

State Reporter.

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VENEZUELA IN PARAGRAPHS.

What states are in the union, Population of Venezuela is 2,121,988. Venezuela contains 566,000 square miles. Between per cent of the population are ill-tempered Indians. The territory in dispute is about the size of our state of Maine. British Guiana was acquired by England through treaty in 1814. In 1826 the amount of gold mined in Venezuela was 47,000 ounces. Slavery in the republic was abolished by the decree of March 24, 1854. Venezuela's export trade with New York reaches \$5,900,000 a year. Difficulties between Venezuela and Great Britain first arose in 1836. It is estimated that seventy-five revolutions have occurred since the establishment of the republic. An absolute separation of church and state has been effected, civil marriage is insisted on, and other admirable and progressive institutions have been established. Previously to 1836 her public school system was very unimportant, only 1,312 pupils being in attendance at the public schools in the year mentioned. Now the attendance exceeds 100,000. The constitution makes presidents ineligible for election, and it is the earnest endeavor of Venezuelan statesmen to establish the politics of the country on a firm footing of peace and order. United States Minister, Mr. Pile, of Virginia, once ventured to present himself to the president on one occasion minus a necktie. President Blanco very sharply rebuked him of his forgetfulness of etiquette, and shortly afterward sent him about his business.

JUST ABOUT WOMEN.

The mother of Dwight L. Moody is still living, at the age of 90. The empress of Austria, who has been staying at Aix-les-Bains, insists upon taking her mineral bath at 4 o'clock every morning. In several of his popular novels William Black speaks of his wife as "Queen Titania," and gives the impression that she is a small woman. Sarah Bernhardt drew a large audience to a Paris civil court lately, where she was sued for not paying a horse dealer's bill. Some women in Galicia, Austria, have sent the Emperor Francis Joseph a petition worded as follows: "Sire, we women of Galicia, prostrate at the foot of the throne, present this our ardent request: At present, whereas every man, young or old, is liable to military service, we women, often more robust than effeminate men, think we ought not to be excluded. The arms now in use are well made and easy to handle. We, therefore, pray your majesty to institute a corps of amazon volunteers." Mrs. Isabel C. Barrows, one of the first women to enter the civil service at Washington, for a long time figured on the pay roll as "I. C. Barrows," to avoid the reduction of pay which would probably ensue on the discovery of her sex. All went well until she was obliged to appear in person, together with other government employes, to take the "iron-clad oath" that she had never borne arms against her country. The fact which most conclusively proved that she had not also resulted in the paying down of her pay.

RAM'S HORNS.

We sometimes pray for more grace, when what we need is more grit. Our trials do not weaken us. They only show us that we are weak. The preacher who does not practice all he preaches, preaches too much. The things which do the most to make us happy cannot be had for money. No man that gives as much as he ought to give, ever wants his money back. The devil hates a prayer meeting, but he likes the part some people take in it. Stick up among the things written on the side of hell, is "Sacred Concert." A self-made man generally spoils his life by trying to make himself like himself. If the Christian will keep his light shining, God will put it where it can be seen. It is just as true that little sins are bad sins, as that little snakes are real snakes. To have a real revival of religion, the preaching must be clear cut against sin. Don't try to stop the wind. Have your sails ready to be helped on its way. When one man is heating a furnace, he never thinks about the cold of another. It is hard to understand why unassuming people are so apt to wear crowning thorns.

DRIVING LINKS.

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QUEER SPECIES OF FRIGHT.

Why Some People Feel an Impulse to Leap from High Elevations.

