

GERMANY'S DANGERS.

Chancellor Capriv's Powerful Address to the Reichstag—The Empire Must be Prepared.

Bismarck not all He was Claimed to be—The Gauntlet Thrown Down.

Berlin, Nov. 23.—Chancellor Von Capriv addressed the Reichstag to-day in behalf of the Army bill. He said that the Government proposed the bill well knowing the dangers to the empire that would be involved should it be rejected. The Government had been discussing the proposed changes for nearly three years, and every step of delay was an irretrievable loss.

Our relations with other nations," added the Chancellor, "are normal. Nobody threatens us and we menace nobody. We have no hostile war; we do not admire the smallest piece of French territory. The past war, should we unfortunately break out, would be much more difficult, because the French army and fortress, especially Paris, are in a much better condition than in 1870. Germany's condition after such a war, even if followed by 85 years of peace, would be infinitely more intolerable than in 1870. We rely on our allies, but we have no military supremacy of Europe since 1870, because the vanquished always prepare for war more ardently than do the victors. We rely on our allies, but we have no military supremacy of Europe since 1870, because the vanquished always prepare for war more ardently than do the victors. We rely on our allies, but we have no military supremacy of Europe since 1870, because the vanquished always prepare for war more ardently than do the victors.

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numbered cannot absorb their souls of sin. The spy felt that it was mockery and he waved the chaplains away.

All hangings under military law are a surprise. A company had been detailed to see the order carried out; a sergeant, guard to act as escort. It was a clear frosty morning, and daylight seemed to come slowly. The condemned man was up and dressed and waiting. He was pale, but there was a look of resolution in his eyes which I was glad to see. He would die game. A chaplain had come in with me. The spy waved him out and turned his back, that his elbows might be bound.

He saw the gallows long before we reached it, but his face betrayed no emotion. March! march! march! Only a soldier could have marched to the foot of the gallows going to his death. The spy looks up and calmly surveys the structure and the dangling noose. He is assisted up the rude ladder to the trap. A chaplain kneels on the rough boards and offers a prayer, and then a hush falls upon the assemblage. Thank God that my orders were fully carried out when I had delivered my prisoner on the scaffold. The hangman awaits us. He is a volunteer from some guardhouse, and will be paid a few dollars in money at headquarters.

I have a message for some one, and I will deliver it," I whispered in the prisoner's ear as his ankles were being tied.

"Yes, a message to Colonel —, of the — infantry. He will tell my friends. Get word to him that I died in the line of duty. Thank you—goodby!"

From the hour of his capture to the moment of his death there were the only words he uttered. He had scarcely spoken when the hangman pulled the black cap over his face, stepped back to the lever, and two seconds later the trap fell with a crash, and the body was dangling in the air. It was only after a pause came that I could deliver the message.

"Ah, poor Dick!" sighed the colonel when I had finished. "Hung for a spy, and yet he was not a spy. He was a man whose lines to try to find a brother of his who had deserted and bring him back to duty—that and nothing more. The brother came back to us—poor Dick died in the gallows!"

A MISSING MERCHANT.

Suspicious as to His Disappearance Arising at the Probate of His Will.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22.—An interesting controversy came to light in the Probate court yesterday over the estate of Henry A. Maion, liquor dealer, who disappeared mysteriously at Port Townsend, B. C., April. Maion was a member of the local firm of Radovich Bros. & Co. He left this city on a business trip on April 25. A few days later his hat, coat and vest were found in the woods two miles below Port Townsend. His gold watch and valuable papers were missing, which led to the belief that he had been murdered. A reward was offered for his body, but it could not be found out and a few weeks ago his will was filed for probate in this city. He bequeathed all his property to his widow. A petition for probate was heard yesterday, but was opposed by Attorney A. B. Hunt, who represented a creditor of Maion. He was not willing to admit that Maion was dead, but insisted on his belief that the missing man had disappeared simply to escape certain business obligations on account of which he was considerably embarrassed. After hearing these statements, Judge Coffey continued the hearing in order to permit the attorney to secure from Chief of Police Delaney, of Port Townsend, a statement of the efforts made to discover Maion's body.

A DISCOVERED CASE.

