

are now examining their books with a view to determining the amount of their obligations, which are believed to amount to several thousand dollars.

SILVER CURRENCY.

ROME, July 5.—Negotiations are proceeding between the governments of Italy, France, Belgium and Switzerland, looking to the protecting of the interests of the nations composing the Latin Union, in consequence of the action of the government of Germany in regard to the silver currency of that country. It is believed that none of the members of the Union will withdraw from it. In Bern the minting of one-half, one and two franc pieces, has been almost suspended, and a few five franc pieces are still being coined.