### THE FATHERLAND.

### Celebration of Emperor William's 87th Birthday.

GERMAN SUBJECTS DEVOTION

Interesting Sketch of a Busy and Eventful Life.

Heil, dir im Siegerkranz. Herrscher des Va erlands, Heil, Kœuig dir! Fuehl' in des Thrones Glanz Die hohe Wonne ganz Liebling des Volks zu sein, Heil Konig dir

The ruler of Germany entered upon his 88th year on Saturday last, and there was general rejoicing and festivity among the children of the Fatherland at home and

abroad. A Berlin cablegram says: The Emperor's 87th birthday was generally celebrated. At 6 e'clock in the morning a choral was played on the tower of the palace. The schools were closed and divine services were held in all the churches. The Emperor received congratulations from 10 o'clock n the morning-first the members of the family, then the princely guests who arrived, the officers of the Court, the Diplomatic Corps, the Generals, Ministers, members of the Bundesrath and the President of the Reichstag. The Ministers were headed by Prince Bismarck and the Generals by Prince Frederic Charles. The Emperor received all standing on his feet. Occasionally he showed himself from the historic corner window to the people assembled below when he was heartily banquet was also cheered. given at the Rathhouse by the city magistrates. At night a general illumination and festivals took place all over the city. Among the mass of congratulations re-

Russia is especially hearty. Bismarck gave a dinner to the Diplomatic Corps here at night, in honor of the Emperor's birthday. Lord Ampthill, the British Ambassador, proposed the health of the Emperor. Bismarck proposed the toast to the represented sovereigns and

seived the one of Emperor Alexander of

nations. The day was observed throughout Germany with parades, banquets and festival performances in the theatres, schools and barracks. At a banquet at Stuttgart the toast to the Emperor was proposed by Queen Olga. At Darmstadt the troops were reviewed by the Grand Dake Ludwig. At Strassburg the foundation stone of the Imperial Palace was laid.

### AN EVENTFUL LIFE.

The life of the aged Emperor embodies much of recent European history. He was born in 1797, on March 22nd, the second son of King Friedrich William III. of Prussia, and of the Princess Louise of Mecklenburg-Strelitz. Educated as a soldier, he took part in the bloody cam paign of 1813 and 1814 against Napoleon Bonaparte. He has had his life attempted Count Bismarck.

## EMPEROR OF GERMANY.

Under Bismarck's Prime Ministership, Prussia rapidly rose to great fame by trampling in succession upon Denmark, Austria and France. On the 18th of January, 1871, Kung Wilhelm reached the pinnacle of his greatness, when, in the Hall of Mirrors in Versailles, he allowed himself to be proclaimed Emperor of United Germany. In 1878 his life was attempted by Hodel, the Socialist; less than a month afterward he was again shot at in the Unter den Linden, and on this occasion he was wounded, the culprit being Dr. Noebling, who afterward committed suicide. Emperor William married fifty-five years ago Augusta, daughter of the late Grand Duke Karl Friederich of Saxe-Weimar, to whom he addressed the telegrams which successively announced the battles and triumphs of the war with France.

" FOUR KINGS."

Prince Friederich Wilhelm, the eldest son and heir apparent to the kingdom and empire, was born October 18th, 1831. He is a eld marshal in the German army, and took a leading part in the campaign in France. His wife is the eldest daughter himself in hot weather by passing through of Queen Victoria, the Princess Royal of Great Britain, to whom he was married January 25th, 1858. They have six children. The eldest, Friederich Wilhelm, born January 27th, 1859, was married February | teeth. 27th, 1881, to Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein Augustenburg, and their son is the fourth in the series of " four kings," as the patriarchal Emperor expressed it on Sunday, June 4th, 1882, when a photograph of a unique character was taken at the Marble Palace in Potsdam, Germany. The principal figures in it were the Emperor Wilhelm, the Crown Prince, Prince William and the infant Prince, whom the imperial great-grandfather bore in his arme, thus presenting the first four generations of the new imperial house of Germany in a single group.

