required to pay for the bonds having to come from abroad. That amount of gold had been deposited with the treasury yesterday morning. In the afternoon J. P. Morgan made a deposit of \$1,123,000 gold at the sub-treasury, taking in exchange therefor legal tenders. This action was probably taken to further instill confidence in the financial stability of the treasury, and is in line with the policy of the syndicate to hold the gold reserve at the full limit.

## Building Trade May Be Halted.

New York, Feb. 21.—It is stated that the board of walking delegates will probably declare a general strike in the building trades in this city and Brooklyn, in sympathy with the electrical workers. If this plan is carried out it will stop the construction of thirty-seven large buildings and throw out of work several thousand men. At present the sympathetic strike has taken out 750 men.

## No Guard for Gold's "Treasure."

New York, Feb. 21.—George Gould when asked regarding the report that a plot had been discovered to abduct his two sons, Kingston and Jay, said he did not believe any such scheme had been concocted. He also denied a so-called bodyguard was now in attendance when his children went out for a walk or drive.

## Preacher and Politician Hit.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 21.—J. A. Van Hook, mayor of Birmingham, who is also a preacher, and Col. S. W. John, member of the legislature from Jefferson county, were the targets of a volley of epithets yesterday. They quarreled over politics. Neither man was seriously hurt. Both were arrested.

## International Labor Club Formed.

Paris, Feb. 21.—The delegation of laboring men sent to the World's Fair at Chicago by the French labor unions to collect economic and political information has been moved to a club, with the object of maintaining international relations between the American and French labor unions.

## No Truth in the Torture Story.

Dubuque, Iowa, Feb. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Neill, formerly of this city, now of Honolulu, arrived here yesterday on a visit. They pronounce the story of the hanging up by the Hawaiian government as utterly false. Nothing of the kind occurred.

## Drayton Hearing Will Be Public.

New York, Feb. 21.—H. A. Shipman, lawyer for Mrs. J. Coleman Drayton, said yesterday the Drayton divorce suit would have to take its regular place on the court docket, and it would likely be several months before it came to trial. The case will be heard in public.

## SILVER IS THE ISSUE.

The Silverites Will Surely Make a Presidential Nomination.

Washington, Feb. 21.—"There will be a new alignment of the parties in the next presidential campaign," said Representative Bland of Missouri this morning. "The free silver men intend to get together and nominate a man who reflects their sentiments." "Suppose," it was suggested, "after a contest at the next democratic convention a candidate should be selected who is opposed to free silver, what would you and other gentlemen who entertain views on this subject similar to yours do in that case?"

"We would not support him."

"But suppose he was the party nominee?"

"There is nothing," replied Mr. Bland, "to prevent as many tickets being put in the field as is desired; and the free silver men would have theirs." "Suppose one party nominated a gold monometalist and the other a candidate who was inclined to be friendly to free silver, but who did not stand squarely on such a platform—what then?"

"We want no half way candidate. We want a free coinage man or nobody."

"You think, then, that the money question will be the overshadowing issue in the next campaign?"

"It will be the only issue. It ought to have been the principal issue two years ago, but we were then just emerging from the shadow of sectionalism and the force bill and it was no time to divide on financial questions. But that time has now arrived and the next contest will be waged between the free coinage men and those who oppose that proposition. Party lines will be obliterated and this will be the one thing which will divide the voters of the country."

Representative Livingstone of Georgia, who is also a strong advocate of the free coinage of silver, agrees with Mr. Bland that the silver question will be the question of prime importance before the country next year. He insists the silver men will nominate a candidate of their own but he does not believe this will be done after a democratic convention shall have nominated a candidate opposed to free silver.

"If we went into the democratic convention," he continued, "we would have to be bound by the convention's action. Our presence there would commit us to such a result and we could not afford to bolt. For that reason I think the free silver men will nominate a candidate independently of the two old parties."

"Do you think you can elect a candidate standing such a platform if his opponent be diametrically opposed to such views?"

"I do, and I believe he would sweep the country. Such a candidate would carry New York state. I'll bet you \$1,000 on it."

## FARO DEALER IS HELD UP.

During the Progress of a Gambling Game a Masked Robber Seizes \$34.

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 21.—Congress hall, one of the old time gambling establishments, was entered at midnight by masked men, who robbed the faro table. The game was in progress when the dealer, George Huston, saw a man enter by a side door with a mask covering his face. Huston thought some practical joker was trying to have a little fun and when the robber drew his revolver Huston pushed the weapon aside. The robber did not utter a word, but put the revolver up to Huston's breast and with his free hand took a \$340 in gold, which he put in his pocket. He did not take all the gold and \$500 or \$600 in silver was not molested. Those playing at the game did not move while the robbery was being committed. Bartender Green, who was in an adjoining room, heard the noise made by several \$20 gold pieces which the robber dropped. He thought at first there was a row but a minute later learned the trouble and seizing a shot gun loaded with buck shot, started for the gambling room. The side door had just closed after the robber when the bartender rushed in. As the robber turned the corner of the building Green shot but missed the mark.

