

SOCIALIST

BILL IS OF IMPORTANCE

For the Granting of Needed Rights to Workingmen.

But German Statesmen Will Not Approve the Measure.

Reciprocity Negotiations Between Germany and This Country at a Standstill.

WILLIAM IS VERY SORE.

Causes Severe Punishment of Editors Who Dare to Show Him Up to Ridicule.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—The introduction of the Socialist bill for the extension of the limited right of coalition of workingmen and the debate on the matter are regarded as being of special importance. Herr Geyer cited cases showing that different Governments, notably the Saxon and Prussian, do not scruple to violate the slim political and trade rights of the working people.

It is learned at the Foreign Office that owing to the sugar bounty conference at Brussels the reciprocity negotiations between Germany and the United States are at a standstill, and it is doubtful whether they will be resumed, as Germany has about concluded that nothing tangible will come out of them.

The Foreign Office next week will direct the attention of the Chamber of Commerce to the South American competition, especially in cottons, growing up in South American countries, where German importers have so great interests.

The peculiar apopositeness of the text of the sermon of Emperor William's birthday, namely: "He Still and Knows the Will of God," has attracted a great deal of attention, and it is now explained that the Emperor himself selected it. It is suggested that the addition of the word "Chinese" would make the passage perfect.

Among the Emperor's birthday edicts is one dealing with the regulations of rowing in the public schools of Berlin. His Majesty decrees that the medals in rowing be in the hands of the masters acquainted with the sport and by a physician. Matches must not be rowed in the presence of any but the friends and relatives, and members only of the two upper forms may race. Genuine racing boats are not permitted, and the course must be limited to 1200 meters. The Emperor announces that in order to carry out these reforms, he has placed 35,000 marks at the disposal of the Minister of Education, toward the acquisition of a water course, a boat-house and boats, and he promises to provide for the maintenance of the fastest boat and the most skilled crew.

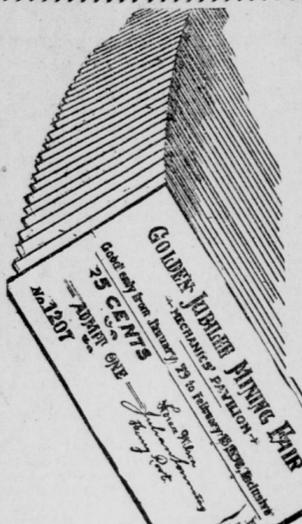
An article recently in the Hamburger Nachrichten, on the occasion of the Emperor's birthday, bears unmistakable marks of the spirit of Prince Bismarck's views. It says: "The monarch has stepped into the foreground of public far more than his ancestors did. The policy of the empire, and of Prussia bears mark of imperial origin, and the strong individuality of the sovereign is ever perceptible in the most different spheres. He not only governs, but he is in reality the actual leader of the nation and dispenser of the destinies of Germany. If Germany is now animated by a higher spirit than a short time ago, if the confidence of the State Government visits by increases; if the spirit of enterprise is impelled, we attribute it mainly to the fact that the Emperor has known to find ways whereby distinct ends are attainable."

The article concludes: "The gloomy visions which formerly troubled us on the Emperor's birthday have begun to disappear and we venture to hope that the future will not bring us fresh distresses such as to again make acute old antagonisms in public life. For mistakes which are not made a second time, we count on the high intellectual qualities of the monarch and the perception of what is useful and what is harmful to Germany, as well as on the psychological elements which influenced him."

The most severe criticism has been aroused throughout the country at the sentence of two months' imprisonment in a fortress imposed upon Herr Trojan, editor of the Kladderadatsch, on Tuesday last, for cartooning the Emperor in December last, representing Frederick the Great, Napoleon, Alexander the Great, and Leonidas reading the speech of Emperor William, delivered on November 18, when he swore the Guards' oaths, upon which occasion his Majesty remarked that it was necessary to be good Christians in order to be good soldiers.

