

A CHANGE OF HEART.

Germany's New Rulers Are Turning From Protection to Free Trade.

THE BIG TARIFF ON WHEAT

Will be Altered, Opening the Door to the American Product.

LONDON'S TOILERS OUT IN FORCE.

An Imposing but Entirely Peaceful Labor Demonstration.

HALF A MILLION MEN IN HIDE PARK

The new powers in Germany are inclined to reverse Bismarck's policy of protection. The tariff on wheat will probably be so changed as to admit the American product. The Government leaders are anxious to know whether the United States will reciprocate toward German goods. The London labor demonstration yesterday was a pronounced success.

BERLIN, May 4.—The Bismarck clock

not merely stopped. Its hands are already moving backward. One by one measures that were most ardent pushed by the late Chancellor are giving signs of having survived their usefulness, at least in the minds of his once obedient Parliament. When on March 22, two days after the Prince's dismissal, the Emperor telegraphed "steam ahead on the same course," it was erroneously concluded that the same course meant the Bismarck course, while on the contrary it meant the Kaiser course.

Already we find a more reasonable tone prevailing regarding Switzerland, and German refugees there. The regulations against pork are more liberally construed. Our Mr. Phelps mitrates his mourning at the loss of his dear friend Bismarck by the reflection that his country in general, and Chicago in particular, will be the gainers.

A MODERATE POLICY.

The persecution of the Socialists promises to become unfeeling, for in September the exceptional measures cease by limitation, and there is not enough Bismarckian spirit left in the Reichstag to warrant a renewal of this odious means of combating intellectual shortcomings. In fact, the people have at last waked up to realize that Bismarck, in domestic politics, has never represented a party, or a sound economic idea—nothing more than himself, in fact, and the physical force which he created about him. This view seemed shocking some years ago, but the German press dared not publish what was done by their master, and the outer world, therefore, heard only what magnified his ability.

To-day, however, the manner with which in a few days he has passed from public attention is striking evidence of what we have said. In Hamburg he has sought to found a new organ for himself, but its sounds did no hearty echo in Germany. The enormous presentation of signatures appended to a laudatory scroll is sure to be freighted to Friedrichsruhe, but I have myself seen men signing whose votes at the polls have classed them as enemies of the Chancellor. This testimonial is worth about as much as that which leading lawyers signed for Mr. Grant when he was a candidate for Sheriff of New York.

THE LIBERAL PROGRAMME.

Last night we held the caucuses of the leaders of the Liberal freinliche party, including Doctors Barth and Bamberger. They formulated their programme for the Reichstag, which meets on May 5. This programme will be submitted on Monday for ratification to the balance of the Liberal members. It is the most weighty parliamentary move since March, 1871, not merely because it is a move in Parliament without Bismarck, but because it is made by a party which has enjoyed the largest share of Bismarck's ill will, and which now for the first time is likely to hold the balance of power.

The Socialists expected to make a fight for a compulsory eight-hour bill. This the Freinliche will oppose. This matter disposed of, we may look for an attack upon the two net Bismarckian infant industries, high protective tariff and highly experimental colonial ventures. In 1879 Bismarck commenced his career as a protectionist by offering to discourage the importation of American wheat in exchange for the political allegiance of the farmers, and soon found, just as our Congress did, that protective tariffs must be to be kept in loyalty.

AN INCREASING TARIFF.

In the last ten years the tariff against our grain has been steadily raised, until now it is about 50 per cent. The Liberal Freinliche proposes to reduce it to the former rate, and give notice that nothing less than free trade in breadstuffs will satisfy them.

One-third of the Reichstag are freetraders. On this bill the Socialists, Radicals and a few Independents are pretty sure to unite with the Liberals.

Minister Phelps has warm allies among the German Freinliche and he takes proper pains not to advertise the fact that the Government he represents delights in creating obstruction to foreign commerce to a degree which even Bismarck considers questionable. Three members of the Reichstag asked me whether our Government would lower duties on German imports if they lower theirs on our product.

THE BARCELONA STRIKERS

Will Have Eight Hours Weekday if Possible, by Freinliche Secretary.

Caprivi Reichskanzler," who moved into his predecessor's house. The Emperor's baggage was well packed, was conspicuously indifferent. If not hostile, Bismarck's colonial enterprise while Secretary of the Navy. He sees in these ventures merely the exhaustion of men and machinery, with nothing to show for it, after all.

