

## SAY CAPRIVI IS GO

### Von Loe, the Opposition Assert, Will Succeed Him.

#### Count Bismarck Feels Bitterly the Effect of His Father's Reconciliation With the Emperor Annual Charity Ball—Engagement of Miss Fraser of Philadelphia Announced.

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BERLIN, Feb. 5.—Chancellor von Caprivi's parliamentary dinner this evening will be a grand function, attended not only by all the cabinet ministers, but also by an unusual number of imperial deputies. Members of the opposition say that the dinner will mark the climax of the chancellor's career, as within a month General Frieherr von Loe, a strong Bismarckian, will replace him. Without doubt, Loe enjoys the friendship of the emperor, who has been despatched to the old chancellor, but in designating him as the immediate successor to the chancellorship the conservatives simply show the party's utter lack of capable men whom they could select to lead the imperial government. General von Loe has political prejudices, but no reputation as a statesman. He has the emperor's esteem, but that esteem concerns chiefly his abilities as a soldier. Nothing seems to open the eyes of the conservatives to the fact that their violent attacks upon Caprivi tend to strengthen his official position.

Count Herbert Bismarck is in discord with his father as regards the attitude of friendly neutrality just adopted by the prince toward the government. Count Herbert's special organ, the Hamburg *Nachrichten*, the prince's organ, yesterday accused of making statements injurious to the old chancellor. There has been no rupture between father and son, but Count Herbert is known to feel bitterly that the emperor has gained much by the reconciliation while the prince's influence has been lessened. In denying that Count Herbert will replace Prince Reuss as German ambassador in Vienna, the *Munich Allgemeine Zeitung* says: "Count Herbert Bismarck resisted in 1890 the overture of the emperor, and the chancellor who wished him to take a diplomatic post. He preferred to preserve his complete independence of action and there is no reason why he should now abandon his independence for the sterile honor of representing a policy opposed to all his convictions.

The annual charity ball at the Royal Opera house was held on Friday under the patronage of the emperor and empress. All the highest representatives of Berlin society were present. The crowd, although so enormous as to block every part of the house, was well regulated and well behaved. The court, presided by Count von Hohenberg, the royal intendant general of theatres, appeared in the central box at 9 o'clock. Pages walked in front of the imperial pair. As the fanfare was sounded the emperor and empress descended from the box to the floor of the house and there opened the ball by walking round to the strains of a polonaise. In the diplomatic boxes opposite the emperor were Theodore Bayon, United States ambassador and family, Chapman Coleman and John B. Jackson, secretaries of the United States embassy and their wives; and the Evans and Freiland families. United States consul, General Edwards and the deputy consul had a box in the first tier. On Wednesday the Runyons and the entire staff of the United States embassy attended the court ball in the white room of the old castle. A special feature of the ball was the revival of the minuet as it was danced in Versailles in 1774. The dancers wore the costumes of the eighteenth century.

The engagement of Miss Fraser of Philadelphia and Lieutenant Frieherr von Fossler is announced.

Elliott Schenck, the pianist, has given several successful concerts here. He will return to New York in April.

**Kobbed and Deserted Her.**

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 5.—One of the cleverest and most heartless swindlers that has struck this vicinity in a long time has just closed a month's career here and departed for fresh fields. He called himself Frank Krafts, when he engaged board at the house of Mrs. Reina Metzger, at 183 Pine street, on January 2. He was met Mrs. Estelle A. Greene, a wealthy widow, and on January 13th they were married. Krafts is 31 years old, while Mrs. Greene is over 50. While on their wedding tour they stopped at St. Denis hotel, New York, where four days ago, Krafts deserted his wife, taking all her effects of value, including the diamond wedding ring. The bride had previously loaned him some \$1,000 and Theodore Brant, a saloon-keeper here, was owing him the extent of \$100 or \$200 by Krafts.

