

augured in French domestic politics was destined, obviously enough, to be followed by a reaction, but no one expected it to come so swiftly or to be marked by such ferocious bad temper. Such shrewd weather prophets as the provincial prefects all supposed it a matter of certainty that Dupuy would triumph easily in the French Chamber, and many of them came up to Paris on Saturday to be on the ground ready with their congratulations. The catastrophe which bowled him over sent them scurrying back home that same night like alarmed rabbits.

As for the rancorous ill-feeling which this unexpected crisis has revealed, it seems largely directed against Carnot. He had made sure, good, easy man, that he and the Czar were twin idols in the shrine of France's affections. He had flung his little flag and put extra cockades on the Elysee servants and assumed, perhaps unconsciously, that abstracted smile which experienced France recognizes in men whose mirror shows them to be the founders of dynasties. In the far West they lump those symptoms under the general term, "swelled head."

Carnot finds himself accordingly all at once the object of an active assault from some sections of the Paris press and of cool dislike or indifference from others. To have gone spotless and unscathed through the whole Panama terror, amid frenzied demonstration to have been hailed only a fortnight ago as the only possible successor to himself in the Elysee, and then to be set upon in this summary manner, must be trying indeed. Just for the moment Carnot's critics find it convenient to accuse him of cruel treachery in forcing Casimir Perier into the fatal Premiership in order to destroy him as a Presidential rival next. It is the fashion of the day to sympathize with Perier as a martyr to Carnot's ambition, but if Perier counts on this new sympathy to protect him in the Chamber he is likely to be fooled just as a score of his predecessors have been.

The new Ministry will be temperate in foreign politics, civil to the point of affability with the Vatican and firm in dealing with social and industrial disorders. There is believed to be in the Chamber a large majority of moderate Republicans, who ought to be willing to support such a Ministry, and no doubt they will for a while until Paris gets hold of them and turns their heads. The Ministry will be attacked by Radicals on the ground of clericalism; by Socialists because of its chief being a large owner of colliery shares; by anti-Semites because Raynal, Minister of the Interior, is a Hebrew, and by the Right on general principles of mischief. Its struggle to maintain itself in the new Chamber will be followed with unusual interest and bids fair to be more than ordinarily worth watching.

ANXIOUS TO RETURN.
Sheig and Floyd Make a Clean Breast of It.

SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 2.—Sheig and Floyd, the Minneapolis bank embezzlers, sailed for the United States on the steamer New York this morning. They are anxious to get back and say they will make a clean breast of it when they get home. It is understood they have already informed the officers where the stolen money is concealed.

Epidemic of Grippe.
VIENNA, Dec. 2.—Influenza is spreading very rapidly. One of the Presidents and both Vice-Presidents of the Reichstag are prostrated. The parliamentary sitting is therefore brought to a close. Half of the Government officers are deprived of their staffs.

Lady Brooke a Countess.
LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Earl of Warwick died today. This will make Lady Brooke, a favorite of the Prince of Wales, Countess of Warwick, as her husband, Lord Brooke, is the eldest son of the late Earl.

DEEP FALLING SNOW.
Five Persons Buried Under an Avalanche in Montana.

DENVER, Dec. 2.—A New's special from Butte, Mont., says two snowslides occurred at Hecla, a small mining camp, resulting in the death of five persons.
CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—The heaviest snowstorm for several years began this morning and continued until long after midnight. The total fall at 10 o'clock was 9 inches. Streetcar travel is greatly interrupted. The storm is general in Southern Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Eastern Kansas and Illinois.
GUTHRIE, Dec. 2.—A snowstorm is raging all over the Territory, the most severe known since the opening of the country for settlement.

FOILED THE ROBBERS.
They Captured the Engine, but Overlooked the Airbrakes.

BEESON, Tex., Dec. 2.—As the south-bound Missouri, Kansas and Texas train stopped at Little River Friday morning, two masked men climbed into the engine and ordered the engineer to pull out as rapidly as possible, and be proceeded to do so, but as the baggage for Little River had not been put off, the conductor applied the airbrakes and brought the train to a standstill. This some-what alarmed the would-be robbers and they jumped off and escaped in the darkness.

Those Three Gunboats.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The Naval Board appointed to report on designs for three new gunboats has filed its recommendations with Secretary Herbert in favor of the department's plans, but it will not be decided until the middle of next week whether all three contracts will be awarded to the Newport News Ship-building Company, or one of them given to the Union Iron Works.

Gambling in Chicago.
CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—The November Grand Jury completed its labors today and made a report to the court, in the course of which it charged open gambling is allowed in the city through collusion with the police and by their consent. The jury took no further action in the matter, leaving the facts with the court.

