

IRON CHANCELLOR CALLED GLADSTONE POOR STATESMAN

Bismarck Thought Englishman Had Too Great Facility in Speech — Man of Deep Emotions.

W. B. Richmond reports in the North American Review for September conversations he had with Prince Bismarck at Friedrichshagen, 1887-1890. Speaking of Mr. Gladstone, Bismarck said: "Your Prime Minister is poisoned by the venom of his oratory; if his facility of diction and his command of words were more restrained he would not be so great an orator, but a more reliable statesman. If God spares him, Mr. Gladstone will ruin England."

This was said in conjunction with some remarks upon Home Rule for Ireland: "No government could afford to grant it now; it is too late. It would wreck a Tory or Radical ministry to do so, especially now when Imperialism has been so deftly established in the public minds of Englishmen by Disraeli," speaking of whom Bismarck said: "I like him; he is a great statesman and he takes his part like a man. You see politicians do not drink enough. Think of Pitt and Fox, whom have you now to compare with those two-bottle men, whose decisions were prompt, decisive and virile? Now you have given your drink to the lower classes, who are becoming your masters and dangerous ones, too, by and by, when the franchise is extended practically to universal suffrage."

Bismarck is described as having a sensitive, emotional temperament. "But I have," he said, speaking of himself, "a fire within me still which burns at the quietest. I know that I am asked, 'Are you in reality the Iron Chancellor?' 'No,' he said, 'not naturally; the Iron I have created to use when necessary.'"

CALLED FRANCE "ENEMY." "Germany," said Bismarck, "is a new empire, and it must be protected from possible assault by one or two or both Powers, one to the east, the other to the west of us. You must remember that the next war between France and Germany will mean extinction for one. We lie between two lines of fire: France is our bitter enemy, and Russia I do not trust. Hence may be far more dishonorable than war, and for war we must be prepared. Therefore, while Germany's very life as a nation is at stake, I cannot give the attention that I should otherwise wish to do as regards the encouragement of the arts of peace, however much I may believe them to be as you say, necessary to the highest development of a nation as a whole."

Of Great Britain's unpreparedness for war the Prince spoke with emphasis; he was "dependent" about England's neglect of that matter. "War," he said, "would solve many of your internal difficulties. It would bring together parties together. You have too many estates and factions; you are so split up as regards both politics and religion; you have grown to be an anarchical state. 'Socialistic—do you mean?' 'No,' he said. 'Socialism is a power, and one that must be met somehow by wise legislation. I meant anarchical. War would teach England that she must be one of the strong military Powers, not perhaps so much as naval, and this for the sake of the peace of Europe. The natural Alliance is," he said, "England, Germany and Italy; these three Powers, if placed upon a permanently strong war footing, would insure the peace of the world against any one Power. 'In the event of war with France and Russia we could place 2,000,000 men into the field, 1,000,000 upon the Russian frontier, 1,000,000 on the French, and still retain 1,000,000 in reserve. We can raise, in a short notice, a good number of reserves, inclusive; and," repeated the Chancellor, slowly, reverently, with emotion and force, "indeed, I believe that unless God Himself commands the French forces in the next war, Germany must be victorious."

For the French nation Bismarck had contempt, though he had personal friends in Paris. He liked Napoleon, he spoke of him as an agreeable and courteous man; but he thought that the Emperor had not a good influence over him on account of her strong Catholic sympathies, which he thought were dangerous to the State. "Napoleon had a good heart, but he was too easily influenced by women. That is a great mistake; women and the serious facts of life should never come into touch."

SAYS EAST HOLDS KEY.

Bismarck suggested that perhaps the East holds the future keys of Europe—China, Russia, or both. He told an anecdote of the King at the battle of Koniggratz, when he mistook the noise of bullets for the chirping of sparrows. He was persuaded by Bismarck to leave, very reluctantly, the field when he was in imminent danger, Bismarck riding behind and giving the rump of the King's steed a kick to make him gallop. "My master," Bismarck said, "turned round and gave me a reproachful look; but he took the hint and rode out of danger. That same evening he telegraphed to Queen Augusta: 'Bismarck took me somewhat rudely from the field.'"