Dr. Edward Lanning, the American physician who practiced his profession in Paris for ten or eleven years, says he has seen more cases of "elevation fright" in the French capital than he has in any other city he has ever been in. "I do not know," said he, "that it is any peculiarity of the French character, but I have frequently been called in cases where death has resulted in a leap from a tall building or tower—not that I could do any good, but simply to see whether I could determine from previous family history whether the victim was insane or not. About two years ago I was visited by a sailor, an Almatian, who told me he experienced the peculiar sensation of terror when at an elevation, and that he was unable to take a berth on any vessel where his duties would require him to go aloft further than twelve or fifteen feet from the deck. He consented to go with me to a tall building and go on to the roof so I could observe his condition when he looked over the edge into space. I took two assistants with me as a precaution. One of them brought a rope at the sailor's request. He said he would not dare venture to the edge of the roof unless he had one end of the rope around his waist and felt that the other end was securely held. I acceded to that and told him to go as close to the edge as he pleased.

"We were very high—up 125 feet I should say. The sailor walked cautiously toward the eaves, and I walked alongside of him. He looked over and jumped back, and then walked forward again. I observed that the pupil of his eye had become dilated, and in a few minutes the perspiration ran down his face in streams. His pulse bounded, and his muscles twitched. He stood quietly without tugging at the rope, but told me if he did not know that he was being held he certainly could not resist the desire to leap into space. He got down on his hands and knees and tried to become accustomed to looking over the roof's edge, but said he could not. He wanted to draw himself forward and plunge over head first. I finally took him downstairs, when he recovered his equanimity. He came to see me a year afterward, and said he had tried his best to cure himself of what he considered a weakness, but was unable to do so. The man was perfectly sane, and apparently cool and collected when on terra firma, but at seventy-five or 100 feet he became an abject coward. About three months ago I was not surprised when I received a letter from one of my colleagues telling me that the sailor had cast himself from a balloon in which he ascended with an aeronaut near Dieppe, and had been dashed to pieces."

The Baby in the West.

The Portland Oregonian has awarded a \$150 prize for the best definition of a baby. The Heppner lady who won the prize, sent in this answer: "A tiny feather from the wing of love, dropped into the sacred lap of motherhood." The following are some of the best definitions given: The bachelor's horror, the mother's treasure, and the despotic tyrant of the most republican household. The morning caller, noonday crawler, midnight brawler. The only precious possession that never excites envy. The latest edition of humanity—of which every couple think they possess the finest copy. A native of all countries, who speaks the language of none. About twenty-two inches of coo and wiggle, writhes and screams, filled with suction and testing apparatus for milk, and automatic alarm to regulate supply. A thing we are expected to kiss and look at if we enjoyed it. A little stranger, with a free pass to the heart's best affections. That which makes home happier, love stronger, patience greater, hands busier, nights longer, days shorter, purses lighter, clothes shabbier, the past forgotten, the future brighter.

A Horse's Long Fast.

John Martino, of Reliance, Del., lost a horse and carriage about three weeks ago and supposed the same to have been stolen. He advertised and made diligent inquiry, all to no purpose. While in the woods near his home he discovered the animal standing with the carriage jammed between two trees. The horse was a mere skeleton from its seventeen days' fast, and had nearly eaten off a large gum tree, which was the only thing edible within reach. The animal was taken home and cared for and is rapidly recovering, despite its terrible experience. Mr. Martino thinks the horse strayed away with the carriage attached and became a prisoner by the entanglement of the vehicle between the trees.

Black Foxes in Maine.

Four black foxes from Alaska were turned loose on Heron island, in Boothbay harbor, Me., a few days ago in an attempt to propagate these animals there for their valuable fur. The species is rare and the fur commands a high price. The four are all that reached their destination of a band of fifteen that were shipped from Alaska in September. Ten died on the voyage down to San Francisco, and one other died before Chicago was reached. The four that survived were in good condition when turned loose on Heron island. If the attempt to breed these animals is successful at that place other Maine islands will be stocked with the species.

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FROM THE CAPITAL.

THE GAYETIES OF SOCIAL LIFE ECLIPSE CONGRESS.

Some of the Season's Debutantes—The Stevenson Girls Unspooled by Attention—Jane Fuller, Julia Scott, Ethel Blanchard, and Others.

