

Fair; thunderstorms in evening. Continued warm. Westerly winds.

SOCIALISTS ON THE RACK

Forty-seven of them being tried in Berlin Courts.

SEQUEL TO FALL CRUSADE

The Prisoners Are Various Accused of Low Majesty, Sedition and Other Crimes—Controversy Over Some Documents Found—Prince Bismarck in Splendid Health.

Berlin, May 17.—The startling crusade against the socialists inaugurated last November by Herr von Koller, the Prussian minister of the interior, upon which occasion the houses of many prominent socialists throughout Germany, including the residences of several leading socialist members of the Reichstag, were raided and many important documents and large quantities of socialist literature were seized by the police, together with subsequent arrests of socialists and seizures of letters, books, etc., are having a sequel in the Berlin courts in the trial of the socialists under charges of lese majeste, sedition and the like.

Among the defendants in these trials are Herr Auer, Bellet, Singer and Gerich, prominent members of the socialist party in the Reichstag.

At the opening of the trial, which began on May 15, the judge remarked that the question at issue was whether there had been any breach of the laws governing the associations and whether the defendants had been guilty of any political declarations in the course of the proceedings.

It showed a secret order. The public prosecutor declared that the documents seized in the trial proved the existence of a secret organization which was in communication with various branches throughout the empire.

Herr Auer denied the truth of the public prosecutor's assertions and the trial was adjourned. The charges against the accused socialists are based on the Prussian law enacted by the Prussian diet in 1850.

The conviction of the defendants is extremely doubtful, but in any event the case is likely to attract attention to the various laws relating to associations which are enforced in different parts of the empire and to the framing of an Imperial law which will remove the vexatious restrictions which exist in Prussia and other states of the empire.

The socialist members of the Reichstag have decided that Herr Bellet, Liebknecht and Singer be selected as delegates to represent the socialists in the coming international labor congress in London, during which a special conference of the members of various parliaments will be held for the purpose of discussing a plan of action to be pursued in common for the protection of the workers.

The socialist members of the Reichstag are already in England, and his colleagues will shortly follow him there.

Prince Bismarck continues to be in fair health and receives visitors at intervals, as formerly.

It is necessary, however, that the number of his visitors should be greatly restricted, for it is desired that all who expressed desire to call and pay their respects to him, the time of the good ex-chancellor would be wholly occupied with recipients.

A party of Mecklenburgers visited the prince at Friedrichsruhe on Saturday and presented him with a small monument in honor of his father, the ex-chancellor.

Eugen Wolf, the explorer, has just presented Prince Bismarck with a collection of curios and natural specimens which he collected in Mexico during his expedition.

The festival is called the "Highland" and on that day the socialists in Berlin, Prince Bismarck for alleged executive reasons, procured the issuance of a decree respecting the prohibition of farm labor on the festival day, but this decree was held null and void.

SULTAN NO LONGER SCARED. Recovers from his fright at the Shah's Assassination.

Constantinople, May 17.—The sultan has not yet recovered from the fright into which he was thrown by the news of the assassination of the Shah of Persia. The arrests which began almost immediately upon the receipt of the intelligence have continued during the past few weeks, and a number of Turkish Armenians have been taken into custody.

Two Men Drowned While Taking a Sunday Sail.

Jersey City, N. J., May 17.—A party of six men, all residents of New York City, came to this city this afternoon to take a sail in the cabin boat of the Oceanic Yacht Club, owned by Elmer O. Stan, of No. 141 Eighth street, New York.

Mr. Cockran was one of the party and two of the others were Richard Kelly and Martin Gilday, whose addresses were not known.

The latter was rescued, but Gilday and Kelly were drowned and sank immediately. Their bodies were not recovered.

Hampton Normal Baccalaureate. Prof. Wm. Wright, D. D., of Buffalo, presided at the baccalaureate sermon in memorial chapel at the Hampton Normal school this afternoon.

