

The Colonist.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 1893.

CONFIDENCE IN BUSINESS.

The American Bimetall League is under the impression that a great conspiracy exists which has for its object "to destroy silver as money." This conspiracy, its members believe, is not confined to America. It is working in Europe and, according to them, it has extended its operations to India.

The present crisis in the United States and the trade depression which exists beyond the boundaries of that country are, they declare, nothing more than an object lesson contrived by this great conspiracy to bring silver into disrepute.

It is not, we think, a proof of superior sagacity to go out on the way to find the origin of an evil when the cause is plainly to be seen near at hand. Business in the United States was in a healthy condition and money could be had on easy terms as long as the people of the United States believed that the Government had gold enough to redeem its paper in that metal.

AN AMERICAN WEAKNESS.

The fondness of Americans for titles, military and scholastic, is almost proverbial. We are a little afraid that Canadians have a weakness in the same direction.

THE CHOLERA.

The cholera is in Europe, in Asia and in Africa. A dispatch has been received from Naples which contains the information that the cholera prevails in that city, that its condition is worse than it has been previously, and that a number of emigrants bound for America arrived there by train who were immediately transferred to the ship.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

The water question is one which the citizens of Victoria should consider carefully and seriously. It is admitted on all hands that this city requires an improved water supply. Its present supply is insufficient in quantity and in quality it is very far indeed from being what it ought to be.

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THE EASTERN WAR CLOUD.

Admiral Human's Notice of a Fresh Blockade—Interview Between Dufferin and De Villa.

French Press Opinions on the Situation—Action of Government Endorsed.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—After midnight inquiries at the British admiralty brought a response from the official in charge that confirmation had been received from Bangkok that the French admiral had given notice of a fresh blockade to begin on Wednesday. It was added that there is no question of British gunboats leaving Bangkok in response to French or other demands.

VANCOUVER NEWS.

VANCOUVER, August 1.—(Special)—There was a scheme on foot to send a horse team to the World's Fair from here. However, it has been decided that there will be no firemen's races there, so the matter has been dropped.

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CURE FITS! The four masts of a loading lumber at France.