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MANHOOD SUFFRAGE DEMANDED BY PRUSSIAN WORKINGMEN

A Thousand Socialists Make a Demonstration Before the Parliament Buildings.

Berlin, Jan. 13.—The most intense excitement has been aroused by an interpellation, presented recently in the Prussian Landtag by a Liberal member, and demanding the introduction of manhood suffrage in the elections of members of the Lower House of the Prussian Landtag. Last night no fewer than 15 Socialist mass meetings were held in Berlin, as well as many others in the country district, in favor of the movement. This morning before the Landtag convened Socialists to the number of 1,900 marched in procession before the Parliament building. This demonstration assumed a somewhat threatening aspect, and a large body of police was called to the scene. They surrounded the entrances to the building and later cleared the surrounding streets.

Under the present electoral system in Prussia there are three classes of voters. Up to the present time the laboring man has been completely deprived of representation in the Prussian Parliament, owing to the fact that he was overthrown in the final elections by the other two classes. The categories of voters are formed arbitrarily by dividing the total amount of taxation received by the State into three equal parts. A small number of wealthy persons paying the first third of the total taxation, select certain number of men from their ranks to act as final voters; a more extended number of less wealthy persons who pay the next third of the full amount of taxation choose an equal number of final electors, while the third class of voters, composed of the remainder of the population, and including the workers, whose numbers reach to the millions, are allowed to select a number of final voters equal to that chosen by each of the other two classes. The total number of final electors selected by this process is then divided into three equal parts, and the representatives of the two first named classes always vote solidly together, thus shutting out any possibility of the election of a representative of the working classes.

Princess von Buelow, the Imperial Chancellor, has made known his intention of speaking on this subject during the debate which is to follow the presentation of the interpellation. The crowd before the Parliament building increased rapidly, and soon numbered many thousands. When the doors were opened those nearest to them attempted to force their way into the building, but the policemen managed to keep the people back. The police were still trying to maintain order when Princess von Buelow drove up. His presence was greeted with loud and ironical cheers, accompanied by much hooting and shouts of "We want manhood suffrage."

FOUGHT FOR FOOD. JURY DIVIDED.

PASSENGERS ON THE MOUNT ROYAL FEARED STARVATION. Women Lay About on the Deck and Screamed Until They Fell Asleep—Storm at Its Worst on Christmas Eve. Queenstown, Jan. 13.—Even after a day's quiet in port the terror of what they passed through is still on the passengers of the Mount Royal. They were all anxious to tell their story to-day, but, all being Russians or Hungarians, only one was found who could speak any English. Ladislav Szechenyi, a Hungarian peasant, is on his way to America a second time. He has spent some years in the Pennsylvania coal mines, and speaks very fair English. "We were all nice and pleasant when we started from Anwerp," said he "all the Hungarians together, and the other passengers looked at us down below, where we were all living together like the village at home, only bigger. As a great sailor, because I was in America before, of course I knew they would all be sick, and I was myself, too, but I wouldn't let anybody know it; only laughed at them."

SCHMITZ MAY GO FREE. Judgment Against San Francisco Mayor Quashed. San Francisco, Jan. 13.—The district Court of Appeals handed down a decision to-day setting aside the judgment in the case of former Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, convicted of extortion in the French restaurant case. The Reuf also benefits by the ruling of the upper court, for according to its decision he pleaded guilty to an act that was no offense against the laws of the State.

BRIDGEBOY BOY LOST HIS LEFT HAND. Bridgeburg, Ont., despatch: Fred Jones, a conductor employed by the Grand Trunk Railway here, met with a serious accident last night. While playing with other lads on the railway tracks, he found a dynamite cap such as are used by the railway companies as signals for placing on the rails to warn approaching trains of danger, and taking it into the house, he tried to explode it by setting fire to it with a match.

MARRIED FOR FUN. NOW MISS MALONEY WANTS CONTRACT PRONOUNCED VOID. Philadelphia Millionaire Appeals to Courts for Judgment Declaring That His Daughter Was Not Wedded to Arthur Osborne. New York, Jan. 13.—Martin Maloney, of Philadelphia, made known, through a formal statement given to the Associated Press to-night, that proceedings had been instituted to obtain a court judgment declaring that there was no marriage between his daughter, Helen Eugenie, and Arthur Herbert Osborne, the young New York broker, who according to the county records, were technically united in matrimony at Mamaroneck, December 28, 1905.

300 LIVES LOST AT FEAST. Chinese Moving Picture Show Results in Terrible Fatality. Victoria, B. C., Jan. 13.—Mail advice received from Canton, China, tells of a terrible fire at Canton, where 300 lives were lost in the burning of a restaurant. A Chinese recently returned to Canton from California with a cinematograph machine and at a recent date he had at the Choi Chan restaurant here an exhibition of moving pictures. Several hundred Chinese had crowded into the place out of curiosity, packing it tightly.

THE THAW CASE. Picking Out the Jurymen—Miss Goodrich to Attend. New York, Jan. 13.—The trial of Harry K. Thaw, for the killing of Stanford White opened this morning with one new juror as the result of a day's work. Twice the jury box was filled yesterday and twice it was partially emptied again, and this morning the attorneys faced the threat of court sessions on Saturday unless they complete the jury before 10 o'clock to-night. It is not usual to hold court sessions on Saturday, and the attorneys on both sides had counted on having time to-morrow to take a final look over the evidence, as there will be no time after the jury is completed.

