

"MAIL BANK" CLOSED DOWN
BY POSTAL AUTHORITIES



EDWARD G. LEWIS

Edward G. Lewis of St. Louis, whose novel scheme of doing a banking business by mail exclusively has been stopped with a postal fraud order pending an investigation, had secured several million dollars in deposits and stock subscriptions. The

postal inspectors have found that he did not use his own money in the organization of the bank, as he promised in his prospectus, and that he has been loaning the bank's funds to himself. Lewis claims the concern is perfectly solvent.

ALIEN INVASION OF CANADA.

Figures of Yearly Immigration Are Enormous.

The Canadian authorities estimate the total immigration into Canada up to June 30, the figures for June and May not being final, at 148,261, as against 130,330 for the preceding fiscal year. In proportion to population this is equivalent to an immigration of about two millions into the United States, or twice the volume the Republic is actually receiving. It represents a foreign dilution of the population of Canada by two and one-half per cent. of its total amount, and if it were maintained on the same scale it would eventually submerge the native Canadians in a foreign majority. The evidence of Mr. W. D. Scott, immigration superintendent, and Dr. P. H. Bryce, chief medical inspector, before a parliamentary committee conveys the rather surprising information that Canada suffers her immigrants more carefully than the United States. According to their figures Canada has rejected one applicant in every 290 and the United States only one in every 2,665—Culler's.

HUXLEY LIKED HIS TOBACCO.

Scientist's Testimony Rather Disconcerting to Hearers.

Prof. Huxley was invited on one occasion to take the chair at an anti-tobacco meeting. In a brief opening speech he related a personal incident. He was visiting a friend, with whom he had animated discussions on a recent scientific discovery in which they were both deeply interested. "However, there was one point on which we differed," continued the professor. "My friend was a great smoker, while I detested tobacco in any form. [Great applause.] After dinner we usually retired to his study; but, finding myself once nearly suffocated with my friend's cigar smoke, I expostulated. Thereupon, pushing the cigars before me, he said: 'Take one yourself; it's the best remedy.' As I knew I couldn't induce him to give up, his reluctance took a cigar and smoked it. And since that time, ladies and gentlemen, nothing on earth could induce me [renewed applause] to forego my afternoon cigar."

Sweden's Good Financial Position.

Judging by the position of Sweden's banks, that country must be in good condition financially. At the close of 1904 Sweden had sixty-nine banks in good working order. The aggregate capital was \$100,000,000, as against \$85,000,000 in 1903 and \$75,000,000 in 1902. In addition the banks held very large reserves. The trade of the country is moving so rapidly that quite recently seven banks issued new shares at 60 per cent. to 150 per cent. premium, thus increasing their reserves to the extent of \$13,000,000, besides the capital increase. Last year the average bank dividend was 9.2 per cent. These figures show that the commerce and industries of the country are in good shape to stand a tilt with Norway.

The prices commanded by Swedish government bonds in the principal money markets of the world show that the State finances are also in good shape.

Diary Kept Four Centuries.

The oldest diary in existence is said to be that preserved in the Japanese family of Hozaka. It has been duly maintained by the various heads of the family for four centuries. An English commentator notes that about twenty years ago a dispute over precedence arose between two branches of the family and that this was promptly settled by recourse to the diary and the discovery of the record of a dinner given 200 or 300 years ago by the head of the family to the founder of the side line.

Enormous Russian Expenditure.

Since the war began Russia has drawn down her treasury balance 451,000,000 rubles, used up a special war fund of 140,000,000 and borrowed 1,710,000,000 rubles, showing that the war has been costing her about 5,000,000 rubles—\$2,500,000—daily. At the beginning of the war she explained that her ownership of the Siberian railroad and a fleet of transports would enable her to carry on war with very little more than peace expenditures.

MOUNTED POLICE OF CANADA.

Have Made Splendid Record in the Northwest Territory.

