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COMMENT ON THE **GROWTH OF LUXURY**

Follow Pace Set by Wealthy

Buelow's Plea for Economy Falls on Deaf In 1816, Ice Formed in New England Ears—Oxford Lecturer Explains the Tendency.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The astonishing

year spending all in a mad endeavor to do just as the wealthy do—drive motor-cars, eat at the most expensive restaurants, keep a numper of servants, and consume the most expensive wines and cigars—then you may be sure that the country suffers.

"I don't believe," continued the diplomat, who is familiar with the social life in all the great capitals, "that in any other country you will find this tendency among people of moderate income so marked as it is here. In St. Petersburg dissipation among the upper classes is carried to amazing lengths; in New York mildiplomat, who is familiar with the social life in all the great capitals, "that in any other country you will find this tendency among people of moderate income so marked as it is here. In St. Petersburg dissipation among the upper classes is carried to amazing lengths; in New York militonaires throw their money about as if it burned their hands; in Vienna there is a great deal of gan bling and there is a great deal of gambling and wildness generally, but only among the aristocracy; in Paris there are plenty of chances to live riotously, but

SAME CONDITIONS IN BRITAIN. ury comes from Berlin. Prince Von Buelow's renewed warning to the Prussian Diet against the evils of extravagance came at a moment when the German people were indulging in possibly the most luxurious week of the property of

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The round of court festivities," said another diplomat, "now in full swing in Berlin is accompanied by a display without a parallel in the German capital. The magnificent jewes and dresses at the Imperial Drawing Room represent the high-water marking, an era of Janury toward which New Germany, has been advancing for the last few years.

"The Chancellor's first appeal in November last for simplicity and economy fell on deaf ears. The wealth classes prepared for the current season on a scale of cumprecedented magnificence. Dinners and bedils are arranged without regard to expense, the source of the complete of the complete of the complete of the source of the said in 1684 the ice was again the grown are more exetly than any before worn in Germany. One firm in Uniteredent-Indeen sold nearly half a million dellars' worth of pearls alone in the sast few weeks among them a single necklace costing \$15,000, which a Berth trademan bought for his wife.

"Yeat sums are spent on the luxuries of the table, actual fortunes are lastisfied with a light super costing 5 marks with a bottle or two of inexpensive wine, now Insist upon a meal of seven to ten courses, with while of good vintage, costing \$2 to to marks a give to the contract of the contrac

GERMANS WANT MONEY'S

WORTH.

"There is one thing," commented the diplomat who had been grumbling at English extravagance, "in which the Germans show their good sense. They insist on getting their money's worth. We heard a hotelkeeper at Nice say that Englishmen felt insulted unless overcharged. That kind of pride has no place in the German character."

Oscar Browning, a Fellow of King's Coffege, Oxford, and a university lecturer on history, has been interviewed on the question of the modern trend of extravagance. He takes the view that life nowadays is really simpler to move that life nowadays is really simpler to move that life nowadays is really simpler than it used to be.

"Owing to the greater distribution of wealth," sails he, "what was formerly considered the privileges of the few has become the property of the many, raising the standard of comfort and even luxury in classes which did not possess it, but bringing down the standard of the highest to the common level.

"It was been in the few was scarcely less cold than that of 1799. An ox was barabened on the ice on the leve in Portugal and the galance over all thousands over it. The lakes of England were also frozen. That winter an "tes palace" was built at St. Petersburg after an elegant model and in the just proportions of Augustinian architecture. This seems to have been the first of the ice on the level in Portugal in the winter of 1744 while in New Pagiand it was a summer winter.

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IS THE OLD EARTH **GROWING WARMER?**

Persons of Moderate Income Statistics Prove That Winters are Not So Cold.

Every Month in the Year-Siberia the Coldest.

There is abundant evidence that the increase in luxury which is so strik-ing a feature of present day life was the subject of conversation the other inter-Ocean. In addition to the strictly evening at a small exclusive club frequented by diplomats. One member in the British service spoke strongly of the ruinous expense of the English social life of today.

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Inter-Ocean. In addition to the strictly scientific proof in support of that view, the record of severe cold winters in the past centuries compared with the present also lends support to that contention. The record discloses some curious freaks on the part of old Boreas, beginning with the fifth century of the Christian era and extending down to the present day.