**A Pamphlet from the Vatican.**

ROME, Feb. 5.—Boderini, privy chamberlain of the pope, is about to publish a pamphlet entitled "Rome and the Government During Twenty Years." His argument is made on the lines followed in the pope's address of January 28 concerning the recent disturbances in Sicily and Italy. He urges that it is essential to the real liberty of the people that the pope recover the temporal power over Rome.

**Whittem Longs to visit America.**

BERLIN, Feb. 3.—Emperor William talked at length with Dr. Peters, the African traveller, at a recent court ball, and inquired about his experiences during his trip to England and the United States last fall. After hearing Peters' comments the emperor said: "All the nations of the Teutonic race ought to stand together." A few more remarks from Dr. Peters concerning America and Americans elicited from the emperor the response that he had long felt a strong desire to see the great American republic.

## MCKANE TESTIFIES

### Put on the Stand in Brooklyn in His Own Defense

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Interest in the celebrated Gravesend election fraud case against John Y. McKane was unusually interesting yesterday afternoon, McKane taking the witness chair in his own behalf. He was not the least disturbed. In the direct examination he explained the remarkable growth of Gravesend in the past few years and made a general denial of all the charges against him and asserted his innocence of causing the clubbing and arrest of the Gaynor men.

The cross examination was begun at 5 o'clock by Gen. Tracy, who plunged at once into the subject of the government of the town of Gravesend. He invited the witness to explain the indebtedness of the town, but he found much difficulty in exploring the memory of Mr. McKane for facts. Gen. Tracy finally secured a statement to the effect that the town was bonded for about \$800,000. Then counsel drew out an explanation of the manner of paying the police by the private checks of McKane. He said that, owing to the rapid growth of Gravesend in later years, it had become necessary to largely increase the police force; that the tax had increased for this purpose from \$3,000 a year to \$30,000; \$24,000 of which was raised by taxation and \$6,000 from license. Mr. McKane said he was treasurer of the police board, but kept no account of those contained on the stubs of his check books. He said that, owing to this rapid increase, the town had run a year behind in the collection of taxes; and that he had personally furnished the money to provide payment for the men.

### NEW YORK SENATE ROW.

#### Arguments in the Injunction Case Will Be Made Monday.

ALBANY, Feb. 3.—The senate adjourned yesterday at noon till Monday night after the journal had been approved. The clerk having been restrained from calling Mr. Wolfert's name, the successful contestant for McCarty's seat, Senator Saxton performed the duties of the clerk from his seat and called the roll when it was necessary, recognizing Mr. Wolfert each time. As the president was about to call time, the regular order of business Senator Saxton moved to adjourn. The lieutenant governor directed the clerk to call the roll, who did not, as he would not call McCarty's name, and was restrained from calling Wolfert's. The result was that Mr. Saxton called the roll, the democrats refusing to vote and the republican senators voting for the motion. Senator Saxton announced the vote and declared the senate adjourned. At the same time the lieutenant governor said the senate was still in session, but laid down his gavel and descending from the president's rostrum mingled with the senators.

It is expected that the arguments to make permanent the injunction will be made before Judge Clute on Monday.

#### Coleman Will Case Settled.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—The long and bitterly fought contest over the will of George Dawson Coleman, son of Robert Coleman, of the well-known families of that name in this city and Lebanon, Pa., was brought to a termination yesterday by Register Shields. The register dismissed the caveat filed against the writing and admitted the will to probate by revoking the ancillary letters of administration granted nearly two years ago to H. E. Coleman, Market, and granting regular letters to the latter, he being the elect of Mrs. Rosalie Parent Coleman, the mother of the testator and the sole legatee under the will.

#### Convicted in Italy.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 3.—The district attorney of Luzerne county has just been notified by Secretary of State Gresham that the two Italians, Giuseppe Bevinovo and Vincenzo Vilella, accomplices of "Redused Mike," had been convicted of murder in the Italian courts. The former was sentenced to twenty years imprisonment and the latter to fifteen. The crime attributed to the murderer of contractors McCuire, of Philadelphia, and Managan, of Quakertown, on the mountain near here in 1889, "Redused Mike" was hanged here, but the others escaped.

