

FINDS HARDEN IS GUILTY OF LIBEL

Court Sends Famous Editor to Prison for Attacks on Von Moltke.

CHARGES ALL DISPROVED

Story of Illit Relations Sprang From Bismarck's Angry Words and Mrs. Von Elbe's Hysterics. Harden's Speech in Defense.

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—The notorious Harden-Von Moltke libel trial came to an end this evening when the accused editor of Die Zukunft was sentenced to four months' imprisonment and to pay the entire costs of both the present and the former trial.

When the court reassembled at a quarter before 6 this evening the scene was impressive. The five judges constituting the penal bench took their seats, with the President of the Court in the center. The only lawyers present were the attorneys for the state and the defense. Maximilian Harden and Count von Moltke sat on opposite sides of the courtroom, which was crowded to its fullest capacity.

Intent to Degrade Von Moltke.

The President of the Court at once delivered his judgment. "Deep silence prevailed, and he spoke in a sonorous voice, straight at the accused man. The President said that in spite of the prisoner's assertion that the insinuations contained in the articles which appeared in Die Zukunft referred merely to the scientific and artistic doings of Count von Moltke and Prince Philipp zu Eulenburg, and that they had nothing whatever to do with immoral or unnatural practices, it was evident that, if this was the meaning it was intended to convey, the articles were senseless and purposeless. There was no doubt, the President of the Court declared, that Harden had intended to imply that Count Kuno von Moltke was possessed of unnatural inclinations, while his reference to the intercourse between Count von Moltke and Prince Eulenburg certainly left the impression that illit relations existed. The intention of the prisoner was to degrade Count von Moltke and Prince Eulenburg in the eyes of the public.

Charges All Unfounded.

"The proceedings had proved that all the charges made by Harden were absolutely without foundation. Both the Count and the Prince were men of artistic tastes, whose friendship, dating from their youth, had grown stronger with the passing of the years. Harden had founded his charges primarily on statements which he asserted had been made by the late Prince von Bismarck, who, if he really did say these things, had done so in a moment of anger against certain men. Then Harden had received communications from Mrs. von Elbe, the divorced wife of Count von Moltke, a hysterical woman, who was embittered against the man to whom she had been unhappily married, while the assertions made by Dr. Schwenger, who was at one time physician to Prince von Bismarck, were undoubtedly biased.

No Attempt to Obtain Proof.

Harden, the president went on, had never attempted to obtain proof against men occupying such prominent positions. Had these proofs been in existence, they could have easily been had. No serious-minded writer should dare, for a political object, attempt to injure the honor of others. All the charges had been utterly disproved during the trial, and Harden could have disproved his charges himself before publishing his articles.

Even the notorious incident when Von Moltke was seen kissing a handkerchief belonging to Prince Eulenburg had been shown to be perfectly harmless and the allegation that Von Moltke used cosmetics had been effectually disposed of.

"Count von Moltke," said the president of the court, in conclusion, "leaves this court with his name and his honor unimpaired, and nothing whatever has been proved against Prince Philipp zu Eulenburg. No fine would sufficiently punish Harden for his offense, and I must therefore sentence him to imprisonment, but, in consideration of the health of the accused, I will send him to prison for only four months."

It is understood that Harden has entered an appeal.

Harden in Own Defense.

At the morning session of the court Harden was heard at length in his own defense. His speech was most eloquent, but the general impression was that he had not made out a good case for himself. His first impressions concerning Prince zu Eulenburg and the persons attached to the Prince's interest at court had been gained, he said, from the late Prince von Bismarck and members of his household. These impressions had been supplemented by conversations with Mrs. von Elbe, the divorced wife of Count von Moltke; Professor Schwenger, who was Bismarck's physician, and others. Harden said he assumed full responsibility for what he had written, but not for the interpretations given by other people to his articles. He had refrained from publishing things he had heard against Von Moltke until von Moltke reached a position in the entourage of the Emperor where his influence might be injurious to the fatherland. Then he endeavored to remove this bad influence. Said he: "I never meant to libel the Count. If, however, this tribunal considers it should be punished, I am prepared to undergo imprisonment, but it will be with the conviction that I do not deserve it."

HEAD OFF EXCLUSION LAW

Roosevelt Hopes Japan's Action Will Make Them Unnecessary.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Further information relative to the contents of the communication from Ambassador O'Brien, dealing with the Japanese reply on the immigration question, was refused at the State Department today. This is the invariable rule in cases where negotiations are still in progress, and the inference is that Mr. O'Brien regards the Japanese answer as evincing a satisfactory disposition toward the American decision, but that the reply is not conclusive.

