

CRITICISM OF THE GERMAN ARISTOCRAT

Progressist and Independent Press Score the Junkers.

NOBILITY CONTROLS THE ARMY

No Opportunities for Advancement Are Offered the Bourgeoisie -- The Grasp of Caste Upon the Office Extends Beyond the Army Into the Lower Regions of Administration. Business Boom in Germany Follows McKinley's Election.

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Berlin, Dec. 27.—The pretensions of the German aristocrat, especially the army officer, recruited as he always is from the junker families, to be treated as of a divinely constituted caste, are undergoing the severest exposure and criticism from the progressist and independent press. The question is being discussed whether the army is national, except in the sense that the people contribute the rank and file, pay the money to support it, and allow the aristocrats to monopolize every post above that of non-commissioned officer. The notion that a career of advancement is open to any man of ability applies least of all to the Prussian regiments. Progressist papers analyzing the condition of the army show that in forty-six Prussian regiments there are only officers drawn from the nobility, that in the cavalry with 173 officers, only one bourgeois, and that in the artillery there is also a single bourgeois, and probably most uncomfortably situated officer, who does not belong to what is called a "noble family."

This grasp of caste upon office extends beyond the army into the lower regions of administration, where it might be supposed the junker would be weakly employed. Since the Tausch proceeds opened to the public view some of the secrets of the secret police service, it has been ascertained that the greater number of the political police officers are like Tausch and Lutnow, sons of aristocratic families. The same preference extends throughout all branches of the administration. The dead-beat aristocrat, the ruined spendthrift, and other wreckage of the upper class, find refuge in some government post.

A BUSINESS BOOM.

The Der Confectioner asserts that 300 German factories have resumed work since McKinley was elected president of the United States, and that about 300 factories have increased their hands. The factories resuming include 25 woolen goods mills, 15 cotton goods works, 23 gentlemen's outfitting works and 18 carpet factories. All of these have been closed for several years.

The strike of the Hamburg dock laborers is likely to assume an entirely new phase. The union laborers who have taken the place of the strikers are themselves threatening to strike unless they are paid seven marks for a day's work and 14 marks for night work. They have already made demands upon the employers for the payment of these rates, and have been informed that they may expect the same resistance to their exactions as was given to the old hands.

THE TRANSVAAL RAIDERS.

Released After Serving Their Terms of Imprisonment.

London, Dec. 27.—Colonel H. F. White and Colonel R. Grey, who, together with Dr. L. S. Jameson, Major Sir John Willoughby, and Major R. White, were convicted of participation in the raid led by Dr. Jameson into the Transvaal on December 31, 1895, were released from Holloway jail this morning, their sentences of five months each having expired. Major R. White and Major Sir John Willoughby are still in prison. Major White, who was sentenced to seven months' imprisonment, has still two months to serve, and Major Willoughby, who was sentenced to ten months' confinement, will have to serve five months longer, unless the home secretary intervenes to shorten their terms.

Dr. Jameson, the leader of the raid, who was sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment, was released from Holloway jail on December 2 on account of ill health, and is now being treated at a private sanitarium. Captain Coventry received a sentence of five months' imprisonment, and was released from Holloway jail in the latter part of August, the prison doctors certifying that further confinement would endanger his life.

ANOTHER KENTUCKY LYCHING.

The Sixth Incident of the Kind in That State in Six Days.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 27.—Alfred Holt, colored, alias Alexander, the murderer of Police Officer W. A. White, was taken from jail by a mob at 2:30 o'clock this morning and hanged to a tree in the court house yard. This is Kentucky's sixth lynching in six days. About 2:15 o'clock two men knocked at the jail door, and in response to a question of Deputy Jailor John Ashby, Jr., said they had a prisoner they wished to lock up for safe keeping. Young Ashby opened the door only to face two big revolvers. He was overpowered and the keys were taken from him.

At a signal from the two men thirty or forty others poured into the jail.

Proceeding up stairs, several of the mob held Jailor John Ashby captive, while two others moved on to the cell where Holt and the five other negroes implicated with him were asleep. They were not aroused from their beds till the keys rattled in the key hole. Then they pleaded for mercy.

The leader said Holt was the guilty man, and he alone was wanted. Pleading for his life, Holt was taken out of the jail, through the court house yard to the east side, facing the Rudd house. He had time to pray, and then a rope was placed about his neck. In ten minutes Holt had been strangled to death. Holt had only been brought here a few days ago from Louisville, where he was taken for safe keeping.

DEATH OF GENERAL REED.

A Distinguished American Diplomat Passes Away at Paris.