Congressional Stenographer Dead.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Charles J. Hayes, for fifteen years a Congressional stenographer, died this morning. He was one of the best-known stenographers at national meetings in the United States.

On a Compromise Basis.
PROVIDENCE, Dec. 2.—The Saxon mill operatives have agreed to go to work next Monday on a compromise basis of wages, and it is believed this paves the way for a settlement of the strike in other mills.

Burglary for Profit.
NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Burglars entered the hardware-store of S. O. Burnett in Brooklyn last night and among other plunder got \$50,729 in stocks and mortgages and \$20 in cash.

Will Make Carpets.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—The extensive carpet-mills at Kensington are resuming operations on full time, and claim the prospects for the future are good.

OUT OF POLITICS.

Belief Affected Now by Germans.

LEO TAKES NO INTEREST.

European Affairs Discussed No More at the Vatican.

WHY JESUITS WERE FAVORED.

Just the Same Caprivi Desires to Hold the Whip Hand Over the Pope.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—The vote in the Reichstag in favor of readmitting the Jesuits is the sensation of the week, not only in Germany, but throughout the Catholic world. In the Kulturkampf struggle Bismarck always poured the full force of his wrath upon the Jesuits, and so earned for himself the opposition of all German Catholics. Since that time the Pope and the Emperor have become reconciled and the position has become much changed, though, according to the calculations of the newspapers, the bill ought to have been rejected. Their anticipations were falsified, however, by the votes of indifferent members, who believe there is nothing more to be feared from the interference of the Vatican in political affairs.

It would seem that a majority of representative Germans have come to the conclusion that the policy of the Vatican is that of indifference in the political struggles of the different parties at home and abroad, and should the Vatican at any future time use its influence in the political affairs of Germany by a leaning toward the Franco-Russian entente, for instance, it is believed that the Catholics in the Reichstag would remain loyal to their fatherland, and that such action upon the part of the Vatican would have no effect upon the Catholics of Germany other than to cause them to discountenance the interference of the church in the political situation.

The Government has not yet given any indication of its intentions in regard to the Jesuit motion, and though it is almost certain no immediate effect will be given to the vote, the power to do so will remain in the hands of Chancellor von Caprivi as a useful resolution should he desire to bring about more cordial relations with the Vatican, with a view, possibly, of alienating the Pope's partiality from France.

Another inducement which might cause the Government to accept the bill would be that it would do much to reduce the cleavage which manifested itself during army bill debates between North and South Germany in the Reichstag. The committees to which the commercial treaties were referred last Saturday today approved the Spanish treaty by a vote of 15 to 5. The majority was unexpectedly large and insures the adoption of the Serbian treaty. The fate of the Roumanian commercial treaty is still doubtful. A motion by the agrarian party that the treaty be concluded for three years only was negatived by the committee having the treaties under consideration. The Commercial Treaty Committee strongly advised the Government to make special concessions to Cuba and Porto Rico on account of the American reciprocity treaty giving them advantages in iron and manufactured goods, and making German competition almost impossible. It is stated that the Polish party, departing from its previous declarations, has decided to vote in favor of the treaties, and as over one-half of the Centrists also support them, it is believed that the Roumanian commercial treaty will also be adopted.

Caprivi and his advisers do not abandon hope of being able to undermine Caprivi's position and estrange him from the Emperor. The Kreuz Zeitung makes what is classed as a mean attack upon Caprivi, for having, as it alleges, made himself the chief figure before the public in the infelicitous machine affair by only incidentally mentioning the danger to which the Emperor was exposed. Needless to say, the imputation is unfounded and will have no effect upon the Emperor's mind. Rather than dispense with Caprivi the Emperor would again dissolve the Reichstag.

The Cologne Gazette says the Emperor has requested all members of his suite conversant with the incidents attending Prince Bismarck's retirement from office to maintain complete silence upon the subject, and neither refuse false statements nor answer any attacks made upon them in connection with the historic incident. The German bondholders of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, of which the largest number of shares are said to be held in Germany, have called a meeting, to take place in the offices of the Berlin Bourse next Wednesday, to take measures to protect themselves on account of the non-payment of December coupons. According to the report received the Union Pacific, which has managed this company, being the hands of receivers, the latter now state they are not authorized to provide for the payment of the December coupons. This meeting is convened by the Deutsche Bank, and there is considerable feeling among the German bondholders of the Oregon, who claim that their interests are seriously threatened by the attitude of the receivers.

