

WINTER IN BERLIN

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Numerous Rinks Drawing Great Crowds of the More Fortunate Ones.

CARING FOR THE UNEMPLOYED POOR

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reason. He was arrested by Baron von Fusch, who had arrested Schmalbeck. Fusch is charged with suppressing important documents to France and Russia.

The latest court amusement is a creation of the Kaiser himself for the coming wedding. It is a dance which is a sort of minuet, but the feature is that each dancer bears in his or her hand a flambeau. The result is highly effective. This dance in days of yore was always a feature of the royal wedding. All the ministers are practicing it.

The Kaiser is in magnificent health. He is occupying himself very much with preparations for the coming wedding.

It is pleasant to be a Prince. Court gossip tells me that there is considerable pleasure felt in highest quarters at Potsdam at the official announcement that the czar will be present at the wedding of Prince Hessen and Princess Marguerite. He says his visit was not at all assured, at one moment, owing to the fact that at one time Bismarck had negotiated for the marriage of the czar's daughter to Princess Marguerite. His visit here is said to be due to the Kaiser to the influence of General Werder. In any case, my informant assures me that a great deal will be made of the czar's visit at the wedding, and he will be made the subject of special attention and honors. He will be received by special guards of honor of the gendarme corps and then escorted to the court.

It is hoped to thus a make an appointment with Russia, eventually ending in a meeting between czar and Kaiser in the spring.

The Kaiser has just ordered a collection of rich presents for the Sultan of Turkey, to cost 100,000 marks.

Will Receive the Cardinals. At the end of this month the reception will take place of the two new cardinals, Dr. Kopp and Dr. Krennstein. The emperor will be present at the wedding of his sister. He has expressed to the pope his high satisfaction at the nomination.

Dr. Koch has been summoned by Count von Eulenburg, who questioned him on the probability of further cholera outbreaks. Dr. Koch gave somewhat pessimistic replies. Meantime cases are reported from time to time in Hamburg and Altona.

ARMY BILL SAFE. Skillful Plea of Chancellor Von Caprivi Convinced the Reichstag.

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—The opposition is now beginning to admit that the army bill has a fair chance of passing the Reichstag. The general tone of the parliamentary circles shows decidedly that the chancellor's forceful presentation of the government's demands and the government's own efforts have created a strong impression. It is generally conceded that the chancellor's speech was a most powerful and skillful plea, and notwithstanding the statements made by some members of the Reichstag it is believed that it will not have been in vain. Although the attack made in committee upon the chancellor by Herr Richter showed no sign of any abatement in the hostile attitude of his party for the measure, many of the freisinnige party desire to come to an entente with the government.

Among the proposals relative to the bill discussed in the lobby today was one that was received with favor by the opposition. This was a suggestion that the new organization of the army should be enforced immediately upon the bill becoming a law, but that the changes proposed should extend over several years in execution. With this concession granted by the government the Reichstag could vote the first installment necessary to the reorganization, and pledge itself to accede to the other installments within a fixed time.

Position of the Government Secure. In the official circle the question now is, not whether the government will get a majority, but how large the majority will be. The center party, which had been violently opposed to the measure, is obviously weakened and it is only the important section that is led by Dr. Lieber that is feared by the government. The national liberals, conservatives and free conservatives will adhere to their present position, and already they are preparing to vote in favor of the bill if they are required to do so. A number of the freisinnige party who differ from Herr Richter are likely to absent themselves when a division is taken on the measure. All things considered, the bill seems practically safe.

The effect of the chancellor's speech was also felt in the Reichstag. The Petersburg correspondent states that the chancellor's words made the worst sort of an impression there, owing to the want of accord between his utterances before the committee and his previous pacific declarations which were recently received at the German embassy.

These latter remarks influenced the czar's decision to send the czar with his representative to the marriage of Princess Margaret. The revision of the friendly feeling entertained for the German government will be intense until Caprivi officially explains his remarks regarding Russia and Denmark.

Comparison of Leaders. The speaker at Vienna and Bala-Pesth as establishing greater confidence in the part of the Austrian government in von Caprivi than was ever felt in Prince Bismarck.

The Posther Lloyd in an article today commenting on the speech, alludes to Bismarck's double dealing and his tendency to intrigue with Russia, even when the triple alliance was formed, and says that von Caprivi has shown himself to be sincerely and who recognized the solidarity of the interests of the alliance powers.