Readiness for duty in any form has made the Royal Northwest Mounted Police what they are—the trusted guardians of life and property in western Canada, says the World To-day. Their field is from the United States boundary to the arctic coast, and in this vast territory, a thousand miles from south to north, 800 scarlet-coated men keep peace and order. Through any part of it, prairie, wilderness or woods, a defenseless woman may go alone and have no fear. To make thus easy the traveler's way meant years of vigilant policing, and even of fighting. Those were stirring times, when mounted police service had zest and glory. To-day there is less glory and more hard work; for, as the country is settling farther north, the police, too, are moving up and widening their beats. Smugglers on the border, thieves on the ranches, criminals in the settlements, fires in the forests, to guard against these and to represent the law in a land that would easily be lawless are their duties to-day; and to these have now been added the carriage of the mails in the extreme North and the protection of the whale fisheries on the arctic coast.

NOTHING BUT AN AMERICAN.

John Hay's Facetious Description of His Nationality.

Two years ago in a speech before the Ohio Society of New York, the late John Hay facetiously traced his derivation as follows. I was born in Indiana, I grew up in Illinois, I was educated in Rhode Island. I learned my law in Springfield, Ill., and my politics in Washington, my diplomacy in Europe, Asia and Africa. I have a farm in New Hampshire and desk room in the District of Columbia. When I look to the springs from which my blood descends the first ancestors I ever heard of were a Scotchman who was half English and a German woman who was half French. Of my immediate progenitors, my mother was from New England and my father was from the south. In this bewilderingment of origin and experience I can only put on an aspect of deep humility in any gathering of favorite sons, and confess that I am nothing but an American.

Political "Pull" Not Necessary.

Postmaster Wilcox of New York has given signal proof that political "pull" is not supreme in his office. Recently the superintendency of mails became vacant and the postmaster consulted one of his associates about eligible members of his staff, inquiring particularly about a Mr. Roome. His adviser replied that the man mentioned was the best man for the place, but was not an applicant for the promotion. A further inquiry as to the reason for Roome's modesty brought out this interesting bit of information: He had not applied because he knew he had no chance of getting it. He did not know a single politician. Mr. Wilcox sent for Roome and after some conversation, which showed the latter's efficiency, named him for the vacancy and he is now superintendent of mails.

Political Conference Postponed.

Vice President Fairbanks was visiting in Marysville, Ohio, his boyhood home, last week, and while there sent for John Flickerson, the village barber, to shave him. When the tonsorial artist arrived Mr. Fairbanks was holding a political conference with some local magnates and asked the barber to wait. "If you want to be shaved," said Flickerson, "it'll have to be right now. I'm pretty busy to-day." The conference was suspended at once and the vice president hustled into a chair.

Rockefeller's New Home.

John D. Rockefeller is surveying the ground for his new summer home at Buttermilk Hill, across from Nyack on the Hudson. It is to cost \$1,000,000, a sum modest enough as compared with the pretentious palaces of so many modern millionaires, but the site Mr. Rockefeller has chosen is so commanding and the surrounding country so beautiful that even among the most costly creations of recent years his home will be one of the show places of America.

ILLINOIS NEWS

Choice items from over the state, specially selected for our readers

LOANED CASH TO ROCKEFELLER

Dr. Livingston, John D.'s Reputed Father, Told of Occurrence.

Men and woman in Freeport who have long known Dr. William Livingston continue to insist that the portrait recently printed in a magazine represented to be a likeness of William A. Rockefeller is, without any shadow of doubt, a true likeness of the Freeporter, now so old and infirm that it is almost impossible to get any information from him. Men who have known him for years declare the printed portrait looks exactly as Livingston did thirty or more years ago. He was, according to Esrom Mayer, an old banker, possessed of considerable Standard Oil stock, worth \$75,000 or more, and Mr. Mayer said that Dr. Livingston told him he received it years ago from John D. Rockefeller himself. He said that when he lived in New York he was well acquainted with John D. Rockefeller. Mr. Rockefeller was in need of money at that time—it was long ago—and he tried to sell Livingston some oil stock, but he did not care to buy. Mr. Rockefeller then asked him to loan him the money for one year, secured by his note and a deposit of the oil stock, and at the end of the year he could have the option of his money or the stock. Dr. Livingston consented. At the end of the year Mr. Rockefeller asked him whether he wished his money or preferred to retain the stock. He thought a moment and replied that he would keep the stock. It has been in his possession ever since.