If this view is not modified by the Emperor's messenger from the Kaiser's residence, Caprivi will live in the Freinliche Liberal party the warmest possible support, for it uncompromisingly distrusts and opposes every national speculation beyond her present boundaries. In general it is hard to understand the universal interest taken by Germany in colonial ventures except by reference to her blind faith in Bismarck's statements, which have enjoyed ever since the Franco-German war the character of infallibility to the vulgar mind.

THE POPULAR FEARING.

Had Bismarck proposed to grow bananas in the Arctic for the sake of encouraging a trade in hot-house material, there is no reason to doubt that the public would have supported him as they have in his quarrels with the jungle inhabitants of Africa, just as people cheerily invest in the South Sea bubble. The Emperor has not visited the tropics yet. When he does he will question the advisability of diverting the people's money to such purposes.

Many honest admirers of the retired Chancellor are in vain begging him for guidance. They want to remain Bismarckians in name only, but they respond to this expression except doing the day what is needful to hold the parliamentary majority. This species of opportunism yields no comfort to those who have been victims, and they worship in vain at his oracle.

LABOR'S GREATEST SHOW.

A HALF MILLION ORDERLY ARTISANS ASSEMBLE IN HYDE PARK.

No Police Surveillance Given or Needed.—The Leaders Showed Both Good Judgment and Generalship.—An Eight-Hour Resolution Passed Amid Loud Applause.

LONDON, May 4.—To-day a labor demonstration in Hyde Park was a magnificent sight. It consisted of a steadily moving and orderly multitude of working class men and women, some of whom were in the procession taking part in the processions brought together in the park half a million of people, who met, went through their business and dispersed without a single incident occurring of a disorderly character. The leading sections were Trades Councils, which included eight groups, representing the leather trades, metal and cabinet workers, and the shipping, clothing, printing, paper and building trades.

FREEDOM TO ALL SLAVES

Proclaimed to East Africans Who Are Under England's Protectorate.

HE WILL STILL FIGHT.

The King of Dahomey Has Ordered His Troops to be Mobilized.

ACTORS PROPERTY SEIZED.

A Sheriff With a Revolver Levees a Theatrical Company's Costumes.

BEATEN INTO INSANITY.

An Eastern Railroad Conductor Becomes Demented from an Assault by Tougas.

Every Shot Took Effect.

LOUISVILLE, May 4.—On a passenger train near Clay City, Ky., Bart Akers, a drunken section hand on the Kentucky Union, yesterday fired three shots at Jerry McMullin. McMullin and his wife were wounded seriously, and a Miss Woye, a passenger on the train, probably fatally.

THAT VACANT CHAIR.

The Speculation Concerning the Successor of Senator Beck.

MR. CARLISLE WOULD BE MISSED

Very Sorely by His Democratic Colleagues in the House.

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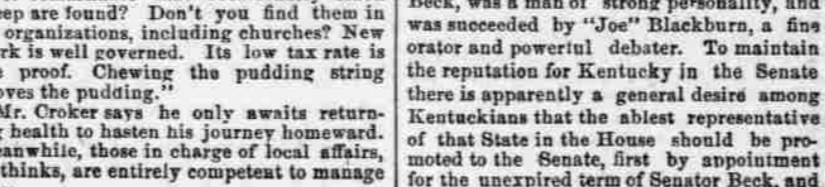
Wells Breckridge and McCrary Are Receiving Same Attention.

BECK'S SUDDEN DEATH

WILL DELAY MATTERS IN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The sudden and terrible shock of the death of Samuel Beck last evening admitted of no discussion among political leaders in regard to the succession, such as usually follows close upon the demise of any public man, but to-day that subject has been fully canvassed. Kentucky has almost invariably been represented in the Senate by men who have not only stood high in the estimation of their fellow Senators, but who have also had a national reputation as men of great abilities.

Within a quarter of a century few members have so impressed themselves on the Senate as deeply as Mr. Beck. "Carro



PAIROL BY DRAGONS.

A Lively Time is One of the Suburbs of Paris.

PARIS, May 4.—The Mayor of Roubaix has asked for reinforcements. In response to the request 800 dragoons have been sent. Cavalry patrolled the streets of Roubaix all Saturday night and all day to-day.

THE LINE OF PROMOTION. The most confident prediction, however, is that the House of Representatives, as it has frequently done in past years, and in the cases of both Senators Beck and Blackwelder, will promote a man who is not a member of the House.

A VILLAGE BURNED. Twenty-two buildings, including every business house, were destroyed at Gilboa, N. Y., May 4.—This morning a fire broke out in the Arcade, a large wooden building, and the flames quickly spread to adjoining buildings, which were soon burning.

