

WAILING FOR RAIN

German Farmers and Factors Are Suffering from the Unusual Dry Spell.

EMPEROR WILLIAM MAY COME TO AMERICA

Strong in the Notices of Visiting Chicago During the Big Fair.

HIS PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE SHOW

Efforts of the Ruler Through Which Germany Has a Fine Exhibit.

AHLWARDT'S ROUGH ROAD TO FAME

Leaders of the Liberal Party Unite in a Savage Onslaught Against the Little Anti-Semite—He Replies with More Sensational Charges.

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WAS A FLAT FAILURE

Alwardt's Vain Effort to Besmirch High German Officials.

EVEN HIS FRIENDS DOUBT HIS HONESTY

Exciting Scene Before the Committee Inquiring Into His Charges.

ITS MEMBERS ABUSED BY THE DEMAGOGUE

Patle Attempts to Convince Alwardt that He is in the Wrong.

ARMY BILL MATTERS NEARING A CLIMAX

Within a Week the Fate of that Measure Will be Definitely Settled—Program of the Socialists in Austria and Germany.

BERLIN, April 29.—For the moment the public is so utterly absorbed in the Alwardt inquiry that little else political has much interest. The affair reached a climax today in a scene that was without parallel in the history of the Reichstag. The committee appointed to examine the documents submitted by Alwardt in support of the grave charges of corruption he has made, held a plenary meeting today to discuss its report. In addition to the members of the committee, Dr. Portsch, center; Dr. von Cohn, national liberal; Herr Bebel, socialist; Dr. Miquel, Prussian minister of finance; and Dr. von Bötticher and many of the imperial home officers were present.

Herr Bebel described Alwardt's documents as worthless. He declared they were incorrect copies of old pamphlets with concocted appellations, badly spelled and containing a number of erasures.

Dr. Miquel had already shown that one letter furnished by Alwardt and purporting to have been written by M. Kallender, president of the Roumanian Senate, in relation to the 35 per cent alleged to have been paid to the Disconto-Gesellschaft, was a forgery, and that no man named Kallender was ever the president of the Senate of Roumania. Notwithstanding these disclosures Alwardt remained calm and unabashed and declined to withdraw the charges.

The committee delegates, Dr. Portsch and Herr Bebel, to confer with Alwardt privately, but the conference did not result in anything, Alwardt declining to withdraw from the attitude he had taken. Dr. Portsch subsequently told the committee that he and Herr Bebel had vainly tried to show Alwardt that certain of his charges were impossible; that the Disconto-Gesellschaft could not have taken 35 per cent of the money advanced to construct the Roumanian railways.

Herr Bebel added that the task of convincing Alwardt of the error of his charges in connection with the Disconto-Gesellschaft was impossible, because he seemed to be ignorant of the rudiments of arithmetic and could neither understand accounts nor grasp the real bearing of the documents he had submitted to the Reichstag.

Herr Pöckelbach, an anti-Semite, declared that he had hoped for the best for Alwardt, but he could no longer believe a word he said.

Dr. Lieber urged the committee to close the matter. He declared it produced in him, as in most people, the feeling of moral and physical disgust to see a German representative make such a spectacle of himself.

Worked Himself Into a Rage

This remark brought Alwardt to his feet and he menaced Dr. Lieber with his fist. He said that Dr. Lieber's remark was an odious reference to the circumstance of his (Alwardt's) appearance before the committee yesterday with a rent in his clothing. Dr. Lieber's reference to this circumstance was infamous.

The chairman of the committee called Alwardt to order.

The latter repeated the expression that Dr. Lieber's words were infamous, whereupon the whole committee arose. Alwardt hurled abusive epithets at them collectively and finally left the committee room, shouting out that he would not remain to be insulted. He then rushed into the lobby, where he told a group of his committee members that he would not declare him mad.

The committee briefly passed the report affirming that all the charges were baseless. Despite the exposure Alwardt will address a meeting of anti-Semites tonight at the Germania rooms. Half fool and half knave, he still commands the faith of many thousands of Germans.

Dr. Miquel proposes to bring a criminal action against him and the Reichstag may receive a disgraceful law on the subject. But as long as he can draw enthusiastic meetings attended by thousands of persons, Alwardt must be counted as a living force among the anti-Semites, who are prepared to contest the elections.

Fate of the Army Bill Will Soon Be Known.