It is expected that the Japanese Government will in some formal manner register its purpose of preventing the further migration of coolies to the United States and, when the assurance on this point has taken satisfactory form, the Administration will see to it that Con-

gress is acquainted with the facts and thereby relieved from the necessity of enacting any legislation looking to the exclusion of Japanese immigration. As a whole the attempts in that direction already have been made by the Court representatives and, if the President is able to convince Congress that Japan is in good faith endeavoring to do by internal regulation what it is proposed to do here by statutory law, namely, stop the influx of Japanese coolies, he will not find it necessary to veto any such legislation.

NEXT TWO MONTHS CRITICAL

Europe Watching Situation With Great Interest.

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—The next two months are regarded by the German Foreign Office and the Admiralty as constituting a critical period in the relations between the United States and Japan. If they pass without witnessing a break in the relations, high government officials are convinced that the United States and Japan will then enter upon an easier and safer basis of agreement.

The development of the American-Japanese situation is being studied here day by day because from any issue, events which might change the present international balance and deeply affect Europe as well as America. The Marine Bureau, which publishes the naval magazine of Germany, says in its January number:

"If war does not come between Japan and the United States, the Union may thank the propensities of its fleet for the maintenance of peace. This fleet already is sufficiently strong to restrain Japan from the hazard of war."

In conclusion the magazine says the threatened conflict may now be entirely averted as a result of the transfer of the fleet and other defensive measures in the Pacific.

JAPANESE WAR NOT LIKELY

Sir Charles Dilke Says Neither Side Would Desire It.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Sir Charles Dilke, M. P. in an interview today on "The World's Policies in 1908," expressed the opinion that there will not be a war between the United States and Japan.

"Why should there be?" asked Sir Charles. "You cannot have war unless one side wants it. What possibly could be gained by war? Japan is supposed to covet the Philippines, but she has not yet digested the slice of Manchuria that the Russo-Japanese War gave her, nor has she even visited Formosa. Does she not know that even if she did defeat the American fleet, her triumph would not be forever, since the United States would build a new fleet and Japan's expenditure in blood and treasure might be for nothing?"

Referring to the cruise of the battleship fleet to the Pacific, Sir Charles says this is a demonstration of the power of the American Navy, and likely to enhance its prestige. The only black spot in the foreign outlook, Sir Charles holds, is in South America, and this on account of unsettled frontiers of Uruguay and Paraguay.

JAPANESE ARE NOT ALARMED

View Voyage of Fleet Optimistically, Says Baron Kurino.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—Baron Kurino, the Japanese Ambassador to France, today gave out a statement declaring that the Japanese government has too much confidence in the Pacific policy of President Roosevelt to make any stock in the bellicose intentions attributed to the Government at Washington by the sensational press.

"We interpret the American battleship fleet's cruise, which has created such a stir," the Baron continued, "more as manifestation in favor of a larger navy by demonstrating the necessity of reinforcements in Pacific waters."

Nothing, he said, justified the so-called warlike preparations and the pronounced talk that Japan was coveting the Philippine Islands was a fable. Continuing, the Baron said the question of Japanese pupils in the schools in San Francisco had practically settled itself and that he could see no cause for a conflict. He predicts that three months will justify his optimism.

JAPAN WILLING TO RESTRICT

But Would Regard Exclusion Law as Offensive.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Viscount Aoki, the retiring ambassador of Japan to the United States, who is on his way to the Orient, arrived here tonight. He was met by a number of prominent Japanese consular officials and citizens. In an interview he reiterated that he is not returning to Japan because recalled, but on account of the desire of his government to consult with him on matters of importance concerning Japanese emigration and the welfare of his countrymen in America.

He said that Japan was willing to restrict the emigration of her subjects, but would consider as an offensive action any attempt on the part of the United States to exclude Japanese from America or American insular possessions.

Anxious About Japanese.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—The Patrie in its issue this morning asks, in big headlines: "Where is the Japanese fleet?" and publishes an alarmist story based on reports that it has been seen cruising off Hawaii.

Rumor Is Denied.

HONOLULU, Jan. 3.—No Japanese fleet has been seen off Hawaii.

