

## Correspondence.

### ACROSS THE DEEP.

#### Berlin and Her Life.

From our Special Correspondent.

BERLIN, April 14, '94.

It was my serious intention of ceasing these rambling letters but I thought possibly a number of German citizens might read with interest a few impressions of the "Fatherland" which has opened its doors and places of learning to all who might come and partake of the rich stream of knowledge which flows at the bid of her scholars. Germany has long been the home of philosophy and science. While she has produced no Darwin yet she has a Kant and Luther. Schiller and Goethe have carried her literature wherever culture has found its seat, and her rich and glorious music is the world's music, and its beautiful melodies have penetrated every land where its force has moulded men to a better appreciation of life and its possibilities and power.

Berlin is the centre of German civilization and in its present status is comparatively a modern city, although it has its historic beginning in the 13th century. It is not as gay in outward appearance as Vienna, the capital of the Austrian Empire. It does not possess as much art as Dresden, Munich or Vienna but it possesses more real power and qualities as a great city than either of these cities, although you might have difficulty in convincing a Bavarian, Austrian or Saxon of this position. But Berlin will not compare with London, Paris and I believe that in many ways our own New York City possesses attractions that are superior to her. Berlin does not possess especial historic interest. It has only been occupied as a royal residence since about 1713 and then only nominally as the principal royal palace is situated some twenty miles from the city, in Potsdam. The country around so far as I have been able to see would be a barren, sandy waste if it were not for the superior system of German land culture and here it miserably fails, because there is almost absolutely no soil as a basis for plant culture. The country around the city is flat, but to the southeast is cut up by many small lakes which are lined with villas, presenting a very pleasant view because it partakes so much of the American method of summer residence. A large park lies to the west of the city which is little less than a huge forest cut into numerous paths, drives and lakelets, while we are often surprised by beautiful retreats and pretty statues, as well as playing fountains. The park is constantly melodious with singing birds while its waters are alive with ducks and swans as well as the gay boating party. The park is about 3x1 miles and affords a magnificent retreat from the noise of the street.

The part of the city that has the principal attractions is almost as regularly laid out as Chicago. The street which is always referred to when Berlin is mentioned is Unter den Linden. The west end begins at the "Thiergarten" which is the park just described, which means "garden of the animals," but possesses none, besides those mentioned above, except the swarms of people that seek its pleasant walks. At this end of the street is the famous "Brandenburger Thor" or the gate of the original wall around the city which opened into it from Brandenburg. None pass through the center of this gate, which is a colonnade except the royal family. The street is rather broad and the center is lined by two rows of trees of the linden species and whence the name of the street "Unter den Linden,"

which simply means "under the linden trees," and the most scrubby trees I ever saw, to be exalted as they are. Most any farmer would have cut them down long ago as worthless remains of what might have been a vigorous growth. Along this street are to be found the "swell" restaurants and shops, but really nothing to compare with many of such places in our own cities. Several palaces and royal residences are also to be found bordering this street but are very plain buildings outside. A very fine equestrian statue of Frederick the Great, adorns the east end of the street. The University building which was formerly a royal residence, is on the Linden and at the east end is the Berlin residence of the Emperor, a rather large building with scarcely any outward adornment. The main business street is Friedrich and runs almost due north and south, pretty nearly through the entire city. It is on this street that you will find your crowds at all hours, and on Sunday afternoon it is a very interesting pastime to pass along this street and that of "Unter den Linden" and observe the methods in which the Germans, or thousands of them, enjoy their Sunday afternoons. The German people are great walkers, and at the same time they all seem to possess an intense curiosity to see and to be seen. So on the Sunday afternoons and in the evenings of the week days they line up in a sort of an endless chain and pass from one end of the street to the other and turn and repeat the process. At the same time one row is steadily glancing into the face of the other and if a lady discovers a new dress that impresses her she stops and proceeds to investigate it. Men gaze ruthlessly upon apparently refined women who are there for the express purpose of being gazed at. A new dress or bonnet must be initiated on this street. This premeditated staring that the German public indulge in as an apparent innocent pastime, is something that irritates the American lady when she appears on the street. It is something to which she is so totally unaccustomed that she imagines the people of Europe are a very wicked people and unrefined to do such things. But the poor girl is drawing correct conclusions from incorrect data. People may stare and not be really wicked as the very best people take this afternoon aesthetic exercise in enjoying the view of the person and dress of their neighbor. But she is correct in that the people of Europe are morally pretty wicked and Berlin is no exception. More anon concerning the city.

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## FROM WASHINGTON.

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From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, April 27, '94.

Presto, veto change! And a new tariff bill makes its bow to the country. First the Wilson bill, second the Vest-Jones-Mills bill, third the caucus-directed Finance committee bill and now a new bill which Senator Brice says has been fixed up by Secretary Carlisle, President Cleveland and Senators Jones, Cockrill, Gorman and himself, and which will be supported by all the democratic Senators. Having at last got together on the tariff the democratic Senators have now begun the fight to force the bill to a vote, which they say they will do whatever sacrifice it may cost them. The republicans will have to be driven inch by inch towards a vote. This they have shown since the expiration of the agreement under which the general debate was conducted, and the consideration of the bill by items began. Vice President Stevenson may have to count a quorum in the Senate before the fight is ended, unless forty-three of the forty-four democratic Senators can be kept in their seats constantly, and that will be a hard thing to do.

