# TITLED TRICKSTERS.

Terribly Wrought Up.

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CHETWYND SENDS A CHALLENGE.

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The Prospects of Salisbury's Government Involving Itself in a War Rapidly Growing Dimmer-The H liday Trade.

English Swell Sporting Circles Shaken

[Copyright 1887 by James Gordon Baunett.] LONDON, Dec. 24 - New York Herald Cable-Special to the Ben. - The Christmas senson, which is sacred to peace and good will, finds a terrible commotion going on in the Turf and Jockey clubs. In fact, politics for the moment are at a discount. Whether there will be a war and when Cladstone is likely to get back in office are questions which no longer attract attention. What everybody, at least in clubland at the West End, asks is, will Sir George Chetwynd bring action against Lord Durham, or must there be another undying scandal placed on record against a gentleman of England once supposed to be the very soul of honor. Lord Allsbury did much to break down the popular belief that a noble sportsman can never be a blackleg. It was a drendful revelation to many to find that cheating is not exclusively practiced by poor devils. Knowing ones said at the time that if exposure fell upon all who deserved it, Allsbury would not stand alone in the pillory. So thought Lord Durham, and, being a young man, smarting under very heavy losses on the turf, as well as from a sense of injustice, he biurted out his suspicions. He has suffered much in pocket and incurred some risks in reputation from horses not having run straight. He is not a man of many words, and the surprise was therefore all the greater when he came out with the new celebrated speech at the dinner of the Grinerack club. York, denouncing the malpractices of jockeys and that trickery which long been permitted in connection with some well known stables. The speech was talked about in turf circles mid for our versions of it reached the clubs. As usual in such cases, people began fitting the cap to the heads of various persons. A good many names were mentioned and there the matter might have ended, but some good-natured friends went to Sir George Chetwood and said: "Durham meant you: thou art the man." This sort of a remark, made to a man at his club and elsewhere, leaves him no alternative but to ask for an explanation from his accuser. Sir George was not so much to blame as the papers make out for doing that which his friends almost compelled him to do. He asked and got more than he wanted. Lord Durnam

owned that his remarks were aimed at him. From that moment Sir George has acted Injudiciously. He sent his brother, Captain Chetwynd, to challenge Lord Durham to a duel. The latter replied with a very ugis taunt about cheap courage. The Jockey club Is evidently inclined to give Chetwynd the cold shoulder, and the public stand wondering why the baronet does not take the only effective steps of redress which are open to him-an appeal to a court of law. Any attempt of outsiders to settle the dispute would be worse than useress, for the truth can only be known to Sir George and his trainer. The jockey's horses which ought to have won were pulled or otherwise prevented from winning. When Sir George's horses had sank low in estimation and were nowhere in the betting list, they suddenly came out and won great races Such is substantially the allegation, and, if it were proved, of course it would be all over with the baronet. Trainer Sherrard has never before had any accusation of this kind to face, and to submit quietly to it would be ruinous. He cannot shelter himself behind his employer. The probabilities are that an extensive business in the law courts will be the sequel to Lord Durham's after-dinner speech. If racing in England is not to receive a fatal blow the Jockey club will have to bestir itself promptly. Chetwynd's friends. are confident that he will be able to clear himself, though they admit he went to work the wrong way in the first instance. Actions for libel are said to be pending against two sporting newspapers which substantially endorse Lord Durham's charges. Not even Allsbury's case has stirred up so much excitement and feeling in all directions.

Apart from this affair the world of London is thinking of nothing but celebrating Christmas in true Dickens' style-plenty to eat and loshins to drink. The retail trade is distinctly better than it was last year, though the improvement is not so much feit by small tradesmen as by the great stores, which now almost monopolize the business. Rent taxes fail as heavily upon the tradesman as ever, but his customers flock to the big stores and

The same departments of business the pres peet of war naturally gives rise to considerable activity. I understand, however, that in well informed quarters, increased confidence is feit that the storm clouds will blow ever. The government can only judge from dispatches received from its representatives abroad, and these are said to be enterlated to allar sourchension, but as none of the English ambassadors cail know the secret intentions of the czar, or Prince Bismarck, or the Austrian emperor, our official information is net worth much. Certainly no unusual propavatious are going on in our dock yards or ursonal, on every side, word having arged to take steps to find the missing craft.

