

CAN'T SCARE GERMANY

The Kaiser and His Right Hand Men Powerless.

THE TEUTONS FEAR NO WAR

Probabilities Are That the Army Bill Will be Hanging Many Months— Sensational Newspapers.

BERLIN, May 13.—The first week of the electoral struggle ends without any of the parties knowing where they stand and without any of them having anything reliable from which to forecast the result of the contest for members of the reichstag. Members of the social democracy alone seem to retain a thorough grip upon their organization. They can reasonably secure 53 seats, a gain of 19. It is thought over 100 second ballots will be necessary to decide the elections and it is therefore highly probable that the end of summer will have been reached before the house is finally constituted. Most likely it will then meet only to hear the emperor's speech at the opening session and then adjourn until the period of opening in October. In the meantime it is evident that the parties will be reconstituted on platforms in which the army bill will have almost a secondary place. Each party seems determined to expend every available resource in contesting the districts where it has even the remotest chance of success; indeed, in some constituencies each of the eight recognized parties has a candidate in the field. The contest is further complicated by class interests, which are demanding attention.

Government organs carefully reproduce the reports in French papers as to how France is rejoiced at the rejection of the army bill, adding sinister rumors regarding the designs of the French government. They also publish doubtful telegrams from Strasburg reporting that the French garrisons along the frontier have already been or are being reinforced, and that the granting of furloughs to all French soldiers and officers has stopped. The alarm which these organs profess to feel has not spread among the people. Every one knows the rejection neither diminished the defensive nor added to France's power. Outside of Chancellor Caprivi's organs it is ridiculed that France and Russia will attack Germany because the reichstag refused to grant all the government demanded.

IGNATIUS DONNELLY SUEB.

The Cryptogramist Has been Defaming an Editor's Character.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 13.—The war between the two factions of the Minnesota farmers' alliance reached a climax last evening when Dr. Everett W. Fish, editor of the Great West, brought suit against Ignatius Donnelly for \$25,000 for defamation of character, and against George L. Stoughton, editor of the Representative, for criminal libel. In the issue of the Representative yesterday Donnelly said over his own signature: "I plainly, distinctly and unquarrelingly charge Everett W. Fish, while editing a paper called the Great West, with having at different times, and especially during the political campaigns of 1890 and 1892, while pretending to support the reform ticket, taken large sums of money, amounting to thousands of dollars, from officers of the republican state central committee. I make this charge deliberately, and invite Everett W. Fish to begin proceedings against me for libel."

It Would Not Pay.

NEW YORK, May 12.—It is reported that the United States and Brazil steamships are permanently retired from the South American trade under the old management. Since Mr. C. P. Huntington took hold of this enterprise and tried his best to keep it afloat, he has advanced nearly \$700,000 in cash.

Rork's Labors.

EGGERS, May 15.—(Special.)—M. V. Rork, state lecturer, begins a two weeks alliance work in Lane county today.

An Illinois conductor tells the following story: "We pulled into Alton one day, and among other passengers to get aboard, were two very large colored people of the common 'persimmon class,' and very ignorant. As I came by taking up tickets, the old gentleman dug out two tickets from the deep recesses of his tattered vest, and, as he handed them up, said: 'One of dese is for me, the other is for her.' I looked at the tickets critically, and then, turning sharply to the old fellow, I asked: 'Which is yours and which is hers?' The old man began stammering something, but the old lady cut him short by hitting him a terrific whack with her fist on the side of the head, exclaiming: 'Dar now, you ignunt nig-gab. I done told yuh yuh'd git us into trouble, and now yuh see yuh done got de law on us.'"

The way the world wags is illustrated in the case of a waiter in a New York restaurant, who, having applied for a divorce, was compelled to reveal his real identity. He claims to be Count Alexander Saksoukouski, born in Russian Poland of noble, but impoverished, parents. There are supposed to be a large number of these wrecks of nobility in restaurants or on ranches in America beginning life anew under assumed names.

CHICAGO'S NEW MAYOR.

Carter H. Harrison Elected for the Fifth Time.

A Condensed Biography of the Newly-Made Chief Executive of the World's Fair City—A Few Words About His Opponent.

Carter Henry Harrison, who has just been elected mayor of the city of Chicago for the fifth time, was born in Fayette county, Ky., February 15, 1825. He was graduated at Yale in 1845, read law, engaged in farming, traveled for two years in foreign countries, and, after receiving his degree from Transylvania law school, Lexington, Ky., settled in Chicago, where he engaged in real estate speculations and acquired a fortune. After the great fire of 1871 he served as county commissioner for three years. After returning from a second journey through Europe, in 1874, he was



CARTER HENRY HARRISON.

elected to congress, as a democrat, by a close vote. He was reelected, and when his second term was ended, in 1879, was chosen mayor of Chicago, in which office he was continued for four biennial terms. After settling up his private affairs he started for a journey around the world, returning to Chicago just in time to run as an independent democratic candidate against DeWitt C. Crogier, the regular nominee, in 1891. He was defeated, but dragged his opponent down with him. A few months ago Harrison again became a candidate for mayor, received the regular democratic nomination, and was elected for the fifth time to rule the destinies of the greatest city in the west during the period of the world's fair.

