

# FINLAND AND THE GOLD STANDARD.

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## READY TO FOLLOW BRITAIN.

Reuter's representative has had an interview with Mr. Risto Ryti, the Governor of the Bank of Finland, who is now in London on his way to New York. The object of Mr. Ryti's journey is to enlarge important connections which the Bank of Finland already has with British and American banks. Mr. Ryti declared that the economic and financial position of Finland was now very sound. The exchange, although depreciated, was now practically stable, and the dollar rate had fluctuated less than 1 per cent last year. The State Budget had been balanced and the floating debt paid off.

Finland was therefore considering a return to the gold standard in the near future. Trade relations with Great Britain were so great, however, that Finland could not, in Mr. Ryti's opinion, realise the return to gold standard before this change was effected in Great Britain itself. The trade balance in Finland was very satisfactory, the surplus of exports over imports amounting in value to 250 million marks.

the plate-glass windows. The windows were stationary, whereas pedestrians were on the move.

The jury found in favour of the plaintiffs, and assessed the damages at £65 for the father, for expenses incurred, and for the son a sum of £1,250. Judgment was entered accordingly with costs.

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## “BOON TO BUSTED BARD.”

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### WIRELESS AID TO A POET.

According to Will R. Hill, a poet who broadcasts his own compositions from KGO (Oakland, California), wireless is a “boon to the busted bard.” He says that before he began to broadcast the publishers would not consider his writings, but now they are very anxious to publish his verses.

“I have written many publishers in my life,” said Mr. Hill, “trying to interest them in my stuff, but it was without avail until I began broadcasting from KGO. When I was able to show them hundreds of letters from radio fans, asking for copies of the verses I had read over the air, they began to see that my books might sell.”

The sale of his latest book, it is stated, has run into thousands, the demand coming from listeners all over the country.

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a torrent in the main street. All traffic, including trams and motors, was held up