

ARE LAUGHING AT GERMANY.

ENGLISH PAPERS RIDICULE THE EMPEROR'S HEROICS.

They Think the Practical Business in Hand Should Have Been Conducted Quietly, and Not in the Present Vein of Melodrama.

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LONDON, Dec. 18.—The general opinion of Kiel is voiced by a diplomat's remark: "It is a great pity that Germany, having an easy, safe and simple, though slightly practical piece of work on hand, should not be able to perform it without setting the world laughing."

The papers are full of comments on the subject. The Times says: "The actual utterances are worthy of heroes of melodrama, and would seem high-toned to modern ideas if uttered by Philip II. as he dispatched the Armada, or Columbus, as he started to carry the dominion of Spain over the ocean."

The Kaiser evoked memories of Metta and Sedan, to encourage Prince Henry to keep a stout heart as he faces the perils of the Suez canal and the terrors of the China seas. Prince Henry's perturbation was closed by a specimen of almost Byzantine self-abasement unique in the annals of modern Europe.

The Saturday Review thinks the nickname of William the Witless is no longer adequate, adding that he is "stark, staring mad." Continuing, the Saturday Review remarks: "In spite of the ominous fact that he has alienated the newspapers and professors, insulted the greatest nobles when they ventured to disagree with his extraordinary activity, until the court is deserted and parvenues, the poor creature continues to take himself seriously, as a sort of drill sergeant of Providence."

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Evening Post's copyrighted London cablegram says: "The terrific going-on at Kiel over Prince Henry's departure for China have been the all-absorbing topic with Englishmen this week. 'Faie fear,' says the German national organ in Vienna, 'will penetrate to John Bull's marrow as he reads it.'"

As a matter of fact, John Bull's first impulse has been to split his sides with laughter over a farcical melodrama such as no coming Christmas pantomime can hope to rival. When the Kaiser talks of "stating my only brother," and calls "heaven to witness how the German Michael firmly planted on Chinese soil the shield, emblazoned with the imperial eagle, in order to afford protection once for all to him who applies for it, the Englishman rudely laughs. He recalls that the German Michael is the mildest mannered of men, the idol of his English grandmother, who is taking what even a half-seasoned sailor would regard as a pleasant cruise with one 2,000-ton, 25-year-old battleship and one 4,000-ton cruiser, in order to secure a coaling station which practically already has been ceded, while no one dreams of a single shot being fired. When the same mild mannered young man apostrophizes his own brother with "most serene emperor, most powerful lord, king and master, forever, hoch, hoch, hoch," and eulogizes "the gospel of your majesty's hallowed person," blunt John Bull asked himself whether these young people had not altogether lost their wits.

More Vessels for China.
KIEL, Dec. 18.—The North German Lloyd steamer Darmstadt, having on board the volunteers bound for China and an immense amount of war material, left here today.

FERROT, Spain, Dec. 18.—The German ironclad Oldenburg sailed for Gibraltar to join the vessels bound for China under the command of Prince Henry.

BUDGET OF GERMAN NOTES.
The Government on the Defensive in the Reichstag Prospects of a Retaliatory Tariff.

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BERLIN, Dec. 18.—The past week's sittings of the Reichstag were interesting. The government, throughout, was on the defensive, and Herr von Helldorf, Richter-Lieber and other oppositionists flouted

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the fact in Prince Hohenlohe's face that he had broken his word to the reichstag in not securing for the workmen the right of coalition and in failing to secure the right of interaffiliation for political clubs. The chancellor's replies were decidedly lame. Herr Richter's speeches, however, were devoid of fire, while Herr Bebel's were so impassioned that they forced nearly the entire cabinet to reply. Some of the admissions thus made are valuable. For instance, such as the statement of Gen. von Goosio, the minister of war, who on Tuesday, when replying to Herr Richter's criticism of the army, declared that the government did not propose to change the system of two-years' service, nor increase the infantry, adding, however, that the reorganization of the field artillery was urgent; and the statement of Count Posadowski, announcing that bounty regulations between Germany, France and Austria were deadlocked.

Another important statement made jointly by Baron von Thielmann, the minister of foreign affairs, and Count Posadowski was that Germany was preparing an autonomous tariff, to enable her to immediately retaliate upon countries enacting tariffs unfavorable to Germany and commerce. The announcement was greeted with wild cheering and expressions of delight from all the Agrarians.

The damage done by floods during the past summer is officially computed at 5,600,000 marks.

The emperor has been characteristically busy the whole week. Besides Kiel, he attended a number of banquets and important meetings. While at Hamburg Kiel his majesty made several noteworthy remarks. For instance, while in-

specting the Deutschland he said he hoped the time was not distant when Germany would have such fine vessels afloat in every sea.

The first contest in the diet of Wurttemberg over the revision of the constitution has assumed acute features. An appeal to the country means that at the new election it is probable the lower classes will want an increase of representatives in the lower chamber.

The government has decided to make a careful increase in the number of consuls, especially in the United States and in the British colonies and in South America. A number of recent cases in those countries show the necessity for maintaining trained consuls of diplomatic experience in many places now served by local residents.

