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A hundred years have passed away since David Allen was a boy. But after all that is not a very long time. The years seem no longer to the young man than to those who have lived them—as the young soon enough find out. The longer we live the shorter seem the years.

help take care of things till he should return. The father and son met. "It's too bad," were almost the first words David said, as he held the old man's hand. "I'm sorry, father. I wish I could be worth more to you, but I can't."

twenty to take care of his wife, the empress. The expense of the party at the hotel alone was \$2,900 per day, the entire expenses being probably \$3,000. It isn't a bad business, as far as that goes. Dom Pedro is tall well built, handsome man—one who impresses one as being a long way above the average. There is character in his face. The empress is rather a handsome woman, who looks as if she had as much will as her husband, and as though she had her finger in what of government Brazil enjoys. The officers accompanying him are all fine looking men, except one—the treasurer, or purse-holder, of the party. He looks like a pure-bred—dark complexioned, brown-skinned man—whose business with the party one could not make out. It was surmised that he is the confessor of the empress, who, as is well-known, is the most devout and bigoted Catholic in all South America. He is a good character at all events. The empress never made a movement without consulting him, and whatever he said seemed to have sufficient weight with her to decide her action. It will be remembered that her daughter had a riot against the emperor not long since. The emperor decreed religious freedom, which the daughter did not like, so she vowed a vow never to wear shoes or cover her head till the decree was revoked and the Catholic religion reestablished. And she did go about the streets barefooted, much to the scandal of the court, but with the entire approbation of the priesthood, and backed by her mother, the emperor was compelled to succeed in his attempt to get her to wear shoes. She was capable of the same thing. The party returned to New York in a short time, when the bankers and the fashionable men made another effort to go to him. He has a remarkably good opinion of his country from the people, and, as it is desirable that he should keep it, most earnestly hope that he will steadfastly refuse to be wined and dined by officials of this city, or be entertained by the equally objectionable snobs.

Business looked to be Washington this week, in time to see the opening of the Belknap trial; one of the most serious cases ever before Congress—the first time that a cabinet officer has been indicted for a criminal act. The bright Easter Monday had drawn thousands of people to the annual sports, regalling in the capitol grounds, which rang all day to their shouts. But within the formal proceedings drew a gallery-crowd to see how the ex-Secretary "took it." The formalities, slight as they are, are very interesting from the fact that they pay so little regard, usually, to the case as the American Congress. Chief Justice Waite came swiftly in, wearing his silk gown of office, and the House of Representatives filed in the floor in the Senate in the morning. The speaker of the House, Mr. Carpenter, the keen crafty face of Judge Black, and the concentrated regard of pole Montgomery Blair, Mr. Carpenter met his client, and brought him in on his arm. Belknap was less than a usual, but he seemed to have a certain amount of self-possession, and threw one arm over the back of his chair, slanted his commanding person negligently in his seat, and fixed his eye on one particular part of the gallery where sat the lawyer who spoke next, less than half an hour, and in the morning and evenings his sermons were much longer. Mr. Sankey more or less at every time, so much indeed, that he has well-nigh lost his voice. So the great speaker, who had a half of people have heard them; that fifteen thousand have been converted, besides the general awakening they have done for the churches, the effect of which will be felt for years. The last day, the 20th, the great speaker, who had a half of people have heard them; that fifteen thousand have been converted, besides the general awakening they have done for the churches, the effect of which will be felt for years.

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