DEAR SIRS.—I was troubled with biliousness, headache and lost appetite. I could not rest at night and was very weak, but after using three bottles of B. B. B. my appetite was good and I am better than for years past. I would now be with you B. B. B. and am also giving it to my children.

Mrs. WALTER BURNS, Melville, N. S.

TENDERS.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to the 31st day of December next, for the purchase of the following property, situated in Mayne Island, British Columbia:

Part of Southeast 1/4 of Section XI, part of East 1/2 of Southeast 1/4 of Section XI, and part of North 1/2 of Section VIII, containing in all about 178 acres, of which 82 of said bottom are partly cleared.

The buildings on the premises consist of a house, barn, chicken-house, etc.

This farm has a plentiful supply of fresh water and a steamboat landing within a convenient distance.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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IRISH CONVICT NAGLE.

Can He Be Admitted Into the United States Now that He Has Been Released?

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—A few weeks ago the authorities on Ellis Island were notified that a man named Nagle, who had been released from the Dublin prison, Ireland, where he had been serving a twenty years' sentence, was on his way to this country to join his mother and sister, who reside in Pennsylvania. As, under the law, no convict is allowed to land here, a strict watch was kept for him, and when the Gaelic language speaker arrived at the Custom House on Tuesday he was found on the vessel. It turns out that he is not by any means an ordinary convict, and he has put in a claim that he is entitled to citizenship. William Nagle was ex-convict of the Irish prison, and he was released from the head of what is known as a political prisoner. People familiar with Irish law will recall the murder of Lord Cavendish in March, 1885, in Phoenix Park, Dublin. For that murder five men were hanged and many others sentenced to long terms of imprisonment on the ground of complicity. William Nagle was one of the five arrested for an accomplice, and he was sentenced to 20 years' hard labor in the Dublin prison. Recently strong efforts have been made to obtain the pardon of the convict, and Nagle was the first man convicted of murder for Ireland for America. He accepted and sailed for America. His claim that, being a political prisoner, he does not come under the provisions of the convict law, is also made by friends of his in this city and members of the Irish society, who called at Ellis Island yesterday. His brother arrived from Chicago and is engaged in calling the sympathy of the Irish society of New York. In case Nagle is barred by the immigration authorities, his case will be carried to the highest tribunal of the country.

SHORN OF ITS STRENGTH.

The Northwest Assembly Believed of Its Recently Acquired Powers Because of Its Disensions.

MONTREAL, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—The Star, commenting on the calling together of the Northwest Assembly, says it can now give publicity to the startling information that, in consequence of the recent squabble and its results, the Dominion Government has, by order in council, withdrawn from the Assembly the increased powers given to it during the last two years, and all money voted by parliament for the expenses of government in the territories and for schools has been transferred to the credit of the authorities at Ottawa. For the past five years the expenditure has been made by cheques signed by the Governor Royal and his secretary. This piece of information has been hitherto kept in the dark in Mr. Cayley's interests, but in view of the complete resignation of the Governor Royal and his secretary, this piece of information is no longer any reason for this secrecy and the facts are given to the public. It is reported, moreover, that the Dominion Government has disavowed the ordinance providing for the Executive committee, as it went further than their legislation contemplated.

REIGNA, Nov. 23.—Ex-Premier Laurier stated to-day that the strength of parties in the Assembly remained unchanged since the Wallace election, being 14 to 12. It is rumored, however, that the Opposition will number 18 when the House meets.

MONTREAL MATTERS.

Land Sales to the Mercier Family Cancelled—Big Liberal Convention Proposed.

Confidence in the Quebec Government—Annexation Advocates Come Out Flat-Footed.

(Special to the Colonist.)

MONTREAL, Nov. 22.—Le Club Conservateur had a stormy meeting last night over a resolution of confidence in the de Boucherville Government, moved by F. E. Villeneuve. Half-a-dozen members bitterly denounced the Government, while others declared that the club was not called upon to express any opinion. Finally, after two hours' heated discussion, a vote of confidence was carried on the motion of the de Boucherville Government, moved by F. E. Villeneuve. Half-a-dozen members bitterly denounced the Government, while others declared that the club was not called upon to express any opinion. Finally, after two hours' heated discussion, a vote of confidence was carried on the motion of the de Boucherville Government, moved by F. E. Villeneuve.

