

SCROFULOUS.

Such is the Condition of the Young German Emperor.

HIS DISEASE MAY CAUSE HIS DEATH WITHIN A YEAR.

His Affliction Almost Unbearable—The Commander of the Emin Bey Relief Expedition Not Yet Decided Upon—Jem Carney Wants to Fight Jack McAuliffe Foreign Notes.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—The reports of the confinement of the emperor of Germany to his apartments with a severe cold have revived the stories prevalent here some time ago of the young monarch's scrofulous condition and the imminence of his succumbing to a disease similar to that which terminated the life of his father. From private dispatches received during the last few days as well as from correspondence giving what purported to be accurate information as to the actual condition of the health of Emperor William covering the last fortnight, it is gathered that the German throne is threatened with another abdication through the operation of the laws of nature within the next year, and it is asserted that the absolute facts cannot much longer be held from the public.

Almost immediately upon his accession to the throne Emperor William, never regarded as a robust man, although appearing in padded uniform as of fine physique and in excellent form, began a series of visits to his imperial and royal brethren the exactions of which would have impaired the powers of a much stronger man than he. Moreover it is stated that upon several occasions covered by the period of his journeys and stoppages at the various capitals visited the young emperor permitted himself to indulge inordinately in strong drink, a practice to which he was not addicted prior to his assumption of imperial power.

To this indulgence and its consequent effects are ascribed many of his lapses in filial duty toward his mother, which in a man in the ordinary walks of life, would have been characterized—and justly, too—as the acts of a man of conspicuously brutal instincts, and also much of his intemperance of speech with reference to vital political questions.

That the emperor's constitutional ailments have been very much aggravated by over exertion and over indulgence there can be no doubt and the suggestion that he is now, or upon the verge of suffering from a complaint from which few of the Hohenzollerns of the later generations have been entirely free is received in England with "I told you so" air betokening, if not genuine satisfaction, at least an unshaken popular belief in the doctrine of retributive justice.

The Emperor's Affliction.
NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—A London special to the Times says: There have been sundry reports in court circles here of late that Emperor William is suffering from an acute attack of his chronic trouble, a swelling inside the ear, about which the doctors are much alarmed. It keeps him awake almost continually and drives him to constant occupation for relief.

His odd way of turning up at surprise drills and his strange activity in rushing from one function to another all day are thus accounted for. On Sunday one of the people best informed in England on inner Berlin news told me that he had become worse during the last few days, and Monday it was announced that owing to a cold he will remain indoors during the rest of the week. If the ear malady should take a serious turn there would be immense excitement all over Europe.

The African East Coast Expedition.
BERLIN, Nov. 29.—With reference to the Emin relief expedition, it is stated that Dr. Peters and Lieut. Wissman have arrived at an agreement, in accordance with which the latter will advance to the Great Lakes, where he will await Dr. Peters, but it is not yet decided which of the two will command the combined expedition.

Dr. Peters was entertained at a students' commiseration. In a speech he said: "Those who thought us dead will be astonished to see how courageously we shall act in making the East Africa company a worthy standard-bearer of the National honor. With a colonial force of say 200 Germans and 500 natives, assisted by our men-of-war, we shall reconquer the coast. But we are not so presumptuous as to demand a land army from the empire."

Revolt on Turkish Transports.
CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 29.—A revolt on the part of 2,000 men employed on government transports, whose time has expired, has taken place. The mutineers raked the fire from under the boilers on the transports, in order to prevent their sailing until the arrears of their wages had been paid. The minister of war with great difficulty, raised money with which to pay the men, and the vessels have sailed. The sultan has ordered an inquiry to be made into the matter.

A Prospective Earl in Trouble.
LONDON, Nov. 29.—Horace Walpole, heir to the earldom of Oxford, will shortly figure in the courts as defendant in a promising scandal. A German governess named Valery Wiedenmann has sued him for breach of promise to marry and also for libel. The damages are placed at £10,000. The governess alleges that Walpole met her in Bulgaria, and after offering to marry her, betrayed her. He then discarded her and repudiated the paternity of her child.

