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MR. BLAINE'S BENEDICTION.

THE PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS COMPLETES ITS TALK AND ADJOURNS.

The Delegates Say Good-Bye to the President and Start Off on Their Trip Through the South—A List of Those on the Excursion Train.

"Invoking the blessing of Almighty God upon the patriotic and fraternal work which has been here begun for the good of mankind, I now declare the American International Conference adjourned without day."

These were the words with which Secretary Blaine, just before noon yesterday, closed his farewell address to the Pan-American Congress. A few moments later the delegates went to the White House to take formal leave of the President. Mr. Blaine had Mr. Zegarra on his arm as they entered the Executive Mansion, the other members of the conference following two by two. Messrs. Curtis and Smith were on hand to interpret or otherwise lend a hand to keep the delicate business moving smoothly along.

The delegates ranged themselves in a circle round the south end of the East Room, opposite the Red Parlor door. Mr. Blaine and Secretary Halford left the room and in a few moments the Secretary of State returned, with President Harrison on his right arm. Turning to the right, Mr. Blaine presented him personally to each delegate. The President took each by the hand and gave a parting word, thus completing the circle.

Then the delegates' secretaries came up from the rear and were presented. After this ceremony Mr. Harrison made a brief and dignified parting speech, in which he congratulated the delegates on "having happily completed the objects for which they came together; that all differences of opinion had been adjusted; that their labors would be the means of promoting peace, so that there could be no excuse for war between any of the sections represented." He then pleasantly referred to the review of District troops the other day, "not to show them that we had an Army, but to make it plain that we had none." Then, with good wishes for their personal prosperity and happiness, he bade them a final good-bye.

The delegates left Washington last night at 11 o'clock for a trip through the Southern States which will occupy three weeks. As on the trip North and West last fall, the tour is tendered by the United States Government, through the Secretary of State, and the party will travel in a train of Pullman coaches under the personally-conducted tourist system of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The arrangements for the trip were made by Mr. S. W. Draper, tourist agent of the company, who will have charge of the train.

Following is a list of passengers on the train: Hayti, Secretary H. Aristide Preston; Nicaragua, Delegate Guzman; Peru, E. C. Zegarra, Secretary Leopoldo Oague y Soyver, and Attaché Manuel Elguera; Colombia, Delegate Carlos Martínez Silva and Secretary Julio Benítez; Argentine Republic, Secretary Ernesto Bosch; Costa Rica, Secretary Joaquín Bernardo; Brazil, Delegate J. G. de Amaral and Secretary José Augusto Ferreira de Costa; Honduras, Richard Villafraña; Bolivia, Juan F. Velarde and Attaché Mariano Velarde; Venezuela, Delegate Micanor Bolet Pariza, Secretary Bolet Monagas; Chile, Secretary Manuel Vega, Carlos Zanartu; Domingo, Juan Toró; Salvador, Jacinto Castellanos, Secretary Samuel Vadvivieso, Attaché J. A. Rossi; United States, John B. Henderson, Clement Studebaker, William Henry Trescott, John F. Hanson; Secretaries Edmund W. P. Smith, Edward A. Trescott, Sergeant-at-Arms John G. Bourke, captain of the Army; Henry R. Lemly, first lieutenant of the Army; Surgeon H. C. Yarrow, of the Army; Clement Studebaker, Jr., Henry G. Davis, J. S. W. P. Draper, and Frank W. Mack, of the Associated Press. The party will reach Old Point Comfort this morning at 9 o'clock, and after breakfast take the United States steamer Despatch and spend the day visiting Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va. Dinner will be eaten at the Hygeia Hotel, Old Point, at 7 P. M. Thus the original programme for Saturday will be compressed into one day, and therefore the itinerary will be carried out as arranged.

A number of the delegates who could not leave Washington last night will join the excursionists en route. Among these are Delegates Flint and Bliss, of the United States; Zelaya, of Honduras; Andrade, of Venezuela, and Varas, of Chile.