provide Mr. Goschen with a surplus. The government could not take any warlike measures without involving itself in difficulties The Sporting Nobility of England | which would shake it. Knowing this, Lord Sallsbury is not the man to incur unnecessary peril. People who are speculating on the stock exchange in anticipation of England being dragged into a war before next year has out its feeth, will most likely burn their fingers severely. The ministry will direct its policy so that it may enable the queen to tell her parliament in February that she remains on friendly terms with all European powers. A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

> Some Elegant Dresses For Spain. (Copyright 1887 by James Gordon Bennett 1

Pants. Dec. 24 - New York Herald Cable

-Special to the Bzn. ]-Worth has just sent to Spain a group of alegant dresses intended for the Duchess de San Antonio and her daughters. One is a ball dress in gold, yel, ow satin apron, front embroidered in silver beads and spangles in two large tulips, with stems of unseen length. The embroidery is of yellow gauze, the satin being cut underneath, showing a faint rose hue. From an underskirt in pink silk a panel in satin, embreidered with a single tulip, is pinced at either side. These panels, as well as the skirt front, are bordered with narrow silver embroidery. They part at the side to show traight folds of yellow talle. In the opening at the right side are placed two large pink reses and a single rese has been set in the left hand. One train is in full folds of yellow talle over a vellow faille with a single width of satin bordering it at the left side. A house iress for the same indy is in dark blue satin in empire style, the skirt gathered just below the waist, cut up the knee as well as at the side breadth. These openings are piped at either side with pale green crepe and are huner with a row of acorn shaped gold pendants. A band of gold braiding crosses the corsage from the right shoulder to the left side of the waist. Similar bands adoru the cuffs and collars and a square short baseue at the back from beneath which fall two sash ends of black watered ribbon that reach to the hem of the train. For the eldest inughter of the duchess is intended a ball lress in moire yellow talle, made with a short skirt and hanging in front a deep curved gariand of dalsies, confined to the skirt and left side with a boa of white watered ribbon with long ends.

#### Parisian Personal Points.

(Copyright 1887 by James Gordon Bennett.) Panis, Dec. 24. - New York Herald Cable-Special to the Baz. |-The weather is cold and forgy. It has been value trying to snow during the whole week. The bonle vards are now blocked with booths and peddlars buy cing about dolls and bon bons. An consional custic is seen laden with branches of mistletoe, bound to the American legation. the British embassy and the houses of Amerleans and Englishmen. Minister McLane is the guest of Bareacas you Hoffman at Cannes. He will return for the first reaccition at the legation this season. January 2.

Mr. Gladstone and family will arrive from London at the Hotel Bristol next Wednesday Mrs. Edward Farrington gave a dinner last night in her handsome apartments at No. 23. Rue Galilee.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watrons and Mrs. Anne Sheldon Countes will go to Conners

Sincinnati, are at the Hotel Orient, en route o Rome for the Pope's jubilee. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bower will leave Paris

Mrs. Potter and Miss Martine Potter of

o-day to sail on the City of Richmond next Tuesday. Mr. Aaron Healey, Miss Healey and Mrs.

Hood, of Brooklyn, are at the Hotel Contin-Mr. E. P. Este and Miss Este, of Philaleiphia, are at 30. Rue de Vanguarde.

A. R. Thomas Heaton, Jr., of Detroit, has arrived from Frankfort, and is at the Heile-

The Countess Kessmer gave a dinner on Thursday agon her.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Staunton, of New York, are at the Hotel Binda. Mr. Thorndyke Nourse, of Philadelphia, i

Miss Mary Homer's marriage to the marquis D'Aden Salvaterra, of Milan, will be the social event of Paris next month. Worth is making the trousseny.

Miss Louise Burckhardt will to to the Canies in January. Mr. and Mrs. Blackman have gone to Lon-

don for six weeks. Whistlers, the saticist, is at the Grand

Mr. William Nave, of St. Louis, sailed on

the Bretagne to-day. Miss Greatorex gives a dinner to-morrow at her studio, 70 line d' Assas.

## France and the New Hebrides.

LOYDON, Dec. 24 .- Advices from Sylney N. S. W., state that the Prench commandant of the New Hebrides has been ordered by his government to evacuate his lands in January. A French company is buying land from the natives of the New Hebrides for the purpose of establishing trading stations.

