

GERMAN ELECTIONS

EMPEROR'S INFLUENCE IS AGAINST THE SOCIALISTS.

Believed That the Latter Will Poll a Very Heavy Vote—Berlin is Overwhelmingly Socialistic—A Big Fight is Under Way and the Result Will Be Watched With Great Interest.

Berlin, June 16.—The heated contest between the emperor and the socialists causes the keenest interest to be manifested in today's general election in Germany. The campaign has been one of the liveliest ever seen in the empire, especially in the provinces where personalities and local interests have aroused considerable feeling. The capital being overwhelmingly socialistic, the other political parties have worked their hardest in the country, but the question which politicians everywhere are asking one another is: "What will the socialist vote amount to?" The anti-socialist parties have conducted the campaign on a platform of loyalty to the monarchy, to the church, to the stable institutions and to the rights of property against the "Godless, lawless, propertyless, greedy disintegrators or dreamers." The socialists have laid stress on cheap bread and meat, economic prosperity based on lower tariffs and freedom of speech and criticism, omitting theoretical discussions.

Expect an Increased Vote.

The emperor and his supporters employed all their vast influence, using the press and the machinery of officialdom for all they are worth, in a herculean effort to overwhelm the socialists at the polls today. To the unbiased onlooker, however, it appears more than probable that the "political monster" will refuse to be overwhelmed and that he will show his head even higher after the contest is over. Herr Bebel and the other socialist leaders have conducted a whirlwind campaign and it is a significant sign of the times that their meetings in many of the provinces have been more largely attended than ever before.

TO END STRIKES.

American Labor Union Adopts New Rules at Denver.

Denver, June 16.—It was announced today that the new constitution of the American Labor Union, which was adopted just before the adjournment of the annual convention on Saturday last, will be submitted to a referendum vote in December. The principal change provided by the new constitution is the centralization of power in the executive board, and will have the effect of reducing strikes to the minimum.

Under this provision the power of declaring strikes is taken from the local unions. When any trade or craft has a grievance the local must refer

the matter to its national body, and if that body fails of a satisfactory adjustment, then the executive board of the American Labor Union is required to investigate the grievances.

Should a strike be decided upon by this board, which is all-powerful in declaring strikes, all affiliated unions called out must respond immediately. An assessment of 5 cents per month per member for a permanent strike fund is one of the other important changes. This will give a fund of \$50,000 annually.

REIGN OF TERROR.

The Turks Are Trying to Depopulate Bulgaria.

Sofia, Bulgaria, June 16.—Fully 1500 Bulgarian refugees arrived in the Burgas district yesterday from Pirogu, Kull, Koviteha and neighboring villages. They report that a reign of terror exists in the vilayet of Adrianople. Turkish regulars and Bashi Bazuks are said to be pillaging the whole region, under the pretext of searching for arms, and are torturing and maltreating the residents of the countryside.

The panicstricken people are fleeing in a body, men, women and children, taking with them their carts, cattle and all their movables. The refugees say the population of the whole vilayet far from the frontier are following in their wake.

FAMOUS "VOODOO" CASE.

Negro Doctor Accused of Conspiring for Murder.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 16.—George F. Hossey, the negro "voodoo" doctor, who, with Mrs. Catherine Danz, is charged with the murder of William Danz, the woman's husband, was arraigned for trial in the court of Oyer and Terminer.

It is alleged that Hossey furnished to Mrs. Danz powders, which she gave to her husband, and which resulted in his death. The defense, it is said, will be that the powders were for the purpose of curing alcoholism, from which the man was suffering.


Y. M. C. A. Secretaries.

Lakewood, N. Y., June 16.—The thirty-first annual session of the Association of General Secretaries of the Young Men's Christian Association of North America began today with sectional conferences of the physical directors, educational directors, railroad secretaries, state and provincial secretaries and metropolitan secretaries. There are about 200 delegates present from the United States, Canada and Mexico. By Thursday, when the conference proper begins, an attendance of nearly 600 is expected. The meetings will then assume more of a general interest.

Crack Shots at Denver.

Denver, Col., June 16.—The Grand Western handicap shooting tournament was opened here today under favorable auspices and will continue three days. The participants include prominent shooters from a number of states and the competitions promise to be lively.

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HOW BAD MAN WAS MADE GOOD.

The Taming of "The Wild Wolf of the Arkansas."

Roy Bean, who died quite recently, was known as "The law west of Pecos," and he was the only law recognized in California in the early fifties. During a celebration in his saloon a faultlessly dressed young man sauntered in, leaned against the bar and carelessly surveyed the scene. While quietly looking on he was roughly accosted by a ruffianly looking man, who, taking a position directly in front of the young fellow and surveying him from head to foot said with a contemptuous grin:

"Well, where in — did you come from?" "Why, I just arrived from Los Angeles."

The quiet demeanor of the young man enraged the bully, and he became still more overbearing, declaring himself the "Wild Wolf of the Arkansas."

"I was the bloodiest man in the Cherokee nation," he said; "I am a half-breed Cherokee, I am. I killed three Mexicans on my way out here, and I have been here three weeks and ain't killed anybody yet. I'm going to give these Mexicans a chance to have a funeral, and if you open your mouth I'll kill you."

Roy slipped a derringer to the young man, who held it behind his back and said coolly to the bully:

"You're not dangerous. You could not hurt me."

Then the storm broke. The bully jumping up and cracking his heels cried to the crowd:

"Get out of the way, I'm going to shoot!"

A general rush was made for the doors, and as the desperado reached to draw his pistol the young man with a quick movement placed the barrel of the derringer which he had been holding against the breast of the bully, and said:

"My dear sir, hold up your hands or I will kill you!"

The bully had found his master and mechanically obeyed the command.

"Now," said the young man, "unbuckle that belt and let your six-shooter fall." The bully obeyed without a murmur.

"Hold your hands behind your back; I'm going to hold the hot end of this cigar in your nose until it goes out. If you flinch or attempt to take it out I'll make a funeral for these Mexicans."

Stepping back to the bar, the young hero said:

"My name is Joe Stokes, and I can whip any man in California who don't like me. I like to lay for such soft snaps as "The Wild Wolf of the Arkansas."

Then the hero mounted his horse and rode off amid the cheers of the crowd. He was a brother of Ed Stokes of New York—"Reminiscences of a Ranger," by Major Horace Bell.

The Lawyer's Apology.

Some years ago there was an old judge on the bench in Berks county, whose decisions, in consequence of numerous reversals, did not always command universal respect. One day, in a case in which he was sitting, one of the lawyers lost patience at his inability to see things in a certain light, and, in the heat of the moment, remarked that the intellect of the court was so dark a flash of lightning could not penetrate it. For this contempt the judge showed a disposition to be very severe with the offender, and it was only after much persuasion by friends of the latter that he yielded and decided to accept a public apology. The following day the lawyer, accordingly, appeared before his honor and made amends by saying:

"I regret very much that I said the intellect of the court was so dark I guess it could. It is a very penetrating thing."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Uncle Josh—What do they mean by sayin' that the bank statement was more favorable than they expected? Uncle Silas—I dunno. May be there was less defalcations than usual.—Puck.

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