Mrs. Cleveland at Atlantic City.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 19.—Mrs. Grover Cleveland, wife of ex-President Cleveland, arrived here this evening at 5:30 on the limited express from New York. She was met at the depot by Mrs. Lillie McAllister Laughton, of Torressdale, Pa., whose guest she will be, and the two were immediately driven to Brighton Hotel. The exit from the depot was not made, however, without attracting attention, as it was pretty generally known that the distinguished lady would visit Atlantic City to-night. Mrs. Cleveland dined this evening with the wife of ex-Judge Woodward in the latter's private parlor. It is not known how long Mrs. Cleveland will remain here.

The Mississippi River Falling.

BATON ROUGE, LA., April 19.—There has been a slight fall in the river here to-day, and it is believed that if we have good weather confidence will be restored.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., April 19.—At Helena, Ark., the river fell three inches during the last twenty-four hours, and from Monday will be very rapid. In ten days the entire country in this section will be free from overflow water.

SUREVPORT, LA., April 19.—The Audley levee below this city broke last night and several plantations will be flooded. The rapid decline in the river will relieve the flooded territory in time to permit planting of cotton and corn and the damage sustained will be comparatively light.

Huntington and Others Enjoined.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Counsel for Michael Gernsheim and other stockholders of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company served an amended complaint in the suit to enjoin Frederick P. Osoff, C. P. Huntington, and others from issuing \$10,000,000 of stock of the company. Upon the amended complaint Judge Barrett to-day granted a temporary injunction against the defendants to take the place of the one which the general term dissolved yesterday.

GRANT EQUESTRIAN STATUE.

To be Erected in Washington at a Cost of \$100,000.

The bill introduced by Senator Squire, of Washington, last Wednesday, providing for the erection of an equestrian statue of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant in this city was passed upon favorably by the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds yesterday, and later in the day Mr. Squire reported it back to the Senate.

There is unanimous agreement among the members of the committee that at the earliest practicable moment the bill shall be taken up and passed, so that it may be sent to the House and there put upon its passage in order to have it enacted into law before the fifth anniversary of the death of the great man whose memory this monument is to commemorate. The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

"That the Secretary of War, the chairman of the joint committee on the Library, and the architect of the Capitol be and are hereby authorized to contract for and locate an equestrian statue in bronze of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, late President of the United States and general of the armies thereof, to be erected on ground belonging to the United States in the city of Washington, D. C., and for this purpose and for the entire expense of the foundation and pedestal of the monument and for the proper preparation, grading, and enclosing of the lot, the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be needed is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated."

INTERVIEW WITH THE POPE.

Discussing the Labor Question—Duties of Tollers.

LONDON, April 19.—The London Herald this morning prints the report of an interview with the Pope. In discussing the labor question His Holiness dwelt upon the necessity for improving the moral condition of both workmen and employers. He said he intended to form a committee in every diocese in the world, whose duty it would be to call the tollers together on every fast day and rest day and discuss their duties, and teach them and inspire them with true morality. Sound rules of life, said the Pope, must be founded upon religion.

Referring to the subject of a European disarmament, he said that a military life surrounds thousands of young men with violent and immoral influences, and crushes and degrades them. Armies drain countries of their wealth; they withdraw labor from the soil, overtax the poor, impoverish the populace, set the people against each other, and intensify national jealousies. They are anti-Christian. The doctrine of arbitration, as accepted by America, is the true principle, but most of the men controlling Europe do not desire the truth.

THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The Capital Stock to be Increased to \$10,000,000.

CHICAGO, April 19.—To-day, at a meeting of the directors of the World's Fair, the finance committee reported in favor of at once taking steps to increase the capital stock to \$10,000,000. This report was unanimously adopted, and the finance committee members were continued as a committee to have charge of the matter. This committee is composed of Lyman J. Gage, Otto Young, O. G. Keith, J. J. P. O'Dell, and John Ralph.