### A WIFE'S REVENGE.

Mrs. McAuley, of Chicago, Shoots Her

Husband for Ris Infidelity. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-William McAuley, bookesper for a prominent brewing firm, was shot and fatally injured by his wife this afternoon. He had been untrue to her. Shortly after the shooting a constable arrived at McAulcy's house, with a warrant charging the dying book keeper with adultery. The warrant had been sworn out by Joseph W. Mackin, a a eight dealer, who stated that his wife had run away with McAnley, and set up housekeeping in the city less than a mile from McAuley's family residence. McAuley went home occasionally to his wife, but Mrs. Mackin monopolized most of his time. Mrs. Mackin was arrested just before the shoot

ing, and Mrs. McAuley immediately after it.

The Search for the Big Raft. MONTHEST, Dec. 29 Fears are entertained a navigation and maritime circles that the Navia Scotia lumber raft, which is sirift in the Atlantic, will be a source of danger to Allan line steamers. The government is

# WAR IS INEVITABLE.

Russia and Her Enemies Actually Preparing for Hostilities.

THE PANSLAVISTS IN CONTROL.

Efforts to Secure an Amicable Settlement Practically Abandoned.

DE GIERS JOINS THE WAR PARTY.

He Accuses the Austrian Government of Gross Duplicity.

OMINOUS TONE OF THE PRESS.

St. Petersburg Papers Declare That Bulgaria Must Become a Russian Province and Austria Forced From Bosnia and Herzegovin.

#### The Continental Outlook.

Congright 1887 by New York Associated Press. BERLIN, Dec. 24.-If was early in the spring is avoided official anticipation will be deceived and military expectation disappointed. Within the past few days it has become the settled conviction of diplomatic ircles that the czar's pacific tendencies have been overborne by the Panslavist faction and that he is now under the control of the war party, the leaders of which are likely to precipitate war by some act of provocation committed without the czar's full assent. The return of General Von Schweinitz. the German ambassador, to St. Petersburg was hoped to be signalized by a decisive turn of the tide peaceward. The conference between Von Schweinitz and De Giers, the Russian orime minister, on Thursday last had a contrary result. Whatever passed juring the interview has deepened the distrust in Berlin and increased the irritation of the Austrian government towards the Czar's ministers. De Giers appears to have abanfoned his policy of peace pressure upon the Czar and to have thrown his influence on the side of the military party. He is reported as telling Von Schweinitz that the Czar is sinsecoly desirous of neace but is qualife to tolerate longer Austrian dupileity in thwarting Russia's endeavors to obtain the just fruits of her sacrifices in the Balkan campaigm. De Giera has also complained of Count Kalusky's language in reference to Russia declaring it unbearable, and that it justifies every measure Russia might, take to reinforce her troops on the frontier.

An ominous indication of the extreme tension of the situation is the belliouse tone of the St. Petersburg papers towards Austria. Bulgaria, these papers say must be denrived of any shadow of autonomy and become a Russian province, while Austria must be forced to evacuate Besnia and Herzegovina. An inspired article in the Grashdanin states moveledge that the terms of the treaty of alliance leave Germany free not to interfere unless Austria is threatened with a collapse which would involve territorial losses. This is contrary to the official press of Vienna and Pesth, which treats the war question as a common matter between Austria and Ger-

The Berlin official view concurs with that of the Austrain press. The report that Count von Wolkenstein, the Austrain ambassador at St. Petersburg, had received assurance from De Giers that the movements of troops had ceased is semi-officially denied from Vi-

Reassuring representations would be useess in the face of facts. During the past week the Russian cavalry and light artillery have been pushed forward to the extreme myposts. A careful estimate gives Russia eight and a half army corps within the frontier districts of Warsaw, Willa and Kleff, with 120 field batteries, against the combined Austrian and German force of five and a half army corps, with eighty-two batteries. Russia has also an immense preponderance in cavalry strength.