Even the conservative newspapers pronounce it an atrocious sentence, and it is said to be directly due to the Emperor's influence, as his Majesty was furious at the cartoon, and has given strict injunctions that Herr Trojan be confined in December last, representing Frederick the Great, Napoleon, Alexander the Great, and Leonidas reading the speech of Emperor William, delivered on November 18, when he swore the Guards' oaths, upon which occasion his Majesty remarked that it was necessary to be good Christians in order to be good soldiers.

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The Emporium and Golden Rule Bazaar. KLONDIKE OUTFITS—LOWEST PRICES

ENGLAND IS SOLVING THE PROBLEMS

And as Usual Things Are Coming Her Own Way.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—After an unusually prolonged period of extreme tension, all signs point to an early improvement in if not a complete solution of the various international political problems agitating the nerves of Great Britain. The Foreign and Colonial offices are beginning to see daylight through the darkness which has long been enveloping the Far East, West Africa, the Upper Nile and India; and unless signs fall and information from the best informed circles is faulty, the Marquis of Salisbury and Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, will divide the honors and Great Britain will secure about all she asks. So far as China is concerned, this view, in connection with the speech of Mr. Curzon, the Parliamentary Secretary for the Foreign Office, on Tuesday, and the reported acceptance of the British loan, is generally regarded as correct. Mr. Curzon foreshadowed the probable success of the loan negotiation, the achievement of Great Britain's purpose in keeping the ports free to the whole world and the maintenance of treaty rights whereby "spheres of influence are rendered impossible."

France is daily showing less inclination to burn its fingers in a game in which, even if successful, Russia would be the only gainer; while Germany appears to have set completely around to the British side. Throughout, the situation has never been so alarming as sensationalists attempted to paint it. Hence the Czar's peaceful assurances and Lord George Hamilton's statement in his speech on Tuesday that relations with Russia were entirely satisfactory will not have surprised America.

Turning to West Africa, an official of the Colonial Office states that the impossibility of securing witnesses from the West Coast earlier in the negotiations for the delay in the Paris negotiations. Some of the most important witnesses arrived only last week, and they are now in Paris. Thus far all the British demands have been conceded normally, and provisions will be pending the result of the convention," but Mr. Chamberlain is perfectly satisfied that the British claims will be upheld, and that the French will be confined westward of a line prolonged from the present Lagos-Dahomey frontier to the Niger and along the right bank of the Niger to Say.

FRANCE'S VOLCANO IS NOT EXTINGUISHED

Slumbers While Popular Opinion Remains Excited.

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PARIS, Jan. 29.—Although the Dreyfus crisis has been less acute during the past week, popular opinion is still very excited over the matter. The volcano is not extinct; it is simply slumbering. One point which has tended to excite the public is the fear of complications with Germany, although there seems to be little ground for expecting any. M. Henri Rochefort, in a discussion of the matter this morning, said: "I don't fear complications with Germany. What, however, is certain is that were any to arise, the Jews will be the first to suffer from it."

This puts the matter in a nutshell. Rightly or wrongly, popular feeling is against a revival of the Dreyfus case, and is bitterly opposed to the people advocating it. It is felt that the case cannot be opened to the public without such details being discussed as might endanger the peaceful relations of France with other nations. This feeling can only be realized by likening it to the state of mind of the entire nation at the time of the French revolution. In fact, the history of '87 seems to be repeating itself in a remarkable way. Then a mere frivolous matter about a diamond necklace played a prominent part in the furor and led to an important event.

To-day it is a question of military trial, which, as M. Edmond Drumont points out, concerns no one but military officers. As he says, officers in the army are there of their free will, and soldiers by compulsion. There may be, therefore, some reason for disputing the authority of the court-martial in the case of a common soldier, but there can be none in the case of an officer, seeing that he has voluntarily placed himself within its jurisdiction. Now, just as in 1793, when popular feeling was excited to an extent that led to the most terrible events that ever occurred, it added the threatened intervention of foreign nations in France's domestic affairs. And, again, to-day dread of intiny in the part of Germany toward the Dreyfus matter has embittered the feeling against those whom the people consider guilty of bringing about a possibility of this intervention. It is useless blinking at the fact that the reason looks upon this attempt to rehabilitate Dreyfus as the result of a radical combination. If the result should lead to difficulties with any foreign nation it would be just the same as in 1793. That is, first, the fury of the populace would be spent upon those accused of causing it. Recent events in Algiers proved this. If the Prussian and Austrian armies had not been summoned to the frontier in the early days of the first republic, Louis XVI might have retained his head, but at the first breath of foreign interference all other sentiment seems to have been swept away by rage and fear, and the aristocrats whom the people believed to be guilty of calling for foreign aid had to bear the onslaught of the frenzied nation.