NEWS NOTES.

The Anti-Trust bill is to be pressed for speedy action in the House.

An ex-Union soldier in Iowa contributes \$50 to the conscience fund.

\$345,850 bonds bought by U. S. Treasury yesterday, at 122 for 4 per cents, and 103 for 4 per cents.

The United States steamer Despatch arrived at Fortress Monroe for use of the Pan-American Congress.

President Harrison yesterday signed the bill placing John C. Fremont on the retired list as a major general.

The purchase of Matthew's portrait of Abraham Lincoln is proposed in a bill introduced in the Senate yesterday.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Henry Flad, of Missouri, to be a member of the Mississippi River Commission.

The salary of the chief clerk of the Department of Justice is increased from \$2,000 to \$2,500 by bill passed in the Senate yesterday.

Since August, 1887, Government has purchased \$267,873,600 in bonds; total cost, \$314,074,579; cost at maturity would have been \$381,500,584; saving, \$67,426,904.

J. C. Harris, Jr., storekeeper and raider, and T. H. Chester, storekeeper, were arrested in the T. Adkins, storekeeper, Sixth Virginia District, were among the internal revenue appointments announced yesterday.

The Brooklyn Standard-Union announces that Mr. Murat Halstead will assume the editorial management of that paper to-morrow. Mr. Halstead says this step does not indicate severance of his connection with the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette.

Secretary Proctor has sent to the House of Representatives the draft of a bill to make essential amendments in the act to prevent obstructive and injurious deposits within the harbor and adjacent waters of New York City by dumping or otherwise.

The British Minister calls attention to the fact that there is no law in force in this country to prevent the sale of liquor to Canadian Indians, and asks whether there is any disposition on the part of the United States Government to supply the legislation needed for the protection of those Indians. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs favors an amendment of the present law to meet the suggestions of the British Minister.

Incidental to the consideration of a bill to pay Mrs. Emma S. Cameron \$10,000 for property taken by the Army at Chattanooga during the war, a lengthy and somewhat lively discussion occurred in the Senate yesterday, relative to war claims generally, in the course of which the methods of examining claims in various parts of the executive Departments, and in the Court of Claims were discussed pro and con.

Relative to the pending resolution to appropriate \$100,000 for relief of Mississippi River flood sufferers, the chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations has inquired of the Secretary of War whether in his judgment there is actual or impending suffering from hunger and destitution in Louisiana or Arkansas or danger of loss of life there against which exigencies the States are unable to make sufficient and prompt provision.

LOST BY BAD JUDGMENT.

THE WASHINGTONS DEFEATED IN THE FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.

It Was an All-Round Slugging Contest That Made the 4,000 Spectators Nervous—Better Things Hoped for on Monday.

The championship season opened yesterday, not only in this city, but in every place where there is a base-ball organization. The seasons commenced here by a street parade, in which the two clubs in brouches, headed by a band of music, went through various streets and avenues. The game was the means of drawing over 4,000 people to Atlantic Park, and they were fortunate to witness one of the old-time slugging matches, in which long hits were frequent and errors at critical times numerous. The Washingtons virtually presented the Hartfords the victory, as by bad judgment on the part of the management all three of the pitchers were placed in the points, when Phillips should have been kept in. Lack of space prevents us giving a lengthy description of the game. Suffice it to say that it was lost by the errors of Bird, Gleason, and O'Brien, at critical points. The game opened up auspiciously for the home team, as by five bases on balls, a hit by Hill, and errors by Fagan and Murray they scored five times. In their half the Hartfords showed they could bat, for after two hands were out they scored two earned runs. From the start to the finish it was a ding-dong, slugging, go-as-you-please match, one of those peculiar contests that keep the spectators on the jump all the time, for its uncertainty made one nervous. The individual playing of Jordan in left, who is equal to Wilmoth; Hill at third, Whistler at first, and Riddle behind the bat was the feature for the home team, while the base-running of Jordan and Bader was a great treat to the spectators. Winkleman, of Capitol Hill game, pitched for the Hartfords, and despite his wildness gave a fair exhibition. He bats well and runs bases admirably. The fielding and batting of Annis, Lynch, Forster, Henry, and Winkleman were the attractions for the Hartfords. The two clubs played again on Monday, when it is to be hoped better judgment will be displayed in the disposition of the home players. Score:

Washingtons.	Hartfords.
Bader, c..... 1 3 2 0 0	Annis, lf..... 4 2 3 0 0
Jordan, 1b..... 2 0 3 1 0	Henry, 2b..... 2 3 2 1 0
Gleason, 3b..... 2 2 2 0 0	Whistler, 1b..... 2 2 1 0 0
Whistler, 1b..... 2 2 1 0 0	Forster, ss..... 2 4 1 1 1
Hill, 3b..... 2 2 1 3 0	Winkleman, p..... 1 2 0 1 0
Bird, 2b..... 1 0 0 0 0	Fagan, c..... 0 0 2 0 0
O'Brien, 2b..... 0 1 5 4 2	Murray, 1b..... 0 0 6 4 0
Nicholas, c..... 1 0 2 0 1	Murray, 1b..... 2 0 5 0 3
Phillips, p..... 1 0 0 0 0	O'Connell, rf..... 1 2 1 1 1
Riddle, 3b..... 1 0 0 0 0	Totals..... 15 15 24 10 5
Maloney, p..... 1 0 0 0 0	
Totals..... 13 10 24 11 7	
McCoy, p..... 0 0 0 0 0	

Washingtons.	Hartfords.
Earned runs—Washingtons, 5; Hartfords, 0. Two-base hits—Bader, Gleason, Annis, Henry. Three-base hits—Whistler, Forster, Home run—Lynch. Double plays—Gleason, O'Brien, Whistler; Moore, Murray. O'Brien, 2b..... 1 0 0 0 0	
Winkleman, 1b..... 1 0 0 0 0	
Bird by Phillips, 3; Winkleman, 3. Sacrifice hits—Jordan, Hill, Winkleman. Stolen bases—Bader, 3; Jordan, 3; Hill, 3; Annis, Lynch, Winkleman, Murray. Left on bases—Washingtons, 7; Hartfords, 4. Passed balls—Nicholas, 1. Wild pitches—Maloney, 1; McCoy, 1. Time—2:20. Umpire—George Conroy.	

Games Elsewhere.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
At Boston—Boston, 15; Brooklyn, 9.
At New York—Philadelphia, 4; New York, 0.
At Cincinnati—Chicago, 5; Cincinnati, 4.
At Pittsburgh—Cleveland, 3; Pittsburgh, 2.
PLAYERS' LEAGUE.
At Buffalo—Buffalo, 23; Cleveland, 2.
At Pittsburg—Chicago, 10; Pittsburg, 2.
At New York—New York, 12; Philadelphia, 11.
At Boston—Boston, 3; Brooklyn, 2.
ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION.
At Wilmington—Worcesters, 15; Wilmington, 5.
At Baltimore—Baltimore, 18; New Haven, 8.
At Jersey City—Newark, 20; Jersey City, 5.
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.
At Philadelphia—Rochesters, 3; Athletics, 2.
At Louisville—Louisville, 5; St. Louis, 3.
At Columbus—Columbus, 13; Toledo, 10.
At Brooklyn—Syracuse, 18; Brooklyn, 12.

Old District Accounts to be Settled.

The Senate bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury to re-examine and resettle the accounts of the States of Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and the District of Columbia, and the City of Baltimore, growing out of moneys expended by said States and the City of Baltimore for military purposes during the war of 1812, was passed by the Senate yesterday.

Little Children Burned to Death.