The Tagebiatt refers to the recent attempt of the court clique to influence the crown prince to resign in favor of Prince William, his son. The accented version of the affair credits Prince Bismarck with renewing the pressure on the crown prince by sending Count Von Munster to San Remo to represent that the gravity of the situation and the imminence of a fateful war necessitated his abilication to enable Prince William to act beside the emperor. The crown prince's reply to this was that so long as he draws breath he not surrender his rights or his duties. The Tageblatt goes to the length of suggesting that endeavors are being made to induce the grown prince to undergo an operation in order that a fatal termination may be

hurried and end the political embarrassment. The National Zeitung refers to the insinua tion in terms of indignation but the assertions of the Tageblatt are known to have a solid strutum of fact. The defeat of the intrigue has strengthened a court opposition to Prince

The North German Gazette announces that the emporer has appointed Count Herbert Bismarck privy councilor, with the title of

### FRENCH ART NOTES.

Some of the Works Now in Prenaration For the Paris Salon.

Compright 1887 by James Gordon Bennett.] Pania, Dec. 24.- New York Herald Cable -Special to the Bur. ]-Henner is doing a "St. Sebustian" for the salon.

Jules Lefebre is engaged on a splendid portrait of "Mad Exerquer of Havre." The texture of her red veivet gown, the coloring and finish is marvellously handled. In addition to this Lefebre sends an "Eve" of unusual coloring to the salon. The background and surroundings are different tones of brown. Eve is sitting on a rock. Her long hibition. fair hair langs over her shoulders, a smile radiates her countenance and she holds in her

hands an apple. Robert Floeury will send a life-size portrait

of the Princess Terka Jabionosky; the clever pupil of the Julian school who is to marry Maurice Bernhardt next Wednesday, Floeury has made a speaking likeness of Terka. as she's called by her artist companions. It

is a standing full length front view, dressed in white satin and lace, holding in her hands a closed fan. The back ground is a garden of gorgeous paims.

Mile. Beauty Sawrel has also just completed a portrait head and shoulders of Terim, which, with another portrait, she will send to the saion. Terka has painted for the exhibition a splendid likeness and portrait if her future mother-in-law, Sarah Bern-

William Lemercy, the nephew of Minister Pendleton, and an exceedingly clever bupil and follower of Carolus Duran, will send to the salon a full length portrait of Miss Eames, of Boston, who will make her debut on the operatic stage in October at Brussels in the theater de la Monnaie. Her gown in the panting is of yellow silk. It is remarkably well done and a striking likeness of the

young songstress. Lucian Doucet Prix de Rome will send a cortrait of Leslie Giffen.

Cauldwell will exhibit a portrait of a little American girl, Gertrude Taber.

Mr. G. P. A. Healy will send to the salon a splendid portrait of Cardinal Gibbons, attired n ecclesinstical robes. When our envoy asked Mr. Healy why he

did not exhibit his recently finished portrait of Mr. Blaine, he shook his head and replied : Not unless he is elected."

Stephen Hills Purker is at work on a paintng called "Patdora" for the salon.

Miss Lucy Lee Robbins will send a portrait of Melle Mand, a full length figure of a woman reclining on a couch called Nonchalence Funtasia Japonaise.

Mr. E. Gelhay, the dever pupil of Bongerean and Fleurey, sends a very interesting genre painting called "Un Laboratoir an Jardin des Plante."

M. Gerome is engaged on a painting for the salon called "Le Poete." A poet redines on the borders of the archipeligo, apparently in meditation. A muse, clad in pale hive drapery, is just behind him. The beach s literally covered with nymphs rising from the sea. In front of him are Neptune, Venus and Naids. Small islands look up here and there and the deep red glow of the setting sun colors the clouds of the closing day.

C. Rinehart's canyas for the salon is a arge painting six by nine feet, begun at Viller Villa, on the Normandy coast, called 'Looking for the Boats." It represents a group of densant fisher-folks standing or sitang on the beach around a well-defined shrine. The figures are life-size. One woman holds a telescope, through which she is anxiously looking out at sea, which is white with foam. Another stands near with a child in her arms, while others are close by, annarently discussing as to the good and evil results that will follow the storm.

Another painting of Kineharts is the "Return of the Mussel Gatherers." An old that the mussel women wear, with a huge nasket on her back, is seen wending her way homeward at trailinht through the mussel seds at low tide.

Among the things of Rinehart's elever work is an illustration for Harper Bros., New York, called "Legion of Honor."