On the report of the committee on the army bill, which was presented to the Reichstag a few days ago, Herr von Levetzow, president of that body, proposed that the debate on the report should open on Tuesday. The leaders of the different groups concurred in this opinion, so a week hence the fate of the army bill will have been settled and one phase of the crisis ought to be over. Today Chancellor von Caprivi caused to be circulated in the Reichstag information to the effect that the government would cause the second reading of the bill to be postponed, presumably because Emperor William desires to be present in Berlin on the eve of the dissolution of the Reichstag.

Even at the last hour, Chancellor von Caprivi has with no apparent chance of success, made fresh overtures for support to the centrist leader, Count von Ballestrom, through Major von Hoiningen Heine, another prominent member of that party. It is reported that the latter is reinforced by letters from Cardinal Ledochowski, prefect of the propoganda, urging the center party to try to come to terms with the government on the bills. There is no doubt whatever that since the interview given by the pope shot while attempting his escape from the Lavinia penitentiary, was shot and killed at Bonanza by James McDermott on Wednesday, McDermott surrendered in Buffalo last night. This is the McDermott whose child was killed by Tom Madden in 1891.

Many Sheep Will Perish.

RAWLINS, Wyo., April 29.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The worst storm of the season set in last night. A wet snow from the east was accompanied by high winds. It has kept up steadily all day, there being nearly a foot upon the level. It is badly drifted in places. Nearly a hundred thousand sheep have been sheered in this vicinity during the past three weeks, many of which will surely perish. Some place the probable loss as high as 50 per cent.

Killed His Child's Slayer.

BUFFALO, Wyo., April 29.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Peter Madden, brother of Tom Madden, the convict, who was lately shot while attempting his escape from the Lavinia penitentiary, was shot and killed at Bonanza by James McDermott on Wednesday. McDermott surrendered in Buffalo last night. This is the McDermott whose child was killed by Tom Madden in 1891.

Four Years for His Trouble.

IOWA CITY, Ia., April 29.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—M. Tombsboro, a groceryman, found guilty of trying to destroy his store by fire, was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary by Judge Fairall this afternoon.

Organizing for the Campaign.

The central socialist committee now sits daily, organizing the direction of the campaign of the social democrats. The May day fête will be celebrated by the socialists of Germany generally in the evening. Men in Hamburg will take a whole day, but men in Berlin and other large centers will obey their leaders, and take no holiday. The police are taking no unusual precautions beyond reinforcing the officials, who will watch the fête. May day has lost its force here. The anarchists and independent socialists insist upon a holiday, but the bulk of the workingmen decline to lose the day. They will celebrate for eight hours on Sunday, May 7.

The Austrian socialist policy is different from the German. The government at Vienna has issued a decree threatening to prosecute men who abstain from work on May day without the assent of their employers. They have forbidden the wearing of trades union or socialist emblems, yet the socialist leaders, with the full sympathy of their German brothers, will make a general holiday. They have arranged to hold forty meetings and street demonstrations on Monday, which is an Austrian holiday, as a protest of the workingmen against their political nullity. The meetings will demand a general, equal franchise, as well as approving of an eight-hour day.

Mr. William Walter Phelps, the American minister, will report to the State department at Washington that the German foreign office knows nothing about the expulsion of American missionaries from the Marshall islands, and discredits the story.

Coolidge Dined by Durflein.

PARIS, April 29.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—The English ambassador and Lady Durflein gave a dinner tonight for United States guests. Coolidge. The guests included Mrs. Sears, M. and Mme. Ribot, Comte and Comtesse de Montsalvo, Mr. Grass, Swedish arbitrator in the Bering sea case, Sir John Thompson, Canadian arbitrator, Senator Morgan, United States arbitrator, and Mrs. Morgan; General and Mrs. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Phelps Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Jay, Lieutenant and Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Moore. A largely attended reception followed.

CLAY DO WITHOUT NEW YORK.

Treasury Officials Will Not Need Her Aid to Maintain the Gold Reserve.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29.—No better indications of the restored confidence in the financial situation is necessary than the fact that no gold exports were made from New York today and it does not appear now that any large amount will go out on Tuesday and Wednesday.

His statement made to the New York bankers by Mr. Carlisle appears to have allayed the apprehension that existed. Gold offers continue to be made, the last city to offer assistance being Little Rock, Ark., which sends \$1,000,000, the gold to be exchanged for legal tenders. All these offers are being accepted, and, if necessary, can be called for by the Treasury department at any moment, but the change actually made in the gold does not exceed the treasury's daily statement, which accounts for the fact that the books of the department show only \$2,900 of free gold, although the amount of \$2,000,000.