NOTED PASTOR IS DEAD.

Rev. Charles Pearson, pastor of the Unitarian church of Quincy, is dead in London, where he was visiting his daughter. For twenty-seven years he was professor of literature in Northwestern university, and was the central figure of a famous heresy trial in



REV. CHAS. PEARSON

the Methodist church, after which he affiliated with the Unitarians. He was the author of several volumes of poems and of theological works, notably "The Carpenter Prophet." Dr. Pearson was born in England sixty years ago. Most of his early life was spent at sea and in South America.

URGES MORE SUMMER SCHOOLS

State Supt. Bayliss Recommends Adoption in Smaller Towns.

State Supt. Bayliss heartily indorsed Supt. Crane's "vacation school" plan. "There is certainly room for the same type of summer school in many of the medium sized cities," said he. "As exemplified in Chicago, the scheme makes for better citizenship. It should be extended. If Mr. Carnegie wishes to go the Standard Oil magnate one better he has only to put up a corresponding amount for the endowment of vacation school work in cities. Not even fresh water colleges, however 'favorably located,' furnish a better outlet for the surplus of a man who is ashamed to die rich. This suggests an outlet for the activities of women's clubs in smaller cities. In such towns as Springfield, Peoria, and Quincy there must be many children who would eagerly welcome just such a chance."

G. A. R. Leader Hurt.

A simple fall from the loft of a small barn caused injuries to Maj. Robert M. Woods, state commander of the G. A. R., which will disable him for months. Maj. Woods' home is in Joliet, and he was visiting at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Ida Bartholomew, of Batavia. His right knee is dislocated, and his whole right side is injured.

Steal Jail Keys and Escape.

William Graham, E. D. Harrington and George Davidson escaped from the Tazewell county jail at Pekin by stealing the keys to the jail door from the main corridor during the absence of the jailer. Graham was charged with stealing a horse, and the other two with burglary.

Kills Father and Surrenders.

After firing three loads from a repeating shotgun into his father's head and body, instantly killing him, Albert Wild, 20 years old, surrendered to the authorities at Caseyville. He claims that his father tried to kill his mother, and that it was in her defense that he acted.

Blacksmith Is Held as Slayer.

Thomas J. Smith, a blacksmith of Aurora, was held to the grand jury charged with being responsible for the death of Wilson S. Marvin.

Fatal Fall From Bridge.

Harry Miller, about 35 years old, engaged as a painter on the new Thebes bridge, lost his balance and fell to his death 70 feet below on the track. He was from St. Louis. He was formerly a member of a painters' union there.

Adams County Commencement.

The sixth annual rural commencement exercises of Adams county schools will be held at Camp Point on Monday, August 14. There will be 108 graduates from grammar departments.

ASK REHEARING IN LABOR CASE

Supreme Court is Requested to Reverse Decision Regarding Pickets.

A petition for rehearing in the celebrated case of John O'Brien against the People, in which the supreme court practically decided that labor unions have no right to establish pickets about a boycotted establishment, was filed in the supreme court at Springfield. The following contentions are made in the petition:

1. The court overlooked and misapprehended the distinction pointed out in certain sections of the brief of the plaintiffs in error as applied to the case at bar, namely, the distinction between civil and criminal contempt of court for violation of injunctive restraining orders.
2. This case falls within the rule that where the order alleged to have been violated forbids the doing of some act a violation thereof is a criminal and not a civil contempt.
3. The court overlooked the fact that federal court jurisdiction in contempt of court cases depends upon United States revised statutes.
4. The complainants have no interests in the order of punishment except as it acts in terrorism.
5. There can be no punishment for violation of coercive order of the court. The fine and imprisonment in such cases are only to compel a party to comply and upon compliance follows. There is no order in the case at bar with which petitioners may comply, thereby securing discharge.
6. The finding of the court that Fischer did "picket, patrol and guard, watch, interfere with and intercept said employees for the purpose of coercing said employees to leave the complainant's place of business" is not a violation of the injunction order.
7. The weight of authority holds contempt of court to be a specific criminal offense.
8. The affidavits of the special policeman, upon which Lee S. Fischer was adjudged to have picketed, patrolled and guarded the streets "adjoining the approaches to said company's place of business," was in the nature of secondary evidence and inadmissible. The evidence of the employees interfered with was the best evidence.

OPPOSITION TO DRAINING LAKE

Farmers and Sportsmen Unite in Protest Against Project.

An information in equity was filed by Attorney General Stead in the Tazewell county circuit court at Pekin, the purpose of which is to prevent a dike being built across the canal leading into Spring lake, fourteen miles below Pekin. The Spring lake drainage and levee district was formed by wealthy land owners of Tazewell county, and plans were devised to drain about 15,000 acres of land in this district. Several farmers owning land in the district objected to the plan, and steps were taken to prevent it. The state of Illinois, by an act of 1877, had appropriated \$6,200 for the dredging of a canal connecting the Illinois river with Spring lake, and since then has appropriated money to deepen and maintain the ditch. The objectors contend that Spring lake is a navigable body of water and is under the control of the state of Illinois, and the canal, under the control of the canal commissioners, called for the expenditure of close to \$1,000,000 in an effort at reclamation of this swamp land. If the lake is drained it will destroy one of the finest fishing and hunting grounds in the state, and many hunters and fishermen have joined with the state of Illinois to prevent the drainage project.

DIVORCE LAW IS RETROACTIVE

Attorney General Stead Gives Opinion on New Statute.

Divorced residents of Illinois who obtained their decrees within the last year cannot marry again until twelve months have expired since the date of the decree, according to the opinion given out by Attorney General Stead. He holds that county clerks are justified in refusing to issue licenses unless the parties make proper affidavits. The opinion was written on request of State's Attorney Frank L. Hatch of Sangamon county, and will settle the controversy that has been going on since the marriage and divorce law passed by the last legislature went into effect, on July 1. The attorney general also holds that minors who wish to marry must secure licenses in their home communities, on consent of parents or guardians. For males the law sets a minimum age of 18 and for females 16 years.

Death of Missionary's Wife.

Mrs. William L. Tenney, wife of the Chicago secretary of the American Missionary association, died at North Adams, Mass. The Rev. Mr. Tenney was with his wife when she died.

Prison Industries.

The executive committee of the board of prison industries held a meeting at the state house at Springfield and decided to recommend to the board that no new industries be introduced in the penal and reformatory institutions during the coming year.

Honor Veteran Odd Fellow.

At a recent meeting of Quincy lodge, Order of Odd Fellows, a gold-headed cane was given to Thomas J. Joseph, who had been a member of the lodge for a half century.

Police Use Judgment.

While the police waited, the cornet player in a circus at Kewanee, played a selection in the ring and followed it by singing an illustrated song. After the performance was over he gave himself up and was arrested on a charge of stabbing the trombone player.

New Bank for Gillespie.

Application to organize the First National bank of Gillespie, with a capital of \$25,000, has been approved by the comptroller of the currency.

HANDCUFF GROOM TO HIS BRIDE

Friends of Couple Board Chicago Train and Bind Them Together.