Henry Baeon, the Boston artist, will send to the salon an excellent gence painting called "Building the Boat," repre senting an old man sitting in the doorway of a hut made of the thatched bulk of an old boat. Beside the uld Morsemen fisherman stands a boy earnestly watching the building and probably is to be sailing master of the craft. A companion niece to this is in preparation, called "Mending the Nets" It represents a peasant woman mending nets. By her side are two little fair-haired girls trying to assist with the work. Mr. Bacon intends to have a series of paintings illustrating the lives of those two children, which terminates in a comunitic marriage and long

Jules Stewart will soon forward to New York his portrait of Mrs. W. Vanderbilt. done in pastels and an oil painting Venetian scene to Mrs. Borne, of Philadelphia.

Harry Watrous has finished several interesting paintings, one of two Capuchins mouks, very finely finished, called "Food for Reflection." Another is a small boy struggling with a stuffed wolf's nead and skin. called "Keeping the Wolf from the Door." Another is a studio interior. A single figure of a model asteep while posing and a picture of the artist on an easei in the foreground. called the "Bacchusses."

Mrs. Watrous is working on a large ceiling representing "Aurera Drawn by Cupids," and which is considered very fine. Chelminiski, the Bayarian artist, is engaged on a large painting of a military review, in which are portraits of three Bayarian princes and several noted officers.

Miss Kate Greatorez sent to the exhibition of the New York Water Color society yesterday a study of market flowers, growing in pots. Each one is enveloped in a white paper calla, peculiar to the French flower market, which greatly enhances the beauty of the flowers. Another sketch made among the Dolomite mountains of the peasants and some beautiful interiors of their homes. It represents a smithy kitchen in Cortina, which is over two hundred years old, and unlike those of the neighboring houses their kitchen has its platform or fire place in a corner of the room instead of a windowed alcove. The imbrella shaped chimney hangs very low to hreathe up the smoke around the opening. The color is near fully covered meerschaum.

Miss Affee Booll, the New York artist, sends to the water color society this week very broadly tinted water colors of roses. Their colors are pure and her composition mconstrained and characteristic.

Miss Elisabeth Gourse, of Cincinnati, is aish at work on a figure painting for the ex-

Miss Buell will send to the salon a figure

New Zealand Politics. London, Dec. 24 -Advices from New Zealand state that the colonial parliament has

passed the naval defense bill.

# DONNELLY OUTDONE.

A London Critic Lets Loose His Opinion of Shakespeare.

THE BARD ONLY A SUN GOD.

He Delves Deep Into Ancient Fables to Sustain His Position.

TWELVE SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC.

They Correspond With the Peculiar Spelling of William's Name.

Statistics Stated on Which the Writer Challenges Investigation of His

SOME VERY FUNNY FIGURES

Great Subject. Ignatius Must Look to His Laurels.

Peculiar Ideas on the

(Copyright 1887 by James Gordon Rennett.) London, Dec. 24 - New York Herald Cable-Special to the But |-The prominent Christmas gift of the London public is unquestionably what may be called a literary bon bon in the shape of a Shakesperean travesty on Ignatius Donnelly. Evidently this bon bon is packed in a Christmas eve contribution by J. F. Rowbotham, a London critic. He begins by denying that there is any ex-

tant proof that the man Shakespeace ever lived. He then puts furth as the center of his bon bon this query: "How, then, did the idea of Shakespeare arise in the English mind? The answer is plain. Shakespeare is a solar myth. He is a personification of the sun, that great luminary of the universe which has been the object of man's worship and the foundation of man's legend since the beginning of time. appearing in the mythology of past ages as a hercules, an Orpheus, an Apoilo, a Samson, in more recent cases under a more beautiful allegory as Shakespeare. Let us remark that unmistakable evidence is afforded by the name, which is parallel to the Greek Ekata Bolos (meaning Pardarter, and is clearly an epithet for the sun god, who, as he flashed his cave of light to earth, was pictured to the political imaingutions of our untutored ancestors as a mighty warrior who durted his arrows or shook his spears. Examine this name a little more closely, for under it lies a mystery of mysteries. The word Shakenspeare (this is the odd spelling; contains exactly twelve letters. Is not the reference from this plain enough that these twelve letters the twelve months which make the sun's annual revolution. while they are at the same time the twelve signs of the Zodiac. In keeping with this is the fact that the full name of the legendary consists of four sylables and is therefore emblematical of the four seasons. The tale of his life forms a marveilous and cunningly constructed allegory, full of poetry and beauty. He is said to have been born on the 20th of March. How appropriate, for it is