FROM SEATTLE.

Triffin Resumed on the Coast Railways—Thanksgiving Day Arrangements—Still the Same House.

SEATTLE, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—Railway traffic has been opened all around. Four days through mail arrived to-day. Included were two tons of registered matter. Tomorrow is a general holiday, being Thanksgiving Day. All business will be closed and special service will be held in the churches. A football game will be played here at 11 o'clock in the morning between the local team and the team from the coast. The past hour still holds its moorings, although it was seriously threatened by the floods, and will be ready for occupancy in a few days.

HAWAIIAN COMMERCIAL COMPANY.

It is in a Very Bad Way—An Assessment of Fifty-Fifty Dollars per Share Levied.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—The directors of the Hawaiian Commercial Co. met this morning, and levied an assessment of \$66 per share, payable within thirty days from this date. This move on the part of the company was not altogether unexpected, as a number of shareholders suggested a levy of assessments at the annual meeting, which took place on the 15th. The amount, which was thought would be sufficient to meet the end of the company's financial straits, was rather a surprise, as the directors are prepared to meet the demand. The company has been in a very bad way since its incorporation, and the directors are prepared to meet the demand. The company has been in a very bad way since its incorporation, and the directors are prepared to meet the demand.

THE PANAMA SCANDAL INVESTIGATION—Alexandre Dumas' Interest in the Deacon Case.

United States Exclusion of Chinese Reacts on Great Britain—The German Reichstag.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The Republican members of the French Chamber of Deputies decided yesterday that the commission of inquiry into the affairs of the Panama canal company shall consist of twenty-three Republicans, nine Conservatives and one Boulangist. It is reported that De Lesseps is seriously ill. When the Chamber convened a motion of M. Lévillat, that all members have the right to attend sittings of the investigating committee, was defeated by 400 to 130. M. Deroulle announced that he would not be a member of the investigating committee because the minority was inadequately represented on the proposed list. The first vote for members resulted in the election of twenty-three Republicans and three Conservatives. The Conservatives formally resigned from the committee because of insufficient representation of their side. Six members of the Left declined to serve.

THE THREE CONSERVATIVES AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE LEFT ELECTED YESTERDAY, AND SUBSEQUENTLY RESIGNED, PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED TO-DAY AND TO HAVE THE COMMITTEE COMPLETED BY THE ELECTION OF MORE MEMBERS. THE RIGHT WHO WOULD BE NOMINATED BY THEIR COLLEAGUES. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE THAT THE CHAMBER WILL ASSENT TO THE MOTION OF M. CURGURY DE BOLSERAI TO INVEST THE COMMITTEE WITH POWERS OF EXAMINATION. THIS MOTION WILL BE DEBATED ON SATURDAY AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL OPPOSE IT. IT WOULD CREATE CONFUSION BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL POWERS. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT WHILE THE CASE WAS BEING DISCUSSED IN THE PAPERS AN ARTICLE BY ALEXANDRE DUMAS APPEARED, DECLARING THAT DESOIN HAD NO RIGHT TO KILL HIS FATHER'S PORTRAIT, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS IN FLAMMANT DELICT. THIS CREATED MUCH SURPRISE, AS IT WAS IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY DUMAS IN ONE OF HIS FAMOUS NOVELS, WHERE HE SAID THAT HE WOULD KILL HIS FATHER. THE ARTICLE WAS RECALLED BY ALL THE PAPERS AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE JURY THAT TRIED DESOIN. IT IS NOW ASSERTED THAT ABBELLIE'S FAMILY, WHICH WAS ACTIVE IN PROSECUTING DESOIN, HAS BEEN OFFERED 200,000 FRANCES TO WRITE THE ARTICLE. THIS FURTHER SAID THE LARGE INFLUENCE OF THE ABBELLIE FAMILY WAS USED IN EVERY DIRECTION FOR DESOIN. IT IS SAID THAT DESOIN HAS BEEN OFFERED 200,000 FRANCES TO OBTAIN DESOIN'S CONVICTION, AND OF THIS 120,000 FRANCES WAS USED WITH THE NEWSPAPERS.

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