of the Pruseian house of Hohenzollern. in his 18th year. Mr. Muntz's father (also sale of his curious discovery. His kingdom comprises an area of 137,066 M. P. for Birmingham) wore a beard when English square miles and about 28,000,000 there was not another in the House of as King of Prussia, he is the potentate over | England as "the man with the beard." an area of 212,091 English square miles, and a population of over 45,000,000 subjects, inhand of military force. On the 8th of last an overflow of water from one of the Cuba in a state of siege. The authorities January he sent the following characteris- ditches on his farm.

tic letter in reply to the congratulations sent by the magistrates of Berlin on New

Year's Day : "I pray God that in His goodness it has still been vouchsafed to me to inaugurate the proud monument on the banks of the Rhine, which is destined not only as a perconvinced that under the blessed protection personal intercourse with friendly princes, the nation will in the tuture find a prosperous development."

# COLONIZATION COMPANIES.

Quantity of Land Granted and Money Beceived.

An Ottawa telegram says: The acres allotted to the colonization companies and the amounts received therefor during tho nalendar year of 1882 were as follows :

calendar year of 1882 were	SP TOTT	DWB.
Name of Company.	Acres.	Payment
Fertile Belt Company Temperance Colonization	61,422	\$ 24,85
Comment	213,000	84,00
Primitive Methodist Coloni-	63,513	24,57
Qu'Appelle Land Company	61,221	24,70
Colonisation Company	08,000	24,5
Dominion Lands Coloniza- tion Company	110,101	45,2
Dundee Land Investment Company	10,244	4,0
Montreal & Western Land Company Touchwood Qu'Appelle Land	30,375	12,3
& Colonigation Company	100,001	24,5
W. Vahey and John Wilkin-	TOPETO	5,0
York Farmers' Colonization Company	01,220	24,5
Qu'Appelle & Long Lake	36,990	10,0
Land Company		4,0
C. F. Furguson and others		19,9
Henry D. Smith Prince Albert Colonization	10,240	4,0
Company Edmonton & Saskatchewar	42,210	
Land Company	. 01,000	24,
P. Purcell	. 56,322	22,
Homestead Company.	200,004	
Scottish Ontario & Man toba Land Company Shell River Colonization	. 20,112	11,
Company	30,624	6,
A. Scott and T. Hay	. 25,600	
Company	46,080	18,
P. V. Valinas Main has se	4 32,640	13,
Wm. Sharples	20,400	
Company	23,000	6
Total acres disposed of and amount, received Laluga-	1,400,663	\$ \$551
amount and and		_

### AN UNKNOWN COUNTRY. D fliculties in the way of the British Troops in the Soudan.

The seat of war in the Soudan is praction several occasions, and he has also had cally an unknown country. Although such vicissitudes in his career as appeared travellers have frequently passed through likely at the time of their occurrence to the Eastern Soudan from Suakim to Berber preclude the possibility of his ever occupy. on the west and Kassala on the south, the ing his present high position. He was country has not been surveyed, either near at Hartford, Conn., uses a ton of gum a made Governor of the Prussian Province of the coast on further inland. Consequently week. Pomerania in 1840. During the revolution the exact position of villages and wells, of 1848 he was a refugee in England. whither the British forces are about to pro-Circumstances favoring his return to his ceed is not definitely known. Even Sinkat own country, he became Commander in is placed on one German map recently Chief of the Prussian army, and saw active issued thirty miles north of the spot where service in that capacity in 1849. Ten it is located on the best English maps. The years afterward saw him Regent, in conse- district between the hills and the sea coast quence of the mind of his brother (the King) has really yet to be explored. Tamanieb is giving way. Possessed of an imperious the late headquarters of Osman Digna, turn of mind, he soon quarrelled with the where he deposited his plunder, stores and Chamber of Deputies, and in 1862 he saved munitions, where he lodged his women and the country from civil war and laid the children and kept his flocks and herds. foundations of that power which has since Tamavieb is near the foot hills of the made him the greatest sovereign of the con- ridge running almost north and south to tinent of Europe by allying himself with the west of Suakim, and it is supposed to be seated about thirteen or fifteen miles from that port. The Walls of Handoub, often mentioned as the encampment of the "friendly tribes" wno some time since warned Osman not to meddle with them, is north of Tamanieb, close up to the great mountain barrier.