the time of the vernal equinox, when all nature has its annual birth. His birth is justly Luces - light - and the fable

placed in the reign of Elizabeth, the virgin queen. A plain allusion to the virgin in the signs of the zodiac is made to occur in 1564, the seventh year of Elizabeth's reion Now it is allowed in the interpretation of all legends, biblical and others, to interchange the year and day. There can be no reason able doubt that the seventh year here spoken of is the seventh day, which is Sunday, or the day of the sun. Thus far we have found the fabled man named Shakespeare to have been been on the 20th of March in the seventh year of Elizabeth's reign, which means really that the sun god. Ekata Bolos. the Pardarter or Spearshaker begins his annual life time. The vernal equinox. in the sign of the virgin and on the day dedicated to his honor. Sunday, then continues. The early years of Shakespeare are involved in darkness, which is the way with all solay myths, and we hear absolutely nothing of him till we find him coming into col lision with a certain Sir Thomas Lucy. Here the interpretation is easy, for Lucy is evi dentiy a corruption of the Latin, Lux. Shakespeare stealing sheep from Lucy as a poetical way of saying that the sun, the Spearshaker, robs the light of its rays and decorates himself with the spoils, show truly beautiful. The next episode in the legendthe sun mounting above the horizon and tenderly keeping watch over this globe of our -s idenlized and transferred into poetic conception. Shakespeare mounting above the footlights and becoming the manager of the Globe theater. During his management the Globe is reduced to ashes, which is evidently an imperfect version of the story of Shakespeare interpolated by some later hand. As the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, so in the legend is Shakespeare made to rise in London, the east of England, and at the East End, and settle down to die in Stratford, which, compared with London, is undoubtedly the west. Finally, as the sun's annual life is prought to a close at the end of the fifty-two weeks, so does Shakespeare, the allegorical sun. sink and die after a life of fifty-two years. Substituting the week for the year, the parable is complete. As to how the connection originated between the allegorical sun god and the plays that bear his name, there are three hypotheses possible-the first that the plays were in existence before the allower had become crystalized into its present shape and were dedicated to the sun god under his cognomen, the Spearshaker. The second is that they were written by priests of the sun god. The third is that they were the direct production of the sun god himself. This last view is broadly hinted at in one of the plays themselves, where the following mysterious sentence is found: If the sun ever writes a book, tho critics will have plenty of work in decipker- position in social and political affairs.

very words but under the following: If the sun plays the fool then knaves may find em playment.' But many other reasons besides go to support the theory. On no other supposition can we account for the reported references-200 in number-to the sun mone, to the various, stellar and meteorological phenomena. Allusions to day, night, heat, celd, snow, stars, moon, sky, clouds, occur over and over again. The four seasons are continually sentenced, and the two leading ones-summer and winter-have two whole plays plays dedicated to their service-a-"Midsummer Night's Dream," and a 'Winter's Tale. The signs of the redaic enact still more illustrious roles. The sign of the Twins is palpably the foundation of the Comedy of Errors. The sign of the Scales furnishes the entastrophe to the 'Merchant of Venice.' Most honorably is the Crab alluded to in Two Gentlemen of Versna, under the allegary of Launces' dog Crab, while the Lion is actually brought on the stage along with the meen and other celestials in the interlude to 'Midsummer Night's Dream,' where the stageomer plays the lion part, etc., etc. Out of he mass of feats here adduced, it is quite possible for a practiced critic to invalidate or explain away some built dozen. Orso, but all petty tampering with the position will be entrely augatory, since I now proceed to greater heights of discovery and being for ward three irrefragible, unassailable facts. The first fact is that the total number of words in the plays are exactly equal to the total number of miles in the sun's diameter, being precisely \$83,000. The second fact is still more convincing. Take the plays in any order, and count the words from the beginning to the middle he will find the two central words-that is to say, the 441,500th and the 441,501st-to be the sun. Thirdly, and as accurately following the statistics would be a little more troublesome to test, we give notice that whoever has found us right in the two preceding calculations may spare himself the pains of verifying the following, since it is quite as correct as the former. The total number of letters in the plays is 5,000,000. Now according to the legend, at the time of his marriage ie was nineteen years old. Multiplying this by the number of words, and the result is 95,000,000, which is exactly the distance the sun is from the earth, calculated in miles."

