

THE REICHSTAG OPEN

Emperor William Announces the Anti-Socialist Bill.

CONTROL OF SPECULATION.

Dedication of the New Parliament Hall

BERLIN, Dec. 5.—The session of the reichstag was opened at noon in the Bismarck hall, instead of in the usual white hall, which is being renovated.

"Honorable Gentlemen: In the name of my exalted allies I bid you welcome at the beginning of your constitutional work. You will transfer your labors to your new home, which, after ten years of earnest work, is now the scene of completion, a monument of our national industry."

"Faithful to the traditions of our ancestors, my exalted allies and myself regard it as our foremost duty to the state to protect the working classes and to assist them in obtaining higher economic and moral development. The federal government will continue their efforts to promote the feelings of content among the people by mitigating economic social differences."

His majesty next alluded to the prejudicial effect of the abuses of course speculation upon national prosperity, and said that to remedy these evils a bill was being prepared which would probably be submitted during the course of the session.

"The same is the case in regard to a bill which is intended to protect the trading community against competition which does not scruple to employ unfair means, and which will consequently destroy confidence in business and commerce."

"To my lively satisfaction my confidence in the maintenance of European peace has been further strengthened during the past few years. Faithful to the spirit of our alliances, we cultivate good and friendly relations with all the powers."

"During the course of the last two months two neighboring empires have been deeply stirred by grave events. Germany has sincerely joined in the sympathy which was evinced on all sides, and which at once gave evidence of the solidarity of its human feeling and peaceful wishes. In the death of the emperor, I have shared the loss of a friend and a tried co-operator in works of peace."

Emperor William's delivery of the speech was impressive and was accompanied by gestures. Several times he raised his voice and looked sternly around, especially at the passage in regard to the agrarian question and the revolutionists, and during his pathetic reference to the late czar.

His majesty afterward went to the reichstag building, in order to formally perform the ceremony of laying its cornerstone, which is combined with the dedication of the building and formal opening of the new session of the reichstag. Immense crowds of people were gathered along the route and outside the new building and cheered the emperor and the German reigning princes on their way there, also upon their arrival.

Prince Hohenzollern, the chancellor, and Field Marshal Blumenthal, chief of the general staff of the Prussian army, who is about 80 years of age, were accorded an especially warm reception. The weather was raw and blustering, but this did not deter immense crowds of people from gathering everywhere in the neighborhood of the new building.

The dedication ceremonies passed off without a hitch. The scene was a most brilliant one. A large dais had been constructed for the use of the imperial family and highly favored guests, and over it was a canopy topped by the imperial crown. Beneath this canopy the emperor and empress and the German princes were gathered. Opposite this structure were the military and other notables, as well as the members of the diplomatic corps.

Prince Hohenzollern, when everything was ready, advanced toward the emperor with agile and springy step and asked his majesty's permission for the ceremonies to begin. The prince spoke in a clear but strident voice. The ceremony was a tedious affair, all the participants climbing down from the dais to the stone and giving it three taps. At the conclusion of this ceremony three "hochs" for the emperor were given, the band playing the national anthem and his majesty and the imperial party retired to an inner chamber of the reichstag building. The crowd then gradually dispersed, while the emperor inspected the building thoroughly under the guidance of Herr Wallat, the chief architect.

KELLY RAISING A NEW ARMY.

The Famous Commonwealer to Repeat His Work of Last Year.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Dec. 5.—Gen. Charles Kelly, who led a band of industrialists from California to Washington City last spring, is organizing a new army.

"The only place I intend to move upon," says the general, "will be Grover's villa, Washington City, and by all that is good holy, we intend to camp in Washington City again; to keep on camping and marching until we have a bill passed by congress to provide work for unemployed American citizens."

Fire at Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—During a southwest gale this evening fire broke out in the southwestern residence portion of the city. Electric work of the fire department confined the blaze to two houses, which were entirely destroyed. Both belonged to the estate of John Lux and were valued at \$2,000; they were insured. The occupants lost \$500. The fire was caused by a defective fuse. The mist and fog which has prevailed for several days thoroughly saturated the surrounding buildings, which prevented a frightful conflagration.

