



CURSE OF HARD TIMES.

Weighing Heavily Upon the People of Prussia's Capital at This Time

Outlook for Improvement in Any Line is Not at All Encouraging.

Still Inciting the People Against the Jews—Von Caprivi Will Force the Army Bill.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—There is stagnation of business here. The wet, sloopy weather preceding Christmas is usually characterized by bustle in business, but this is about the duldest without the memory of the old...

Commercial and financial circles take a pessimistic view of the situation. Operators on the bourse have lost their usual daring and now enter into speculations with a timidity foreign to their nature.

Socialist papers have seized upon the occasion to comment upon the misery that is prevailing among the working classes. The Vorwarts publishes a Christmas article, in which it expatiates upon the frightful suffering of the poor throughout Germany.

The reappearance of cholera at Hamburg has caused the authorities to order a renewal of precautions heretofore taken to check the spread of the disease.

Reinsuring papers continue attacks upon the laws. In the spring News from St. Petersburg states that the Russian government has summoned a congress of 300 doctors, which will sit for eight days, and prepare a report on the measures to be adopted to meet the expected recurrence of the epidemic in Russian dominions.

Chancellor von Caprivi's organs reiterate that the army bill will be passed intact or the reichstag dissolved. This menace is the strongest weapon of the government.

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RAIDERS IN TEXAS.

They Cross Over From Mexico and Give Battle to Marshals.

NEW LAREDO, Mexico, Dec. 24.—The Mexican revolutionists have committed another bold outrage on United States soil. A lengthy dispatch received here to-day from Guerrero states that reliable information has just reached there of an engagement in Janeta county, Texas, between a posse of United States marshals and about 300 revolutionists, which resulted in the defeat of the marshals and the capture of two of the latter, who are being held as prisoners by the outlaws.

It is reported that a number of the revolutionists were killed, and that three United States deputies were wounded. There is a rumor that the deputies who were taken prisoners were hanged by the revolutionists, but no confirmation of this last mentioned rumor has been received.

Excitement was created among the federal troops here last night by the report brought by a courier that several hundred well armed men were seen near San Juan de los Rios, in the state of Tamaulipas. It is believed that the force is a band of outlaws and is not connected with the border revolutionary movement.

County Canvassers Ordered to Canvass the Vote of the County.

When the supreme court convened at 10 a. m. yesterday, Chief Justice Blake announced for the court that it had decided to grant the application of Eugene E. Leach for a peremptory writ of mandate directed to the canvassing board of Choteau county, ordering them to make a canvass of the vote of the county, including the Hotchkiss precinct.

Two Ranchmen Get Into a Quarrel and One is Killed.

ROCKWELL, Dec. 24.—[Special.]—During a dance at Fly's Bridge, near Belgrade, last evening, Albert McDonald and Chas. Vaughn, two well-known ranchmen, got into an altercation over a girl, which resulted in Vaughn shooting McDonald through the stomach. Vaughn and his friends then left the dance and proceeded to Manhattan, where he gave himself up. McDonald was attended by a doctor, but died this afternoon.

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THE SUCCESSOR OF CRISP

There Will Be a Strong Effort Made to Prevent the Speaker's Re-election.

Some Factors, Including Tammany, That Will Enter Into the Contest.

How and Where Members of the Cabinet Will Spend Christmas Day—Other Capital News.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The contest for the speakership of the Fifty-third congress threatens to become very bitter. There is a first great many who look upon the issue, not only that the speaker would be a bitter one, but that there would be enough strife to be worthy the name of contest.

The Reform club incident promises to play a conspicuous part in the contest. The play will not be made on the surface, but will be one of the chief means of keeping the Crisp men together.

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"All Poppycock," Says Hale. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—It is not probable that the senate will take any action on the alleged intention of Great Britain to strengthen her armed forces on the great lakes with war vessels under the pseudonym of revenue cutters.

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DEPENDS ON THE ARMY

Military Power Master of the Fate of Free Government in France.

Andrieux, as Chief of the Conspirators, Will Be Put Under Arrest.

The Same Plotters in It as in the Movement in 1888—Vigorous Measures Contemplated.

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Great Rush to the Flaming Gold Fields of the San Juan River.

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