SHOT BY SUICIDE PACT

Chicago Floorwalker and Woman Found Dying Together.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Charles G. Brockett, 28 years old, employed as a floorwalker in a State-street store, and Mrs. Ruby Plishnak, wife of a state banker, were found unconscious from bullet wounds in Grant Park in front of the Auditorium Annex tonight. Notes found in Brockett's clothing showed that the shooting was in pursuance of a suicide pact.

Brockett died a few minutes after being taken to a hospital. Mrs. Plishnak was shot above the heart and is in a critical condition.

At Mrs. Plishnak's home the police found a note addressed to her father, John Furnas, Brownville, Neb. Brockett came to Chicago from San Francisco a few months ago. He has a brother in that city.

Northwestern People in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—(Special).—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows: From Portland—W. W. C. Wilneurt, at the Woodstock; H. Moore, at the Hotel Astor; A. F. Robert, I. B. Phillips, H. H. Wilson, at the Navarre. From Baker City, Or.—C. L. Bamberger, at the Imperial. From Spokane—G. E. Cole, at the Park Avenue; A. H. Hoffman, at the Imperial. From Seattle—Mrs. B. McDougall, at the Imperial; E. E. Alles, at the Wolcott; S. W. Hanford, at the Marlborough; H. G. Stone, R. M. Stone, at the Grand Square; J. Lawn and wife, W. J. Foster, at the Grand Union; M. Nielson, H. Siggaard, at the Continental.

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Wash Goods 1/2 Short lengths of White Nainsook, India Linons, Persian Lawn, Flannel, Outing Flannel, Dimities, Dotted Swiss and White Jacquard Waistings—all go on sale today at exactly half price. Be early for best selections.

Entire Stock Muslin Underwear Reduced Lipman-Wolfe's January Sale is famous for its supremacy in Muslin Underwear selling. Months ago we harvested extra thousands of snowy garments at the 25 per cent lower prices then prevailing, whose uniform excellence of fabric, style and workmanship is noticeable in every grade, and whose upwards of a thousand charming models are, particularly in the higher classes, revelations of grace and beauty. ALL THESE PRICES ARE REDUCED.

HALF PRICE

Clearance Sales of Suits, Coats, Waists, Skirts, Petticoats, Millinery, Furs, Neckwear, Veilings

Reg. 35c Hose Supporters, 19c Reg. 75c Hose Supporters, 48c Military straight front, 4-strap, pad supporters, good strong elastic and belt; regular 35c values... 19c Fine Military Pad Supporters, prettily designed pad with strong elastic web and good clasps; 75c values... 48c 75c shirred pin-on Side Supporters, pretty and serviceable; 75c values... 48c 50c Silk Hose Supporters, pin-on, shirred edge elastic, good strong clasps, assorted colors; 50c values... 33c 35c Postal Card Albums, 18c 35c Postal Card Albums, hold 160 cards, sale... 18c 50c Postal Card Albums, assorted covers, 200 cards... 23c 75c Postal Cards, hold 150 to 200 cards... 48c \$1.00 Albums, hold 200 to 250 cards, for... 58c

Goods Reduced In Every Department

Clearance Sale of HAT PINS Lot No. 1—Many pretty Hat Pins, all the new silver and gold-plated designs, clearance price... 18c Lot No. 2—Beautiful jeweled top Hat Pins in rose gold, bright gold, stone sets, etc.; clearance price... 38c Lot No. 3—Handsome Hat Pins of the season, choice new patterns in jade, coral, rose and bright finish gold; clearance price... 58c Lot No. 4—Swellest Hat Pins, all the best patterns and shapes, highest novelties; clearance price... 78c 2000 FRAMED PICTURES, 1/2 2000 Framed Pictures, artistic subjects, choice frames, all in clearance sale 1/2 Price at... 15c 2000 Pictures in dainty gold frames; wonderful clearance bargains at... 15c

Clearance Sales of Jewelry, Toilet Articles, Leather Goods, Pictures, Stationery, Calendars, Etc.

900 Incandescent Gas Lights Reg. 75c Vals. 38c This famous 175-candle-power Gas Light, made by the Welsbach Consolidated Light Company, complete with good mantle, "Jena" globe and patent burner, saves more gas than any other light and gives a cheerful radiance and steady flood of white light unequalled by any other. Always sold elsewhere at 75c and higher regularly. Never before sold at the astonishingly low Clearance Sale price of... 38c 20c-30c Gas Mantles at 10c 2500 Gas Mantles to fit all burners, exceptionally good qualities; lot contains mantles worth up to 35c each; limit of 1 dozen to a customer at this low price... 10c

MUSIC All 25c Sheet Music, 5 Pcs. \$1 Book Clearing Sale Padded leather editions of the poets; publisher's price \$1.50; clearance price... 69c Standard Authors; gift editions, \$1 values, sale... 40c Standard Poets, leather-bound pocket editions; publisher's price, \$1.50; sale... 75c Famous Buster Brown, Katzenjammer, Happy Hooligan and other humorous books for children... 38c Buster Brown Nuggets, sale... 9c 25c famous Alger and Henty books for boys... 18c All Bibles and Prayer Books at specially reduced prices. All sets reduced.