The Aberdeen Bank Failure.

ABERDEEN, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Assignees France and Eaton are still in charge of the Aberdeen bank, but a faction bitterly opposed to the late management, by whom the present assignees were named, is working for their removal and the appointment of a receiver instead. Today their application to the superior court for a receiver came up for hearing, and the result is awaited with much interest.

Vancouver News.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 5.—Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, minister of marine and fisheries, is expected here tomorrow to discuss the sealing and salmon fishing questions. Word has been received of the murder of an Indian by a Chinaman at Keekers, near Yale. The Chinaman got angry with the Indian and clubbed him to death. The authorities are investigating.

The Ditchmen to Be Paid.

ELLENBURG, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—P. H. W. Ross, manager of the Washington Finance and Trust Company, this afternoon succeeded in securing money to purchase the time checks held by the ditchmen who left here last Monday, as agreed upon by Reardon, their spokesman, and Mr. Ross. Reardon is requested to telegraph Manager Ross immediately.

Superintendent of the Capitol.

OLYMPIA, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The capitol commission today appointed George B. Evans, of Tacoma, superintendent of construction of the new capitol building.

WILL REST ON THEIR LAURELS.

End of the Football Season—Portland Still Sores—Winter Amusements. Now that the football season has come to an end and the team disbanded the players are endeavoring to wear their honors as champions of the Pacific Northwest as modestly as possible, and intend shortly to decorate the club house with the spoils of the enemy, consisting of the footballs used in the games they have played this fall with the scores painted upon them.

The Portland men are still sore at not being able to return games with Seattle, and the following extract from the Oregonian probably expresses the feelings of the Portland men and shows that they are determined that next year at least there shall be no misunderstanding:

"The season just closed has been a short one. There was no effort made in the Pacific Northwest Association to make up a schedule, and it is probably due to this that the Seattles were able to 'hike' when the question of a return game came up. Hereafter the challenge cup, which has already been the cause of considerable controversy, will cut an important figure. The peculiar conditions under which it was presented to the association make two more absolute necessities—an early season and a binding schedule, the latter to include all clubs that desire to put teams in the field."

Portland has still some football activity, but the Portland university team that has won the Oregon intercollegiate championship, will disband after its game with the State Normal school next Saturday in Portland.

The Portland Amateur Athletic Association is using every exertion to put a football eleven in the field, and is much disappointed at not being able to meet the Seattle team this season. It is extremely anxious to arrange a game with the Multnomahs for some day during Christmas week and a game will probably be arranged. Laswell, the well-known Multnomah half-back, has been secured to coach the team, and the following men will probably uphold the Portland Athletic Association colors on the football field:

Right end, E. R. Tongue; right tackle, Jerry Rusk; right guard, Verham; center, Hall; left guard, Boyd; left tackle, McNamara; left end, E. Davey; quarter-back, Louison; half-back, Laswell and Charles Davey; full-back, Rickard. Maddy will play back of the line, if he can get himself into shape. The following men are playing substitutes: Johnson, Schlotz, Babb, Trege, Abernethy and Schuyler.

Now that winter has come and outdoor athletics are dead for the time being, the prominent athletic clubs are devoting their energies to social and theatrical entertainments. The Seattle Athletic Club has a musical travesty on "A Midsummer Night's Dream" well along in rehearsal, although the exact date of its production has not yet been decided upon. The caste is made up of members of the club, and in every respect it promises to excel any other entertained.

In Portland the clubs are also active. The Portland Amateur Athletic is hard at work on an entertainment to be given in Arion hall on Wednesday, December 12, and the Multnomahs have appointed a committee consisting of W. T. Wallace, George L. Bickel and James H. Murphy to arrange for the production of an extravaganza soon after the holidays.