Washington Letter. CONGRESS will be eclipsed, in a social sense, by the interest which will center about the many young ladies who will make their first appearance this winter in the gay set at the capital. Most conspicuous among them will be the two daughters of Vice-President Adlai E. Stevenson. The Stevensons live at the Normandie hotel, where they have had apartments for several years; in fact, since coming to Washington in their present political position. The Vice-President and Mrs. Stevenson have a pretty, comfortable



JANE FULLER. chamber adjoining a large and handsomely furnished parlor, where the two young ladies occupy rooms above. When Mrs. Stevenson gives her receptions the parlors of the hotel are always at her service.

Perhaps there are no young ladies in town who will receive more social attention this winter or more notice in the press than the two Stevenson girls, yet to their credit it must be said they are certainly unspooled so far by the constant attention which their movements attract. They are both simple and perfectly natural in manner, totally devoid of affectation, and they dislike anything that brings them conspicuously into public notice. Mrs. Stevenson, recognizing the fact that her husband's position demands a constant sacrifice on her part, is most kind to all who approach her and her motherly heart seems to invite the confidence of those she meets. It is not an easy position to fill, for there are numberless calls on her time. Still it is yet to be said that she has failed in a single instance to help her husband in every sense of the word, or that anyone made a demand on her time that she did not cheerfully accord.

Among the other debutantes of the season will be Miss Jane Fuller, the youngest daughter of the chief justice, and if the health of her mother permits, she will make her first appearance in society within a few days. Miss Fuller inherits the good looks that have also fallen to the lot of her sisters. She is expert on the wheel and spends much of her time out of doors.

Miss Julia Scott, daughter of Mrs. Scott, who is a sister of Mrs. Adlai Stevenson, is one of the buds of the season, so that in one family there will be three young ladies on the carpet at the same time. Mrs. Scott has taken the home of Mr. Fairchild Carpenter and is expected to entertain a great deal during the season, as she has one daughter already in society and her other one is ready to appear about New Year's. At present the family expect that Miss Julia Scott, who is now in Paris, to reach town by the 15th of this month. The Scott mansion is beautifully furnished in exquisite taste, and is situated in a fashionable neighborhood. The Miss Scotts already introduced is named Letitia, so that there are two



JULIA SCOTT. Julia and two Letitias in the Scott and Stevenson families.

The daughter of the rich congressman, Francis G. Newlands, will also make her first appearance in society. So will Miss Ethel Blanchard, daughter of the senator from Louisiana, and Miss Margaret Gana, daughter of the minister from Chili. Miss Ethel Blanchard is very dark, almost a Spaniard in her brunette beauty. She has a slender figure, black hair with a natural curl, dark eyes and a clear complexion. She is a very intellectual girl and devoted to study, spending most of her time at her books. Mrs. Senator Blanchard has a remarkable talent for composition, and it is from her mother that Miss Ethel inherits her fondness for literature. As this will be her first winter in society and she is the only child in the family, she is expected to create quite a sensation among the younger set.