THE EMPORIUM.

We Never Rest. We are constantly striving to improve the general character and quality of our merchandise. We have steadily bettered the store and delivery service, we have broadened the assortments in all lines until each department is as complete a store in itself as any special store can be, while at the same time we have reduced prices to a minimum.



Two Klondike Exhibits. The Examiner on Saturday said of our Pavilion exhibit: "One of the most attractive features in the 'Klondike Section' of the Miners' Fair is the Klondike cabin *** a rude log structure covered with ice and snow. *** The interior contains all the needs of an Alaskan miner." Our other exhibit occupies an entire section of the big store—back of rotunda—and is in every way complete.

Children's Jackets About Half Price. Prices practically cut in half for immediate clearance of the new, pretty and warm winter coats for children. These three lots, tight-fitting and loose backs, the best bargains you ever got—on sale tables in aisles to-morrow and until sold.

For children 4 to 12 years—Heavy, Warm Jackets, like picture, in pretty shades of green, blue, light brown and dark tan, loose backs only. regular \$3, this week, special \$1.69

For children 4 to 12 years—Heavy, Warm Wool Jackets, braid trimmed, in dust-repelling cloths of mixed brown, blue, dark tan and green, price was \$4, this week the special \$2.39

Children's All-Wool Fancy Boucle Jackets and other warm cloths—green, tan, brown, blue and fancy mixtures—large collars, braid-trimmed—price was \$7.50. This Week, Special Price..... \$4.25

Boys' All-Wool Knee Pants 25c

We have purchased another 5000 pairs of strictly all-wool Knee Pants for Boys, ages 4 to 16 years. They have patent waists and the small sizes have fancy buckle trimmings. There are as many as 50 patterns and shades to select from. They are well made, perfect in every way, and, to draw mothers into our most completely stocked Children's Clothing Department that they may know what we are doing for boys, we offer them at the extraordinary price of..... 25c PAIR

Jackets, Capes, Dresses, Waists, Skirts—Reduced.

More and More Reductions—too much stock, too many garments—they must go. If you buy this week you'll say it's the best and cheapest Cloak purchase you ever made. Fine new \$7.50 and \$10 Jackets—now.....\$5.00 Fine new silk-lined \$15 and \$20 Jackets—now.....\$10.00 Cloth and Velour Brocaded Plush \$5 and \$6 Capes—now.....\$3.95 New Silk-lined \$20 Jackets—now.....\$12.45 Fine new silk-lined \$15 and \$20 Jackets—now.....\$10.00 Assorted Lined Wool Plaid \$3 Waists—now.....\$1.98 Brocaded Black Silk and Satin Skirts, were \$12.45—now \$7.45 Tailor Dresses—assorted lot \$15, \$18 and \$20 Dresses—now many of a kind—now.....\$10.00

Curtains—Portieres. Odd pairs of Irish Point, Brussels, Cluny and Point d'Esprit Novelties, and Nottingham Curtains at about half prices. Closing out odd pairs Tapestry and Chenille Portieres at temptingly low figures. Last week of the \$3 and \$4 Curtain Bargains. Just in—A New line of Denims, in latest designs and colors. Curtain and Drapery Department—Second Floor.

Musical Department—Special for Monday and Tuesday Only. Green Felt Banjo, Guitar or Mandolin Bases, 65c 32 only—Imported Mandolins, good tone and finish, will be closed out.....\$6.00

We will not fill mail orders for these pants at 25c.

Keeping Up Sales in the Dry Goods Departments With Crowd-Drawing Prices.

