"ONE OF MY OLD BOYS."

Gen. Wilson Says Nice Things About Maj. Cosby.

"Maj. Cosby, our new District Commissioner," said Gen. John M. Wilson of the District electric railway commission today, "is one of my old boys at West Point. He has all the attributes of a gentleman, a scholar and an accomplished soldier. He was at West Point for two years when I was superintendent, and he was graduated at the head of the class with Col. John S. Sewell, who, under my direction, built our handsome new government printing office and the new buildings at the Washington barracks. He has had charge of various important works throughout the country and has been successful in everything he has undertaken.

"I have the highest regard and esteem for Maj. Morrow, whom he succeeds, and I wish him all good in the future. If the exigencies of the service were such as to require a change, and doubtless in the mind of the President they were, then I am glad that so fine a man as Maj. Morrow should be followed by so excellent a gentleman as Maj. Cosby."

Scientists at Valparaiso.

VALPARAISO, December 23.—The American delegates to the pan-American scientific congress, which will convene in this city tomorrow, are the recipients of many private and official attentions. The local newspapers publish eulogistic articles regarding the United States, calling attention to the fact that America was the first power to recognize Chilean independence; that the first newspaper published in Chile was gotten out by Americans and that the first Chilean battleship was built in America.

Fatal Auto Crash in Snowstorm.

NEWARK, N. J., December 23.—In a blinding snowstorm at Nutley last night an automobile containing four young men smashed into the rear of a truck and turned turtle. Dayton Meeker of Irvington was killed. The others in the machine were not seriously injured.

TELLS OF HIS HOPES

New German Ambassador Believes in Good Faith.

DUE HERE THIS AFTERNOON

Desires to Promote Good Will Predecessor Cultivated.

SON OF A NOTED DIPLOMAT

Serves in Constantinople, Berlin, Belgrade, Dresden, St. Petersburg, Munich, London and Cairo.

Count Johann Heinrich Bernstorff, the new German ambassador to the United States, is expected to arrive here this afternoon. He reached New York Monday on the Hamburg liner Amerika. He was accompanied by his American-born wife and his daughter.

Count von Bernstorff was first diplomatic agent and consular general at Cairo until early this year, when he was raised to the rank of minister plenipo-

Count Johann Heinrich Bernstoff.

tentiary. He is the fourth son of Count Albrecht von Bernstorff, a distinguished contemporary of Bismarck, and was born in London in 1862, while his father was German ambassador to the court of St. James.

The new ambassador began his diplomatic career in 1899, when he was made attache at Constantinople. From Turkey he was transferred to the foreign office in Berlin, after which he advanced from one grade to another, serving in Belgrade, Dresden, St. Petersburg and Munich. He was counselor of the embassy and first secretary in London in 1902.

Creates Good Feeling.

The count's work in creating good feeling between Great Britain and Germany brought him under the direct notice of the emperor, and after four years' service in a minor position in London he was transferred to Cairo as ambassador. That position is regarded in the German diplomatic service as a stepping stone to one of the greater ambassadorial portfolios, and his present appointment, therefore, did not cause much surprise in Berlin.

The count married Miss Jennie Luckemeyer of New York in 1887, while she was traveling on the continent. His wife was born December 13, 1867, and the couple have two children. The Luckemeyer family left New York several years ago and settled in France, where the countess' father died this year.

Count Ernst von Bernstorff, the founder of the collateral branch of the family, also had an American wife. He was married in 1801 to Amerika Riedesel, Baroness zu Eisenbach, who was born in New York in 1770. Count von Bernstorff's daughter Alexandra is twenty years old, and came out socially in Cairo two seasons ago. His son Christian, seventeen years old, is at school.

The new ambassador to the United States is above middle height, of slight figure and wears a blond mustache. His knowledge of English is well nigh perfect and he is known as a successful after-dinner speaker and a bright conversationalist.

Position Is Difficult.

In an interview since his arrival in this country, Count Bernstorff said he felt that he had a difficult responsibility on succeeding so able a man as the Baron Speck von Sternburg and that he therefore would begin his duties with a certain degree of diffidence.

"I desire to promote," the count said, "the mutual good will that my predecessor so assiduously cultivated. I know of no other way of doing this than by openness and good faith. While I am in Washington there will be no mystery about German aims in all that relates to the United States. My stay in America will afford me the occasion of closely following the amazing progress of the American people in every branch of public life, a progress which commands the admiration of the whole world.

People Judge for Themselves.

"My compatriots have the conviction that the government and the people of the United States judge for themselves the situations that arise in Europe upon their merits and without prejudice, and we can well trust ourselves to such impartial judgment. Thus the ties between the United States and Germany are happily free to develop upon common ideals and political fair play. That this shall remain so will be the object I hope to attain. This is based on my instructions and my own earnest desires.

"The new postal convention has been received with great satisfaction in Germany, and we hope it will increase the friendly intercourse between the two peoples."

Verdict of Death by Suicide.

ROANOKE, Va., December 23.—At Bluefield, W. Va., the coroner's jury investigating the death of Charles Kreicar, the man whose body was found Sunday hanging from a tree near Bluefield, returned a verdict that death was due to strangulation by Kreicar's own hand. Kreicar was traveling with his family from Esterhazy, Canada, to Petersburg, Va., and left the train at Bluefield to buy lunch.

Visitors in Washington.

The following visitors to Washington have registered at The Star office:

R. McKitrick, Madison, Wis.
Armstrong Barrow, Pine Bluff, Ark.
G. B. Van Riper, Seneca Falls, N. Y.
William H. F. Judd and Mrs. Judd, Providence, R. I.
Jacob L. Baer and Mrs. Simon L. Baer, St. Louis, Mo.
John B. King, Piedmont, S. C.
L. E. Manny and Bertha Manny, New York city.
B. S. Luce and Mrs. Luce, Perryopolis, Pa.