

#### THE WEALTH OF GERMANY.

An eminent German financier announces that his country is now the richest in Europe. It has surpassed England, that stronghold, of long-established peace and industry, and also France, the native habitat of thrift and the banker par ex-

The average per capita wealth of the German still remains, however, below that of his two rivals. It is estimated at between \$1,074 and \$1,190, while the English estimate for the Englishman is \$1,214 and the French estimate for the Frenchman is \$1,405. But the population of Germany is much the largest of the three. The sum total of the country's wealth is \$74,000,000,000.

These figures show why Berlin is so important an element in the money market and why Germany, wanting an adequate fleet and the best army, can have them.

To bring our own country into the comparison the total wealth of the United States, according to the census of 1910, was \$107,000,000,000. Our per capita wealth is given at \$1,310 second only to that of France.

Forty years of effort and enlightenment, of progress and prosperity, have thus put Germany pretty close to the front. A financial predominance equal to her military predominance may soon make her a more portentous figure than ever .-(Record-Herald.)

### THE BISON'S LAST STAND.

The buffalo is to make a last stand at the new Wichita range in Oklahoma. It will be a struggle for life and the per-petuation of a species. Out of a herd of these magnificent animals that once numbered from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 at present but 2000 are left, and the governments of both Canada and the United States are making every effort to prevent their extinction.

A great range 12 miles square which has been set aside at Wichita, provides fine grazing grounds, plenty of water to maintain the herd and a place where they can roam in absolute freedom and rear their young. It is thought that the Wichita herd, together with one or two others under government control, will establish the American bison species on national ranges with such a degree of permanency that it will endure for the centuries of the future.—(Technical World.)

#### SYDNEY HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

A scheme, designed to meet the pressing needs of trade and embracing new wharfage with a frontage of 42,600 feet is outlined in the annual report of the Sydney Harbor Trust Commissioners. The work will probably be completed within ten years, and the approximate cost, including resumptions, will be £6,500,000.

# SCORE ONE FOR AMATEUR DIPLOMACY.

President Wilson has been convicted of evasion. All Boston has been waiting for the invitations to the wedding of the President's daughter, in order to learn this Administration's position with respect to the spelling of "honor." When Miss Alice Roosevelt became the bride of Congressman Longworth, it was not generally expected that simplified spelling would be resorted to in the wording of the invitations, magnificent as that would have been, not to say consistent. Yet there was disappointment when the Colonel's admirers saw that he had allowed the "honour." Now the invitations to the latest White House wedding are out, but they request neither the "honour" nor the "honor" of your presence, only the "pleasure" thereof. Score one more for amateur diplomacy.

## THE BANK TROUBLES IN INDIA.

The recent failure of certain banks in India, according to one of the most responsible native newspapers, happened "because the money of the shareholders and depositors has been locked up in advances to directors and to their friends and to various cotton concerns, which they have been running at a loss.

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