## THOUSANDS GO HUNGRY.

Government Relief for Newfoundland's Destitute People Is Withdrawn.

St. Johns, N. F., Feb. 21.—The destitution arising from the financial crisis is increasing. In this city about 7,000 persons are regularly receiving relief. The funds for this purpose are becoming low and there is yet another month of real hardship before the poor. The Herald, by a bread-baking contest, secured 1,000 loaves to-day which it will distribute. The government has been contributing \$1,000 weekly for the benefit of the poor but this has now been withdrawn. The government intimates its intention of starting relief works. The opposition press accuses the government of cutting off its contribution to the relief fund in order to devote the \$1,000 weekly to a corruption fund to be used in the elections which occur within a fortnight.

## STATES REPRESENTED.

Some of the Appropriations Made for Monuments.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Information has been received by the Chickamauga park commission that the Illinois legislature has passed a bill appropriating \$65,500 for monuments for the troops of that state at the national park, and that it is expected to have them erected before the dedication of the park in September. A letter from a member of the Wisconsin commission says that an appropriation from that state of \$20,800 is assured and it is expected that its commission will be ready to begin the erection of its monuments in June. The Kansas legislature has also made provisions for erecting monuments to the troops of that state.

## College Buildings Burned Down.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 21.—The main building of the Allen university, a colored school with a law department, burned this morning with contents. The loss will not exceed \$3,000; partially insured. The fire was accidental.

## Car Burns Are Burned.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 21.—Fire at 2 o'clock this morning destroyed the horse car stables owned by the Nova Scotia Power company, in the north end of the city. The loss will amount to \$30,000.

## ROSEBERY MAY FALL.

ANXIETY OVER RESULT OF DIVISION IN HOUSE.

Government Defeat Likely—Lancashire Party Has Assurances of Support from the Conservatives and Liberals—Foreign News.

London, Feb. 21.—There is great anxiety in the lobbies of the house of commons this afternoon as to the result of the coming division on the motion of Sir Henry James for an adjournment of the house in order that he may call attention to the Indian import duties on cotton. It is said that the Lancashire party has promises of the support of a number of conservatives as well as liberals interested in the cotton trade, and that the combined strength is sufficient to bring about the defeat of the government. The attitude of the government, however, it is understood, will depend upon the decision to be arrived at at a cabinet council to be had to-day. The Tory Pall Mall Gazette says it is anxious that the government should be turned out at the soonest moment possible, but that it would be sorry to see them defeated on Sir Henry James' motion.

The Sun (liberal) says that Sir Henry James' motion covers the most sinister and disgraceful attack by which a British minister has been menaced since parliamentary history began.

## He Will Get Their Heads.

London, Feb. 21.—A dispatch from Tien-Tsin says an imperial decree issued Feb. 19 announces that Tao-Tai-Kung and Gen. Yeh-Chi-Chan have been tried by the board of punishment and condemned to imprisonment until autumn, when they will be beheaded. This punishment is inflicted upon them for the loss of Port Arthur.

## Swedish Patriotic Festival.

Stockholm, Feb. 21.—A grand patriotic festival has been held here in the large hall of the board of trade building. The celebration took place under the auspices of the Woman's Society for Sweden's Defense, and the proceeds will swell the fund which is being collected for defense of Norland (the northern part of Sweden).

## AIMED AT CATHOLICS.

Bill to Prevent Archbishop from Holding Property.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 21.—A body blow was aimed at the Catholic church of this state in the shape of a bill introduced in the House by Mr. Merriam of Tazewell county this morning. It is said to have been prepared at the request of American-Protective Association leaders. It repeals the act of 1815 and the amendatory act of 1861. The first of these acts authorizes certain persons holding property of the Catholic church in trust to convey the same. The amendatory act of 1861 incorporates the Catholic Bishop of Chicago and enables him to act as a corporation. He may acquire, hold and convey property, personal, real or mixed, and borrow money on said property. Mr. Merriam said the purpose of this bill was to force the Catholic church to do business in the same manner as other religious denominations. "This measure," he said, "does not require the Catholic church to dispose of property acquired by the Bishop of Chicago, but it will prevent him from acquiring any more. I believe the Catholic should do business in the same manner as other churches, and should not be specially favored."

This bill is said to be the result of a fight of the American Protective Association of Springfield and Peoria against Catholics of Rockford and Chicago. Not long ago a bill was introduced in the House making it a misdemeanor to belong to the American Protective Association, and this is return blow.

## POLICE GUARD FOR GENTRY.

He Will Not Be Allowed Either to Die or Escape.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 21.—James B. Gentry, the murderer of Judge York, is still alive and the chances are that he will recover, although it may be several weeks before he is well enough to be removed from the hospital. He has not gone through any more of his insane antics since he made his statement yesterday to Magistrate Milligan and what little conversation he has held since that time indicates that he is perfectly rational. Two police officers are constantly on guard not only to prevent his escape but also to frustrate any attempt that might be made by Gentry at self-destruction. The remains of Miss York were shipped to New York to-day.