BETHLEHEM, PA., April 19.—The log house of Farmer Andrew Young, of Pennsylvania, near here, burned to the ground last night. Two little children of Mr. Young were burned to death, and Mrs. Stielis, the housekeeper, was horribly burned while rescuing the other children. The fire was caused by the explosion of a coal oil lamp in the room where the children slept.

Minister Phelps Dines Von Caprivi.

BERLIN, April 19.—On Thursday Mr. Phelps, the American Minister, gave a dinner to Chancellor Von Caprivi. The guests included Minister Von Berlepsch and lady, Sir Edward Malet, British Ambassador and lady, Minister and Countess Von Hohenhausen, Baron and Baroness Von Kressbeck, and other members of the diplomatic circle.

The McKinley Bill Would Ruin Them.

NEW YORK, April 19.—The hostly importers met to-day in this city and perfected arrangements for presenting their protest against the increase of duty as proposed by the McKinley bill. All sections of the trade in various parts of the country are taking part in the movement. They claim it will ruin their business.

Fatal Accident on the B. & O.

PITTSBURG, April 19.—A special from Wheeling, W. Va., says: The Pittsburg and Cincinnati express on the Baltimore and Ohio struck a freight train just east of Barnesville, Ohio, to-night. The engineer was killed. No more details are obtainable.

TO WIPE OUT THE MAY LAWS.

German Ministerial Programme—Governmental "Combine."

BERLIN, April 19.—As the Emperor starts to-morrow upon a flashing tour of various points of the country, which will continue until the eve of the meeting of the Reichstag, a council was held at the Schloss to-day to consider the ministerial programme.

Although the government officials now pretend to ignore the press, reliable communications are obtainable when the ministers deem them opportune. In this way it is known that the council considered measures relating to reforms in the educational system, to the abrogation of the remaining May laws, to the strike movements, and to the erection of monuments to the late Emperors William and Frederick. Although Minister Von Gossler showed no intention during yesterday's debate in the Landtag to concede the full demands of the Catholic Clericals, he indicated the desire of the government to sweep away the last traces of the May laws. The section of the Centre party, not closely adhering to Dr. Windthorst, take Herr Von Gossler's assurances as satisfactory and will support the government. The leaders of the Centrist minority, Barons Von Hüne and Schorlemer-Alst, are more ready than is Dr. Windthorst to form a coalition. The old government groups have already assumed a position leading to a combination with the Conservatives, Imperialists, and the right wing of the National Liberals. The prospects of the government having a majority in the Reichstag are therefore good. Should the educational measure before the council extend to the clergy the control of the schools, the solid vote of the Centrists would be secured, thus assuring an overwhelming majority.

THE STRIKE SITUATION.

Not So Reassuring—The Men are as Determined as Ever.

PITTSBURG, PA., April 19.—The strike situation seems nearly as far off from settlement as ever. The railway managers of the different lines made a proposition to their men to-day similar to one submitted by the Pan Handle last night which was thought to be satisfactory to the employes.

Vice Grand Master Downey stated to-night that the proposition would not be accepted, and intimated that if the matter was not settled there would be trouble. It was reported unofficially that the men had decided to go out on Tuesday next if the entire bill of sixteen grievances was not granted. Downey says the men have not weakened a particle, and are as determined as ever.

The carpenters and painters of the Pennsylvania Railroad shops at Torrens Station, near this city, have decided to demand an increase in wages of 10 per cent on Monday. If it is not granted they threaten to strike.

CHICAGO, April 19.—The carpenters' strike was not settled to-night. Many people had hoped that the struggle was to be ended, but the representatives of the strikers are evidently disposed to carefully feel their way before binding themselves to an agreement which does not include the large contractors, who constitute the Master Carpenters' Association.

Shot Through the Heart.

