

SANTA IN GERMANY.

Hard Times Can't Repress the Usual Ebullition of Christmas Merriment in Berlin.

THE GRIP AND HOW TO TREAT IT.

Socialism on the Wane in Fatherland Politics. Owing to Numerous Failures of Strikes.

ROUMANIA HOPES TO SEE THE KAISER.

Despite Semi-Official Denials That Wilhelm Will Visit Its Capital.

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BERLIN, Dec. 26.—The three days' stretch of holiday at Christmas time gives Berlin ample scope to deliver itself heart and soul to festivity.

Business in the shops last week was dull, but this week an immense traffic has been carried on.

As an instance of this it is noted that the bulk of Christmas trees, of which hundreds of thousands are used in this city, remained unsold until the dealers offered them at prices below their actual cost.

St. Nicholas at the Palace.

The Emperor and Empress on Christmas Eve presided at the distribution of presents at the new palace at Potsdam.

On Christmas Day the Emperor and the other members of the royal family dined alone.

Galician papers are filled with articles denouncing the renewed enforcement of repressive measures against the Hebrews in Russian Poland.

The Grip, Its Cause and Treatment.

The Czarina, according to advices received at the Russian Embassy, is suffering from influenza.

disease. The epidemic of influenza still prevails in Galicia, Eastern Prussia and Berlin.

An address recently delivered by Prof. Nothnagel, of Vienna, upon the origin and treatment of the disease, is the talk of the hour among medical men.

The ultra Conservatives hope to be revenged for their defeat on the tariff question in the Reichstag.

The Socialists leaders, being conscious of a falling off in the number of their adherents, have made arrangements for a series of congresses.

The successive defeats of the strikes which have been begun under Socialist guidance have strongly prejudiced the position of the party.

Despite the fact that a semi-official denial has been made of the report that Emperor William intends to visit Bucharest.

English Bribers Convicted.

The Men Who Sought for the French Carbins Secret to be Punished.

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to 15 months in prison and to pay a fine of \$600, and Bednell to a two months imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$200.

At the time the men were arrested Cooper admitted that he was seeking to improve the mechanism of the firearms for the purpose of conveying the information thus obtained to a firm of rifle-makers in Birmingham, England.

GLADSTONE'S LATEST ON HOME RULE.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Mr. Gladstone, in a letter in support of Major Hume, the Gladstonian candidate for member of the House of Commons for Stockport, declares that the Government, in coming to a decision to introduce a "real or bogus" Irish local government bill, will be influenced solely, not by the merits of the scheme nor their solemn pledges, but by the possible desertion of the Tory or dissentient groups.

PICTURE SMUGGLERS' WORK.

Genuine Old Masters Found in a New York Collector by Customs Agents—Importers Given Time to Prove What They Claim Is True—Value of Some of the Paintings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—[Special.]—Two cases containing six paintings addressed to Colonel A. Gross and taken from the cellars of Spiridon & Co. early in the week were opened in the seizure room of the Custom House today.

Collector Hendricks has given Spiridon & Co. till Monday to produce the invoices and the receipts for customs duties on these paintings.

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Colonel Gross is still absent from New York. An old associate of his has given certain information to Collector Hendricks which Treasury Agent Trautner will investigate.

Mr. Trautner has just returned from Washington. While there he produced evidence satisfactory to the Treasury Department to show that for several years a ring has existed in New York City for the smuggling of valuable paintings.

Did Not Guard the Wagon. Bolz drove his wagon aboard the ferry boat and Hubbard followed it.

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KRIS KINGLE'S MAIL

From the Lehigh Valley Stolen From the Ferry Boat at New York.

A LOT OF REGISTERED PACKAGES.

The Clerk Did Not Keep His Eye on the Wagon as Required by Law.

A VERY MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A leather mail pouch, containing registered letters and packages, valued at thousands of dollars, disappeared between the Pennsylvania railway station in Jersey City and the general postoffice in New York, Thursday evening.

Officials are convinced that the bag was stolen, probably on the ferry boat. The bag contained all the registered matter mailed last Thursday from the office from Elmira through the Lehigh valley to Jersey City.

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HOW KAUFMANN'S MANAGE TO KEEP BUSY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

THE CLOTHING SLAUGHTER! No such slashing of prices ever known so soon after Christmas.

2,500 MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS, Were \$11, \$12, \$13 and \$14, WILL GO AT \$8.

2,150 MEN'S FINE SUITS AND OVERCOATS, Were \$16, \$17, \$18, \$19, \$20 and \$21, WILL GO AT \$12.

REDUCTIONS IN BOYS' CLOTHING. Are fully as great as in men's.

OVERCOATS made of good, heavy materials, in cape and other styles, sizes to fit boys of all ages, were \$2.25, \$3 and \$3.25, will go at \$1.50.

SUITS made of durable materials, in neat patterns, plain or pleated, light or dark, medium or heavy weight, sizes 4 to 14, reduced to \$1.50.

Long Pant Suits made of substantial material, in stylish patterns, sizes 14 to 19, were \$6 and \$7, will go at \$4.00.

REDUCTIONS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT. Yes, reductions! And such reductions! No slight wounds, but deep, straight stabs to the heart—cuts to kill.

Special for To-morrow MONDAY ONLY. What's left will be closed out at HALF PRICE.

Beautiful Plush Toilet Sets, Fancy Silver Articles, Silver Mirrors and Frames, Silver Brushes and Combs, Silver Shaving Cups, Etc.

And one and all will be disposed of at about 50c on the dollar.

Remember, New Year's is another season for giving tokens of affection, and these tokens are now offered here at away below former prices.

OUR BASEMENT, Special for To-morrow MONDAY ONLY. Which has been a continuous scene of excitement and commotion since December 1st, now, as a direct result of the big rush, finds itself with a good many odd articles and sets, which must be closed out forthwith.

REGARDLESS OF COST OR VALUE. Odd China Dinner Sets, Odd China Tea Sets, Odd China Toilet Sets, Odd China Fish Sets, Odd China Game Sets, Odd China Plates and Saucers.

Then, there are a number of sets from which one or two pieces are missing (broken during the rush, perhaps), and all these will be sold at 50 per cent less than regular prices.

ALL OUR BRIC-A-BRAC, VASES, STATUARY, ETC., AT 25 PER CENT OFF.

THE CLOAK CARNAGE. The cloak season may be over, but we won't allow the grass to grow in our Cloak Parlors for all that.

Odds and Ends in Newmarkets. \$2. \$3. \$5. For choice from a lot of Ladies' Newmarkets, marked down from \$10.

CLOSING OUT LADIES' JACKETS! A lot of elegant all-wool jackets, in medium or heavy weight chevots and stockinettes.

AT \$1.50. AT \$3. A lot of fine all wool jackets, double-breasted, tight-fitting, buttons or ornaments.

300 FUR-TRIMMED JACKETS, in a variety of materials, and rich furs, worth \$12. AT \$6.95. SEAL PULSH REEFERS, made of finest English seal plush, heavy satin lining, fur collar and edg.

Children's Cloaks and Dresses. A lot of Children's Reefers, sizes 4 and 6, worth \$2.50 and \$3, at 98c.

GRETCHENS. Fine Plaid Gretchens, with deep shoulder capes, sizes 4 to 14, reduced from \$7 to \$4.50.

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