ing, which, however, is not couched in these

#### LITIGATION ENDED. Judge Waterman's Final Order in the

Storey Will Case. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.- | Special Telegram the BEE. ]-To-day the finishing touches were given to the Times deal. The will made in 1879 by Wilbur F. Storey was, by mutual consent, shattered to atoms in Judge Waterman's court. The following order was entered by Judge Waterman: "An appeal by Anson L. Storey from the order of the probate court, admitting to record a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Wilbur F. Storey; "as cause coming on for a hearing and being submitted to the court for a decision, the court doth find that the paper writing dated August 16, 1887, bearing the signatures of J. E. Chamberlain, C. E. Snowden and John E. Shridiron as witnesses, and pur porting to be the will of Wilhur F. Storey deceased, is not the last will and testament of the said Wilhur F. Storey, and it is ordered not admitted on record as such will

and that a copy of this order be certified and sent to the probate court." "The order of Judge Waterman," said Mr. Snowden to a reporter, "practically settles the whole litigation over the Storay estate, The will of 1879 was admitted to probate by Judge Knickerbocker. The will of 1881 was prought in by Anson L. Storey and was re fused probate by Knickerhocker, admitted by Rogers and knocked out by the appellate and supreme courts. Anson L. Storey then brought this appeal against probating the of 1879. This is now allowed to be vacated by common consent. Our money will be divided satisfactorily among the contesting parties and we take the property and the work on our shoulders. think we will go right into possession this afternoon, though I thought last week we would not do so till annuary 1. I think ! may safely tell you that Mr. J. J. West will be appointed receiver in place of Mr. Huribut and the entire property will be put in his hands after the order of the court is entered. He will assume all the liabilities, I presume, of his predecessor."

"Then the whole thing will be settled, and the Storey litigation brought to an end!"

Practically, ves." Mr. J. J. West, when asked about the mater, said that, so far as he understood it, the itigation was all over. As regards himself and Mr. Snowden, all they had to do was to urn over their money to the heirs and they

Messrs. Snowden and West) then stood in ieu of the heirs, while the latter could divide the money as they pleased. The Times to-morrow will say. "The flex steps were taken yesterday in the transfer of the estate of the late Wilbur F. Storey, in duding the Times, to the people who recently surchased it. James J. West, one of the purhasers, was appointed receiver as part of the ian for the ultimate transfer to the Chienge

ers will assume editorial control of the ORDER! Chnton J. Saowden, who is associated with Mr. West, stated this evening that there had been as yet no change in the working force of he paper except that C. R. Dennett, night editor, and one of the editorial writers had it once quitted their places. Mr. T. C. Cowles has taken up the duties let fall by Mr.

limes company. As soon as the necessary

egal forms are complied with, the new own

### News By Steamship.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24. - Advices received the steamer Mariposa to-day state that King Kalakua has vetoed two bills recently assed by the new Hawalian legislature. That body denies the right of the king to use his veto power under specific piedges made at the time of the revolution, and will insist on the king reconsidering his vetoes.

Advices from Thursday Island report the capture of a schooner-rigged craft at Margaret bay by natives and the massacre of her

### Claim Agents Busy.

MILWACKER, Dec. 24 -- Advices from Phil ips say the injured by yesterday's wreck on he Wisconsin Central railroad are all doing weil. No farther deaths have occurred. The cinim agent is busily engaged in adjusting dumnigo clatina.

Death of a Union County Pioneer. CHESTON, In., Dec. 24. - Special Telegram the Brn !--Judge I. N. Berry, an old and comment citizen of this place, died to-day of softening of the brain. He was one of the pioneers of Union county and took a leading

# CHRISTMAS

They Will Ring Merrily in the Caple tal of Germany.

FESTIVITIES IN THE FATHERLAND.

Berlin Preparing to Enjoy the Day Quietly.

POLITICS TEMPORARILY SHELVED

Prince William Distributes Presents to the Soldiers.