## AN IMMENSE STORE OF ICE.

More Than 125,000 Tons Cut at Altam.

Altam, Ill., Feb. 21.—The ice harvest has closed here and is the greatest in many years. Ice to the extent of 125,000 tons has been cut and stored in the houses opposite this city and 2,000 car loads have been shipped to other points. In addition there are immense quantities at Lockhaven, Louisiana, Hannibal, Quincy, Peru, Beartown and other places along the Mississippi. All dealers here have their houses full. The ice gorge at the mouth of the Missouri river has broken, but warnings are still crossing on the ice here. The river is rising and a break is expected soon to occur.

## Oranges for W. K. Gladstone.

San Bernardino, Cal., Feb. 21.—In two weeks, or the shortest time it is possible to make between San Bernardino, Cal., and Hawarden castle, England, the Rt. Hon. William E. Gladstone will receive a box of Highland oranges, sent by John J. Valentine, president of the Wells-Fargo express company. Next Wednesday President Cleveland will receive a similar present.

## Jealousy Causes a Murder.

Antonio, Colo., Feb. 21.—Leander Mestas shot and killed Juan Trujillo at this place. Trujillo was married a short time ago and Mestas has always been jealous of him. Trujillo was going to bed early last night when Mestas came to his window and shot him in the back with a rifle. The murderer was captured near Gallegos.

## MAKE A SLIGHT GAIN.

MARKETS GET A TEMPORARY BULGE, BUT CLOSE FLAT.

Uncertainty of French Wheat Crop—Damage a Drawback to the Traders in That Article—Corn Heads the Advance—General Market Report.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—In a general way the bull news of yesterday was not confirmed, and this gave the wheat market a little basket at the opening, when May price was at 52 1/2¢ and 52 1/2¢ flat. From this the market hardened slowly and recovered at 11 o'clock to 53 1/2¢ bid. Later the edge was off the buying and the price held around 53 1/2¢. Best cable advices in the trade declared the Abel Rey Paris message of yesterday claiming French crop damage a canard. Berlin was up 1/4 mark for wheat. Liverpool quoted wheat futures 1/4 higher in sympathy with advance here yesterday. The weekly report on flour output in northwest gave about 300,000 bbls Minneapolis and Duluth, compared with 160,000 the week previous. Sales said to be equal to production. Against this the cars received at the two points to-day were 339, and out of a total of 336,000 bu wheat at nine primary markets the two big rolling points had 291,000. Export clearances for the day dropped to 39,000 wheat and 20,000 bbls flour from four ports, including 13,000 wheat out of New Orleans. Exporting houses reported no fresh demand from any source, while private dispatches from New York claimed Argentine bids were 1 1/2¢ over yesterday.

After midday wheat had the best advance of the week, going to 53 1/2¢ May, shorts covering. On the advance there was a flood of long wheat for sale. The market weakened to 53¢ again and closed with some activity at 53 1/2¢.

Local sentiment was bullish in corn. Receipts were under the estimate at 263 cars and the cars for Friday much lighter at 215. Baltimore cleared 51,000 bu, other ports nothing. Liverpool was strong and quoted corn 1/4¢ higher. Primary markets showed a moderate movement of 311 cars, about half the receipts of a year ago. Private cables referred to the prospect of shortage in the Argentine corn crop. First price for May was 4 1/2¢, from which there was 1/4¢ advance to 4 3/4¢ early and a later bulge to 4 5/4¢, shorts covering. There was 1/4¢ reaction from this price before 1 o'clock.

Corn closed a fraction better yesterday at 4 1/2¢ for the month and 4 1/4¢ for May.

Provisions had little action in prices. Prices for hogs came at 10 1/2¢ lower. Pork started 7 1/4¢ lower, lard and ribs 5¢ off. There was no further drop. May pork sold \$10.12 1/2 to \$10.20, holding later at \$10.15, 5¢ off. Lard sold \$6.45 to \$6.47 1/2, holding \$6.45, 5¢ lower. Ribs sold \$5.25 to \$5.27 1/2 to \$5.30, holding \$5.25, 5¢ lower.

Quotations were:

ARTICLES	CLOSING.			
	High.	Low.	Feb. 21	Feb. 20
Wheat—2				
Feb.	51½	50½	50½	50½
May	53½	52½	52½	52½
July	54½	53½	53½	53½
Corn—2				
Feb.	47½	46½	46½	46½
May	49½	48½	48½	48½
July	49½	48½	48½	48½
Sept.	45½	44½	45	44½
Oats—3				
Feb.	29½	28½	28½	28½
May	30½	29½	29½	29½
June	30½	29	29½	29½
July	28	26½	27	26½
Pork—				
Feb.			9.85	10.00
May	10.30	10.12½	10.15	10.20
Lard—				
Feb.			6.30	6.35
May	6.47½	6.45	6.45	6.50
S. RIBS—				
Feb.			5.07½	5.10
May	5.30	5.25	5.27½	5.30