The Seattle high school and Tacoma high school teams will play a match at Tacoma, on Saturday, December 14.

CRIMINAL NOTES. Numa Dondassal, a New Orleans counsellor, has been convicted of bribery. At Galveston, Texas, Louise Alberti is a fit of dementia poisoned her five children, two of whom are reported dead and the others in critical condition.

JAPS IN MANCHURIA.

Have Only Occasional Skirmishes With the Chinese.

THE WINTER ALARMS CHINA.

Because Food Cannot Be Transported

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The opinion in official circles here is that there is no truth in a report cabled from Shanghai that a ten days' armistice has been arranged between Japan and China. It is added that all indications point to the contrary. China now fears the winter more than Japan, as the supplies of rice have been kept back to some extent.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 5.—A representative of the Associated Press interviewed Canadian Pacific officials today regarding the reports now in circulation that the three steamers of the magnificent Empress line are to be immediately converted into armed cruisers, in accordance with the terms of the subsidy from the British government, and that the vessels will be held in Oriental waters in view of possible events in the present war. The officials all denied the report, but the officers of the Empress of China threw light on the subject. Ever since the Empresses have been on the route their guns have been in the arsenal at Hongkong, but were never placed in position, as the mountings were not there. The latter have now arrived, being some what hurried out from England on account of the war. When last in Hongkong Commander Beys inspected the Empress of China, and intimated that on her return to that port guns would be placed on her, as well as the other Empresses, and that they would be armed in future. They will carry three five-inch guns each, besides ordinary small arms.

Hiroshima, Dec. 5.—A dispatch from Field Marshal Yamagata dated Autong, December 3, says a Japanese scouting party sent in the direction of Lingshang-kwang engaged Chinese outposts on the summit of Montiening November 15. One of the Jap soldiers was killed and three wounded. The scouting party was reinforced and occupied a position at Sokako, where it was attacked by the enemy in large force. More than forty Japanese were killed. A company of infantry sent to reconnoiter Kwantien and Sabaruu was attacked by a large force of Chinese on November 20 at Tasowan, and compelled to retreat with the loss of several killed. Field Marshal Yamagata adds that measures have been taken to clear the country around Kwantien and Sabaruu. Detachments under Gen. Tachimi and Col. Nisyyna have reached their destinations, after slight resistance. They attacked the enemy at Saikabon November 23 and compelled the Chinese troops to retire. Two detachments are now returning to Autong.

School for the Blind.

While there is no asylum for the blind in this state, blind children are educated in the school for defective youth at Vancouver. The report of that institution for 1892 says:

"A department for educating the blind is in full operation within the main building, under the care of an accomplished teacher. There are ten pupils in this class. Several of these pupils have shown considerable musical talent; others have made noteworthy progress, and are quite expert in reading by means of raised letters and points, and in solving arithmetical problems easily."

CHIEF ROGERS AS AUCTIONEER.

He Sells Off the Police Department Curiosity Shop at Bargains.

Chief Rogers assumed the role of auctioneer at police headquarters Tuesday afternoon, and realized \$51.25 by selling piecemeal to the highest bidder a heterogeneous lot of old goods which a connoisseur present said was not worth \$10. The goods were those ordered sold by the council that had been accumulating for years, being goods taken from thieves and unclaimed property, and goods from the street or left by prisoners on their release. The sale attracted a crowd of about 100 about the headquarters as heterogeneous as the goods, being mostly second-hand dealers. Much of the stuff brought fancy prices and but few secured bargains. The spirit of competition seemed to seize the crowd, and bidding was kept lively by the amateur auctioneer, the contention of many articles was both spirited and amusing.