The police of the Harrison street station, Chicago, were called upon to relieve a newly married couple from Spring Valley from a predicament in which they had been placed by a party of friends who had handcuffed them together. The two had been handcuffed as the train on which they were passengers was leaving Peoria, and, although the bride was able to free her hand, the husband was forced to hide the handcuff as best he could until he reached Chicago. According to Conductor W. S. Nelson of the train on which the bride and bridegroom rode, they boarded the train at Peoria, followed by friends, who pulled them with rice. When the train pelted out of Peoria five young men remained on the train to inform the other passengers that there was a bride and groom in their midst. As the train slowed up at Peoria Junction the five young men approached their victims to take a last farewell. Suddenly, before the husband could resist, one of the party had slipped a pair of handcuffs on the young couple and the five then left the train despite the fearful protests of the bride. The passengers on the train went to the aid of the couple and after a time freed the young woman, but the handcuff could not be forced from the wrist of the husband, who was forced to ride into Chicago with his bride in tears and a handcuff dangling from his wrist.

VETERAN PASSES AWAY.

Captain L. W. Moore, veteran of the civil and Mexican wars and one of the best known residents of Belleville, is dead. While in Alton ten years ago Captain Moore fell on a sidewalk, in-



CAPT. L. W. MOORE

juring one of his legs. An open wound developed, from which he has been a constant sufferer. He was born in Waterloo, Jan. 21, 1827. In the Mexican war he became a member of Company I, 2d infantry, and took part in the battle of Buena Vista. When the civil war broke out Captain Moore enlisted and later became captain of Company G, 29th Illinois volunteer infantry, serving under General McClelland. For many years he held a government position as gauger of the southern Illinois district. During the past twelve years he has lived a retired life. He was a member of the Hecker post, G. A. R., and St. Clair lodge, 24, A. F. & A. M.

BARS COMPANY FROM MAIL

Advertiser Steel Swings for \$1 That Prove to Be Toys.

The postmaster general has issued a fraud order against the Rex Manufacturing company of Freeport, denying it the use of the United States mails. The Rex company, of which E. F. Drake appears as manager, has been advertising extensively a steel swing, making a special offer for ten days, during which one of the swings will be sent to any address in the United States, prepaid, for \$1. The inspector's report and the opinion of the assistant attorney general, in passing upon the advertisement, state that the reader of the advertisement would be led to believe that the swings are full size, although the question is asked: "Can you afford to do without one of these miniature swings?" "As a matter of fact," the report accompanying the order states, "the swings are merely doll affairs and wholly worthless. They cost only 12 cents each." A copy of the advertisement was forwarded to the department by Adolph F. Beyer of St. Louis, with a suggestion as to its fraudulent nature. The matter was laid before the United States district attorney at Chicago, but he declined to begin criminal prosecution against the young man at Freeport.

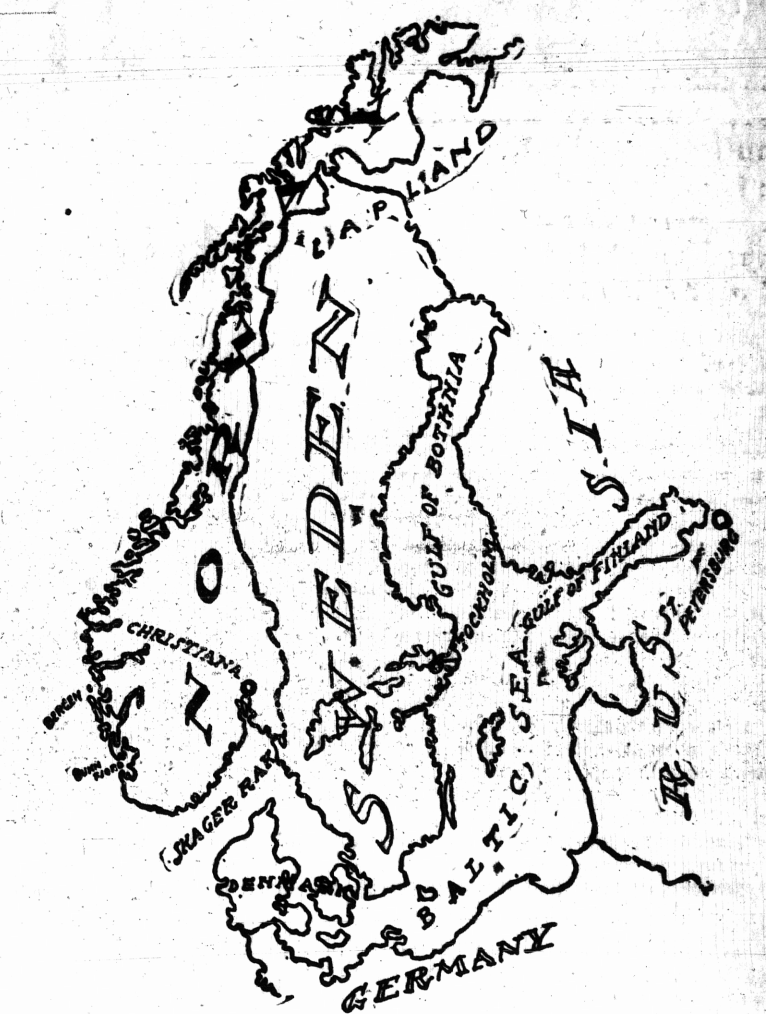
Falls With Burst Balloon.

