

MINISTERIAL CRISIS NOT YET SETTLED.

A Fight of the Gravest Character Expected in the Reichstag

Unless the Emperor Consents to the Reform Demanded by It.

Mohlenlohe's Retirement Will be the Signal for a General Rising Again, His Advisors and His Cabinets, Which Are Now Practically Ruling the Empire—Socialist Jealousies and the Row between the Editors of the "Vorwaerts" Weakening Popular Belief in the Party.

BERLIN, Aug. 30.—It is now announced that the annual congress of the German socialists will be convened at Sieblich, near Gotha, on October 11th. It was originally intended to hold the congress in this city, but this was found impossible for the reason that the Executive Committee of the Socialists were refused the occupancy of any hall in that city capable of containing the number of people who would be present as delegates, to say nothing of the spectators, the owners declining to allow their halls to be used for the purpose of the socialist meetings. The programme of the convention is heavily charged with resolutions in which a number of questions appear. Foremost of these is the question of reorganizing the directing committee of the local committees, which working mechanism suffered to a great degree under the decrees issued against socialists by Herr von Koeller during the latter part of that gentleman's occupancy of the post of Prussian Minister of the Interior.

Then there are the reports of Herr Bebel, the socialist leader in the Reichstag, upon the international socialist congress recently held in London, ap-



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plying to the German socialists the lessons which the continental socialists learned at the London congress, and there will certainly be a lively discussion of Herr Bebel's presentation of his views and recommendations. Next the congress will be asked to pronounce in favor of proportional representation in the electoral system. It is only natural that the delegates to the congress should support the proposal for proportional representation which, if the method should be applied, would have the effect of sending ninety-five socialists to the Reichstag instead of forty-three as at present. The debate on this question will be purely academic, as there is not the remotest chance that the system of proportional representation will prevail in Germany. Among the other subjects of debate by the congress will be Dr. Luitgen's report on the proportional representation system, Frau Clara Kettin's paper on woman's rights and Herr Auer's report on the question of organization.

The meeting is likely to be an exceedingly lively and eventful one despite the fact that the anarchists will be kept out of the congress, for there is certain to be a row over the upheaval which has occurred within the fold of the "Vorwaerts," the leading organ of the German socialists, six editors of which journal, headed by Dr. Adolph Bran, had a protest in the leading column of the "Vorwaerts" on Thursday denouncing Herr Liebknecht's dictatorial management of the paper. Whether Liebknecht is present in Berlin or absent from the city he absolutely controls the policy of the "Vorwaerts" without even the pretense of consulting his colleagues. "If," says the protest of the editors, "the authority of Herr Liebknecht is alone competent to decide all questions, we unanimously resign our connection with the paper."

The immediate ground of the quarrel which has resulted in the withdrawal of the principal editors of the "Vorwaerts" was the action of Herr Liebknecht in disavowing the attack made in the paper upon the socialist leader, Herr Quarek of Frankfurt, apropos of his scheme for the establishment of workmen's syndicates. To the general public this disputing over socialist jealousies and the open exhibition of insubordination of the minor leaders in the socialist party presents a pitiful spectacle and is greatly weakening popular belief in its force as a political factor.

The temporary silence of the German press in regard to the ministerial crisis does not imply that the Emperor has changed with Prince Hohenzollern the latter shall retain the Chancellorship, nor does the announcement of the "Reichsanzeiger," the official gazette, that a bill for the reform of military judicial procedure is to be considered by the Bundesrath, to avert the resignation of the Chancellor or remove the probability of a conflict between the Kaiser and the Reichstag. The fact is that a great deal depends upon the nature of the measures placed before the Bundesrath.

