

fore the new tariff went into effect. But the German papers say that reports from other consulates run less favorable, and it is not to be denied that the McKinley bill has injured German industry, the full effects of which will be seen later on.

Quoting from other sources *Bradstreet's* maintains that the present crisis in German trade is not due to the McKinley bill. Every country in Europe has more or less heightened its protective duties, and the effect is now being felt. European war scares have had much to do with producing this stagnation. A number of other causes are also mentioned.

The Berlin paper, however, contends that the trouble is due to the McKinley bill, which it says was "the last drop in the cup of our affliction." The coal mining industry in Germany is not suffering as much depression as the iron and textile industries are. The latter are said to be in a very sad condition. The ranks of the unemployed continue to increase, and wages are still falling, so that according to German and American authorities there is little prospect for improvement at present.

MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT AND MORALS.

IN the report of the committee on police to the national prison congress at Pittsburg is an item worthy of particular notice. It is that police superintendents declare that the chief disturbers of good police management are politics, licentiousness and gambling. As to the two public disturbers last named the public is fairly well informed.

The progress of crime in this Territory is typical on that subject; and since the superintendents of police have neglected to explain exactly how it is that licentiousness and gambling are two of their chief disturbers we will do so, that our local gentlemen in uniform may not be left in doubt as to the true meaning of the report.

The public may presume if they will that the thrust is intended for them. If the inference that they are in league with the lewd women and the gamblers to thwart and combat the honest efforts of their peace officials to enforce good order and good morals, fits them they may wear it. In the meantime, we suspect the superintendents meant nothing of this kind, though they may have had some reason for it. We are quite sure this precious insinuation, besides being more or less of a confession of their own sins, was intended for the particular benefit of their subordinates in office.

From the time the gambling and the

social evil began to take root in this city and Ogden, their main subsistence has come through ways and means which officials themselves have provided or encouraged. For example, when the city of Ogden became "Liberal" in her municipal regulations a place was established under the name of a novelty theatre, the purpose of which was to entertain the low characters that were expected to rush to Ogden on learning the news of its change of politics. The programme of regular business was made appropriate to the design. The women performers were all cyprians, who, between acts, followed the regular practice of selling beer at a dollar a bottle among the male portion of the audience. This was drunk in the auditorium boxes, whose curtained fronts served likewise as screens for other nameless indecencies that might suggest themselves to such a high-toned company.

Owing to a pressure of policy induced by an official visit from the United States Marshal of the territory, there was a pretense made of purifying the establishment, in the course of which the sale of beer was prohibited by ordinance. The concern notwithstanding is running today on the original plan. The ordinance is still on the books. A number of the Ogden police were habitués of the house before the ordinance was passed and, it is reported that at this date a policeman may be seen in the boxes almost any night with a lewd woman on his lap, drinking the procribed beer which has been sold regularly in the house, without the slightest protest from these protectors of the peace, to others for a dollar a bottle, but as it is generally suspected, to them free, on the score of good will.

The gambling business was run on precisely the same plan. The police have had the same freedom of the establishments, of which they have availed themselves with corresponding liberality toward the proprietors.

When Salt Lake underwent her political revolution, the same sort of a house was at once set up in this city. It is in full blast now. The women employed there are of a similar character. Inside and out of the establishment systematic lawlessness is flaunted in the face of the public. Against the ordinances its walls seem to be sacred barriers. But the city, nevertheless, has a special officer detailed to the premises. It is said that officers are frequenters of the place. Is not this the sort of hindrances the superintendents of police were describing when they said the chief disturbers of police management were politics, licentiousness and gam-

bling? The report also states that in large cities it is not possible to control these "disturbers." When we see some large city officered with brave, moral men, where the public prosecutors and judges are also men of the same high stamp of character, and hear them say that licentiousness and gambling can not be controlled, we will believe them. No other testimony will hold.

ALASKA FISHERIES.

ALASKA promises to become a most abundant source of food supply for the United States. The Fish Commission, in its recent report, says that Alaska has one more cannery than all Oregon, and the output has grown to be double that of the latter's. In 1889 Alaska packed 675,000 cases of salmon, double what it did the year previous. The value of the total product of canned salmon up to the present is estimated at \$7,000,000. The Karluk river alone gives employment to 1100 fishermen and packers. It has one of the largest canneries in the world. But other fish than salmon abound. Governor Knapp says: "In some places schools of herring, about the size of sardines, afford fine opportunities for the location of sardine packing establishments, but none of these opportunities have yet been utilized." Cod, halibut and other species of fish also abound. There is room for a fish oil industry, and for the manufacture of fertilizers from fish, which Governor Knapp says will in time be developed.

JEWISH ANARCHISTS.

THE conduct of three Russian Jews, recently arrested in Philadelphia, indicates that they are as far gone in rascality as they well could be. They are recent arrivals from the Czar's dominions, and shortly after reaching this country began to give vent to anarchical ideas. They distributed inflammatory circulars, and went so far as to assert, in a public meeting, that the President of the United States ought to be killed. Judge Biddle, before whom they were taken, denounced their conduct as seditious, and remanded them for trial. They will doubtless be rigorously dealt with under the law. They ought to be thus treated if their conduct is as stated.

Notwithstanding that it would be unqualifiedly unjust to condemn the Jewish refugees as a body because of a very few black sheep being among their number, such circumstances will tend to lessen public sympathy in this country for those unfortunate people. A nother result will be the slackening of popular antagonism toward the