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The Cattegat was frozen from Norway to Jutland in 1261.

The Rhine was frozen over and loaded wagons crossed it on the ice in 1292. Travelers also crossed from Norway to Jutland on the ice.

All the rivers of Italy were frozen over during the winter of 1344. It was so cold in Denmark that the wolves could not stay there in 1403 and they crossed Jutland on the ice.

Snow fell in Europe for 40 days in 1434.

In January, 1737 the ground was fro-zen to a depth of four feet in New England.

MATTERS OF INTEREST IN U. S. POLITICS

January 11, 1848, was known as "cold Tuesday," because in some parts of New Engiand the thermometer registered 30 degrees below zero. The winter of 1858 was very mild in the United States, but particularly severe in Europe. For the first time in the 19th century the River Po was frozen over at Ferrara, permitting for a long time the constant passage of man and beast. At Constantinople snow fell constantity for 15 days. The snow extended to Smyrna, the adjacent districts of Asia Minor and the Greek islands were clothed in white. Siberia has the coldest weather known anywhere in the world. At Verkhoyaonsk, Siberia, 90.4 degrees below zero was observed in January, 1888, which goes below anything ever known in the world before or since. At that point the average temperature for January is nearly 64 degrees beliew zero This town is 330 feet above the level of the sea, and during the entire winter the weather is calm and clear. Settled Today

eadlock on Question of Water Privileges | Lumber Prices Advance in the West— - Forest Reserve Plan Under

the completion today of the second week of the executive deadlock in the election of a United States senator interest centered on the votes to be gained or lost by Senator Hopkins.

Some of the radical Hopkins men insisted that the first ballot to be taken

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OUTSIDE NEWS IN BRIEF PARAGRAPHS

Two Senate Elections to be Husband Gives Blood to Save His Wife

> Teams Lost From Ferry Steamer-August Belmont III.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Five men and two teams and trucks were thrown overboard from the ferryboat "Red Bank" of the New Jersey Central R. R. as she smashed into the side of her dock at Liberty street today. The men were rescued, but the trucks and horses were lost. The trucks and horses belonged to a grocery firm. The value of the lost express is not known.

TRANSFUSION OF BLOOD.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. — Doctors today were elated to find Mr. and Mrs. Archie Nicholson doing well after the transfusion yesterday of the extraordinary quantity of two quarts of blood from the veins of the husband into those of the wife Mrs Nicholson seemingly was dying from loss of blood when the operation was decided upon She is now expected to recover.

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3rd—The total amount of damages

STEAMER DELAYED.

SOUTHAMPTON, Jan. 28.— The White Star line steamer Majestic and Queenstown at 8 a. m. today. The steamer was scheduled to depart yesterday at noon, but her sailing was

the bones of the skull.

Student Smith—Well, sir, I've got them all in my head, but I can't think of their names just now.—Bohemian.

Little Flora—But you were a little girl, weren't you?

Mamma—Oh, yes, years ago.

Little Flora—Well, where is the little

here. He said:—
"Neither I nor any representative of Servia has been ordered to transmit any note to the Powers. We will still hope that the great Powers will intervene in Vienna to smooth away all difficulties on the basis of recognition of our rights as a Servian nation, but if an entente is not come to between Austria and Servia the question will certainly take acute form. The Servians have made up their minds that they will never give up their national-A citizen of Johannesburg South Africa, has come forward with an invention that will revolutionize the samelting of ores, the heat of the sunbeing the only heat required.

The inventor used a metal cylinder slung from a sort of gallows. The smaller end is a carbon crucible encased in graphite, and the larger end of the cylinder is turned to the sunther rays of which are focused into the crucible, which very soon becomes white hot. Pieces of metal placed in the crucible are rapidly melted, the temperature being 2,550 degrees.

IN A NUTSHELL.

"Big talker," declared the Indian who had been listening to a local candidate. "Heap scrap,"

"And what if he is not elected?"

"And what

The elections occurred Nov. 24, and Gomez and Zayas were chosen with large majorities. Gomez was officially proclaimed president of the Republic at a joint session of Congress eight days after.

ALL, IN.

Instructor—Mr. Smith, kindly name little girl, are you?

Mamma—Certainly not, my dear. I'm

cago News.