If the Emperor assents to the reform demanded by the Reichstag, making the military tribunals independent proceedings and the Supreme Military Court's final proceedings public, no legislative struggle will arise over this question. But the Emperor certainly will not assent to such a measure, and every one knowing the exact situation still expects that the matter will give rise to a fight in the Reichstag of the gravest character in defense of the constitutional authority against the court cabals. If Prince Hohenzollern retires after seeing the visit of the Czar to Breslau concluded, his retirement will be the signal for a general uprising against the Emperor's secret advisors, his Military Cabinet, his Naval Cabinet and his Civil Cabinet, which are now practically ruling the affairs of the Empire.

The imperial court will remain at Potsdam until Christmas. The arrangements for the coming week has been slightly altered. The Emperor will leave Potsdam on Tuesday, going to Dresden to attend the military maneuvers there. From Dresden his majesty will go direct to Breslau, where he will receive the Russian Emperor, Prince Henry of Prussia, the Kaiser's brother, who will also go to Breslau and after the gala performance in honor of the Czar will start on Sunday directly for Kiel, where he will receive the Czar upon the arrival of the latter there. All business will be suspended in Breslau on September 5th, the day of the arrival of the Czar and his reception by the Emperor. After the military maneuvers of the Kaiser will proceed to Kiel and go on board the imperial yacht Hohenzollern, from the deck of which will watch the naval evolutions.

There are court whispers that the Empress Frederick has written to the Kaiser rebuking him for ignoring the visit to Germany of the Duke and Duchess of Sparta, the latter the Emperor's sister, who have recently been staying with the Emperor's mother, Empress Frederick, at Kronberg. The Emperor quarreled with his sister over her conversion to the Greek Church upon the occasion of her marriage to the heir to the Greek throne, and has since given the cold shoulder to her and her husband.

The Catholic Congress, which closed a five days' session on Friday at Dartmond, passed a resolution warning German Catholics against emigrating to

America under the present economic conditions. Among the resolutions adopted were those condemning the practice of dueling among officers of the army and navy, and deploring the fact that no Christian power has effectively espoused the cause of the Armenians. Resolutions were also passed advocating the repeal of the anti-Jesuit law and the prohibition of the employment of married women in factories.

The international Women's Congress which is to sit in September now counts 500 delegates as certain to be present, including Florence Routledge of the British Women's Trades Union League. The "Tageblatt" is still pursuing the question of the safe guarding of German interests in Samoa. In an article published yesterday the paper says that in consequence of American intrigues in Samoa the German cruisers Buzzard and Falke and the dispatch boat Mowe have been ordered to Apia.

For the first time since 1870 French visitors have begun to return to the Baden races, once their favorite resort. The renewed prestige of the Baden meeting was chiefly due to the largely increased sum of money which has been expended for this year's meeting, Prince Egon von Fuerstenburg and the Prince of Wales appeared on the course two days, side by side, with Prince Hermann of Saxe-Weimar, who was a guest of the Count and Countess Festetics at Hamilton Palace. A large number of Americans were present at the races.

Lieutenant Harlan of the Prussian Uhlans who was the victor of a noted long distance ride, was killed a day or two ago by being thrown from his horse. He was the son of a Mr. Harlan, a former United States Consul in Germany, who is now living in retirement in Dresden.

Dr. Barth, the noted Radical Unionist leader in the Reichstag, sailed for New York from Bremen on August 25th to bear the steanship honor. He goes to America for the purpose of opposing the Presidential campaign and the election. Dr. Barth is especially interested in the currency and the tariff questions. The American theologians, Messadmes Tingley and Wright and Messrs. Hargrove and Patterson, had a warm reception upon their arrival here at the hands of the representative theologians of Germany. The theologians of Berlin, Hamburg, Dresden, Nuremberg and Breslau have delegates to the Theosophist Convention.

The Emperor gave a prolonged audience on Friday and another on Sunday to Freiherr Marschall von Bieberstein, Minister of Foreign Affairs. The interview resulted among other things in a resolve not to assent to Great Britain's conversion of the protectorate over Zanzibar into a crown colony. It was so agreed that in view of the fact that it might prejudice German Consular rights to act otherwise, Seyyid Khalid, the reigning Sultan, who escaped from the burning palace at Zanzibar and took refuge at the German Consulate should be surrendered to the British authorities if he is guaranteed treatment as a Prince and a prisoner of war.