#### To Avoid Numerous Discharges.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The orders directing the top-heavy gunboats *Machias* and *Castine* to proceed to Norfolk for alterations, have been revoked and orders have been issued directing that the vessels be repaired at the New York navy yard. This was done to avoid discharging a large number of men and because the Norfolk yard has plenty of work on hand.

#### Financially Embarrassed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The old and well-known house of William Eggert and company, wholesale dealers in tobacco at Cincinnati and this city, has become temporarily embarrassed and has been forced to ask a general extension from their creditors.

#### Mrs. Mary H. Oax Dead.

MT. VERNON, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Mrs. Mary H. Oax, 73 years old, died at the home of her son-in-law, A. L. Hammett, at Peiham Manor, N. Y., yesterday. The deceased was the widow of the late Thomas A. Oax, one of the wealthiest residents of Newport, R. I.

#### Alabama's Fatal Storm.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 5.—Further details of Saturday night's storm, which swept over this section of north Alabama, shows the damage to have been far greater than was at first supposed. Many houses were blown down and a number of persons killed and injured. Reports are coming in slow.

#### Stelnitz and Lasker Matched.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Stelnitz and Lasker will play articles to-day for a match game of chess. These players are said to have at last come to terms, and the match is to begin on March 12.

## ALL MOURN HIS LOSS

### Mr. Childs' Death Causes Widespread Grief.

#### Feeling referred to from Numerous Pulpits—Resolutions Adopted by Typographical Unions—Committees Selected to Attend the Funeral.

#### Action of the Public Ledger Employees—Funeral to Take Place Tomorrow Afternoon, But the Final Arrangements Not Yet Completed.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5.—In many of the churches of the various denominations yesterday the death of George W. Childs was feelingly referred to by the officiating clergymen and his passing away was pronounced a public loss and bereavement.

The arrangements for the funeral of Mr. Childs have not been entirely completed yet, but it has been decided that it shall be held at 11 o'clock to-morrow afternoon from St. James Protestant Episcopal church of which Mr. Childs was a vestryman for many years. Who will be asked to be pallbearers is still undecided as it is difficult to make a choice for the honor among Mr. Childs' hosts of friends in this and other cities. Even the question of the place of interment is still a matter of doubt. Mr. Childs had a lot in Laurel Hill cemetery, but to many of his intimate friends it seems appropriate that he should be laid to rest in the same mausoleum in Woodlands cemetery that contains the dust of his friend and companion of life, the late A. J. Drexel. Whoever is decided upon, however, the interment will be private.

The employees of every department of the Public Ledger met in the composing room of the paper yesterday afternoon to take appropriate action on Mr. Childs' death. The meeting was called to order by L. Clarke Davis, managing editor of the paper, who moved that Col. M. Richards Muckle, cashier of the Ledger, preside. Col. Muckle took the chair and after a few feeling and touching words in reference to the object of the meeting, he called upon Mr. Davis to speak eloquently of Mr. Childs' many beautiful traits of character and his sympathetic and kindly relations with his employees.

Speeches in the same vein were made by W. V. McKean, the aged retired editor of the Ledger; Mrs. C. F. Halliwell, editor of the woman's department; Dr. Wm. Wilt, for the local staff; Henry S. Stiles, assistant cashier; John W. Keating, for the compositors, and Joel Cook, business manager of the paper. Addison B. Burk, chief editorial writer, presented resolutions that were unanimously adopted expressing the sense of loss felt by the employees of the Ledger in Mr. Childs' death. It was also directed that the Ledger employes attend the funeral in a body.

Messages of condolence are still pouring in to the family. Among those received are the following:

President Cleveland—"Our household lament the death of a true friend, and we extend to you our sincere sympathy and condolence in this hour of crushing bereavement."

Ex-President Harrison—"The death of Mr. Childs will bring sorrow to a large circle of friends and to many who never saw his kindly face, for he has blessed many such. You have my warmest sympathy in this sorrow, the depth of which you only know."

Mrs. L. S. Grant—"You are bereavement is indeed mine, for my last old friend is gone. I, with my family, here, unite in sorrowful sympathy with you."