"My grandfather," said Bismarck, "served for three years under Frederick the Great, and told me this anecdote. An ensign made a blunder during the maneuver of troops at a review. The King, as was his wont when annoyed, fell into a violent rage and pursued the terrified ensign stick in hand. The young soldier ran for very life, and jumped a ditch, leaving the King upon the other side shaking his stick at him in a fury. Shortly after the ensign of the ensigns the colonel of the regiment came up to the King and said, 'Your Majesty, the young man committed a blunder, doubtless, but he has just received his resignation from Your Majesty's service,' placing the document into the King's hands. 'I am sorry for it, for he was a good ensign; but he can take no other step under the circumstances.' The King answered, 'Send him to me.' The ensign was sent for, and came trembling, but this time the stripes should in reality fall upon his shoulders, or still worse, he might be sent to prison. Without any preface the King replied, 'Here is your commission, sir, which I endeavored to give you this morning; but you ran away so swiftly that my old legs could not catch you up.' One can imagine the delight of the ensign when he found that he was the recipient of promotion and not of blows."

BEANS REPLACING POPPIES

Good Use for Land One Benefit of Opium War.

China has advanced so far in her fight against opium that other crops are being planted in place of poppies. In the Chungking district large areas formerly devoted to poppy culture are now covered with a good crop of soy beans. The traditional bonfire of swords into plowshares was not a more notable victory for progress than this. The use of the land has been turned from death unto life in the most literal sense of the term. Instead of producing an insidious poison, the fields of Chungking are bearing food; instead of a crop inimically exhausting to the soil has come one which enriches the soil. If the Chinese revolution had done nothing but deal the death blow to opium, it would be many times worth while.



AN UNCOMFORTABLE MOMENT A German soldier is seen prodding a hay wagon with a bayonet to rout out a possible Ally who might be trying to escape.

TELEPHONE DEVICE GIVES WARNING OF LISTENERS ON WIRE

Pleasure of Eavesdropping Made Hazardous by Invention Which Identifies Culprit Besides Announcing Presence.

A. G. Howard, a Nebraska man, has invented a device which sounds a warning when a third party breaks in on the wire, and which also identifies the culprit phone.

As there are about 3,000,000 party line telephones in operation in the United States, it can be seen that the device is destined to affect a great many people and to check a firmly established custom. The man whose invention marks the doom of eavesdropping is the possessor of a home file photograph, showing a farmer's wife at work at her sewing machine with the receiver of the telephone firmly bound to her ear, so that she may not miss a single word of the conversation of her neighbors throughout the entire day. Howard's device has been tried out on a number of party lines and has proved practical. It is the result of 12 years' experimentation. "One of the questions most frequently asked of me by new subscribers," says Howard, who himself is in the telephone business, "is this: 'Does every one on the line have an opportunity to hear what I am saying when I am talking to another party?' I am forced to acknowledge that such is the case. One farmer's wife asked me that question 12 years ago. When I replied she asked me if there was not in existence a telephone that would give private service on a party line. When I told her that I had never heard of such an instrument she said some bright telephone man had better get busy and invent one; it would make his fortune. I took the tip, got busy, and believe I have solved the problem."

Mr. Howard's device can be readily attached to any telephone. The user operates his telephone in the old manner, except that he turns a little switch just as soon as he begins to talk. This switch starts a mechanism which is timed by a small clock. An indicator points out the time the conversation continues and the telephone connection is automatically cut off at the end of four minutes. If during the conversation some other subscriber on the line picks up his receiver, the removal of the instrument from the hook produces a musical sound, which not only notifies the users, but identifies the one who is listening.

DISC PRODUCES SOUND.

The identifying sound is produced by means of a disc carrying toothed projections on its extremity, which come in contact with a pair of keynote tongues. These tongues produce the musical signal, which is of a high or a low note, to represent the long or the short ring used to call the different subscribers on the party line. Inasmuch as most party lines have from four to twenty users, there are the corresponding number of different signals or musical sounds by means of which the location of the receiver just removed is learned.

The device thus has the twofold effect of measuring the length of a conversation and identifying the eavesdropper. The inventor believes that cutting down unnecessary conversation, by automatically shutting off the connection at the end of four minutes, will effect a saving of 50 per cent, or more on batteries, and that it will eventually result in reduced telephone rates. It is, however, very doubtful if most country subscribers will take kindly to the device which will cut off some of their fondest pleasures, for there is no doubt that many farm wives meet and talk in company on the rural lines in a way which should be regarded as perfectly legitimate. At such times a frantic call for the doctor is always regarded and under ordinary circumstances there is very little business need for the telephone at the hours when it is used for neighborly talk. But business methods are moving into the country along with scientific improvements on the farm, and forbid the use of even the home instrument for such purposes.

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FRESNO DISTRICT DRIEST

Section in California Has Had Least Rainfall.