Our attractive offerings turned January into one of the busiest months of the year—50 per cent increase over the sales of January, 1897. The improved stocks, impartial treatment of customers and always lowest prices for dependable qualities are bound to win. There must be no falling off in February. We start the new month with values that cannot fail to win big trade.

KNIT UNDERWEAR. Ladies' Imported Swiss Ribbed Wool Vests, high neck, long sleeves, natural gray only, sizes 4, 5 and 6. reduced from 75c \$1 each to 75c

Ladies' Winter Weight Egyptian Cotton Union Suits, fleece lined, buttoned across the shoulder, seams all covered, in ecru and silver gray, sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6, reduced from 75c a suit to..... 40c

Ladies' Heavy Australian Wool Union Suits, buttoned across the shoulders, silk taped, pearl buttons, covered seams, white or natural gray, sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6, reduced from \$1.75 a suit to..... \$1.25

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Ladies' Imported Hemsdorf Black Cotton Hose, double toes and heels, sizes 8 to 10, reduced from 25c a pair to..... 3 pairs for 50c

Misses' Extra Fine Imported Ribbed Black Cotton Hose, double toes, heels and knees, sizes 6 to 9 1/2, reduced from 35c a pair to..... 25c

Boys' 1 1/2 Ribbed Heavy Black Cotton Hose, German double heels, toes and knees, sizes 6 to 9 1/2, reduced from 25c a pair to..... 15c

DRESS GOODS—Colors. 39-inch Two-Tone Chevron Suiting, in the newest color combinations with black, 7 yards to a suit, positively worth 50c per yard, will be..... Suit \$2.75

46-inch Fancy Suiting, in the new iridescent effects, which give prominence to the latest shades of blue, brown, green, rouge and purple, will be..... Suit \$4.50

46-inch Mixed Suiting, in broche and running-veil effects, the commingling of colors produces a most effective and pleasing ensemble, will be..... Suit \$6.00

46-inch Real English Black Figured Mohair, in 7 neat and dressy designs, worth \$1.00 yard, will be 60c this week..... Yard 60c

42-inch Black Figured Satin Princess, made from pure Australian wool, in 8 of the latest designs, fine satin lustre and a most enduring fabric, worth \$1.35 yard, will be..... Yard \$1.00

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300 pairs White Cotton Sheets—carefully hemmed, ready to use—extra fine quality—90x90 inches in size—worth 70c each—will be sold for..... 60c

250 pairs White Cotton Pillowcases, neatly made of good heavy material—size 45x36 inches—worth 10c—on sale at..... 7 1/2c

KID GLOVES. Ladies' 3-Patent Clasp Kid Gloves, two-tone embroidered backs, style like picture, fitted and warranted, \$1 per pair..... \$1

Do you wear size 5 Kid Gloves? We offer in this size only 3 styles—4 large pearl buttons, Foster lacing or with patent clasps—ladies' and misses' kid gloves, per pair..... 50c

Also a few dozen, black only, size 5 1/2, are specially reduced to 50c

20 pieces of Black More Velour Skirt Lining—33 inches wide—special sale for this week—per yard..... 12c

Blankets—Comforts. The low prices quoted do not represent the high qualities. They indicate the way that we intend to capture your trade during February.

250 pairs White Wool Blankets—extra heavy—72x84 inches, for large-size beds—line grade of goods—worth \$6.50 per pair—will be sold this week for..... \$5.00

250 Full-size Bed Comforters, with snowflake filling—covered with printed silkline in pretty patterns—really worth \$2.00—will be sold at..... \$1.50

SILK VELVETS. Silk Velvets in fancy stripes and Scotch plaid effects—all exquisite color combinations and the most fashionable material for waists—per yard..... \$1.50

Two-tone Brocaded Silks in a vast number of styles and color combinations—our regular \$1.50 and \$2.00 yard qualities—as a trade-bringer for this week..... \$1.25

High-class French Novelty Silks—choice designs—exquisite colorings, suitable for waists, skirts or whole costumes—those that were \$2.00 and \$3.00 yard—as a trade-bringer—this week..... \$1.50