Jem Carney's Bluff.
LONDON, Nov. 29.—Jem Carney, the lightweight champion, has requested the Sporting Life to reply to the challenge of McAuliffe. He does not intend, he says, to fight again in America, as he is assured that he will not receive a fair play. He is ready, however, to fight McAuliffe in England or on the continent, for any sum of money, allowing his American adversary a reasonable amount for expenses.

Foreign Notes.
The czar contemplates a visit to Berlin and Denmark.
A battalion of British troops has been ordered to Suakin.
Lord Tennyson is improving slowly but surely, at Fresh Water Isle of Wight.
Mr. Henry George has postponed his departure for America until December 9.
Boulanger has resigned the seats for Somme and Charente.

The debate on the land bill was continued in commons and it has finally passed the committee.

The village Vaubecourt, near Nancy, France, has been totally destroyed by fire. Thousands of persons are without shelter.

An imperial ukase has been issued providing for the issue of 4 per cent. bonds to the nominal value of 125,000,000 roubles. The money is to be used in the purchase of the bonds of 1877 still in circulation, amounting to 268,300,000 marks, and for the redemption of the temporary credit notes issued in 1877 and 1878.

The Italian senate rejected, by a vote of 70 to 38, a proposal to give illiterate persons the right to vote at elections for local administration officials.

The queen has confirmed the appointment of Mr. Monro, assistant police commissioner, to succeed Sir Charles Warren as chief of the metropolitan police.

The king and queen of Belgium gave a farewell dinner yesterday in honor of Judge Lambert Tree, the American minister, and his wife, prior to their departure for St. Petersburg.

Henry George, in an address in London, said that the grasping for land in America was rapidly making that country similar to England. He wanted to utterly abolish landlordism, and to grant to every child a share in the land.

Duleep Singh, the Indian prince who sold his birthright to England, is in Paris negotiating for the sale of his jewels, which are on exhibition. He will return to Russia and buy an estate in south Russia. He stated in an interview that he was on extremely friendly terms with some of the Irish leaders, and that he had received offers to act conjointly with them when the times arrives. He believes himself a prophet, but he is evidently a crank.

MRS. GENERAL SHERMAN DEAD.
She Dies At Her Home In New York City of Heart Trouble.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Mrs. Ellen Ewing Sherman, wife of William T. Sherman, died at 10 a. m. at her residence, No. 75 West Seventy-first street, in this city.

For nearly five years Mrs. Sherman has been suffering from heart trouble, and about three weeks ago her malady assumed a serious aspect.

Gen. Sherman was almost prostrated Tuesday evening. He and his wife have been married thirty-eight years, and grew up as children together in Lancaster, O., where Mrs. Sherman was born sixty-four years ago. Her father was the celebrated Tom Erwing, senator, representative and cabinet officer, and the mother was a Miss Boyle, and it is from her that Mrs. Sherman inherits her rigid Catholic faith for which she has become noted.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR.
Important Matters Considered in Their Closing Session.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 29.—Before adjournment the general assembly Knights of Labor sat down on a motion to amend their constitution to allow the selling of liquor at Knights of Labor entertainments. Atlanta, New Orleans and Albany received the highest number of votes as next place of meeting, and the executive board will select which place it prefers.

A committee was appointed to investigate the shooting of knights in Louisiana for striking. The assembly endorsed the Blair educational bill, determined to establish junior locals and recommend the committee to investigate the general offices at Philadelphia. Powderly to name the committee. He appointed Messrs. McGee, Beaton and Jameson.

The Mississippi's True Source.
SAUK CENTER, Minn., Nov. 29.—The true source of the Mississippi river has at last been discovered, by parties living at this place. It is two small lakes, one of which they named Lake Josephine. These lakes are fed by many small creeks, and their waters are emptied into Lake Glazier, which lake was discovered by Capt. William Gazier, who claimed it to be the source of the Father of Waters.