NEW YORK, April 19.—A. R. Waterman, the manager of Jacobs' Lyceum Theatre, at Montrose avenue and Leonard street, Brooklyn, at 11 o'clock to-night shot and instantly killed Peter Duran, twenty-nine years old, of the same city in front of the playhouse. Waterman was with Doran's wife, who was in the habit of accompanying him to his theatre. She is only nineteen years old. Doran attacked Waterman when he met the couple on the street after the theatre. Waterman claims that Doran struck him with his fist before he put his hand into Doran's heart. Waterman was arrested but refused to make a statement.

Ex-Governor Pollock Dead.

LOCK HAVEN, PA., April 19.—Ex-Governor James Pollock died this evening in this city. The funeral will be held Tuesday. Although a Whig, he was elected to the Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, and Thirtieth Congresses on the Democratic ticket. In 1864 he was elected Governor of Pennsylvania.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The belligerent attitude of the Cheyenne-Sioux Chief Big Foot is thought by the military officers of Dakota to be a bluff by Big Foot to make him solid with his tribe. Gen. Meagher says he does not anticipate any serious trouble.

Typhoid fever epidemic in Augustana College, Rock Island, has already caused death of one student and a professor and many other students are seriously ill. Defective sewerage is the cause.

Application was made for appointment of a conservator for the estate of E. J. Lehman, the wealthy proprietor of The Fair, of Chicago, on the ground that he is a distracted person.

The strike movement begun by the coal miners at Ostrau, Austria, has spread throughout the Ostrau valley, and all the miners at Baschka, Pezno, and Czeliadna have quit work.

The president and cashier of the defunct Commercial Bank of Dubuque have returned there to demand immediate trial upon indictments found against them.

Eight thousand dollars have been forwarded to Mrs. Jefferson Davis to be applied toward payment of debts of her late husband.

Pope, who absconded with \$70,000 of the Louisville National Bank's funds, has been arrested in New Mexico.

The one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Lexington, Mass., was celebrated yesterday.

Eleven of a crew of fourteen of a British coal vessel which foundered at sea were drowned.

Polish Socialists and Anarchists in Galicia are rampant, and they intend to revolt in May.

Queen Victoria, in apparently good health, reviewed the Alpine chassours yesterday.

Eight hours is now by law a day's work for all employes and laborers of Kansas City.

The Minnesota Presbytery decided in favor of the revision of the confession of faith.

Tolls on soft coal through Welland Canal have been reduced from 30 to 10 cents.

Explorer Stanley received an ovation upon arrival at Brussels.

Richard K. Perkins, prominent merchant, died yesterday.

Ex-Governor Hoppin, of Rhode Island, died yesterday.

Baltimore's largest sale of cotton—2,500 bales for \$150,000.

BISMARCK IS RESTLESS.

SAID TO FIND IT HARD TO KEEP HIS HANDS OFF.

Charges That He Has Inspired Newspaper Attacks on His Successor, Von Caprivi—The Latter Striving to Control the Press for His Own Purposes.

BERLIN, April 19.—Numerous cable despatches and letters from leading American periodicals and papers have been received at the American Legation asking Minister Phelps to use his influence to get a contribution of any kind from the ex-Chancellor. The Century and the North American Review and dailies whose high repute is known to the Prince are among those soliciting this favor. Prince Bismarck, however, prefers to maintain resolute silence and to disregard the calumnies which are being circulated concerning him. It is probably owing to the excited indignation over the attacks upon Bismarck that the government has issued a warning that persons putting into circulation in the home or foreign press baseless sensational news will be arrested and not expelled, as heretofore, but tried upon a charge of fraud.

This order emanates directly from Gen. Von Caprivi, whose ideas touching the relations of the government and the press want clarifying. While proclaiming the disuse of the system of official inspection, his statements in the Landtag recognize the necessity of the government's acting upon public opinion through inspired articles in both the home and foreign press. Herr Herrfath also declared that it was impossible to permit the opposition to monopolize the power of the press; the government must have channels to mould and correct public opinion. Both Ministers intend to put a stop to the granting of subsidies to journals from the secret fund, relying upon the willingness of the papers to accept official inspiration. Both may find their net the obedient tool they desire.