## Cruelty to Animale.

Lending a willing horse to two women to go driving.

Condemning a hen to have its head chopped off by a woman. Compelling a dog to stay in the room

while you practice on the flute. Putting an English sparrow in a cage and

forcing it to eat worms or starve. Mistaking a dude for an organ-grinder's

monkey in the presence of the monkey. Teaching a parrot to say unpleasant

where he can get hold of it. Taking your sweetheart and her mother

out riding when you have but one horse. Leave one of them at home. Causing a gentleman cow to over-exert

a pasture with a red garment on. Making a sensitive bulldog feel bad by he 48.

ignoring his presence and trying to pass him after he has growled and shown his Jumping on to a table and yelling like a wild Indian when a mouse appears. The

## The Only Man with a Beard.

mingham, who was one of those who con- white and the rest has turned a dark greygratulated Mr. Peel on his elevation to ish color. Mr. Simpson brought the figure the Speaker's chair, was present at the to Parkhill and placed it in the grocery Emperor Wilhelm is the seventh monarch was in the year 1829, when Mr. Muntz was the manager of the Zoo, in Toronto, for the ROAD IN THE COUNTRY, and in which superior meals are served to travelers at

Jacob Eyler, of Trotwood, O., aged 72 cluding the unwilling people of Alsace-Lor- years, who is credited with owning the raine, about a million and a half in number, greatest part of the lively village in which ourrence of the powers. who, in 1871, were compelled from their he lived, committed suicide recently beallegiance to France to that of the newly- cause he feared that he would have to pay Saturday that an order had been received founded German Empire, by the stern a neighbor \$100 damages, resulting from from the Government at Madrid declaring R. R. CABLE,

## THE MAHDI AND HIS METHODS

A New Story of the False Prophet of the Soudan-The Belief in His Divine Missiou.