Children's Coats 1/2 Price Our entire superb stock of Children's Coats, ages 6 to 14 years, in all fabrics and colors, go on sale Saturday—the greatest values of any clearance sale in town—at exactly HALF

Clearance Sales Men's Furnishings, Rugs, Lace Curtains, Couch Covers, Umbrellas, Blankets, Etc.

Reg. \$2.25 Umbrellas, Sale \$1.58 \$2.25 Black Union Silk Umbrellas, variety of handles... \$1.58 Regular \$3.00 Black Union Silk Umbrellas, on sale... \$2.15 Regular \$5.00 All-Silk Umbrellas, ladies' and men's... \$3.25 Regular \$7.00 All-Silk Umbrellas, ladies' and men's... \$4.35 Regular \$8.00 All-Silk Umbrellas, ladies' and men's... \$5.25

\$1.25 Bust Forms, 95c 50c Union Suits, 39c 1.25 Dressmakers' Bust Forms... 95c 75c 36-inch Italian Coat Linings... 31c 25c No. 3 Royal Dress Shields, pair... 21c 30c No. 4 Royal Dress Shields, pair... 25c 10c Pearl Shirt Buttons, dozen... 5c Women's "Oneita" Union Suits, 50c quality, well finished... 39c Women's fine 50c quality ribbed Vests and Pants, eoru or silver; sale price... 39c Women's ribbed Vests and Pants, regular Winter weight, heavy fleeced, 35c quality... 25c

Reg. \$1.25 Alarm Clocks 73c A Guaranteed Watch, 87c Guaranteed American Alarm Clocks, good reliable movements, nickel case, new patent model, good clear dial; Clearance Sale price only... 73c A good Watch for a boy or a man to knock about with; guaranteed to keep time; come in nickel or gunmetal finish; sale price... 87c

Clearance Sales of Dress Goods, Silks, Velvets, Wash Fabrics, Domestic, Linens, Towels

Men's Fancy Hose Values to 75c Pair at 19c 1000 pairs Men's Hose, in fancy colors, stripes, plaids, checks, blacks, etc., of fine Egyptian yarn, with double heels, toes and soles, Hermsdorf dye, all full regular made goods. Regular values to 75c pair. This is the greatest genuine hosiery bargain 19c of the year; today... 19c 700 pairs children's fast black ribbed cotton School Stockings, double heels and toes and seamless—the kind for which you always pay 20c a pair; guaranteed absolutely fast black, strong and serviceable. The best value ever given in Portland in any sale by any store at the low price... 12 1/2c

Embroideries, Values up to \$6.00 at \$1.98 Values to 75c at 23c yd—Values to \$1.75 at 43c yd. 800 yards Swiss and Nainsook Allover Embroideries, French and English eyelet effects, 24 and 27 inches wide; regular \$4.00 to \$6.00 values, at... \$1.98 5000 yards Swiss and Nainsook Corset Cover Embroideries, 18 inches wide; also Swiss and nainsook edges, insertions and galloons, 1 to 12 inches wide. Regular 50c and 75c values... 23c 6000 yards Swiss and Nainsook Edges and Insertions, French and English effects, 3 to 10 inches wide; values to \$1.75 yard, on sale at... 43c 2000 YARDS LACES, VALUES UP TO \$4.50 AT \$1.95 2000 yards white, cream and eoru Net Laces, Venise and Baby Irish Allovers, in exquisite and beautiful patterns. Values of \$2.75 to \$4.50 yard, on sale... \$1.95 White, cream and eoru net, Venise, baby Irish, antique, Cluny and filet Edges, Insertions, Appliques and Galloons, all high-class laces, 1 to 8 inches wide, assorted, as follows: Values to 45c for 19c Yd. Values to 85c for 38c Yd. Values to \$1.25 on Sale at 59c Yard Values to \$3 for 98c Yd. Values to \$4.50 for \$1.98