Paris, Dec. 27.—General John Meredith Reed died this morning from pneumonia. John Meredith Reed, the well known American diplomat, was born in Philadelphia February 21, 1837, and was first United States consul general for France and Algeria in 1869-1873 and 1874-75, and then consul general for Germany during the Franco-German war. After the war he was appointed by General De Clusey, French minister of war, to form and preside over a commission to examine into the desirability of teaching the English language to the French troops. In November, 1875, he was appointed United States minister resident in Greece. While minister to Greece he received the thanks of his government for his effective protection of American persons and interests in the dangerous crisis of 1878. Soon afterwards congress, from motives of economy, refused the appropriation for the location at Athens and General Reed, believing that the time was too critical to withdraw the mission, carried it on at his individual expense until his resignation September 23, 1879.

In 1881, when, owing to his efforts at his resignation, the territory that he could walk 112 miles or very near it, within twenty-four hours, despite his 58 years, failed to reach the standard. He stopped at 9:56 o'clock last night with 163 miles and two laps to his credit, a performance that is remarkable when his age is considered. At 75 last evening his wonderful strength failed, a dizziness overpowered him, and he was assisted from the track as weak as a baby. Soon after the wonderful old man was up again and asking what it was all about. He resumed his tramp, but at a much slower pace, and he failed to accomplish the task he set out for himself.

WESTON WALKS AGAIN.

The Famous Pedestrian Fails to Accomplish a Self-Imposed Task.

New York, Dec. 27.—Edward Payson Weston, the famous old time pedestrian, who started Friday night in the Ice Palace to show to the athletic world that he could walk 112 miles or very near it, within twenty-four hours, despite his 58 years, failed to reach the standard. He stopped at 9:56 o'clock last night with 163 miles and two laps to his credit, a performance that is remarkable when his age is considered.

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JULIAN POTTER'S ESCAPE.

The Bishop's Nephew Leaps from a High Window to Avoid Arrest.

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The entire stock of watches, jewelry, clocks, silverware, etc., must be sold by April 1st on account of retiring from business. Don't miss the bargain.

ARCHBALD.

The fair of St. Thomas' congregation opened on Christmas afternoon and was fully as successful as any ever held here. The attendance was great enough to tax the basement to the utmost and in the assemblage were many persons from different points between Carondelet and Scranton. On Saturday evening the attendance was equally large. The attractions offered each evening make the fair a pleasant place to spend a few hours.

