

ALL EYES ARE UPON HIM.

THE YOUNG MAN OF 29 WHO WILL RULE GERMANY.

Incidents in His Life that Will Be Read with Interest—The People Like Him, His Rapid Advancement—Picture of Himself and Family.

During the last few months of the life of William I. emperor of Germany, the young William—who will succeed Frederick—was very rapidly advanced. It was foreseen that the emperor and the then crown prince were both liable to shortly become incapable and an edict was issued giving young William authority to sign imperial papers as regent. Two years ago he ranked only as a major in the army, and people in general spoke with surprise at the alacrity with which he advanced, yet all praised the thoroughness of his military education. Innumerable princelings were then above him, as well as untitled men of not much longer service, for a Prussian prince receives his straps at the age of 101 He was compelled to work like the rest of his comrades, equally subject to military discipline. Early and late he was with his regiment, ordered about as an ordinary major, saluting his superiors, with little or no attention—in a military way—paid to his royal rank.



WILLIAM AND HIS FAMILY. But suddenly his promotion came. On Jan. 27 last he received as a birthday present a commission as major general. This was the beginning of his promotion. From that time his advance in other respects has been rapid indeed.

William is 29 years of age, and is said to be young looking for his age. He has recently been thus described by George W. Smalley:

"William has the appearance of a young man of 25. His upper lip shows a spare blonde mustache, his nose is slightly Roman, with a medium forehead, and his hair stands back like Beethoven's. But despite his comparatively weak chin, his cold blue eye has a brave, daring expression, which reminds one a little of the Great Frederick, whom he is fondly said to resemble in character. He is slender in build, and shorter in stature than his brother, the 'naval Hohenzollern.' His left hand is badly crippled, and his left arm at least two inches shorter than his right; a defect which has caused as much annoyance and mental pain as ever Byron's deformity did. He tries upon every occasion to conceal it, but tries, of course, in vain. Yet the skill he possesses is remarkable. He carries his sword upon parade as well as any officer and has become a most excellent fencer, rides like a Cossack and shoots with unerring aim.

"No officer in the army is more popular than this royal scion and none more clever. No wonder that his men are attached to him. He has a pleasant word for all, and cracks his joke with the common man as though he were of his number. His training has been very democratic. He attended school at Cassel, boarding with one of the teachers, and treated exactly as one of the other boys. During his luncheon day, his black bread which the poorest classes use in Germany. Wishing to taste it, he offered to 'trade' with the boy—the son, I believe, of a poor mechanic—who, of course, was only too glad to do so. It pleased the prince's palate so much that he made an agreement to exchange lunches with the boy every day—and henceforward he always feasted upon the black bread baked in the house of the mechanic. He was graduated after several years at Cassel among the first in his class to the great satisfaction of his parents who attended the commencement. He afterward—as is Hohenzollern custom—attended the university at Bonn and joined the famous Saxo-Borussian corps, over whose annual meetings all presidents and in an eager as any in relating the pranks of his student days. And today one meets him in the streets of Berlin in civilian's clothes, mingling with the people like the 'citizen king.'"

"The following incident, sent to the New World by the New York Times correspondent, will be interesting: "Crown Prince William has carried to excess the old Hohenzollern custom of giving his cadets a military training. Whenever he visits his children his oldest son, who will be 6 next month, has been schooled to give the word of command, whereupon the two smaller brothers, aged 5 and 4, range themselves beside him, and all give the father a soldierly salute. The other day the crown prince was walking when his attention was drawn to the fact that the sentries outside his room were presenting arms repeatedly in an inexplicable way—a thing which German soldiers, he explained, do in such a peremptory and vehement manner that the action can be heard for a considerable distance. He was puzzled at this, went out and discovered that his little boys were having some fun peering up and down the corridor enjoying the pleasure of being saluted. The crown prince said: 'I must teach you that sentries don't exist for little princes, but princes for sentries.' He then called for a cane and in the presence of the sentries gave the tiny fellows a sharp beating. It ought to be added that this incident of a Spartan education is much admired in Berlin."