At the present moment the Mahdi and Gordon Pasha are the centre of public inpetual commemoration of the happily re- terest all over the world. M. Gabriel gained unity of Germany, but also as an Charmes, in the Journal des Debats, devotes earnest sign of the invigorated and true two articles to the heroes of the hour. He might of the united German empire. The tells the following story of the Mahdi grand festival in honor of Martin Luther's When any of the Christians of the Soudan stimulus enough in the unsophisticated well birth, in which, after four centuries, the are brought before the prophet he urges of nature—in pure water. whole of evangelical Christendom united them to abandon their faith and recognize with me, will not less ever remain for me in him the Messiah of the Scriptures. One an elevating reminiscence. It affords me of the Sisters of the French Catholic misthe greatest gratification that the new year sion declared that she was quite ready to men have been known to die in places has come under circumstances which verify comply with his desire, but as the where only nickels are put in the contributhe hope of quiet, undisturbed times. I am Scriptures said that the Messiah should be tion boxes. recognized by his miracles, she thought it of peace, of the maintenance of which I would be well if the Mahdi were to perform School Board, states that, "anomalous as have obtained fresh guarantees through a miracle, in which case she, with all her it may seem, the more vigorously compulcompanions, would with an easy conscience sion is enforced against absentees, the bow down and worship him. Mohammed Ahmed replied with some embarrassment ance" at school. that she was right; that, however, the time for miracles had not come yet, although it was near, and that he would take the nuns themselves under his protection to prepare them for conversion. Persons who have superior to that obtained from oil or gas, seen the Mahdi say that he delights in playing the part of the enlightened dervish, shaking his head and murmuring prayers while walking about, with his eyes lifted to ts the heavens. The belief in his divine mission strengthened by the fact that on his right cheek he has a scar of some 00 kind by which, according to Mussulman strong moulds, where they acquire the superstition, the Messiah is to be recognized. It is almost incredible to what an extent this belief is spread in Islam. Arabi that disease is caused by the absence of made believe, and perhaps believed himself, God from the body, and that it can be that he was the Messiah, because an old cured by the passage of the Divine affluence. blind sheik had discovered the letter L from the well to the sick as they sit with printed on his forehead. In the same way the Soudanese discovered the legitimacy of the Mahdi's divine mission. After the prominence. of defeat of Gen. Hicks, the Mahdi ordered a hole to be dug in the ground about four the farm of Cuttyhill, Longside, in Aberyards deep; into this hole he descended 576 and remained in it for above half an hour; on his ascent he told his followers that God had commanded him not to march toward Khartoum before the end of two months. . . . He maintains also that it is the will of God that he, after going to Khartoum, should proceed toward Berber and thence to Cairo ; having converted all the Egyptian Mussulmans, he will go to Mecca and Medina; in passing he will drive away the Sultan from Constantinople, which he thinks will not be difficult, for, according to his geography, Constantinople is quite near to the Suez Canal. In his name to be invoked in public prayer experts, through Kew officials, by the Govinstead of the name of Mohammed. If anybody is, by necessity or conviction, ready to be converted, he is taken before the Mahdı, who addresses him with the words: "Inta akat el bea moukdieh?" (Do you accept the religion of the Mahdi?) The convert replies : "Akat" (yes), kisses the Mahdi's hand, and the conversion is

### Some Big Things.

completed.

near Waxahatchie, Texas. The U.S. Government envelope factory

A party of Baton Rouge, La., bird hunt-

ers recently killed 1,400 robins with sticks. A sea dog was killed on the beach near Long Branch, N. J., not long ago, It weighed 143 pounds.

While trapping near Bridgman, Mich., William Williams caught an eagle that measured nine feet. A cow horn 4 feet 11 inches long and 18

inches in diameter at the base is on exhibition at Monticello, Fla. An owl measuring four feet and two

inches from tip to tip was recently captured in Franklin county, Georgia. Robins are found in flooks of 10,000 in the neighborhood of Powhattan, Va. A

man recently killed 480 of the birds. A lady 60 years old, residing in Rochester, N. Y., skated from that city to Brockport, twenty miles, in an hour and twenty-

five minutes. Charles White, of Thorndike, Me., has three yokes of oxen whose united weight is 12,210 pounds. Ope yoke measures eight

feet four inches, and weighs 4,865 pounds. New Orleans recently had a baby show, with ninety-nine infants on exhibition. The first prize was won by a seven months old baby that weighed thirty-one pounds.

The United States Treasury has the biggest spittoon on record. It is a great obleng wooden box as big as a bed, filled with sawdust. It lies in the basement at the foot of the four flights of stairs which truths to your neighbor, and then leaving it lead to the various stories, and 'accommodate the Government employees and others.

J. B. Kerns, of Stokes county, N.C., went there from Pittsburg, Pa., four years ago. In that time six children have been added to his family. He has been married to the

## Discovery of a Petrified Man.

A London despatch says: Geo. Simpson, of McGillivray, recently made a remarkable discovery. When digging on his poor little animals are often frightened farm he struck on a large stone, and after to a race long since extinct, as it measured intermediate. The 7 feet 41 inches in height, and was almost 66 Mr. Muntz, the senior member for Bir perfect in form. Parts of the body are

A Rome despatch says the Congregation | via the famous inhabitants. As EmperorofGermany as well | Commons, and was known throughout of Cardinals discussed yesterday the exalso considered the question whether the next conclave shall be held in Italy. The Pope will make no decision without the con-

A rumor was circulated in Havana in at Havana pronounce it absurd.