Students Must Not Duel. The board of trustees of the college has declared against the practice of dueling and issued a manifesto warning students that any violation of the prohibitory order will be punished with the utmost severity.

HONORED BY NEWSPAPER MEN.

John A. Cockerill's Remains Lie in State at the Press Club.

SPIT ON THE OLD ROCK

Stormy Session of the Presbyterian Assembly Expected.

OLD DIMENSIONS TO ARISE

Liberal Minority Has Been Reinforced and the Fight for Moderation Will Be Long and Bitter—Personalities of the Leading Candidates, Briggs Case to Be Fought Over.

CARLISLE ON HIS RECORD

Tells Why He Once Made a Speech For Free Silver.

Says the Fact That a Man Is Wrong Once Is No Reason Why He Should Remain Wrong.

Secretary Carlisle has written Hon. John H. Johns of Prestonburg, Ky., a letter explaining his alleged free silver speeches.

He writes: "I am glad to hear that you have been so kind as to publish the account of my speech in the Standard of this city on the 15th of April, 1896, in which you state that in the discussion of the currency questions with your free silver friends you find that their strongest argument is in favor of the free coinage of silver on one occasion, was only received, but my official duties and other important matters have so occupied my time that I have not had opportunity to be heard in answer until now.

"The report that I made a speech in favor of the free coinage of silver was made for the first time about three years ago and has been kept constantly in circulation by the advocates of free coinage of silver, who have endeavored to make the fact that the only speech I ever made upon the subject and which is printed in the official records of the proceedings of the House of Representatives, shows clearly that I was opposed to that policy.

"Perhaps it will be surprising, in view of the fact that I have been so long in the position upon the question of free coinage, that I have, as shown by the speech of February 18, 1893, in the House of Representatives, stated my position upon the question of free coinage, and, in doing this, I distinctly declared my purpose to state my position, and, in doing this, I distinctly declared my purpose to state my position, and, in doing this, I distinctly declared my purpose to state my position.

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Personally, as editor of the Herald and Presbyterian, my influence has been considerable in public opinion, and I have had the honor of being elected Moderator of the Presbyterian assembly at the Pittsburgh assembly. A grand committee was appointed to raise a million dollar fund for the benefit of the people of the United States, and I have been at work the past year, and the result of my efforts has been a grand success.

FINANCES ARE LOW. They came before the assembly last year with the enormous debt of a half million dollars in public bonds.

GRAIN DEALERS BRING SUITS. St. Louis, Mo., May 17.—The test case in the grain dealers' suit against the Interstate Commerce Commission, determined to commence against the railroad running through this part of the State, to recover about \$1,000,000 alleged overcharges on grain shipments to Chicago, were filed in the Federal court yesterday.

EMPEROR BOYCOTS A NEWSPAPER. Berlin, May 17.—The emperor has prohibited an order forbidding any one henceforth to include a copy of the Cologne Gazette among the newspapers brought to any of his castles or residences or to have a copy of that paper in his possession while within the precincts of such castles or residences.

NEW NORTH DAKOTA RAILWAY. Duluth, Minn., May 17.—A new railroad to be known as the Duluth and Great Western is to be built from Duluth to the Missouri river in North Dakota.

SUICIDE BEFORE HIS FAMILY. Norfolk, Va., May 17.—P. H. Savage, a member of the cotton firm of Savage & Sons, Co., one of the largest of Southern cotton factors, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself in the head in the presence of members of his family, who vainly attempted to prevent him from doing so.

FLUENCING FROM THE CHOLERA SCOURGE. Alexandria, Egypt, May 17.—Seventy-three new cases of cholera and twenty deaths from the disease were reported here yesterday. For the week there were 216 cases and 161 deaths.

CELEBRATION INAUGURATED AT NEW ORLEANS ATTENDED BY LARGE CROWDS. New Orleans, La., May 17.—The great Battle Abbey festival was inaugurated at the Fair Grounds this afternoon with appropriate ceremonies.

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GERMANS FOR SOUND MONEY.