Gov. Pattison of Pennsylvania—"I have received with such sorrow the sad news of the death of Mr. Childs. His whole purpose in life was given to doing good to mankind. Accept by heartfelt sympathy."

"Condolence Vanderbit—"I beg to express my deepest sympathy in your great affliction."

"The Model Employer of America."

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—At the regular monthly meeting of the press club, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the New York press club learn of the death of its honorary member, George W. Childs, the distinguished editor and great philanthropist, with feelings of the keenest regret, and in sympathy with the personal loss to every member of the newspaper profession who had not the privilege of his personal friendship and were not the objects of his benefactions. He was the model employer of America; the wise philanthropist whose unostentatious charities outnumbered those of which the world heard, as a thousand to one, and whose deeds of kindness carried a double blessing, as he made those who received bounty from his hands feel as if they were doing him a personal favor. It is meet that the press club should do honor to such a man who has so honored American journalism throughout the world, and who has repeatedly shown in the most substantial manner his regard for this organization.

#### Dairyman Elect Officers.

MEADVILLE, Pa., Feb. 3.—The annual meeting of the State Dairyman's Association closed here last evening. The annual election resulted as follows: President, H. C. Crawford, of Cooperstown; first vice-president, J. C. McClintock, of Meadville; second vice-president, G. M. Orris, of Meadville; third vice-president, Hon. J. C. Sibley, of Franklin; secretary, G. H. St. John, of Meadville; treasurer, M. G. Beatt, of Meadville.

#### Trenton's Union Take Action.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 5.—At a regular meeting of Trenton's Typographical union, No. 71, resolutions deploring the death of George W. Childs, and extending the sympathy of the members of the union to his family were passed.

## See Way Ahead—Minded

The recent celebration of "Forefathers' Day" at Medford, Mass., was an event of more than local interest. Hezekiah Butterworth, talking about it, spoke of that old town, its landmarks, and what it stood for. Then would he had learned in connection with that of one of the fondest things he ever heard of. "As a case of absent-mindedness it was very, very funny," he said. "Hannah Adams was the first female writer to receive recognition in this country. Her home was in Medford, and her baby was the first to be buried at Mount Auburn.

"It was customary then to ride horseback to church. Hannah used to ride with her father, on a pillion behind him, on the same horse. It happened one Sunday on the way to church she fell off, pillion and all. He did not notice it, nor indeed, miss her until at the church steps he dismounted. Alarmed, he rode rapidly back, afraid she must have been seriously hurt not to have called to him when she fell. And do you know," went on Mr. Butterworth, laughing heartily, "do you know he found her seated on the pillion in the middle of the dusty path, and until he came up to her she was totally oblivious to the fact that she was not seated as usual behind her father on the old horse on the way to church. That's one of the worst instances of absent-mindedness I ever heard. I suppose Hannah was busy writing another book in her mind while sitting there on the pillion in the dust."—(Boston Journal.)

## Not Much Money in Circulation.

In most Eastern Shore towns but little money passes between the storekeeper and the purchaser. Many take a load of wood, poultry and various other products to "town" and exchange them for groceries or necessities of life. A man who has traveled through that section remarked recently: "A good story is told of a Denton storekeeper. A man walked into the store, threw three herring on the counter and asked for a plug of tobacco. The dealer placed the plug on the counter, scooped in the herring and gave the purchaser the fur of a rabbit for change."—(Washington (Del.) Journal.)

## Labor in English Prisons.

In the English compulsory labor prisons the prisoners pass nine months in solitary confinement and are then assigned to the public works prison for hard labor. By good behavior they experience a gradual amelioration in their condition. At first they are not allowed to write or receive letters and may see no visitors. Then, upon advancement, they may write and receive one letter every six months and see one visitor; then the privilege is extended to once in four months, then once in three. [Chicago Herald.]