SOCIETY SHOWS UP A SCANDAL!

A Young Army Officer Publishes Hie Engagement Before Securing the Consent of His Intended-Princely Prayers.

Christmas in Germany's Capital.

(Copyright #87 by James Gordon Bennett,) BERLIN, Dec. 24.- New York Herald Cable—Special to the Box | -Berlin will tomorrow enjoy Christmas without much worry about politics, clouds or actual bad weather, About twenty thousand Christmas trees have been sold, which fact speaks for itself when considered. The week almost constantly rainy, made shopping very unpleasant work. There has been little of novelty in goods, certainly nothing new enough to be worth wading the streets to obtain. One advertiser secured a rush of business by promising to each purchaser who successfully answered a riddle a reward of 500 marks.

The numberless public celebrations began early so as to allow distinguished personages an opportunity to enjoy Christmas itself-The quiet simplicity of these celebrations us well shown by that at Potsdam barracks of the privates of the regiment on duty. These were drawn along the sides of their drill room fire by trees of blazing candles. The room itself was decorated with evergreens. Presents for the whole regiment wers laid out on long tables. Prince William, with the princess and the heir's two eldest sons. brought with them a number of the nobility and several visiting princess. "Ein Festburg ist unser Gott" was sung with a vim which made the walls shake. Prince William followed with a speech, in which his warned his men that serious times might be before them for the fatherland, Each German soldier must face manfully the uncertain future. Then came the distribution of presents to the trumpeted accompaniment of Frederick the Great's" march.

Outside of Berlin the whole country is covered with snow, so that vagabonds are driven into the city in great numbers. They get hard up, break a pane of glass and ard carried over the winter by a sentence of four

months in jail. In society there has been this week a scan dal which has interested many people. An officer whose name is given as Lieutenans von Alvensleben announced in the aristoeratic organ, the Krenz Zeitung, his engagement to a wealthy young lady-Franlein Thorsig, of Nanen, Almost before his friends had time to congratulate him the Military Gazette contained a notice of his resignation from the regiment. The gossips allege that the lieutenant is a mere casual acquaintance of the lady and attempted to use the notoriety of the Krenz Zeitung engagement to force her into an engagement with him. Her mother, however, appealed to the regiment commandant for protection against the intrique. It is now stated that the offi-

cer loses his position and prospects. The student, Oscar Neumann, of Berlin, who last week killed another studdnt, Hugo Marx Lupzeing, in a duel with pistols at difteen paces, has been released without a trial.

A cleverly forged German bond has just come to light. It was drawn and colored entirely by hand, and in all its lines and marks most minutely perfect. Unfortunately for the forger, he worked by candle light, hence, while the colors seem correct at night, by day they are slightly off shade.

curative value, has been discovered in the center of Berlin. The spring was first found 250 feet below the surface and is probably an old sewer which has been tapped.

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A mineral spring, some

The supposed paralysis of Joachin's fourth finger proves to be not lasting or serious. The trouble is not so great that the musician will be disabled.

Near Aix la Chapelle a procession of 5,003 ersons went Wednesday to a local shrine to ntercede for the crown prince's health. Sixeen white-robed girls carried two immense andles, each weighing fifty-seven pounds, r a pound for each year of the prince's age. The circulation or sale of the New York Social Science has been forbidden in Gov-

The auction of last year's Berlin directories will be held the middle of next month. There is always a demand for them at good

Men-of-War For Australia. London, Dec. 24.—Oceanica will shortly sk the home government to construct Aus. ralian men-of-war, all except Queensiand inving passed the naval defence

Passed a Disabled Steamship.

New Youx, Dec. 24.—The steumship Albany, which arrived in Liverpool Decemper 21, reports that on the 18th she passed a four masted steamship, disabled and showing three red lights, indicating a Red Star liner. Officers of the line in this city this evening received a disputch saying the disabled vessel was probably the Westernland which left New York for Antwerp on the 17th last., with a full complement of passengers. The Red Star authorities lean toward the oninion that it is not the Westernland, but that it is he Wassland, which sailed from Antwerp Saturday, and which had probably turned

ozek when she became disabled. Eight Persons Frozen to Death. FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 24.-Reports reseived from the Pan Handle to-night state that eight persons were frozen to death in Carson county during the recent cold.