The goods as piled up in the assembly room gave it the appearance of an old curiosity shop with everything there imaginable, dusty, dirty and rusty. An old fashioned rifle, changed from a flintlock to a cap, and of a pattern that gave evidence of having done service in the war of 1812, was sold for 25 cents; a lot of 110 pocket-knives were worked up to \$7.50, but the last bidder on cooling down refused to take them, and they were finally sold for \$4.50; a crosscut saw brought 70 cents; a pair of fencing foils went for \$3.00; a Calligraph typewriter brought 35 cents; a battered-up copper kettle was sold for 35 cents; a number of rolls of quilts brought from 10 to 30 cents a roll; twelve revolvers in all stages of uselessness went for \$1.25; a pair of opera glasses was dear at 60 cents; a table bell worth about 25 cents sold for 75 cents. Cardon hose of various lengths, sizes, color and conditions formed a large part of the collection and brought more than they were worth. There were many common grips or satchels with nothing in them of value and all averaged about 25 cents. There were many pieces of harness and it is doubtful if a complete set could be made out of the whole lot; one of these, alleged to be a "single harness," brought \$2.10, and another one, listed as a set of double harness, was knocked down for 45 cents. Cheap jewelry in odd lots was sold for 15 cents a lot; three undershirts of doubtful percentage went for 60 cents; a gas lamp sold for 45 cents; a stove ornament—being the only part of the stove the thief could carry away—sold for 30 cents. The highest price paid was for a saw set, which fetched \$6 as the result of lively bidding; a roll of carpet was sold for 20 cents, a part of a cash register secured 10 cents, two dozen electric globes went for 40 cents, a ship block brought 15 cents. Scrap iron, copper and lead, heaped in a box, was sold by the

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pond, and went in two lots, one bringing \$5.40 and the other \$4. There were even pickforks, and the man who bought four of them for 65 cents received a bargain. A box of castings sold for 30 cents. The sale did not last long, as the chief worked up the bidders in good shape, and had the whole outfit sold inside of an hour.

VISITING STEAMBOAT OWNERS.

Come to Bay Boat, They Praise the Sound's Farm Products.

H. W. Goodall and R. J. Aden, of the firm of Piper, Aden & Goodall, steamboat men of San Francisco and Vallejo, are visiting the city and are guests at the Rainier-Grand. They arrived Tuesday morning by the steamer Walls Walla, and will spend several days between this city and Portland. The trip North was made principally for pleasure, and for the purpose of purchasing a couple of steamers, if reasonable figures can be obtained, suitable for the bay and river trade around San Francisco.

Mr. Goodall says steamboat business in San Francisco is increasing steadily and business in general looking up. He is a great believer in the future of Seattle, and says the past few months have shown what she can do in the trade in agricultural products. He said that this was the first year that San Francisco had not drawn on the southern part of the state for hay and grain, and said the large shipments of wheat and even hay from this section to the country to San Francisco and northern California were a fine advertisement for this state.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

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NORTHWEST NEWS.

The Coulee City News is a corpse. The publication of the Spokane Daily Times has been begun. The first issue is full of scurrilous matter.

Ex-President William F. Book and Manager G. S. Thomas, the alleged rakers of the Aberdeen bank, have been bound over to the superior court for trial.

William Pearson, a wealthy farmer living near Chewelah, Stevens county, committed suicide Monday night by shooting himself. Family troubles was the cause.

W. J. Fife, McKee Rankin and Lawrence Hanley, three noted tragedians, are making a dramatic tour of the state. Will L. Vischer, the eminent comedian, wreck-master of Pierce county, will join the company next week.

The Spokane Chronicle has transferred its building to the Northwestern & Pacific Hypotheek bank. The bank called in all its loans immediately on the capture of Spokane city and county by the Populists, due to the free silver agitation.

A newspaper blackguard in Oregon, who perhaps learned his trade in Tacoma, is circulating a report that the Oregonian newspaper and building have been sold to Eastern capitalists. The sale is said to have been effected through H. W. Corbett, Messrs. Scott and Pitcock will remain as managers on a salary, and the character of the paper will not be changed. The Oregonian denies the story with some warmth. The liar will not furnish additional particulars, and the Bond may yet be dragged in as the purchaser.

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