On sale Monday and until sold. Nearly 8000 yards of Good Quality All-Silk Veiling, comprising various styles of Tuxedo, plain mesh and chenille dots, black, browns and navies, your choice of this exceptionally low priced lot of veiling, per yard..... 10c

BUREAU SETS. White Pique Bureau Sets of 3 pieces and 1 scarf, machine embroidered and ruffled around the scarf, reduced from \$9c to..... 45c

250 dozen Heavy Quality Stamped Mornie Splashes, 18x32 inches, drawn work borders, printed on three sides, regular value 25c each, special this week..... 15c

A Special Two Weeks' Offer in the Ladies' Tailoring Department.

Second Floor—next to Millinery. Tailor Dresses to order—jacket and suit—silk lined—silk lined with best percale and all finished in our best style—regular price to order of this dress is \$50. For two weeks the price will be..... \$35

Same, silk-lined skirt, with dust ruffle..... \$48

This notice will appear this one time only. Cut it out and bring it with you.

House Furnishings. Special offerings for the first two days of the week. Stove Polishing Mitten with 1 pint can of Black Jack Stove Polish, worth 30c—Monday & Tuesday only..... 16c

Extra well made Corn Popper—size 7x10—only 25c—Monday and Tuesday only..... 11c

Japanese Hand Warmers—special Monday and Tuesday—each..... 3c

Japanese Hand Warmers, copper lined, with velvet cover—just the thing for cold weather—for the two days—each..... 8c

Finale of Our After-Stocktaking Sale of Furniture and Carpets.

For this week only we will again place Gold Star Tags on the best bargains in the Furniture and Carpet Department. The fortunate buyers at our last "Gold Star" Sale know what that means—big reductions from already low prices. Here's a suggestion—Why not furnish a bedroom like this?



Bedroom Complete \$26 1/2. The set with large-size beveled glass easily worth..... \$22.00 Two solid Oak Can Chairs, with Rocker to match, worth..... 3.50 Two Feather Pillows and Bolster, are worth..... 4.50 Double Woven Wire Jumbo Spring, guaranteed for five years..... 4.00 Soft Top Sanitary Mattress, worth..... 4.00 Solid Oak Bedroom Table, worth..... 1.00

This furnishes a bedroom complete and is worth..... \$39.00

During this week only we will sell this entire outfit at the "Gold Star" price of..... \$26.75

Good Time to Buy Carpets. In addition to our 65c per yard Carpets, as advertised last week, we are going to place on sale for the next six days: Lowell Body Brussels Carpet (none genuine without name woven in the back), the regular \$1.35 per yard grade. tor..... \$1.08 1/2 Bigelow Axminster Carpets (genuine, the names woven in the back), the regular \$1.75 grade—we will lay and line it this week at..... \$1.27 1/2

Grocery Specials.

The good things at small prices for Monday and Tuesday. See the daily bulletin of specials in the grocery show windows. If you cannot come down town use the direct Grocery Telephone—South 59.

Monday and Tuesday Only. Log Cabin Maple Syrup—gallons—regularly \$1.25. For the two days..... \$1.05

Mince-meat Glass Jars—closing out at cost—regularly 35c and 65c. For the two days..... 28c and 49c

10-lb boxes Figs—regularly 85c. For the two days..... 55c

Bird Seed, Canary—rape and hemp—regularly 4c. For the two days..... 8 lbs 25c

Shoe Snaps. One of the most noticeably improved departments in the store under the new management is the shoe section. Always some notable money-saving chances there. We again call attention to

Our Ladies' Seal-skin Cork Sole Waterproof Shoe is the acme of lasting and durable shoemaking. They are stylish and perfect fitters. They are made right here in California. We carry them in all sizes and widths—2 1/2 to 8—AA to EE. Same class of shoes that are always sold for \$4.50. Our price..... \$3.50

100 pairs of Ladies' Vicci Kid—common-sewn heel and toe—a few small sizes—left from preceding sales, sizes 2, 2 1/2 and 3 only..... 69c

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