Professor St. John, who has been making balloon ascensions and parachute drops at Harlem park, Rockford, had a miraculous escape from death. The balloon had started on its trip and when 200 feet in the air suddenly burst one side, opening the entire length. The aeronaut could not release the parachute and the balloon began careening and throwing the man round and round. He clung to the trapeze until the balloon had reached within twenty feet of the ground, when he let go, dropping to the ground, unharmed.

Relic of Lincoln.

The private railroad car of Abraham Lincoln, which was also used to convey his body to Springfield, is standing uncared for and slowly going to ruin on a side track of the Chicago & Alton railroad at Joliet. F. B. Snow, custodian of the car, it is said, has offered the historic relic to the Lincoln park commissioners of Chicago, but they have shown little or no interest in his proposition. The car was the principal official car of the government from 1863 to 1866 and was built in Alexandria, Va.

GERMAN EMPEROR SAID TO TAKE SIDES WITH SWEDEN



A map of Norway and Sweden showing the principal cities of both is shown above.

KAISER TALKS WITH KING.

Emperor William Said to Have Assured Oscar of Support.

The rumor is current in European capitals that the German emperor has assured King Oscar at Gefe of his warmest sympathy and has promised to support him in restoring the status quo ante in the dual kingdom.

As a public proof of his sentiments the kaiser has made King Oscar a grand marshal of the German fleet.

At a Danish cabinet meeting it developed that the ministers were in full agreement that Prince Charles of Denmark should accept the crown of Norway if King Oscar and the other courts most nearly concerned expressed their approval. King Christian and the other members of the Danish royal family are also favorable to Prince Charles becoming King of Norway.

At Stockholm, July 14, King Oscar gave a luncheon to Emperor William on board the Swedish royal yacht Prot. Emperor William has decorated Count Glydenstolpe, the Swedish minister of foreign affairs, with the grand cross of the Order of the Red Eagle.

The substance of the statement made at Stockholm to the effect that a German-Swedish alliance was seriously contemplated was submitted to the German foreign office, and the authoritative statement was made that



The stars show the ports where it is said the German navy will make demonstrations of friendship for Sweden announcing to the world that German stands with Sweden in the Swedish-Norwegian crisis.

the question of an alliance between Germany and Sweden had never come before the foreign office, nor had it been discussed to the slightest extent.

Of course, the foreign office could not deny that Emperor William and King Oscar had not spoken of an alliance during their interview at Gefe, because the subjects of their conversation are not known.

The German government's policy is one of complete aloofness—almost of indifference. It is expected at Berlin that as a result of the meeting Emperor William and Germany will be described in some countries as taking undue interest in Scandinavian affairs and as seeking for a way to influence a settlement. Such an idea is disavowed in advance.

Frogs for Dissection.