### SCRAPS OF SCIENCE.

Practical Points Gathered from the World's Savans.

The tunnel connecting the Lancashire and Cheshire sides of the river Mersey is now nearly finished. The rock has been reported as very favorable for excavation.

Whatever may be true of harmless luxuries in the way of drink, the Lancet maintains that health, happiness and work find

Every nickel is said by metallurgists to contain enough arsenic to kill a man. There may be something in that. Clergy-

Mr. Buxton, Chairman of the London greater the tendency to an irregular attend-

Direct electric lighting of one of the trains of the District Railway between Kensington and Putney is stated to be very successful. The light is not only but is reported to cost only two-thirds that of the latter.

Paper wash-basins, buckets and similar articles for domestic purposes are generally made of straw pulp, and, after they are roughly made into the desired shape, they are subjected to hydraulic pressure in finished form.

A new religious sect in Boston holds their spines in contact. It is said to number among its votaries people of influence and

A cinerary urn has been discovered on is globular, fifteen inches in diameter and eleven inches in depth. It was formed of a brownish sort of clay. The bones which filled the receptacle crumbled into dust on being touched.

The coral industry on the Algerian coast is now regulated by a decree of the French Government. In future the fishing for coral must no longer be conducted with the use of apparatus made of iron or other metal, as it is supposed that implements of this nature tend to destroy the reefs and prevent their reproduction.

Phylloxera on the roots of vines forwarded to England for examination by considerable numbers, although the vines themselves were effectually destroyed. It appears that the earth protected the pests which had found their way underground.

A man was suffering from gangrene of the lungs, with cough, difficulty of breathing and fever. The odor of the breath was most offensive. The patient was put upon a mixture containing carbolic acid, but as no improvement followed, tincture of eucalyptus was substituted for the acid. In A ten-foot alligator was captured recently two days after the use of the last prescription the odor of the breath was less disgusting, and in less than two weeks the man was discharged cured. The beneficent work was attributed to the action of the eucalyptus by Dr. Bonamy.

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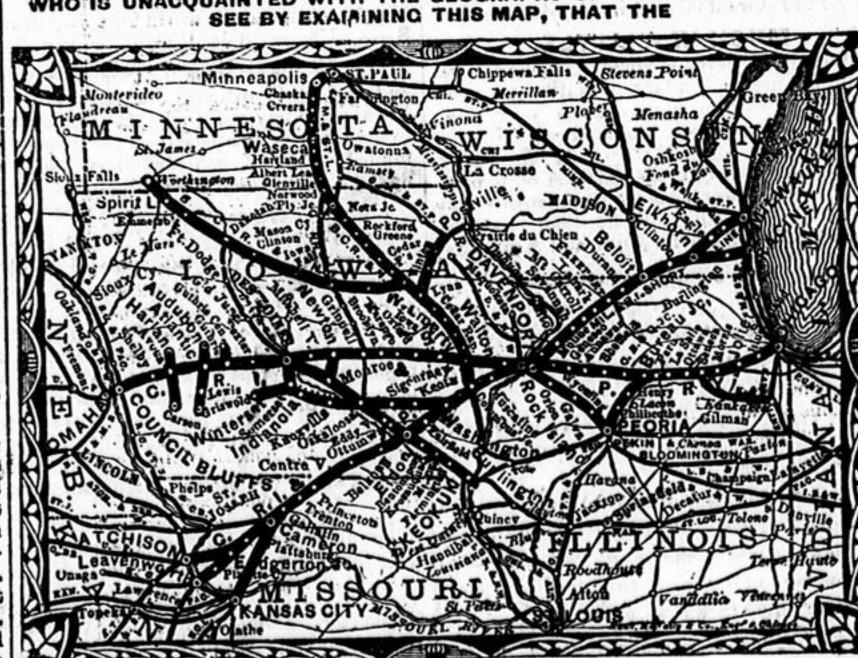
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