A Murder Epidemic in Minnesota.
REDWOOD, Minn., Nov. 29.—Five murders have recently taken place in Redwood county, and the people are terribly excited. The last one took place Saturday night, when Frank Dodge's body was found by the roadside horribly mutilated. Clifton Dodge, his cousin, has been arrested.

Boy Shoots His Mother.
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 29.—Mrs. Emma Maffett, a dressmaker, temporarily in this city, was shot in the breast and dangerously wounded by her seven-year-old boy this morning. The child had been mad with its mother, but it is claimed the shooting was accidental.

Ordered to Leave.
COLUMBUS, Ind., Nov. 29.—Mrs. Doran, who was just acquitted in the circuit court of murdering her husband by pouring carbolic acid down his throat in July last, returned here Tuesday from Indianapolis, and was ordered to leave this city and stay away or insanity proceedings would be filed against her, she having been acquitted on this dodge. She informed the authorities that she was as sane as they, or the court and jury that tried her. Considerable indignation is felt over her conduct.

Taking Interest in the Centennial.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Secretary Anderson has received a letter from Governor Biggs, of Delaware, saying he will be present at the meeting of the centennial and exposition National board on December 1; also a letter from the Italian chamber of commerce, of New York, saying that Alexander Oldrini, one of their directors, will represent the chamber on that occasion.

A Duel Fought in Central Park.
NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—The police have proof that a duel with pistols was fought in Central park last Thursday night; that one of the combatants was wounded; that the affair was about a lady, and that the lady tried to warn the police that the duel was to be fought, but her letters were received too late to prevent the meeting. The names of the parties are as yet unknown.

School Building Burned.
DANVILLE, Ill., Nov. 29.—The public school building in the village of Rosville, this county, was destroyed by fire Monday morning. Loss about \$30,000; insurance, \$3,000. It is supposed the fire originated from the steam-heating apparatus.

New Jersey's Plurality for Cleveland.
TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 29.—Following is the official vote of the state: Average vote of Cleveland electors, 151,493; Harrison electors, 144,344; Cleveland's plurality, 7,149.

TYPICAL DIAVOLOS.

LUXURIOUS BRIGANDS WHO MAKE EUROPE THEIR CAMPING GROUNDS.

Picturesque Rogues of Eastern Roumelia. Luxurious Rascals Who Are Not Content with Common Things—The Real "Fra Diavolo"—Scribe's Delusive Creation.

Brigandage—which may happily be said to be all but extinct in Spain and the Italian peninsula, which is only heard of now and again in feebly spasmodic outbursts in Sicily, which has lost much of its former virulence in the kingdom of Hellenes proper, and which, thanks to railways and the maintenance of something approaching a stable government, is fading even out of Mexico—seems, by all accounts, to be flourishing in the fullest luxuriance in Eastern Roumelia. The energy and impudence of the gang of bandits who recently captured two Austrian subjects, MM. Landler and Binder, at Belova, and demanded no less a sum than 1,300 Turkish pounds for their ransom, are almost of a nature to vie with the late M. Edmond About's delightfully picturesque but slightly imaginative narrative of the achievements of the Greek "Klept" Hadji Stavros, "King of the Mountains."

It cannot be denied that there is a slight touch of humor in the proceedings of these ruffianly outlaws, and that they have contrived to cast a new light on the domestic economy of brigand life. There has been hitherto a tolerably general consensus among travelers that the modern brigand in Roumelia and on the Turko-Greek frontier is, as a rule, a deplorable ragamuffin, usually a ne'er do well peasant or an insolent horse cooper, who is in league with the dram shop keeper and sometimes with the priest of the village round about which he prowls. His innermost garment is more frequently a goat skin than a shirt of textile fabric; he rarely washes; his ideas touching combs are indistinct and he never heard of a tooth brush.

