

BISMARCK IN HISTORY.

He Occupies the Unique Position of Creator of a Mighty Empire.

The birth of Bismarck dignifies the 1st of April. His retirement from the Chancellorship of the German Empire disturbs the equilibrium of the nations. There is no civilized land in which he is not an object of interest. Already it is assured that he is the individual of this generation who has done most that will be memorable. The only man in Europe, who competes with him in world-wide reputation is the great Englishman, Gladstone, and even he pales before the mighty German.

Gladstone has spoken and written more words that have been heard by millions, delivered more eloquent addresses, and stirring appeals than any other man living or dead. He is a brave and high-toned gentleman of wonderful capacity, and of a facility that is almost flexibility; altogether a statesman of the Pacific and literary class.

Bismarck has created an Empire. Colossal, united, majestic Germany as she stands, with the most formidable army and the most faultless administration, in civil and military affairs, of any age or country, is his handiwork.

The supreme credit for the magical realization of the dreams of the German race for centuries has been as elaborately as stupidity claimed for others; but behind his face, even as photography shows it! History is written there. Under the superb dome of his head, behind the deep burning eyes, and the firm mouth, the will that has been indomitable and the brain that has spun the iron threads of destiny dwell distinct in solitude.

It is a mistake to look upon Bismarck as one who goes from the palace in the capital to his home in the country grumbling and prophesying evil. He has had his will through so many ways that he must thoroughly enjoy the luxury of relaxation and the sweetness of repose.

The German Emperor is a young man, but it is an egregious error to regard him as a child or as caring for childish things. It is the united testimony of those who have knowledge whereof they speak that he is a man of marked individual force, a believer in his exalted mission, whose zeal in public duty is the constant stimulant to ceaseless industry.

It has been a part of his education to put his trust in the army rather than in the people at large, but it is of happy promise that he gives evidence of intelligent popular sympathies. We may be sure these will not impair his devotion to the army, but they indicate the enlightenment with which we may expect his energies will be directed to the promotion of the general welfare.

That Bismarck indulges his grim humor somewhat at the expense of the Emperor, but with a paternal sort of affection rather than personal pique, is possible and probable. The saying that "William has made his best General a Chancellor and his Chancellor a General," certainly has the Bismarck flavor, but we may depend upon it the Emperor will not fail, as he has not failed, to treat the man to whom his family and himself, as well as all Germans, high and humble, are indebted deeply and forever, with every form and ceremony marking the sincerity of his attachment and the warmth of his gratitude.—Murat Halstead, in N. Y. Journal.

OLD NEW YORK SIGNS.

Most of Them Were of English Origin and Great Antiquity.

Many of the signs which hung upon New York taverns were of English origin; some of great antiquity. The White Lion—a lion rampant, painted white and set into the wall at St. John's Clerkenwell—was a noted resort of cattle drovers; the King's Head and the Queen's Head, bearing the image of the reigning sovereign, were common in all parts of the kingdom; there were numberless signs of the Coach and Horses in London alone; the Three Pigeons as old as Ben Jonsson and frequently met with; so was the Fighting Cocks at Staffordshire, where this sport was in fashion. Dr. Samuel Johnson has made the Pineapple famous; it was originally used by confectioners; but later by innkeepers also; the Globe is familiar to all literary men; the "Dog's Head in the Pot," of great antiquity, had little to recommend it, save the seam of society, emblem as it was from early time of slovenly housewifery and mean accommodation. Strange to say, however, that while there exist innumerable examples of the White Horse in England, the recent exhaustive researches into the history of sign-boards have not brought to light that of the Black Horse, which was in frequent use in the American colonies.

He that would understand the story of New York signs must not be misled by the idea that they were fixtures. On the contrary, they were as much property as trade-marks are to-day, and migratory as their owners, the innkeepers, who must bear the palm for recklessness. For illustration: the King's Arms hung in 1753 from a house in Broad Street, near the Long Bridge, where Mrs. Lightfoot was the hostess; in 1763 was taken by Mrs. Sarah Steele to the lower end of Broadway opposite the Fort; in 1764, by Edward Barden, to the upper end of Broadway, facing the Commons, who in turn ceded it in 1769 to his successor, De la Montague, who held it till the Revolution, in 1775. The Hanoverian Kings were in small favor in the city, and their image did not prove attractive. In 1778, when the British were in occupation, Loosely and Elms swung out the head of obstinate George the Third on Brownjohn's Wharf, and recruited privateers to prey on the commerce of the patriots, and it crossed the river with them to the Long Island side of the Brooklyn ferry the year following.—John Austin Stevens, in Harper's Magazine.

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Idle Banana Pickers.

A general strike of plantation hands for shorter hours and better pay is now in progress in Jamaica, and the result is to increase the price of bananas. The doctrines of the eight hour movement have been disseminated among the negroes and other laborers on the banana farms in the island of Jamaica with disastrous results to the planters who depend upon their banana crop. The laborers, pickers, etc., have been working long hours for starvation wages, and not being able to stand it longer they revolted, nearly 3,000 men and women being out, and all work in this industry is at a standstill.

On the inland plantations in Jamaica thousands of bunches of bananas are ripening on the trees, which spoils them for market, or rotting in great heaps on the ground. This has caused a comparative scarcity of bananas, and the price has therefore gone up. In 1870 any old tub of a schooner was considered good enough for the banana trade. Now there is a fleet of sixty steamers, built for this particular trade, which carry from 2,700 to 3,000 bunches of bananas a trip to New York and return for more in ballast, without waiting to ship a return cargo. The entire fleet of steamers sails under the Norwegian flag, although owned in this country. The Norwegian flag was selected because it is believed that in case of a European war Norway would remain neutral.—Detroit News.

Catching a Loon with Hook and Line.

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