HEAVY FIGHTING. TOWN CAPTURED BY ABYSSINIANS AFTER BLOODY BATTLE. Entire Garrison Slain—A Desperate and Unequal Fight Before Lugh—Not Known Yet Whether Emperor Menelik Authorized Attack. Rome, Jan. 13.—News has been received here of a terrible battle in Italian Somalia, on the east coast of Africa, between the Italian forces there and the Abyssinians. It is learned on good authority that Lugh, the furthermost Italian station in the interior, was besieged by the Abyssinians and destroyed after a desperate and unequal fight, and its defenders were killed.

HIGHTEST PENALTY. THREE YEARS IN PENITENTIARY FOR ATTEMPTED STABBING. Judge Choquet's Effort to Put Down the Carrying and Free Use of Knives by Italians at Montreal. Montreal, Jan. 13.—Judge Choquet placed himself on record in the Court of Special Sessions to-day as being determined to put a stop to the habit so common among Italians in this city of carrying and using weapons. "You are a foreigner, seven months in this country," said his Honor, in sentencing a young Italian named Michela Marino to three years in penitentiary, "and it is proved that without the slightest provocation you took out a razor and struck Antonio Tatti in the neck, causing him bodily harm. Fortunately you did not commit murder. Italians in this country must understand that they have to stop these practices—that they must not carry knives or razors. This is a quiet country, yet in this city we hear every day of quarrels and murders. Such quarrels and murders must be put a stop to. Anyone who is found guilty of such offense as at present before this court will be most severely punished. The highest penalty in the present instance is three years in penitentiary, and I inflict three years."

BAPTIST MISSIONS. Laymen Meet in Toronto and Ask For the Sum of \$200,000.

A Toronto report: The Laymen's General Committee of the Baptist Church met at Walmor Road Baptist Church all day Thursday. Delegates from Montreal, Lindsay, Brantford, Hamilton, Peterboro, Kenmore, Dundas, Berlin, Belleville, Woodstock, St. George and other points in the Province were present. The Toronto Baptist Churches have placed as a minimum the sum of \$200,000 for mission enterprises, while among Toronto congregations, Jarvis Street Church has promised \$15,000 for missions this year, as against \$7,000 last year. Ossington Avenue Church, a small congregation, gave \$300 last year, and will give \$1,000 this year. Beverley Street, \$400 last year, will give \$1,200 this year. Davenport Road Church will at least double their gift, and probably triple it, notwithstanding the fact that they have generally in the past. One of their number is to give dollar for dollar of the congregation.

CHOPPED TO PIECES. FOUR ITALIANS MURDERED AT FLORENCE, CAL. Florence, Colo., Jan. 13.—That Ercole Buffetti, Dominick Minicetto, Joseph Minicetto and Mrs. Frank Palmetto, who mysteriously disappeared in this city, were murdered, their bodies then chopped to pieces, is the opinion of the police, as human lungs, a thorax and a piece of tongue have been found in the Arkansas River.

WANTS A NEW TRIAL. Chester Gillette, Convicted of Murder, Enters an Appeal. Albany, Jan. 16.—A new trial for Chester Gillette on the ground of nearly a dozen errors of law in the trial which resulted in his conviction and sentence to death for the alleged murder of his sweetheart, Grace or "Bilby" Brown, of South Otsello, Chautauque County, at Big Moose Lake, in the Adirondacks, July 1, 1906, was asked of the Court of Appeals this afternoon by Senator A. Mills, of Little Falls, who has been Gillette's counsel since his arrest.

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NOT A FAVORED NATION. British Whiskey Must Pay Full United States Tariff. New York, Jan. 13.—Britain's commercial relations with the United States are still governed by the treaty of Ghent, which ended the war of 1812, according to a decision handed down by the Board of General Appraisers here to-day. Several importers of British whiskeys protested against the tariff of \$2.35 a gallon, which the French liquors were admitted for free. The board, however, held that Great Britain was barred by the treaty from the "most-favored-nation list" and sustained the collector's charge.

BRANTFORD OPERA HOUSE. Woods' Fair and Other Business Places Badly Damaged.

A Brantford, Ont., special despatch: The Brantford Opera House was gutted by fire at 5:30 this morning, and so badly damaged that it will probably be abandoned. Adjacent buildings also suffered, though not to a serious extent. The cause is unknown. Constable Boylan saw smoke issuing from the theatre, which is situated on Colborne street, in the heart of the business block, between Market and Queen streets. A general alarm was turned in, and both local and distant fire companies responded. The theatre is on the second floor over business houses. The whole building was in flames, and it was only because of the desperate efforts of the department and the thick fire proof walls that the conflagration was confined to the interior of the theatre. The stage and dressing rooms were completely gutted, and the roof destroyed.

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CLAIMED TO HAVE DIAMONDS. Frenchman Charged With Swindling De Beers Magnate.

Paris, Jan. 13.—A man of the name of Lemoine was arraigned before a magistrate to-day on the charge of swindling Julius Werther, of the De Beers Mining Company. Lemoine claimed to have discovered means of fabricating large diamonds, and showed Werther an electric furnace at work, from which he produced a large diamond. Werther advanced Lemoine 1,000,000 francs (\$32,000) for experimental purposes, but he grew suspicious when Lemoine refused to repeat his performance of manufacturing diamonds before an expert. The charge against him followed.

LOW GRADE CHEESE. Too Much of It is Made, Says George A. Barr. Picton despatch: Geo. A. Barr, of the staff of the Dominion Dairy Commission and official referee in Montreal, stated before the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association this morning that Canada's reputation for high-grade cheese was being damaged through immense quantities of second and third grade produce being placed on the market. Only two per cent of all cheese shipments examined by him at Montreal were high grade, the rest being low-grade cheese due to the great number of small factories, which, being in close competition, were unable to pay for expert cheesemakers.

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