The North German Gazette announced that Bismarck's commission as a cavalry general has been made out in the name of Prince Von Bismarck, Duke of Lauenburg. The ex-Chancellor has not yet used the dual title. The subscribers to the fund for a national monument to Bismarck include everybody of note in politics, finance, and society.

The Programme for the Emperor's tour is as follows:

On Monday he goes to Bremen to lay a foundation stone in memory of his grandfather. Thence he goes to Bremerhaven, where he will embark on Tuesday to meet the squadron under Prince Henry. On the 23d he goes with Prince Henry to Altenburg on a woodcock shooting expedition.

An article which appeared in the Freisinnige Zeitung, the organ of Herr Richter, leader of the German Liberals, attacking Prince Bismarck, has raised a crop of concurrent rumors which are of absorbing interest here. The Freisinnige affirmed that the ex-Chancellor, unable to support three weeks of political abstinence, summoned the editor of the Hamburger Nachrichten, who dined at Friedrichsruh on Tuesday, and that, coached by Prince Bismarck, the Nachrichten made a series of attacks upon Chancellor Von Caprivi, sneering at his speech in the Landtag and advising the deputies to maintain a loyal adherence to the ex-Chancellor's policy. The Freisinnige inferred that Prince Bismarck meant war through the press and Parliament against Gen. Von Caprivi.

Thereupon, the Post (Conservative) denounced the articles as insulting to the Prince, denies that the Nachrichten is inspired, and expresses regret that the journal's sympathy with Bismarck's policy leads it to play into the hands of his enemies. The truth is that Bismarck summoned the editor of the Nachrichten to consult in regard to the getting of a capable literary man and a reliable confidant to assist him in arranging and compiling his memoirs. The day after the interview Dr. Lucanus, chief of the Reich Cabinet of the Emperor, was sent to Friedrichsruh. This coincidence gave rise to the report that Lucanus was charged to demand the delivery of documents relating to the Emperor's doings while awaiting the death of his father.

Echoes from the French papers make Bismarck's position critical, the Emperor personally going to threaten him. Caprivi claiming restitution of papers missing from the Chancellery, with other incredible nonsense attributable to the French press. Bismarck approached on the subject, declines to speak. He says he is in the meantime outside of politics, and is enjoying home life. He will not grant an interview to any one.

Ex-Confederate Reunion.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., April 19.—By order of Governor John B. Gordon, of Georgia, General Commander of the United Confederate Veterans, there will be held in Chattanooga a general reunion of all ex-Confederates on July 3, 4, 5 next. The local committee, appointed for the purpose of locating the Confederate lines and commands on the battle-field of Chickamauga, invite all Confederate soldiers who participated in the battle to cooperate with them on the 13th of May next and succeeding five days in the proposed work, the object being that visiting comrades at the reunion may easily find and recognize the ground where they fought.

Smuggling in the U. S. S. Galena.

KEY WEST, Fla., April 19.—Customs Inspector Norcross made a raid to-day on Smith's saloon and seized the biggest lot of smuggled cigars ever captured here. There were over 15,000, valued at \$2,500 or more. Some of them were of the very finest grades, worth \$180 per thousand. Smith had taken them off the Galena the day before in bumboats concealed in bags, packages, and barrels, and labeled W. Pople, Master-at-Arms. There is great excitement over the seizure, and more are expected to follow.

The Weather.

For the District of Columbia, Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, fair; warmer; northerly winds, becoming variable.

Thermometer readings yesterday: 8 A. M., 38; 8 P. M., 46; mean temperature, 42; maximum, 53; minimum, 33; mean relative humidity, 46.

Summary for April: Mean temperature, 53; average precipitation, 2.85 inches; highest temperature, 83, occurred in 1872; lowest temperature, 22, occurred in 1875.