According to the Weather Bureau returns one of the driest spots in the United States is the Fresno district of California. They have had only 2.5 per cent of the normal rainfall since March 1. The West coast generally has been short of precipitation. Another dry district center in St. Louis, which has only 32 per cent of normal rainfall. The Ohio Valley has had from a half to two-thirds of the usual quota, and there are some very dry spots in the Southwest and the Southeast that have not yet been cleared up. But generally the country is fairly well supplied with moisture for the late summer season. Streams are fairly full and reservoirs are not low as a rule. The distribution is uneven, however. Fort Worth, Tex., has 194 per cent of normal, and Fort Smith, Ark., only 48 per cent. Some portions of Kansas have three weeks of 100 per cent weather, practically arresting vegetable growth and cutting off the corn crop for anything else but fodder.

SUDS EXTINGUISH OIL FIRES

Standard Oil Company's Test Meets With Success.

Pouring oil on troubled waters has been in recent years demonstrated as effective, and many ships now carry oil for that purpose. The way to put out oil fires has been found in an equally odd application. Tank fires have long been the bugaboo of oil men. Water is useless. The Standard Oil Company has tested suds at Bayonne, N. J. It placed four thirty-inch stand-pipes around a forty-foot tank. These were supplied with a solution of carbonate of soda and soap bark. With them were fusible links of phosphor bronze cables controlled by a series of triggers. Water was let into the tank within three feet of the top, with three thousand gallons of Mexican crude oil and naphtha run on it. This was lighted. The fumes melted, the soda dropped into the tank and the foam at once expanded. And this tremendous fire of oil and naphtha was extinguished thus automatically in nine seconds by a fourteen-inch layer of suds or foam.

Wisconsin Crew Disbands

MADISON, Wis., Sept. 28.—Participation in intercollegiate rowing contests by University of Wisconsin crew was ordered discontinued yesterday as a result of an investigation by the medical faculty, showing that a large number of crew candidates had developed hypertrophied hearts.

California Horses Do Well

TRENTON, Sept. 28.—The feature of the opening day's racing at the Trenton Fair yesterday was the performance of two California mares, Miss Sherrwood and Ossary Maid. Both are full sisters and were driven to easy victories by the clever riding of Chappell, one of the best on the fair circuit.

Injured Footballer Recovering

CARLEISLE, Pa., Sept. 28.—Beverly Garratt, a member of the Western Maryland eleven, who was injured here in Saturday's game, was taken to his home in Fairmont, W. Va., today by his coach, John Feltner. Garratt suffered a concussion of the brain about a year ago, and it is thought that his injury of Saturday aggravated the old ailment.

Corn Clubs Feature of Colorado Fair

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Sept. 28.—A big camp of boys and girls, members of corn clubs in this country, featured the Central Colorado Fair, which began here today and will continue for five days. Nearly 200 children who were organized into clubs by County

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THE GOLFERS' AFTERMATH

The eighth, ninth, and tenth holes at the Philadelphia Cricket Club are commonly known as the "Valley Holes," and are extremely hard to play successfully, though they are all rather short ones. The eighth has a very narrow fairway and a hook will take a ball out of bounds. A slice also means trouble, as there is a creek and a woods running along the right. In front of the boundary fence. The ninth hole is on a hill and calls for a straight drive as otherwise the ball will roll into trouble. Trees and a road are on the left and the creek is at the right. And if the green be passed the boundary fence will make it necessary to drive another.

LEFTY TYLER BUYS FARM

BOSTON, Sept. 28.—Lefty Tyler, one of the best pitchers on the Boston Braves staff, has purchased a 60-acre dairy farm in the suburbs of this city. The purchase was made with the intention of managing the place when his days of usefulness on the diamond were over. Tyler also expects to spend his winter months on the farm.