A German railroad official, who was an eye-witness of the facts, tells the correspondent here of the Associated Press an unpublished story of the czar's journey from Darmstadt to Coburg, in October last. Information reached Russia through the police of a plot of the nihilists studying that German monarch's visit to wreck the czar's train, and most extraordinary precautions were taken to protect his majesty. The train only traveled seven to twenty-one kilometers per hour, instead of eighty, and the whole trip consumed twelve hours. Twenty Cossacks of the body guard, with rifles and revolvers constantly patrolled the gangways of the train, and the whole crack, from Darmstadt to Coburg, was guarded by several thousand German troops, under the special command of Russian secret service officers.

Marie Godelinger, long a leading southerner on the German stage, and who has successfully toured America, will appear shortly on the variety stage at the Winter Garden, Berlin, where she will bid a final farewell to youthful roles. She is 62 years of age.

Prof. Richthofen, of the Berlin university, has been invited by the United States ambassador, Mr. White, to deliver the address of the Johns Hopkins university, of Baltimore, to deliver twelve lectures there this winter. The official North German Gazette refers to the case of Monsignore Schroeder, of the Catholic university of Washington, as furnishing evidence of the American hatred of everything German.

Wagner is writing a comic opera, which he expects to present at Munich in 1898. The competition resembles Humperdinck's, and the libretto is taken from two fairy tales of the time of the Thirty Years' War.

WILL WATER AT PORT ARTHUR.
Russian Squadron Enters There With the Consent of China.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—It is announced that a Russian squadron, under Rear Admiral Reuno, has entered Port Arthur on the Chinese coast, with the entire acquiescence of the Chinese government. The squadron intends to remain at Port Arthur throughout the winter.

This is due solely to the need of a temporary winter station, and involves no question of foreign occupation or hostile occupation or any intention against China, Germany, Japan or any other power.

Gambetta Helms Starts for Asia.
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The gambetta Helms, commanded by Capt. Swinburn left the Brooklyn navy yard today to join the Asiatic squadron. It will take a year for the boat to get to the end of its proposed trip. Stops will be made at Bermuda and Gibraltar. Capt. Swinburn will take the boat along the north coast of Africa, later getting into the European river. The Helms will take the place of the Monterey, an old sidewheeler that has been condemned.

Bismarck Falling Rapidly.
LONDON, Dec. 18.—A special dispatch from Hamburg says: Prince Bismarck, who braced up for the emperor's visit, has relapsed into his former weakness, despondency and persistent insomnia. Mentally and physically he is rapidly declining.

THE Northern Pacific Railway, so far this winter, has upheld its high prestige, and often it has been the only line affording communication between Seattle and the outside world, which was doubly important during these busy, stirring times. It is undoubtedly the line that can be depended on for good and prompt service.

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- Suit Patterns, elegant, \$1.50 and \$10.50 each.
- Empire Fans, latest, \$1.00, \$1.25.
- Down Pillows, fancy, 25c.
- Head Rests, fancy, 15c each.
- Fascinators, all colors, 25c each.
- Table Covers, 6-4 size, 50c each.
- Umbrellas with Purses, \$3.00 \$4.50.
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- Shopping Bags, 8-Inch, 75c.
- Table Felt, \$1.00 a yard.
- Men's Wool Sox, 25c a pair.
- One-man Wool Union Suits, \$1.50 each.
- Fine Napkins, \$1.50 a dozen.
- Fine Wool Blankets, California, \$4.50 a pair.
- DOLLS.
- Bisque Face, 9-inch Dolls, 50c.
- Undressed Dolls, 16-inch, 50c.
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- Plush Dress, bisque face, 50c.
- Dressed Doll, movable eyes, 25c.
- 12-inch Dressed Doll, movable eyes, 25c each.
- Iron Banks, large size, 10c.
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- Iron Stoves and Fixtures, 40c.
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Best values procurable anywhere—the "Monarch," "The Regent," "Dent's" English Gloves, the "Czarina," etc., etc. New Fall shades. "Mocha" Gloves, new fancy embroidery, oxblood, scarlet, pearl, linen and brown, for ladies and children, all sizes.

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Derby Tapestry in new Jacquard styles, in sapphire, tobacco, garnet, olive, mahogany and green, all sizes.

Cushion Tops
In large variety—Tapestry, Delft, Satin, Art Denim, Fancy Burlap and Silk.

Down Cushions
All sizes—9, 12, 15, 22 and 24 inches square, cambric covered.

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- Old Woman's Pig, 75c each.
- Brownies' School Puzzle, 50c each.
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- Dissected Map of the U. S., 50c.
- Nelle's Rye, 25c Around the World, 50c.
- Peter Coddle, 10c each.
- Messenger Boy and Commercial Traveller, 10c.
- Locomotive, 50c.
- Circus, 50c.
- Hide and Seek, 10c.
- Transparent Slate, colored, 5c.
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- Nonh's Ark, 5c and 10c each.
- Animals, 7c each.
- Accordions, 50c each.
- Oil Wagons, 10c each.
- Ball Boats, 7c each.
- Magio Toys, 5c each.
- Drug Store, 35c each.
- Grocery Store, 50c each.
- Large Rattle, with Whistle, 15c each.
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- Battlelore and Shuttlecock, 10c each.
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