The statement of Secretary Carlisle that "every effort of the administration will be exerted in the direction of the repeal of the Sherman law" is regarded here as an anti-sliver edict, and the announcement has caused and placed on the street the free silver men. The latter assert that they are ready for the battle, and everything promises a lively silver fight in the next congress.

"New York is no longer the gold center of the country so far as the gold in national banks is concerned," remarked a prominent treasury official this evening. "She has been playing a great game of bluff and trying to impress the world with the fact that she can embarrass or relieve the present situation at will. As a matter of fact there is less gold in the national banks of New York than Chicago, and the gold center is west of the Alleghenies. Mr. Carlisle is now in Chicago, where the gold really is, and will hold conferences with leading bankers there."

Among the dead at Cisco are the following: DANIEL CAMERON, R. M. WHITESIDES, —, S. M. TEXAS CENTRAL BRAKEMAN, BEN CHARLES JONES and CHILL, MRS. J. THOMPSON, M. B. OWEN'S CHILDREN, MRS. HORTON, MRS. KNIGHT, FIVE CHILDREN OF MR. HICKMAN, who were in bed asleep, crushed to death by the falling house.

Hickman and wife had gone outside to see what the roaring noise was and were blown off their feet. Mr. Hickman is badly injured. Those Injured.

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Other Victims Claimed.

The cyclone traveled northeast, blowing down houses and laying waste farms. The houses blown down are too numerous to mention. Mrs. L. D. Lard, four miles northeast of Eastland, was killed. Mr. Lard was severely injured and others were more or less hurt. Mr. Ferguson, four miles northeast of Cisco, was killed and his house burned. The wind storm lasted not more than a few minutes. It was followed by a heavy rain. Telegraph communication is practically cut off. Remains of the fifteen known to be dead there are several who have not yet been accounted for and they are undoubtedly buried somewhere in the debris of the ruined buildings. The mayor of Fort Worth, Tex., sent \$500 by wire tonight and stated that badly needed supplies were on the way here. A freight train consisting of fourteen cars heavily laden was hurled completely from the track and totally wrecked. The brakeman and conductor were killed. The most conservative estimates place the total property loss at over \$2,000,000. Fire Followed the Wreck.

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AWFUL DESTRUCTION

Cisco, Tex., Wiped from the Face of the Earth by a Cyclone.

DEATH FOLLOWED IN THE STORM'S WAKE

There Were Many Victims of the Winds Fierces Fury.

OVER ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE WOUNDED

Words Are Inadequate to Paint the Scenes of Death and Ruin.

HELP NEEDED IN THE WRECKED TOWN

Other Sections Touched by the Visitor of Death—A Fearful Death Roll—Pitiful Condition of the People of the Stricken Towns.

DALLAS, Tex., April 29.—A News Weatherford, Tex., special says: Your correspondent learned from passengers on the west-bound train this evening that the destruction by the cyclone at Cisco was simply appalling. There were not more than twenty-five or thirty houses left standing and up to the time the train passed there, about 2 o'clock this afternoon, twenty-one dead bodies had been recovered from the ruins and there were yet ten or twelve persons missing. Strong buildings with walls two feet thick were leveled to the ground. A heavy freight engine and a whole train of cars were blown from the track and demolished and several hundred feet of the inside track of the railroad were torn up. The number of injured runs up to something like 100. Citizens from Weatherford went out this morning to render any assistance possible. The building which Frank Hickman occupied was blown down and his five children were killed.

Nearly the Entire Town Destroyed.

Late this evening Mayor Levy received the following telegram from Messrs. Bell & Coleman of Weatherford, who went to Cisco this morning:

Town nearly all demolished, twenty killed, 125 injured, hundreds without food or shelter. Make all the relief possible and send to John F. Patterson, chairman relief committee. The following telegram was also received by Mayor Levy:

CISCO, TEX., April 29.—To George P. Levy, Mayor, Weatherford, Tex.: Cisco has been destroyed by the most destructive cyclone that has ever visited Texas. More than four-fifths of the people are without houses. Many killed and wounded. Help is needed to bury the dead and take care of the wounded and relieve those dependent who lost everything. W. G. DAVENPORT, County Judge. G. W. GRAYNES, Mayor.

Mayor Levy has called a meeting of the citizens of Weatherford to take measures for the relief of the sufferers.

Mayor Rollins of Gainesville, in response to appeal from Cisco, has also started measures of relief for the sufferers and issued an appeal for contributions.