Business Men of That Nation Declare Their Convictions.

MAIN TOWNS IN RUINS

Cyclones in Kansas and Kentucky With Large Loss of Life.

VIOLENT STORMS IN ILLINOIS

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SPAIN ORDERS AN INQUIRY. Of the Statement That the Cubans Use Explosive Bombs.

Madrid, May 17.—The government has ordered that an inquiry be held to determine the truth or falsity of the statements that the Cuban rebels are using explosive bombs.

SHOT NEAR A CHURCH. Congregation Startled by a Murder in the Street.

Barnstable, Mass., May 17.—Miss Sadie Hazard was shot by Fred Alexander in the village of Brewster this noon.

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RESENT WEYLER'S ORDER

Havana Merchants Protest Against His Tobacco Exportation Order.

SOME SPANISH REPORTS OF HEBEL DEFEAT

Steamer Three Friends Off With Another Expedition.

Havana, May 17.—The foreign merchants here engaged in the exportation of tobacco have expressed their protest against the order of Captain-General Weyler forbidding the export of tobacco from the island is prejudicial to the legitimate business.

DR. WITHROW'S CANDIDACY. Rev. Dr. John L. Withrow of the great Third Presbyterian Church of this city, is named for the office of Editor of the Interior (Newspaper), as a representative of the "Progressive" type in the coming from this source, the candidacy of Dr. Withrow has alarmed the conservative party here.

MAN FROM THE WEST. Dr. Frank C. Mottford, editor of the Herald and Presbyterian, will stand as the candidate of the Western conservatives.

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Charles Hunt, a sixteen-year-old bugler at the Marine Barracks, attempted suicide by shooting himself with a rifle at 9:30 last evening.

His efforts were unsuccessful, however, and the young man is now under arrest at the barracks on English street, and is being treated in the hospital.

His parents live at 1525 First street north and have been notified of their son's desire to take his own life.

During the evening the young man had been alone and while there was taken to task by his father and mother for paying too much attention to a sixteen-year-old girl who lives on One-half street, between 2 and 3 streets south-west.

THREATENED THE DEED. Young Hunt became enraged upon learning that his parents objected to his sweethearts, and told them point blank that he would kill himself.

He rushed upstairs to get some 45-caliber cartridges which he had in his room and his parents and a brother and sister had to leave the room.

He returned to his room and shortly afterward when he reached the gate leading into the barracks enclosure, he found a great crowd collected there and was told that someone had attempted suicide.

He suspected that it was his brother and inquiring of the sergeant of the guard, he was informed that his suspicion was correct. He was refused the privilege of seeing him and even admittance to the barracks.

The Times reporter called at the barracks shortly after the shooting occurred and was informed by Lieutenant Pendleton the officer of the day that he had nothing to say in the matter.

He inquired of the sergeant of the guard in response to inquiries that no one had shot himself while he had been on duty and that for further information the reporter had to look elsewhere.

SAW THE FLASH. A little girl who lives near the corner of Eighth and Ninth streets southeast said she was looking toward the barracks when she saw a flash of light.

She saw the flash and that it lit up the room very brightly for an instant.

The report of the shot was heard for a couple of squares and in a moment the street in the near vicinity was alive with people anxiously inquiring what the matter was.

THE TIMES, upon locating the home of young Hunt, visited the place and learned the facts from the brother of the would-be suicide.

The father and mother had gone out, but the sister and some younger members of the family were in a terrible state of excitement.

The officers at the barracks flatly declined to make any statement regarding the actual facts of the case.

It is believed that the young man's injuries could be obtained from them, and the whole case is surrounded with an air of secrecy that leads to the belief that the boy's wound is more serious than reported.

KRUGER TALKS MILDLY. Regrets Prisoner Grey's Suicide and Desires Decision on Sentences.

Pretoria, May 17.—In an interview regarding the actual facts of the case, the president of the court, Mr. Kruger, was asked to give his opinion on the sentences.

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