

THE FATHERLAND.

The Silver Question Again Discussed in Germany—Doings in the Reichstag.

Kaiser Wilhelm Specially Interesting Himself in the Subject and U. S. Experiences.

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—The victory of the silver men in the Reichstag to-day was no surprise. Count Mirbach, the agrarian and bi-metallic leader, had secured 210 signatures to his motion for an international conference and the rehabilitation of silver.

Count Mirbach opened the case for the silver men in imposing style. He is a good speaker and had his subject well in hand, as for years he has thought and talked only of bi-metallicism and tariff. He quoted statistics without end to prove the fall of prices since Germany adopted the gold standard.

Dr. Lieber, leader of the clericals, defined the attitude of his party and the neutral deputies in general. He said: "We believe in the present time is opportune in view of the international consideration of the problem affecting most vitally the trade of the world."

The radicals and social-democratic speakers represented the gold men. They charged the supporters of the motion with working for political and not economic ends. "This is the agitation of the agrarian tariff people in another guise," said Theodore Barth, of the Radical Union.

In the lobby this evening the chief topic was Chancellor Prince Hohenzollern's cautious statement that he had no objection to opening negotiations with the United States. The practical significance of his assurance seems to be in doubt.

The persistence of the high tariff and silver agitators of the Conservative party has forced the Emperor's attention to economic subjects. He is especially interested in the financial experiment making in the United States, as was proved by his conversation with Ambassador Runyon at the charity ball in the Royal opera house on Wednesday evening.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC CABLE.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

Pacific Cable Tenders Lower Than the Estimates—Government Savings Bank Deposits.

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LILLUOKALANI'S TRIAL.

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THE COLD WEATHER.

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Pilot Bay. These points on the lake, the public safety placing of a light, the reading room to the subscribers, at the promised to \$30 per month to \$25. The W. A. Jowett, Vice-president; treasurer; and J. Cox, committee.

MUNICIOUS STUDENTS

TORONTO, Feb. 15.—Students of the Toronto University, to the number of seven hundred, met to-night and after discussing the trouble which culminated yesterday in the dismissal of Latin Professor Dale, passed resolutions of sympathy with him and other members of the faculty who have lately come under the ban of the university authorities.

THE DISTRESSED ISLAND.

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U. S. COAL TESTS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—In response to a Senate resolution the secretary of the navy yesterday afternoon sent to the Senate a statement showing the reports of various tests of coal made within the past twelve months on board of vessels of the navy and at navy yards. The reports also give the constituents of the coal as far as they have been chemically tested.

TRAIL CREEK.

Capt. James W. Troup, of Nelson, B. C., manager of the Columbia & Kootenay Steam Navigation Co., and formerly Pacific coast superintendent of the Union Pacific Co.'s water lines, in a recent conversation at Seattle, reported that there are comparatively few water lines in the Kootenay country and money is quite free.

DISSOLUTION DEMANDED.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Henry Labouchere said it could not be truthfully denied that there had been a change of front in the Liberal official world in regard to Home Rule.

NEUTRALITY VIOLATION.

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 14.—The schooner Wahlburg arrived at this port yesterday, and was seized by Collector Fisher on the charge of having violated the neutrality laws by transporting arms and ammunition to the Hawaiian country for the use of the revolutionary royalists.

JAPANESE TRADE.

YACOMA, Feb. 16.—Frank B. Woodruff, president of the Pacific Commercial Company, returned to-day from Japan, where he has been for the past seven weeks, traveling in the interests of his house. In an interview to-night he said: "I firmly believe from my observations that within five years Japan will be the greatest exporting country in the world."