Whether the mother of the princelings was as well pleased with the episode is something we are not told. A former tutor of William writes at length regarding the prince in The London Times. One passage in his article reads as follows: "Much has been said and written about the fact of sitting close behind him every day for weeks before I ever noticed him. I was in any way different from that of other people. Even then I only observed it because my attention was called to it by others. Then I perceived that the left arm was always in almost exactly the same attitude, and that the prince could only move it very slightly, sending it a little up or a little down from its normal position across his body, as though it were fixed to an invisible hinge; and that if he wished to use it to steady the sheet of paper upon which he was writing, he was obliged to raise it on the table with the other hand. No doubt this

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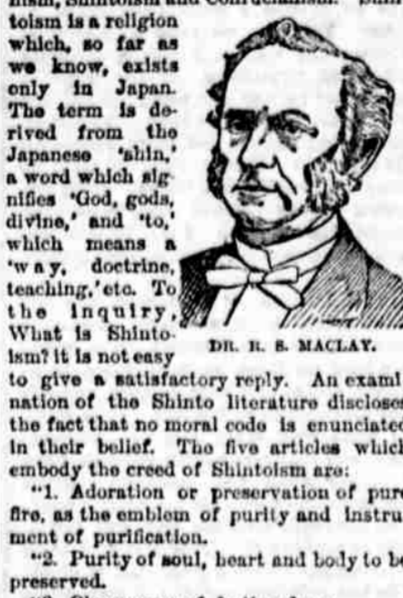
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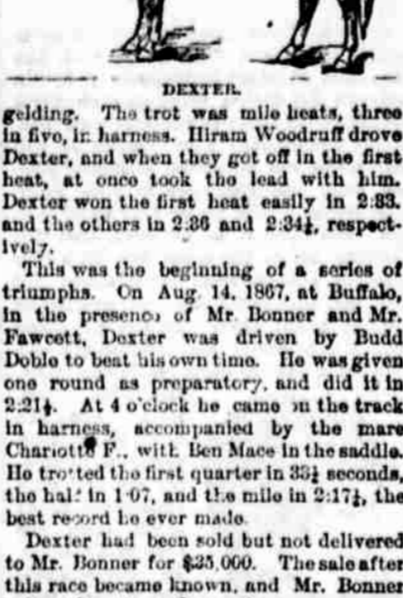
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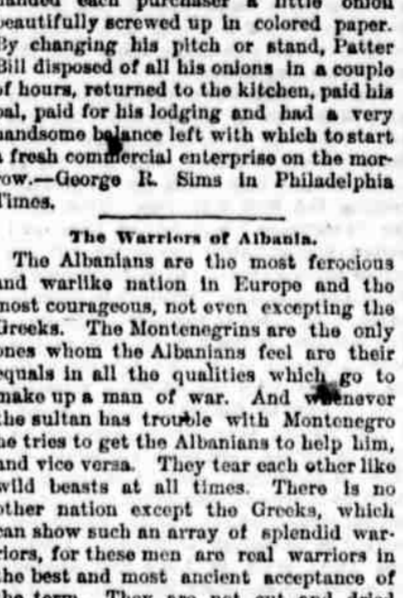
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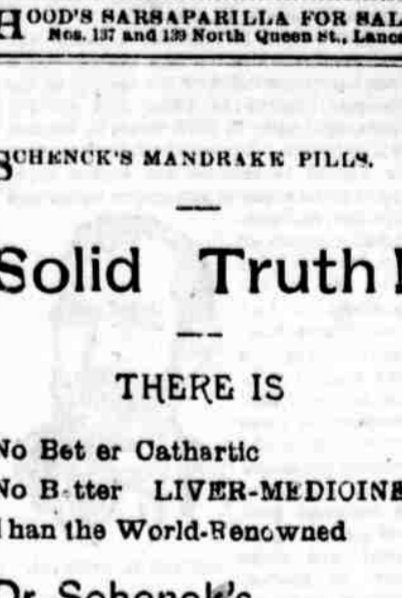
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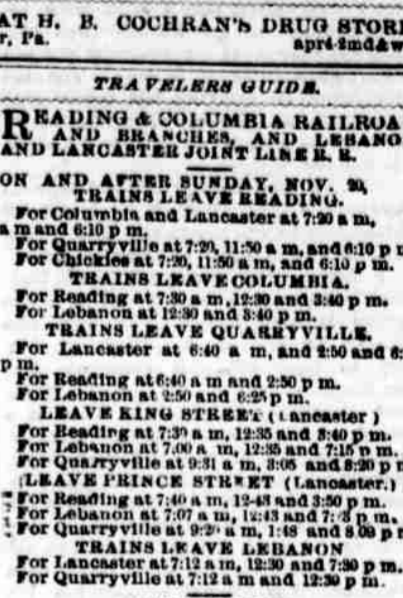
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