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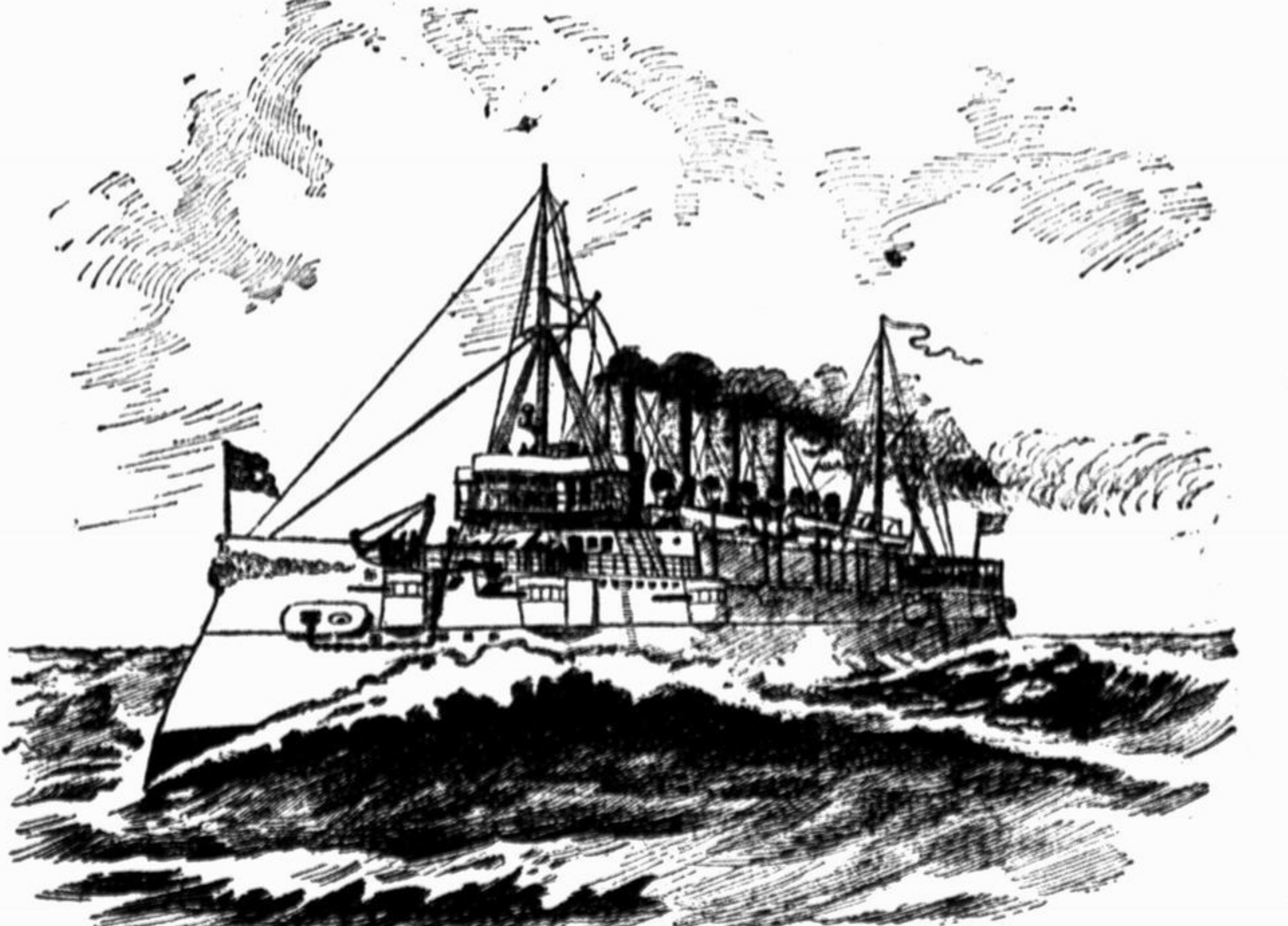
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During the last month forty men were arrested for speaking contemptuously of the emperor, and 200,000 copies of newspapers were seized and destroyed because they were supposed to contain disrespectful allusions to his majesty. Some of the radical newspapers have devoted special half columns to such proceedings, and given them the half cynical head: "Our Daily Less-Majesty Bulletin." There is not a day passes but two or three are arrested and as many convicted, while the confiscation of revolutionary editorial matter, anarchist poems and free-thinking pamphlets are so numerous that it is impossible to report fully. The sentences are not at all light. A few days ago a wo-



HERR FISCHER. map in Hanover was sent to prison for six months because she said that William II. did not care whether his working people prospered or starved. A workman by the name of Frost was sentenced for two years because he

STEEL PROTECTED CRUISER COLUMBIA.