A message from Valley View stated that a severe storm passed over that town at 5:50 p. m., blowing down several houses and doing much damage to property. No one hurt.

At Ringgold, Montague county, the storm unroofed the house of Mrs. Berga, blew several freight cars off the sidetrack and caused the terrorized people to take refuge in a large cellar, where they suffered greatly from congestion and suffocation. None were seriously injured.

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Released Christians from Jail.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29.—The State department is informed that April 2 the sultan of Turkey caused to be liberated nearly all the Armenian Christians who had been arrested within the past three months as being in one way or another connected with the circulation of revolutionary placards, and that the remainder will doubtless be released at an early day.

Defeated the Eng Ishman.

NEW YORK, April 29.—The great international race between the American liner Paris and the new British steamship, the Cunarder Campania, is over. The Paris won easily, beating the Campania many hours over a rough course and still holds the record from Queenstown.

THE BEE BULLETIN.

Weather for Omaha and Vicinity—Fair; Variable Winds; Rising Temperature.

1. Germany Suffering from Drought. Alwardt Scores a Complete Failure. Texas Town Wiped Out by a Cyclone. France Receives Proof of Russia's Fealty.

2. Progress of Work at Jackson Park. Echoes from Sioux City's Crash. Horse Race and Base Ball Res. N. S. S. Indian Seer Subsiding.

3. Showing of Circulation in Nebraska. Heath's Washington Letter.

4. Last Week in Omaha Society.

5. Line in Nebraska News. Douglas County gets a Black Eye.

6. Court Bluffs News.

7. Board of Trade Has a Lame Feast. Growth of the German Clubs.

8. Work of the Woman's Club.

9. Ella Wheeler Wileon on Training Girls.

10. Omaha's Trade Reviewed.

11. Financial and Commercial.

12. Editorial and Comment.

13. Sunday Sporting Melange.

14. What the Secret Orders Are Doing. When the Hooper Flourishes.

15. Flowers at the World's Fair. Side Shows and Their Attractions. McKinley's Tribute to Grant. Descendant of Wesley in Rags.

16. Wakeman Among Humble Hamlets. How to Acquire a Foreign Language.

17. Feminine Fashions and Fancies.

18. Motive Power Exhibit at the Fair.

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BY VLADIMIR'S TOAST

Peculiar Aspect of European Politics Developed at the Roman-German Banquet.

RUSSIA'S FEALTY TO FRANCE PLEDGED

Publicly Declared that There Can Be No Change in the Czar's Attitude.

CONVERSATION OF EMPEROR AND POPE

Generalities Were Discussed and All Burning Questions Studiously Avoided.

EACH LEFT A PROFOUND IMPRESSION

Potentates Sailed to Emotion by the Short Visit—May Day Shorn of Its Terror—Little that is Striking Shown in the Salon.

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PARIS, April 29.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—As I have had reason to state, the trip of Emperor William to Rome will cause no change in the political condition of Europe. The Kaiser returns from the Eternal City and everything remains in the same state as before.

The most important incident of his journey was, perhaps, the toast of the Grand Duke Vladimir. After the speech of the emperor, spoken in German at the official banquet, Grand Duke Vladimir, who was seated beside Mme. Billot, the wife of the French ambassador, said in loud tones:

"I think to the prosperity and glory of your beautiful country."

All those at the table heard the sentence, which produced a great effect. The sentence was spoken by command of the czar, in order to prove in a manner differing from a diplomatic note, that nothing had been changed as the understanding between France and Russia.

They Discussed Generalities.

I have been able to learn from a source absolutely certain that the subjects of the interviews between the emperor and the pope were confined to generalities on the part of both, each desiring to avoid anything that might obligate them to speak on burning topics. The emperor was very charming, as he knows how to be when he wishes. He told the pope that he was filled with respect for him and was always ready to follow his counsels. The pope called him at first "sire," but at the end said "my son," although it is not his custom to so address protestants. He said:

"One of the duties of the church is to direct the laboring masses," and he added: "One of the duties of sovereigns is to be concerned about the greatest good of the greatest number, and to try and better the condition of unfortunate, which is more important than to increase the number of the army corps."

The emperor then spoke of war and of the necessity of monarchies to naturally protect each other. He declared that the triple alliance was not an instrument of attack, but a means of peace, and added that if the triple alliance should be destroyed the pope might run risks.

The pope replied: "I offer this possible trial as a sacrifice to the good of Christians."

Each Impressed the Other.