As for his diet, it is one in which salt fish and sausages largely predominate over butcher's meat, and rancid oil over both, and as regards stimulants, he will drink as much as he can get of the commonest red wine, the most fiery corn brandy and the most malodorous mastie or "rakl." Of course, he smokes, but usually his tobacco has been the vilest Russian "mahorka" and his pipe a rude chibouk of cherry wood. The Belova brigades seem, however, to have souls far above such primitive garb and such simple viands as we have glanced at.

PERFECT SYBARITES.

The rogues are perfect sybarites, and, in a letter addressed to a rich merchant of Tartar-Bazardjik, they demanded that there should be forthwith sent to them six Martini rifles of the pattern furnished to the Eastern Roumelian gendarmerie, together with a large supply of ball cartridge, thirty-five pairs of shoes, as many shirts, ornamented with the finest Russian embroidery, thirty-five pairs of stockings of the best quality, thirty-five cakes of scented soap, an equal quantity of ivory combs, three dozen less one of ivory cigarette holders, a large quantity of tobacco and cigarettes, and a neatly assorted stock of cognac, vermouth, bitters, cheese and other creature comforts. It is only to be wondered at that these dandy brigands did not add a few dozen boxes of sardines, Paris kid gloves, hand mirrors, birthday cards and flasks of eau de Cologne to their list. Their attire of roes they probably prepare for themselves, the odoriferous manufacture being indigenous to the region they adorn with their presence.

About the only tenable hypothesis that can be formed to account for the elegant luxury in which the Bulgarian brigands have taken to living may be that they have been reading a translation of the libretto of Scribe's "Fra Diavolo," and that they have resolved to "live up to it."

The real "Fra Diavolo," whose name was Michele Pozza, was the most repulsive of highway robbers. He had been a stocking knitter in a small way of business in the kingdom of Naples, and, going bankrupt, took to piracy on the road. He became the scourge and terror of the two Calabrias, and a price was set on his head, but when in 1793 Cardinal Ruffo undertook to force the French to evacuate the Neapolitan territory he pardoned "Fra Diavolo," and even gave him a commission as lieutenant colonel of volunteers.

EXECUTED AT LAST.

For eight years this inconceivable blackguard waged guerrilla warfare on the Gallic invaders, robbing and murdering his own countrymen when there were no foreigners to fight, but in 1806 he was captured, shot and gibbeted, the officer who ordered his execution being, oddly enough, a gallant French general, the father of the great master of the romantic school in France—Victor Hugo. There was in reality nothing more romantic about Fra Diavolo than there was about our Anglo-French highwayman, Claude Duval, who was simply an abscinding profligate footman of the Duchess of Portsmouth, but in the early days of French romanticism every incident and every personage that could be perverted to picturesque use were eagerly seized upon by the novelists and playwrights. They turned to Spain, and especially Italy; and, while Victor Hugo fabricated a wholly unhistorical Lucrezia Borgia as the hero of a tragedy, Alexander Dumas manufactured an equally unveracious Fra Diavolo as the hero of a novel.

The ready-witted Scribe at once availed himself of the latter amusing but delusive creation, and with the collaboration of the composer, Aubert, he produced the always charming comic opera of "Fra Diavolo." There can be but little doubt that, while the lyric art benefited largely by the popularity of Aubert's sparkling and harmonious numbers, an appreciable amount of social harm was done by the highly picturesque and histrionic presentation given by Scribe of the sham "Fra Diavolo" and his gang of murderous desperadoes. Society began to believe in the existence of a marauder elegantly and expensively attired in plum colored velvet, with gilt sugar loaf buttons to his jacket, his lower limbs swathed with criss-cross thongs, and wearing a conical hat profusely ornamented with ribbons.

This ideal brigand was scrupulously polite to ladies, and would bow over and reverentially salute the taper fingers from which he gently removed the diamond rings, and only under extreme pressure of necessity would this orthodox bandit, who was usually a devout son of the church, rob a bishop.—New York Graphic.

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