The Berlin Bourse, for the first time in a quarter of a century, has decided not to close its doors on the occasion of the anniversary of the battle of Sedan. The Disconto Gesellschaft is at the head of a syndicate formed for the purpose of establishing a new bank in Venezuela, to which institution will be assigned the receipts from the Venezuelan customs. The scheme has for its object the conversion of the internal debt.

Lieutenant C. E. Vreland, naval attaché to the United States Embassy here, has returned to his post at the Embassy from Rome. He will be relieved in September by Lieutenant Nieblack.

HIGH SUED AGAIN. This Time It Was for Libeling a Saloon Keeper.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30.—A dispatch from Oakland to the "Chronicle" says: When Gavin Dhu Hlgh, formerly editor and proprietor of the Oakland "Times," was convicted on the second charge of having libeled W. J. Dingee it was generally supposed that his troubles in that direction were over, but such was not to be.

To-day Joe Cook, proprietor of a West Oakland beer saloon, swore to a complaint charging Mr. Hlgh with libel. The article complained of was published in the "Times" of August 22d, and gives an account of a fight which is alleged to have taken place in the saloon on the previous night. Cook was charged with having taken part in the fight, and with having cruelly beaten and abused John Allen.

The article also stated that such occurrences were continually taking place in Cook's place, and several ineffective attempts had been made to revoke Cook's license. Mr. Cook denied the truth of every statement in the story, with the exception of the fact that a fight really did occur in his place.

The belligerents were Henry Meade and John Allen. The former is a painter, and the fight was precipitated, Cook asserts, by Allen calling Meade a scab. Cook declares that the only part he took in the row was to separate the two men. He has retained Attorney George W. Baker to assist in the prosecution of the case, and declares that he will not rest easy until Mr. Hlgh has paid the penalty of having published the story about him and his place of business.

When Chief of Police Lloyd was questioned about the character of the saloon run by Cook he said he had never heard any complaint about it. As soon as Mr. Hlgh heard that there was a warrant out for his arrest he went to the City Hall and gave himself up. He was at once released on \$500 bonds. The sureties are W. H. Hlgh, Jr., and Fred Osgood.

OAKLAND "TIMES" SOLD. It Will be Issued By and By Under a New Policy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30.—A dispatch from Oakland to the "Chronicle" says: The morning "Times," which has gone to press with untiring regularity for years, will not appear to-morrow, and its protegee, the "Evening Item," may never find its way to light again. Frank A. Leach, proprietor of the "Enquirer" and a journalist of long standing here, stepped in to-day when the bank controlling the "Times" and "Item" was about to gather back the entire plant and stifle the papers and boot them in. The figure agreed upon has been closely guarded, but it is reliably given as \$2,000.

One hour after the "Item" passed into the hands of Leach it was put up for auction to go to the highest bidder, or if unsold by Monday next at noon to be suppressed. So far there have been no actual bids filed with Leach. The "Times" suspends publication for the present, to resume with a new policy and in the hands of a new staff.

This sudden and unexpected disposition of Oakland's only morning paper and of her latest evening paper enterprise is the culmination of a series of misfortunes.

The "Times" has been in print for thirty odd years. Leach says he will make a new paper of it, and let the "Item" go by the board if a good round price for it is not forthcoming.

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"Don't tell me a falsehood. Why didn't you come home at 5 o'clock?" "I started home at 5."

"Then you stopped to play on the way." "No, mamma, sure, I didn't."

"Do you expect me to believe that it took you two hours to walk half a mile? I think I shall have to punish you for telling me falsehoods."

"Honestly, I started home at 5 o'clock and came straight home." The mother led the boy into the kitchen and took down a whip. He turned pale, and tears welled up into his eyes.

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