Speed—22.8 knots. Dimensions—1,670 tons. Protective deck—slope, 4 inches; flat, 2 1/2 inches. Armament—main battery, one 8-inch breech-loading rifle, two 6-inch rapid-fire guns, eight 4-inch rapid-fire guns; secondary battery, twelve 6-pound rapid-fire guns; four 1-pound rapid-fire guns; four Gatling guns, five torpedo tubes. Built by Cramp & Sons, Philadelphia. Keel laid in 1890. Launched July 26, 1892. Went into commission April 23, 1894.

Clarence, who is 15. The lad is somewhat of a prodigy, and will this year compete a course far advanced enough to allow of his going to Harvard for the next term. He is a fine-looking boy, and his remarkable studiousness places him at the head of many literary societies in which he is interested. The two little girls are taught at home.

Mrs. Thurston is a motherly-looking woman with a low, gentle voice and a kindly manner. She is an earnest thinker on the subjects of the day, and is opposed to woman's suffrage on the grounds that, if the thing were fully carried out, many women would be obliged to serve on mixed juries, often to their great discomfort. Then, again, she says, as no woman would join the army, it is hardly fair that they should have a voice in the government, when they cannot support it by their arms. Mrs. Thurston takes a great interest in the political life of her husband, and has accompanied him for years in all of his campaigns. The Thurstons have a lovely home in Omaha, and did not break it up, as the boy had to be left there to finish his school term.

Rhode Island, was to take the Morton house is not true, for his family are settling in the house on Vermont avenue, 1014, which he has taken for the season. In speaking of the cost of keeping up a fine establishment in town here, Governor Morton once told a friend that the expense which his house brought him each year was \$15,000 for every winter he spent at the capital. The Morton home is still empty, and as it requires a large fortune to keep it up in proper shape, it is not likely to be rented during this season.

All mundane events are the results of the operation of law. Every movement in the universe or upon the earth proceeds so that the universe is under control of law.

ing classes as represented by the socialist democratic party. So long as these people and the proletariat in general bowed down to his majesty and acknowledged his superiority as a mortal and his infallibility in the judgment of everything all went well. They



HERR SINGER.

simply humored his vanity, and so long as he did not seriously interfere with them the social democrats were very tractable subjects, indeed. During the past six or seven months, however, the emperor has taken upon himself to virtually dictate to the labor leaders what they ought and what they ought not to do. From first grumbling at this unwarranted interference, the matter has taken on very alarming proportions. The vast masses of the people proper—that is to say, the laboring classes, as well as the small farmers and farm hands, together with the host of such as are directly dependent for their subsistence upon these classes—are intensely dissatisfied with the existing conditions in the empire. Everything

made a similar remark emphasized with an oath. Editor Reichet and Printer Landgraf of Burgstadt, Saxony, have been arrested for slurring the emperor in a little social democratic weekly which they published. Henry Mackey's pamphlet poem, "The Anarchists," has been exterminated in Berlin by order of the chief of police.

Dr. Barth says the people will insult the emperor with ever increasing frequency as long as these prosecutions and persecutions are kept up, and adds that the history of the empire proves it. For instance, in 1876, when the social democrats had free hand, there were but 181 charges of lese-majeste, and in 1877 but 200, while in 1878, when Bismarck began to threaten and punish the socialists systematically, the number jumped to 2,000. Barth says it is German nature to want to do most the very thing that is forbidden by law and the cabinet, and the emperor can get himself insulted in print and by word of mouth fifty times a day if he only has the crown lawyers harry his subjects persistently enough.

The conservatives who are egging on the emperor and Herr Von Koeller, minister of the interior, to these prosecutions, wish to keep up the crusade, even if it land in prison 10,000 a year. The Leipzig Gazette says: "We, for our part, wish to see all social democratic leaders banished from the country, their whole press exterminated, all their societies broken up, and all their meetings forbidden." To this the radical daily, the Tagelblatt, replies with the question: "Why should we be so severe with socialist agitators and let the high-tariff Tories, who denounce the throne, go scot-free? Why should the police drag a social democratic editor from his bed for some trivial offense, while a Baron Hammerstein, who has subjected nearly 600,000 marks in all kinds of securities of Berlin in broad daylight?"