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(Special Berlin Cable Letter.) (Copyright, 1900, by the Associated Press) BERLIN, January 22.—Excepting that it was lacking in court fees, the Emperor's birthday today was kept in the usual way. Flags were displayed everywhere, and the papers published congratulatory articles, in which his Majesty is praised as the champion of peace, the promoter of civilization, and the vigorous helmsman of Germany's destinies. The Kreuz Zeitung's house poet again publishes his usual congratulatory ode. The Centre organs remind the Emperor that the Jesuits are not yet recalled, and say he would turn the Catholics' lasting gratitude by signing the Jesuit recall.

The court mourning stops all projected festivities among the higher classes, where the Emperor was to have been present. Tuesday's court reception, which was the only one this winter, was more brilliant than ever. The ladies' costumes displayed unusual elegance, many of them being of peculiar design.

COURT COMPLAINTS. Among the older court element complaints this winter are especially strong because of the right new court costume, the style of reception being copied from the Emperor's, and more after the Court of St. James, old gentlemen especially complaining about being forced to wear knee breeches, with thin silk stockings, inducing rheumatism and gout. They also complain of the increasing cost of the gala coats, which for high officials, now cost 1,400 marks (\$230.50).

Munch celebrated the Emperor's birthday with a banquet, in which all the guests present, including the Emperor, Prince Ludwig, toasted the Emperor and spoke in favor of the naval increase.

DR. LEYD'S MISSION. Through Dr. Leyds, the diplomatic representative of the Netherlands, claims that he came here principally to celebrate the Emperor's birthday, as in previous years, the Associated Press understands an authority that he also came to consult with the German officials about Portugal's alleged breach of neutrality in stopping travel to the Transvaal from Delagoa Bay.

THE SENSATIONAL TRIAL. During the coming week begins the sensational trial of Bank President Von Kriegerling and his confederates, who are charged with a long system of swindling, practiced by means of the original and several promissory notes and forgeries. Several prominent society ladies are involved.

PORTO RICO, NOT PIERTO RICO. So Decides Senate Committee—Laws for the Island.

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QUESTION OF HEATING. The only objection to the Auditorium that has been raised is that there is no heat to heat it, and that people may suffer from the cold if the weather is severe, but those who have had experience with large public meetings assert that, even in the coldest weather, 800 or twelve thousand persons crowded together in one building would render it perhaps uncomfortable warm.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Corporal John W. Starke will spend today with his father in Hanover county.

Mrs. M. V. Watkins, who is at the Old Dominion Hospital, is improving steadily.

Messrs. Willie Turner and J. H. Freeman have left for a visit of several days to New York.

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