Twenty thousand frogs a year are used for dissection and experimental purposes in the University of Pennsylvania medical laboratories. Both medical and dental classes view the experiments. Frogs exist in a peculiar manner. Their spinal cord constitutes the basis of their intelligence, and after their brain is destroyed they will live for an indefinite period. Several years ago the brain of one was taken out. To-day the frog is alive and well and jumping about its cage. —Philadelphia North American.

Chinese Reformers at Work.

Kang Yu Wei, head of the Chinese Reform association, appears to be doing effective work toward molding the destiny of China. The association has a membership of several millions and its object is to arouse China from the "sleep of ages" and make it a live and progressive country. Kang Yu Wei is a dignified and kindly man of middle age, who is personally popular with his countrymen. Recently he visited New York, where he was royally welcomed by the Chinese colony.

KAISER'S DESIGNS NOT KNOWN.

Statesmen Wonder as to His Attitude in Controversy.

Emperor William's visit to Tangier was characterized at the time as "an immense political demonstration." The demonstration has had, in a diplomatic sense, definite results. Germany has had her way, and there will be an international conference on Morocco. The world is now wondering what the busy and strenuous kaiser is after in connection with his second coup or political demonstration—in the waters of Sweden.

The Berlin foreign office categorically denies that there exists, or that there has been projected, an alliance between Germany and Sweden. But the conference with King Oscar and the naval demonstration scheduled for July 20 undoubtedly possess practical significance.

At Stockholm the impression is that the kaiser has taken sides with Sweden in her difficulty with Norway, but since Sweden, or at least her government, has no disposition to force Norway to remain in the union, and is willing to let "the erring sister go" on terms not incompatible with Scandinavian safety, and since Norway has been eminently reasonable and conciliatory toward Sweden as to that aspect of the case, and has offered to accept all proper conditions dictated by legitimate interests of Scandinavia, no need would seem to have arisen for the kaiser's patronage and protection.

Extremists who believe that the German emperor, in view of Russia's collapse, dreams of "a Hohenzollern world-empire" and a general European dictatorship will explain coup No. 2 in a very simple way. Dr. Dillon, writing in the Contemporary Review, says that "Europe will henceforth be policed and watched over by Germany," and that "the only contribution she will expect from her proteges is that they shall adjust their foreign policy to her interests." Furthermore, England has been very friendly to democratic Norway, and the British press has encouraged the separation movement. Germany being England's rival, and sympathizing with aristocratic Sweden, the kaiser has an additional motive for ostentatiously befriending the latter nation.

The theory hardly explains all the facts, however, for not long ago British papers argued that Germany would rejoice to see Scandinavia weakened and divided, and that she would not lift her finger to prevent the dissolution of the Swedish-Norwegian union. Time will tell what the emperor's immediate and practical object is. As to his unavowed design, the freedom to speculate is unrestricted. —Chicago Record-Herald.

Gorman Would Have Son Succeeded.

It is said among some Maryland political wisecracks who are usually "in the know" that Senator Arthur Pue Gorman is planning to have his son succeed him in the upper branch of congress. The young man, who bears his father's name, is now a state senator, and on occasion has proved himself almost as clever a politician as his astute progenitor.

Japanese Attempt at English.

In certain Japanese schools the English language is taught. But apparently the teachers have not the best command of English, for the following passage was given in a recent examination for translation into Japanese: "Reputation being essentially contemporaneous is always at the ignorant. But Fame, whose very birth is posthumous, and which is only known to exist by the echo of its footsteps through congenial minds, can neither be increased nor diminished by any degree of willfulness."

In Choir Seventy-six Years.

James Arnold entered the choir of the village church in Bosham, England, nearly seventy-six years ago and still takes part in the services there every Sunday morning and evening. He recently celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday. Arnold has been a fisherman on the Sussex coast all his life and to this day does odd jobs about the boats there. He and his wife occupy the picturesque thatched cottage in which they began their married life many years ago.