## Electric Wires.

Some writer very aptly likens the nerves to electric wires, and the general working of their system to that of electric cars. A man who "slips his trolley" like Mr. Jeremiah Eney, 313 W. Lombard St., Baltimore, Md., will need something better than a galvanic battery to set him all right. Mr. Eney found that something in the following way: "I suffered," he says, "a long time with neuralgia in the head. I gave St. Jacobs Oil a fair trial and am entirely cured." In this way the great remedy acts as a motor to restore broken wires, and set the system to perfect action.

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## MEWILAT STRANGE

### Incidents and Anecdotes of EVERYDAY LIFE.

#### Some Facts and Thrilling Adventures which Show that Truth is Stranger Than Fiction.

The London Illustrated News re-creates the following story of a remarkable cat in London, and adds some remarks of its own: "To a four-storyed brick building, occupied by eight families, a district messenger boy was returning very late at night. Directly he opened the door the cat sprang at him and began to pull and tear at his trousers with its claws. Had he been an ordinary boy (one of those abominable idiot-savants) he would have kicked the cat; but as district messenger his mind had undoubtedly been expanded. He entreated the animal rather than punished it, and when it ran towards the kitchen door and jumped back to the parlour, he thought, though the household had long retired, that something must be up." He entered the kitchen, when "the cat at once ran behind the stove and began to scratch at the fire-board, from which flames and smoke began to pour out." The house was crowded, but not till after many palls of water had been used was the conflagration extinguished. But for that the boy would have gone to his grave and been burnt in it—a fate that would have befallen two-and-twenty other people. It is no wonder, little to their credit, that this faithful and intelligent creature "is now the hero of the neighborhood."

It was the only living creature that fought in the establishment "sitting on the floor," as it were, and looking after the fire. The cat, it should be remembered, is naturally fond of fire and ferre to water, which makes its conduct still more meritorious. A great deal was lately made of "a fireman's dog" which used to accompany engines and escapes; but that may have been from mere love of excitement; it never smelt out a conflagration for itself, as in this case.

Is Missouri there is a snake called "spread head" that plays "possum." An observer came across one and struck it with a small whip. The snake immediately ejected a toad it had recently swallowed, then appeared to bite itself in the side, promptly armed on its back and stiffened, but did not become stretched straight out, and lay perfectly still. The naturalist armed him right side up. He was saying dead so earnestly that he was not content to lie in so life-like a position, but immediately turned himself on his back again. Then the observer withdrew to watch developments. In about fifteen minutes the snake cautiously raised its head and so or three inches of his body and waked around. In a few seconds he armed himself over and made off. The same observer afterward frequently watched these snakes go through the same pretended suicide, sometimes, while playing dead, if he was sharply pricked with a needle otherwise acutely stimulated, he promptly resume his interest in surrounding things, and either show fight or try to escape.

Is Belgium it is the custom to give trifles of marriage in the form of little books with paper covers. These books, which are often prepared in the course of law proceedings, and are taken in evidence, are to become dirty and dog-eared. The Burgo-master of Brussels has therefore hit upon a new plan. Henceforward a charge will be made for the books, which will be neatly bound in Morocco and gilt-edged. They will be something more than mere certificates. A summary of Belgian law on the marriage is given in them for the use of young couples, and among a mass of other miscellaneous information, directions for the feeding and care of infants. There are also places for entering the names and birthdays of the children of the marriage, the authorities considerably affording space for twelve countries. To persons the books will be issued free of charge. One of the Town Councilors was in favor of adding sections for obtaining a divorce, but suggestion was not adopted.

While crossing the ridge between Ben Run and Rattlesnake Creek, in the southern part of Lackawanna county, Penn., a few days ago, Gaylord G. Crippen of Spring Brook township saw a pure white hare squatting in a hollow as though it was asleep. It was about to toss a stone toward a timid animal to see it scot, when the wildcats sprang out of the brush in opposite directions and pounced on the hare at the same instant. Crippen killed it in a twinkling, and began to fight for the possession of the hare and blood flew, and the rough and tumble battle of the several feet, when a fox stole up to the brush, seized the hare, and sent it whimpering to the hare, and

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