Mr. Harrison's principal opponent during the recent campaign was Samuel Waters Allerton, the republican and citizens' candidate, who received almost 35,000 votes to Mr. Harrison's 115,000. Mr. Allerton was born in Armenia, Dutchess county, New York, sixty-four years ago come May. His stock is the sturdy stock of an old New England family founded by an emigrant—one Isaac Allerton who came over here in the Mayflower. Mr. Allerton spent his boyhood in the country, and when he was only thirteen years of age began to develop the remarkable

tackled which has made his name known throughout two continents. He first attracted world-wide attention by openly charging that the gun-makers who supplied the German army with rifles had grossly swindled the government and that the fighting weapons of the army were absolutely useless.

These statements caused a profound sensation, but Ahlwardt was unable to sustain his position and was convicted of libel and imprisoned. A few days ago he again made himself conspicuous by declaring in the reichstag, of which he is a member, that large sums of money belonging to the government had been dishonestly paid to certain Hebrew speculators during Bismarck's occupancy of the chancellorship. The explosion of this bombshell fairly shook the German empire, but Ahlwardt again failed to sustain his rash statements and was laughed and hissed out of the reichstag. In the judgment of many the man is slightly unbalanced.

Wonderful Snake Charming by an Old Negro Voodoo Woman in Louisiana.

An aged negro of great repute as a "voodoo," or witch doctor, among the negroes of this section, writes a correspondent from Terre Bonne, La., according to the Chicago Times, is attracting much attention, not only from those of her own color, but from the more intelligent portion of the community, and the way in which she does this is to apparently swallow a number of small snakes of a variety unknown in this section. They are of a dusky color, nearly black, pied with a dull green about the flat head, and of a dirty white in the belly. These reptiles remain secreted about old Nance's cabin until she gives a peculiar whistling call, when they will come to her, wriggling in great haste over the floor, up her dress, and run into her open mouth, hissing hideously. They disappear and remain hidden sometimes for minutes. She asserts that they are concealed in her stomach until she recalls them, when they will come pouring out to writhe about her scraggy neck and coil in her bosom.

Where the snakes really go when they vanish in her mouth is a mystery and has puzzled all the physicians about, many having come from New Orleans to witness the phenomenon. Some really believe that the snakes do go down into the stomach, while others are convinced the witch is simply playing some sleight-of-hand trick on them, but if the latter is the case it is so cleverly done that there is no detecting the performance.

The witch presents a most extraordinary and hideous appearance sitting with the snakes darting their flat heads in and out of her toothless mouth, with their little bead-like eyes snapping as if in fury all about their mistress. As nearly as they can be counted there are six or seven of these reptiles, though old Nance says there are many more, but they are all so much of a size and color that they cannot be identified. They are probably of a harmless nature, though old Nance declares they are highly poisonous and no one wishes to experiment with them.

THE PAPERING OF WALLS.

An Ancient Chinese Method of Decorating Houses.

Wall papers were little used in Europe before the eighteenth century, though they had been long before that applied to house decoration by the Chinese. These were first manufactured in the west were adaptations of design from Italian brocades, and at first they were used in an unobjectionable manner, just as hangings of the costlier material were employed, namely: To fill spaces between obvious structural lines; and, so applied, no objection could be made to their use. On the contrary, the invention brought it within the means of almost every household to fill blank wall spaces with agreeable tracery and harmonious color.

The cornice, frieze and dado remained intact; eadings were protected with molding or plaster work, and the inmate might feel that he was living in a built room and not in a huddle. But gradually the wall features disappeared; paper crept over everything except window and door openings, even into the very angles of the walls, and it is nothing uncommon now on entering a saloon of considerable pretension and proportions to find the walls closely covered with paper from floor to ceiling, save a narrow skirting board to protect the plaster from the housemaid's broom and a cornice reduced to a meager molding.

Too Mean to Be Saved.

A big bear chased Peter Hanes, a man of sixty years, through the woods in Clarke county, Washington, the other day and was close at his coat tails when he ran into the clearing of a neighbor named McCoy. As both neared the house the door opened and Mrs. McCoy appeared with a rifle in her hands, promptly let drive at the bear and bowled him over dead. Then the ungrateful Peter claimed the hide, as the finder of the bear, and insisted on his demand until as a compromise it was agreed that he and his rescuer divide the proceeds of its sale.

A woman to whom the ordinary, dust collecting, moth breeding carpet was an abomination, and who could not afford to have all her rooms re-floored in hard woods, adopted this expedient for some of the seldom used ones. She selected at a paper-hanger's heavy wall paper, dark in color and conventional in design. She laid the floor first with brown paper. Then she put down the wall paper by first coating it with paste and smoothing it down. When the floor was all paper she sized and varnished it with dark blue and common varnish, which deepened the color. When it was dry she scattered a few rugs about, and her paper carpets have lasted for years.

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