There is no excitement over the coming of Coxey's army next week. Both houses of Congress have indicated by the treatment of bills and resolutions that they will do nothing for the army. The populists in Congress while not endorsing the movement, favor granting the men a respectful hearing, but there is no probability of their getting it; that is, not in person. They can of course, get petitions presented. The authorities do not expect to have any trouble with Coxey's army but they have information that a considerable number of desperate criminals will attempt to come into Washington as members of the army. It is for these last that extra precautions in the way of extra policemen and guards have been taken; the same precautions, by the way, that are always taken to look after inauguration day and other large crowds.

The friends of cheap literature are strong in the House, as was shown by the large vote by which an amendment to the Post Office appropriation bill, proposing to compel the publishers of books in series or "libraries," in paper covers, to pay fourth-class postage, instead of second-class, as at present, was defeated. It was shown that it costs the government about \$18,000,000 a year more than it receives as second-class postage to carry the second-class matter, but a big majority of the House thought the money well spent. In as much as Canada carries second-class mail matter free of charge the action of the House in refusing to raise the price on American publishers seem right and proper. It will pay better to carry these books for one cent a pound for our own publishers than to carry them for nothing for Canadian publishers.

Lovers of sensations were disappointed because Senator Mills, who made the closing speech in the general debate on the tariff bill, did not make a personal attack on Senator Hill. It was stated a week before Mr. M. made his speech that he had been specially selected by President Cleveland to defend the administration and the tariff bill from the vicious attacks made upon them by Senator Hill. The only direct allusion made by Mr. Mills to the Senator from New York was in connection with the income tax, which Mr. Hill had declared to be socialistic, anarchistic and sectional. Mr. Mills said he had never heard that Mr. Hill when governor of New York had called on the legislature to

repeal the income tax in that state, and asked if such a tax was fair one for the State of New York, why was it not also a fair one for the United States?

"The Press Claims Company," of this city is in trouble, which is not surprising to those who know the manner in which it has been doing business. Its manager, Mr. John Wedderburn, is charged, in a bill filed in court this week by Wm. R. Hearst, publisher of the San Francisco Examiner, with several sorts of wrong dealing. Mr. Hearst asks that a receiver be appointed for the company and that Wedderburn be restrained from interfering in any way with its affairs. He says, in his bill, that he was a partner with Wedderburn in the establishment of the "Examiner Bureau of Claims," which made arrangements with the Pioneer Press, of St. Paul, Minn., and Omaha Bee to prosecute claims for their subscribers; that Wedderburn without his knowledge organized the "Press Claims Company" and maintained it at the expense of the "Examiner Bureau," that he has refused to refund money in accordance with contracts; that he has created a large indebtedness, including a note for \$8,000, signed without authority with the firm name; that he has injured the reputation of the San Francisco Examiner by the mismanagement of cases put in his hands, and by sending out circulars offering prizes for inventions, charging competitors an initial fee of \$5. Rather a formidable list of charges.

#### Fair Oaks Facts.

EDITOR PILOT:—I notice in the last issue of the Rensselaer Republican, an account of the Lease-Gouger meeting at your place. The editor claims that Mary Lease is the brainiest and also the most malignant and anarchistic leader of the Populists. He further admits that both are able and entertaining speakers; but not more able than misleading. Now, we believe that the editor of the Republican lacks a great deal of being an angel and we pause to consider over his article. He also states that they had very large audiences, though made up mostly of the residents of the town, who attended from mere curiosity.

Now, he further says in the same issue that these speakers excite the minds of the weak and ignorant to hatred against the government. They are anarchists, and between them and Herr Most and Lucy Parsons, there is mighty little to choose. If there was a sufficient large element of the ignorant, the weak minded, and the discontented in the country for them to work upon, the Leases and Gougiers and the rest would have a bloody civil war in progress in this country inside of six months, and there is grave danger even as it is.

Don't be alarmed, Mr. Marshall, the people go to hear through curiosity, as you say, and they are Republicans that attend, too, and we expect them to vote with us next election. You surely forget yourself when you are calling the voters in your own party ignorant and weak minded. You should consider your own articles before having them in type, or they are apt to cause some distrust as to the rottenness of your own party by these ignorant and weak minded persons.

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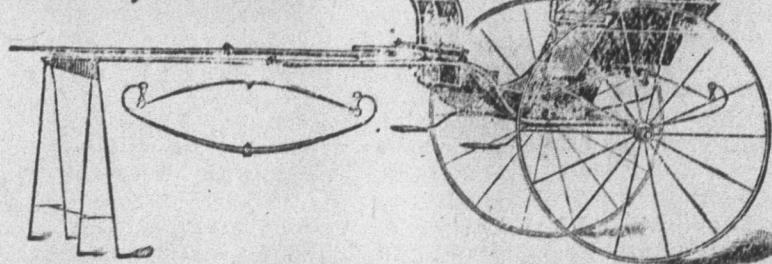
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