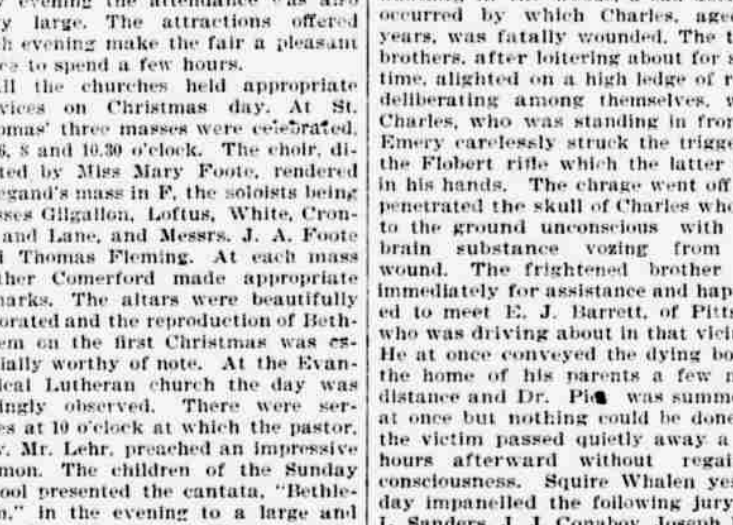
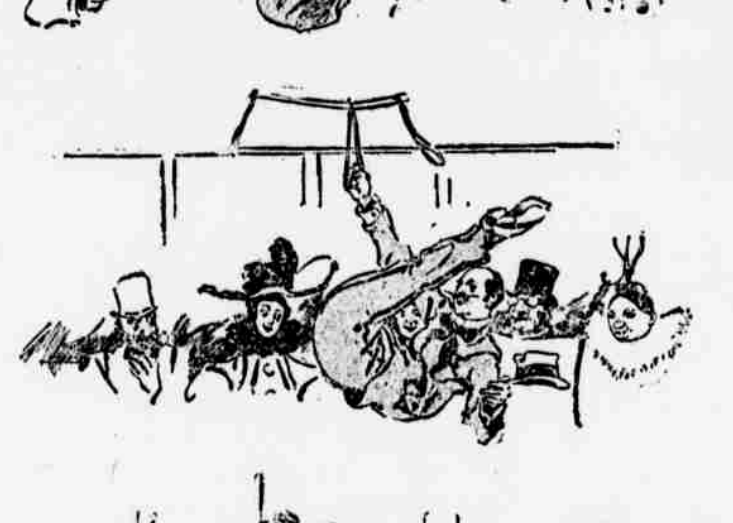
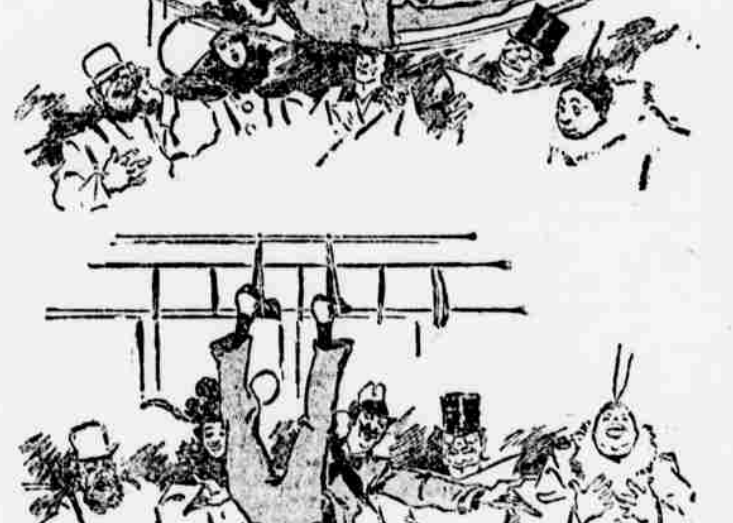
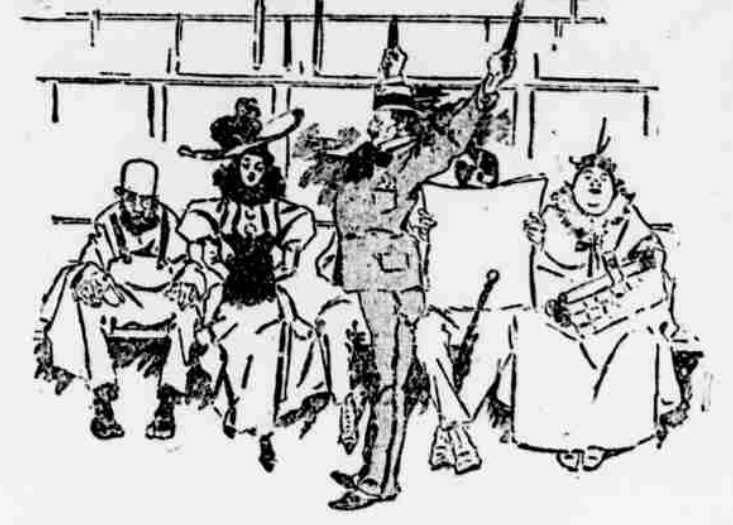
All the churches held appropriate services on Christmas day. At St. Thomas' three masses were celebrated, at 8, 10 and 12 o'clock. The choir, directed by Miss Mary Foote, rendered Wagner's mass in F. The soloists being Misses Gligan, Loftus, White, Cronan and Lane, and Messrs. J. A. Foote and Thomas Fleming. At each mass Father Comerford made appropriate remarks. The altars were beautifully decorated and the reproduction of Bethlehem on the first Christmas was especially worthy of note. At the Evangelical Lutheran church the day was fittingly observed. There were services at 10 o'clock at which the pastor, Rev. Mr. Lehr, preached an impressive sermon. The children of the Sunday school presented the cantata, "Bethlehem," in the evening to a large and well pleased audience. There was the usual distribution of gifts from a Christmas tree. At the Presbyterian church the services were also well attended. Rev. Mr. Beecher preached on the significance of the coming of Christ. A cantata, "The Story of the Star," was presented by the school children under the direction of Mr. C. A. Battelberg. The musical feature was produced under the careful instruction of Mrs. Dr. Van Hook. There was also the customary distribution of Christmas gifts.

Miss Anna Probst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Probst, of Main street, was married on Thursday evening to John H. Hofmann, of Salem street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Leuhr, of the Lutheran church. William Peters, an uncle of the bride, was groomsmen, and Miss Katie Peters, her cousin, was bridesmaid. The bride and her maid were very beautifully dressed. The reception which was held at the home of the bride was attended by many friends of the young couple.

Dr. P. H. Kearney, of Scranton, spent Christmas at his former home here. C. B. Eaton, of Durgene, was in town on Christmas day. Harry Revels, of St. Bonaventure's college, is home for the holidays.

HOW THE PROFESSIONAL SURPRISED THE PASSENGERS.

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Buffalo, Dec. 26.—Cattle—Market slow; choice to prime, \$9.25 to \$10.00; sheep and lambs—Market active; choice lambs, \$5.00; extra, \$5.50; 200 lb. sheep, \$4.50 to \$5.00; 100 lb. sheep, \$3.50 to \$4.00; heavy packing and shipping lots, \$3.00 to \$3.50; choice medium, \$3.50 to \$4.00; inferior to choice, \$3.00 to \$3.50; lambs, \$3.00 to \$3.50.

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