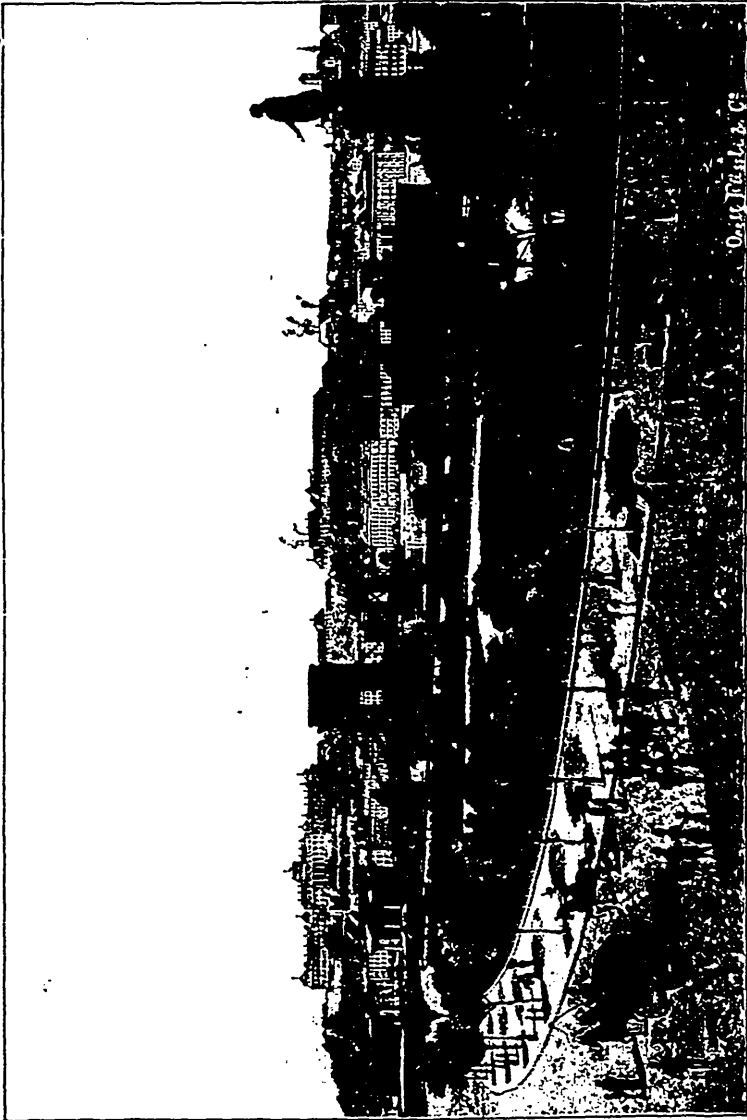


storm, and no persuasion could induce her to go below. So, Francis Joseph has been on the bridge of the ship of State for fifty years,

On Dec. 2, 1848, a great stir was observed in the archiepiscopal Palace in Olmutz. All the members of the Imperial family, the



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watching the storms that have so often threatened to engulf both him and his ship. He has, so far, outridden them all, and he is on the bridge yet.

Cabinet ministers, Prince Windischgratz, and other high personages, were assembled. The Emperor Ferdinand got up from his seat, and read the following words