A company has been organized to open the new Schiller Theater, the object being to provide workmen with the best classical plays at the cheapest prices. One mark will be the price charged for the best seats. Sondermann, Fulda and Wildensbruck have joined the company, and the Emperor has taken quite an interest in the matter. He received Dr. Lowenfeld, the leader of the movement, and promised to be a frequent visitor to the theater.

The proposal sanctioned by the Bundesrath last summer for raising by 50 per cent the import duty was passed by the Reichstag to-day. The socialists and a few radicals alone voted against the proposition.

The Berlin Post announces that the Queen of Roumania shows symptoms of an attack of paralysis which will be more serious than the previous attack. The Minister of Justice in the Hungarian Diet to-day introduced the marriage reform bill.

RAIN OF FIRE.
Worshippers in a Synagogue Disturbed While at Prayer.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 2.—A disastrous conflagration swept through the commercial center to-night, entailing a loss of \$700,000 and throwing out of employment over 500 people. The fire originated in the mammoth Heiser building on Peas street, and before it was under control the following buildings were destroyed: The Lithographic and Printing Company; L. Johns, overalls and dry goods; Charles

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The Democratic members of Ways and Means Committee were in session for three hours this afternoon reviewing the tariff bill for the purpose of correcting typographical errors and other minor incongruities. The subcommittee on Internal Revenue reported that its labors were not complete, and that it would be impossible to report the schedules before some time next week, the chief difficulty being the impossibility of fixing rates of taxation until the revenue estimates under the new bill are so far completed as to indicate the probable deficit. The uncertainty as to the amount of the deficit has given rise once more to discussion as to the wisdom of making the income tax general in character and applicable to all individual incomes in excess of \$5000 instead of restricting it to corporations and successions only.

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There are indications of a severe struggle in the Senate over the sugar schedule of the Wilson bill if not modified in the House. A prominent Southern Senator said to-day the Senators from all the States which produce sugar, including those from the cane-sugar producing districts of the South and those from the beet-sugar producing States of the West, such as Nebraska, Kansas and California, would unite to oppose the change proposed in the bill. The plan of a graduated reduction in the bounty, he said, would result in killing the sugar-producers by inches. They would not, he added, were never in favor of the bounty plan, but preferred an import duty. They would not, he said, ask for protection in the sense understood by McKinley, but would be content with a revenue duty of 50, say, 15 cents on raw sugars, and 1 1/2 cents on refined sugar, 14 Dutch standard. From the foundation of the Government till the present bounty law went into effect sugar has been recognized as an article from which a revenue could be legitimately derived, and one which could be more evenly distributed than almost any other. It was, he asserted, folly for the Government, with the revenues running low, to cut off \$68,000,000 of revenue which it obtained during the last year foreign sugar was tax-d. Four hundred thousand people would be deprived of the means of livelihood in Louisiana alone by the Wilson measure.

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An Interesting Controversy Over a Public School Proposition.

MODESTO, Dec. 2.—In the Superior Court this afternoon Judge Miner denied a writ of mandate to compel the supervisors to estimate and determine the cost of conducting the county high school. The measure was carried by a majority vote at the last general election, all of the county except five districts, comprising Oakdale and the Union High School, voting. The court held that by the school district boundaries and voting precincts not conforming, some were deprived of the right to vote upon the proposition. The case will probably be appealed.

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How a Petaluma Laborer Was Fatally Crushed.

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Detectives Tell of Battles With the Bandits and the Recovery of Buried Treasure.

FRESNO, Dec. 2.—Chris Evans came into court this morning ten minutes ahead of time, and picking up a lawbook began to read as usual. He did not seem the least disturbed from the results of yesterday. George Sontag came in and took his seat on the witness-stand and his cross-examination was resumed by Attorney Hinds.

"Did you sleep well last night?" asked Hinds as the first question.
"Yes, sir," replied Sontag with a smile.
Then the same course of cross-questioning as that of yesterday was resumed. Sontag said when they went out to rob the train they had about sixty rounds of cartridges for shotguns and about fifty rounds each for revolvers.
"You are a railroad man, I believe?" asked Hinds.
"Yes, and I have been railroaded, too," replied Sontag.
"What do you mean by being 'railroaded'?" Do you mean that the Southern Pacific and Wells, Fargo & Co. railroaded you through at your trial and you did not get a fair shake up?" asked Hinds.
"That is exactly what I mean," replied Sontag, as his eager eyes flashed with fire.
"Would you lie again if you thought it would benefit you?"
"Yes, I would lie again if I thought I could gain my liberty by doing so."
"When did you begin to tell the truth in this case?"
"When I was on my couch in Folsom, wounded."
"And you would lie again if it would be of any benefit to you?"
"Yes, I told you I would lie again if I could gain liberty by it."