NOT VERY RAPID PROGRESS. Still Old Mr. Warner Expects to Walk From Ohio to Baltimore.

A RISING INDIVIDUAL. He is a deliberate and impressive speaker, distinct and pronounced in his opinions, weighing every subject with care, and in marked difference from both Carlisle and Breckinridge, whose utterances, though distinct, is very rapid.

PLANS FOR THE FUNERAL. The Kentucky Delegation in Congress in Charge.

Obsèques at the Capital and the Interest at the Dead Man's Kentucky Home.

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WILL TELL NO TALES.

THE STRANGE DEATH OF TWO DETECTIVES WHO WERE WORKING UP A VERY BOLD BUCKEYE ROBBERY.

Naiked Marauders Torture a Family in a Search for Money.

THE ALLEGED BANDITS CAPTURED. Twice, However, the Man With the Evidence Was Taken to His Grave.

Henry Strickler, a local detective of Findlay, O., died yesterday. His friends assert that he was poisoned because of the part he took in a robbery case, which is soon coming up for trial. Another detective, engaged upon the same case, died under similar circumstances.

PHILADELPHIA, May 4.—The action of the directors of the Montgomery National Bank and the Montgomery Insurance, Trust and Safe Deposit Company, of Norristown, in demanding the resignation of Cashier and Treasurer Wm. L. Silnhuf, has caused grave anxieties in Norristown. The utmost secrecy is observed as to what took place at the meeting of the Board of Directors on Saturday, and it was said to-day that they had agreed not to make their proceedings public at any time.

When asked the cause of the directors resigning Mr. William Silnhuf's resignation and his giving a judgment to the bank for \$15,000, and making over securities, he stated that the relations with the bank were confidential in the morning, and he was prepared for it, and will pay all who desire their money.

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WHOLESALE SLAUGHTER. Chambers' Dams Empty and the Fish Dying by Thousands.

WASHINGTON, Pa., May 4.—Parties who came in from Chambers' dam to-day report that the water is about out of the dam, and that the fish are dying by thousands in the mud or wilily floundering toward the little water that still remains. The little pool of water at the gate is completely filled with fish. The most of the fish are carp, but a part of them are salmon, which were placed in the dam a year or so ago. The fish are dying by the wholesale. The letting out of the water has very much injured many of the fish, and many have become diseased, and the Sportsmen's Association, in connection with the State Board of Health, will institute legal proceedings against the owner of the dam.

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES. While no post mortem examination of his remains was made at the time, subsequent developments have caused his friends to assert that he died of poison administered by some one interested in covering up the mystery of the Oman robbery, as he was engaged on the case at the time of his death, and as his possessions, was on the trail of the robbers.

DIGGING UP AN RIVER. Progress of Work on the Great Tunnel Between Sarina and Port Huron.

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THE MONEY ENTIRELY SAFE. Not Much Searching of the Scriptures in a Buffalo Club.

BUFFALO, May 4.—Despite many attempts to avert it the famous Buffalo Club was dissolved at last. The great loss, however, was in ethnics, of which Mr. Brumhill had in his house one of the finest collections in the country, his picture being valued at \$15,000. The fire, which was starting to spread, broke through a dressing room to the room where the portfolio containing the masterpieces of Whistler etchings in this country, and he owned also rare first proofs of Seymour, Hayden and Thomas Moran's pictures.

DR. CRONIN AT REST. The Final Interment.—Coroneras are Held at Chicago Yesterday.

CHICAGO, May 4.—The formal interment ceremonies over the remains of Dr. Cronin were held at Calvary cemetery to-day. The assemblage gathered closely about the grave as the few brief words of the service were spoken by Father Muldoon and Father Toomey.

THE OLDEST COMMANDERY. Baltimore Knights Templar to Celebrate a Notable Centennial.

BALTIMORE, May 4.—Maryland Commanery No. 1, Masonic Knights Templar, is the oldest commandery of the order in America. To-morrow it will have reached its one hundredth anniversary, and arrangements have been perfected for a royal celebration. Invitations have been extended to all the leading Knights Templar in this country, and a majority have promised to be here.

AN APPEAL TO THE CODE. The public invited to sign a petition in support of the Harper-Davis challenge to a duel, which the former refused to accept, Phil W. Davis denounces Harper as an unprincipled scoundrel and infamous liar.

MORE BANKS IN TROUBLE.

ONE INSTITUTION THAT IS READY FOR A RUN.

It Has Lost Money, But the Surplus Will More Than Cover All Deficiencies.—The Cashier Forced to Resign and Give a Judgment for \$150,000.

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