The Neue Presse also contrasts the distrust of Bismarck and the confidence of von Caprivi and congratulates Austria, and declares that the alliance with Germany now means complete access in the protection of Constantinople and the Balkans, while it says Italy's interests are strengthened by the recognition that they are synonymous with those of England in the Mediterranean.

There was a lively debate in the budget committee of the Reichstag today on the Southwest Africa estimates. Herr Schöpp and Hammacher, prominent liberals, and the contrary, English capital was rather likely to assist German development of the country. The committee finally passed the estimates.

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MARRIAGE OF MAIRIE

English Public Only Slightly Interested in the Signaminger Ceremony.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LITTLE KNOWN

His Official Duties Keep Him Too Close at Work for Much Gadding.

HIS WIFE IS IN EVEN WORSE FIX

Not Well Liked by Even the Few to Whom She is Known.

DEMOCRACY GAINING ON ENGLAND

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Belgian Minister to Luxembourg Dead. (Copyrighted 1893 by James Gordon Bennett.) LUXEMBOURG, Jan. 14.—(New York Herald Cable—Special to The Bee.)—Count Gaston Dorschet, Belgian minister resident, died here Thursday.

OLD FASHIONED WINTER.

Mercury Soaks the Cells and Winter Cholera Rages in the North. ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 14.—An old fashioned winter with frozen mercury seemed about settled on the northwest. For three weeks there has been scarcely anything but zero temperature and the minus figures still reported from west and north here indicate that the end is not yet. At 7 o'clock tonight it was 15° below in this city.

Duluth reported from 25° to 30° below this morning and 6° to 10° below tonight. At Fairbault it was 37° below, the lowest of the winter and winter cholera is raging. Ferris Falls reports 30° below, Stillwater 25°, Whitehall, Wis., 43°, Black River Falls, 40°, and tonight at 7 o'clock it was 12° below at La Crosse, Wis., below at Huron, 20° below at Moorhead, 10° below at St. Vincent, 4° below at Bismarck and 12° below at Minnesota.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 14.—With the thermometer but 6° above zero at 9 p. m. and rapidly descending the coldest night of the season seems to be upon this portion of the Mississippi valley. Predictions are that the figures will be 10° to 15° below by daylight tomorrow. As a result of the continued cold weather the river water grows serious.

The Mississippi is gorged above and below the city and steamboat people fear that the river will freeze over so completely that all traffic will have to suspend between this and the east side.

The river also threatens to freeze over solidly as far down as Fort Pillow. It is blocked now from St. Louis to Columbus, Ky., which is twenty miles below Cairo. The last time the river froze over to Columbus was in February, 1855.

Other steamboat men think it will be March 1 before navigation is resumed and that will be a repetition of the winters of 1855-56. As a result the first skating carnival in the history of the city is being held tonight and thousands are enjoying the novelty. The thermometer tonight indicates a temperature of 5° above zero.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 14.—John Toothman and his stepson, William Stigdale, of Buckeye City, O., were frozen to death on Wednesday night while returning home. Their bodies were found in a snowdrift today.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 14.—The mercury dropped last night to 9° below zero. At Iron Mountain, Mich., this morning thermometers indicated 30° below. The thermometer there has been below 20° every morning this week.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 14.—The harbor is almost frozen solid, and thousands are skating on the ice. As a result of the suspension of river traffic Pittsburg coal is now selling for \$5 a ton, while Kentucky coal brings \$3.

MIDDLETOWN, Ky., Jan. 14.—The worst blizzard of this stormy season has been raging since 2 p. m. The snow is drifting and traffic is retarded.

LITIGATION OVER KING LEE.

Conclusion of a Suit for the Possession of a Fine Nag. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 14.—The litigation between Nick Finer and J. D. Maddox for possession of the \$30,000 horse, King Lee, has been declared off, a compromise having been effected.

The compromise was reached last night. Mr. Maddox, who is very anxious to get possession of the horse, secured an option on him until Monday, when he claims he will purchase the animal. The horse, now nearly 3 years old, and as a yearling a great prize, and as a 2-year-old realized a great deal of what had been expected of him. He was sold last spring for \$10,000 and Finer bought him for \$20,000. Maddox later used in a claim, alleging that Finer had advanced him the money to buy the horse, but had no interest in him at all. The horse is one of the best in the west.