MANY VISITORS COMING

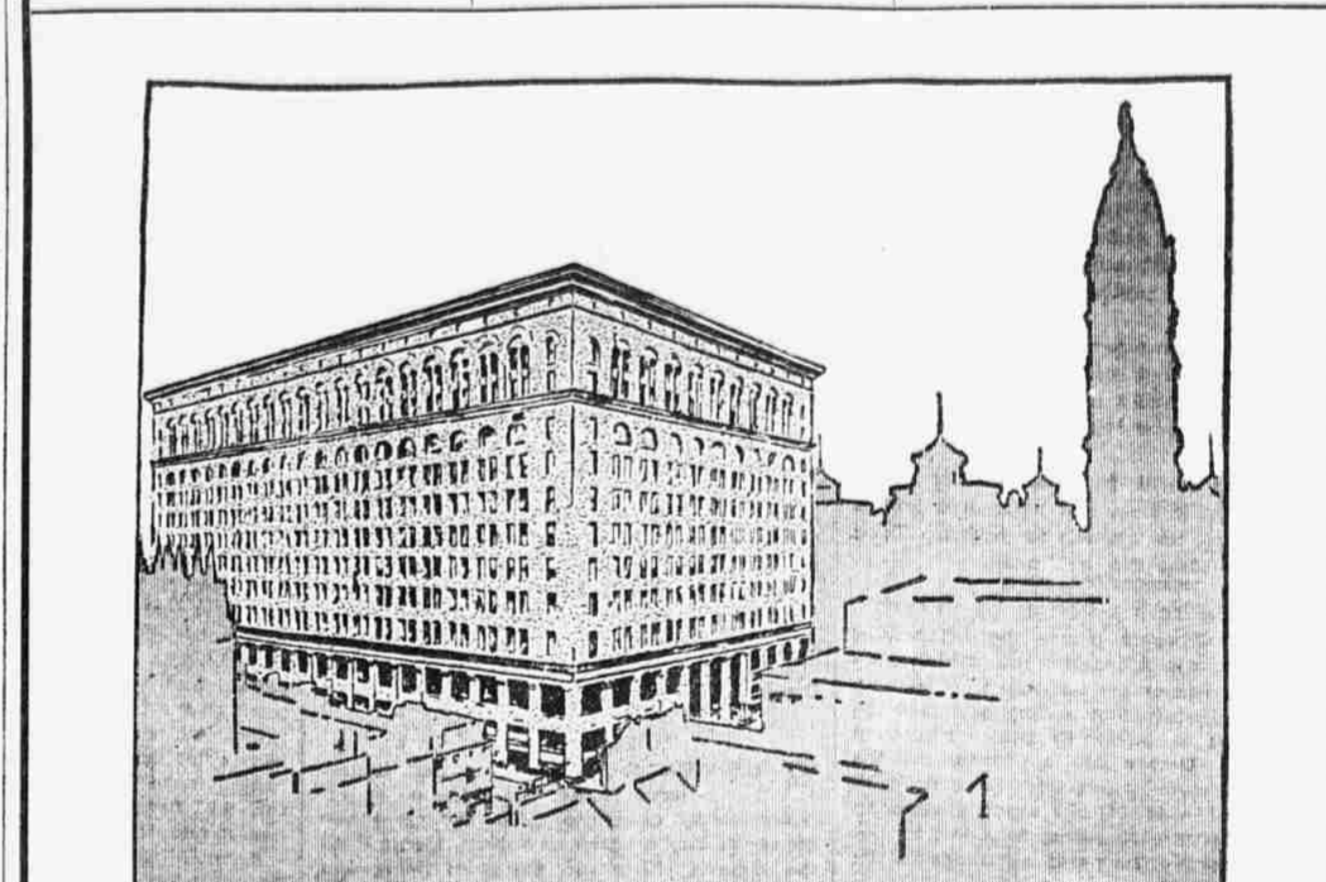
Many Out-of-town Horses Will Feature Whitmarsh Meet.

Many out-of-town entries are being received for the eleventh annual race meeting of the Whitmarsh Country Club, to be held next Saturday at Whitmarsh, and the prospects for a successful meeting this year are brighter than ever.

Dundee to Fight Beecher Again

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 28.—Another match between Johnny Dundee and Willie Beecher, both from New York, will likely be staged, following their 20-round draw last night. The fight was fast and furious from the start. For the first few rounds Dundee piled up a big advantage by jabbing Beecher at will, but after the tenth round Dundee stepped in and the two lads began to slug, toe to toe. This attempt on Dundee's part soon tired him, and after the 15th round Beecher became the aggressor, evening up the advantage the latter gained in the earlier rounds.

Store Opens 8.30 A. M. WANAMAKER'S Store Closes 5.30 P. M.



The Grand Organ Plays Tomorrow at 9, 11 and 5:15

THE WANAMAKER Gold and Silver Courts Announce: New, Distinctive Jewelry for the Fall Season Reticulated Platinum Jewelry in La Vallieres Brooches Bar Pins Rings Links Scarf Pins Brooches in polished and French gray finished platinum mountings, set with diamonds and calibre cut sapphires. Diamonds and Oriental pearl bar pins. French bow knots. Diamond necklaces for the debutante. Sautiers. Corsage pins. Lingerie clasps. Black onyx sets with platinum edges. Loose links in green gold, engine turned or engraved. Wanamaker Elgin thin model watches with brequet dial, with or without marginal figures. Flexible bracelet watches with rigid or rotary holders; some have center link locks. (Jewelry Store, Main Floor, Thirtieth St.) A distinctive new showing of fine English home furniture, newly received from London. This collection includes a few very rare old pieces. (Sixth Floor, Chestnut St.) JOHN WANAMAKER