

## CAPRIVI'S FALL.

Resignation of the German Chancellor Accepted.

Prince Hohenlohe Is Chosen to Succeed Him and Is Also Selected as Premier of Prussia—Explanation of the Situation.

BERLIN, Oct. 29.—The report that Chancellor von Caprivi has handed his resignation to the emperor is confirmed. Count zu Eulenburg, president of the ministerial council, has also resigned. Dr. Miquel, Prussian finance minister, has been appointed president of the council.

BERLIN, Oct. 30.—Prince Hohenlohe von Schillingfuerst, who was called by Emperor William to succeed Caprivi as chancellor, at first declined, but at 9 o'clock Saturday evening it was announced that he had accepted the position. He will fill also the office of Prussian premier, made vacant by Eulenburg's retirement.

The emperor's choice of Hohenlohe for chancellor is taken as evidence that his majesty does not intend to adopt the extreme view of the measures required to arrest the spread of socialism. Hohenlohe, although 73 years old, is very active physically and mentally.

Divided on Socialist Repression.

Ex-Chancellor Caprivi in an interview says the leading question upon which he found it impossible to recon-

## A DEATH TRAP.

Sixteen Persons Burned to a Crisp at Seattle, Wash.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 30.—A fire, which resulted in the death of at least sixteen persons and the injury of three others, broke out in the West street hotel, at Columbia and West streets, about 1 o'clock Saturday morning. At 8 o'clock the fire was under control and an investigation of the ruins was made. Thirteen bodies have been identified. They are as follows:

John F. Anderson, aged 28; F. Ballman, C. Graham, laborer; Mrs. J. H. Hancock, of Rolfe, Ia., and her three children, two girls, aged 4 and 2 years, and a boy aged 4; Mrs. J. W. Hurtman, wife of a well-known farmer of Fall City, Wash.; Angus McDonald, M. McSorley, Andrew Otterman, aged 18; Mrs. Otterman, of California, his mother; C. Wilson.

A. G. Butler, brother of the proprietor, is missing. Richard Havin was badly injured about the head and back by jumping; D. B. Glass had a leg broken and his back injured, and C. B. Anderson was burned and badly bruised.

The fire was undoubtedly caused by the explosion of a lamp in the kitchen. The proprietor's son was aroused by the noise of the explosion about 1 o'clock, but before he could investigate the flames had spread all through the house. The corrugated iron sheeting kept the flames hid until nearly the whole interior was a furnace. The thin partitions were of resinous pine covered with cheesecloth and burned furiously. The sixty guests were aroused and the rush for life followed. The arrangement of the halls of the

## ESCAPE CUT OFF.

Inmates Caught in a New York Tenement Fire.

Seven of Them Lose Their Lives and One Makes a Probably Fatal Leap from a Window—Three Others Are Rescued.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Flames flashed with marvelous rapidity from the cellar to the roof of the five-story single tenement house, of 16 West Thirty-second street, early Tuesday morning. Smoke filled the entire house and seven of the tenants were suffocated in their rooms. In Roosevelt hospital a victim of the fire, a woman who tried in vain to save her life by jumping from a third-story window, is lying fatally hurt. The dead were all removed to the West Thirty-seventh street station house.

Their names are: Annie Applebat, 22 years old; George Friedman, 4 years old; Levi Friedman, 3 years old; Mrs. Margaret Killian, 70 years old; Jacob Killian, 40 years old, son of Mrs. Killian; George Levy, 20 years old, grandson of Mrs. Killian; Mrs. Lena Mitchell, 24 years old, a cousin of Mrs. Lena Friedman.

Injured: Mrs. Lena Friedman, 28 years old, leaped from a window, horribly burned about the face, neck, arms and body and covered with contusions, will probably die.

The fire was discovered at 3 o'clock by passers-by. When a policeman came up the door of the tenement was opened and on the inside the fire glowed like a torch. He could see that the stairway was being rapidly burned away.

Volumes of smoke were rolling from the front windows. Policemen Powers and the firemen shouted to the people on the fire escapes not to jump. The firemen spread a net to catch any who should attempt it. The flames had not gained access to any of the front rooms, but the smoke was stifling. Standing on a dry goods box, Policemen Powers received the fear-stricken tenants and passed them down from the first floor escape to other policemen. The escape of the Fondiller family was very narrow. Adolph, aged 17, was the first to awaken. He was nearly stifled with the smoke, but crawling to a window opened it and then aroused the rest of the family. The other families on the upper floors in the front portion of the building were aroused by the smoke or the shouts of people in the street below. Mrs. Jacob Smith rushed out on the fire escape on the first floor and jumped to the sidewalk. She escaped with a few slight bruises and her husband, who followed her, was equally fortunate.

Meantime engines had been flooding the house with water, and in an hour the fire had been extinguished and the house cleared of smoke. Then Fire Chief Purroy and Capt. Farrell made a tour of the rooms. The two Friedman children, George and Levi, were found lying dead, side by side, in their little bed, just as they had fallen asleep the night before. Not a hair of their heads had been singed and indeed none of the bodies had been touched by the flames. In a bedroom in the Friedman apartment were the bodies of Lena Mitchell, a cousin of Mrs. Friedman, and Annie Applebat, who boarded with the family. Neither of the girls had moved, apparently, and their faces looked peaceful enough.

Death had evidently come to them peacefully. On the floor above Jacob Killian was found lying doubled up alongside of his bed, as if he had made an effort to crawl to a window and had been overcome in the act. George Lovey had also managed to get out of bed and his body was found on the floor. Aged Mrs. Killian had died just as she slept and a peaceful smile rested on the furrowed face. The fire on the second and third floors had spread through the central rooms, leaving the extreme front and rear rooms untouched. The cellar was gutted. The remains of the dead were promptly removed to the Thirty-seventh street police station. The damage to the building is estimated at not more than \$800. The loss of the tenants, however, will swell the total damage to a much larger figure.

## DEATH IN A TRAIN WRECK.

Three Burglars Killed by a Freight Smash-Up Near Peale, Pa.

CLEARFIELD, Pa., Oct. 31.—Three persons were killed on the Beach Creek railroad late Monday night by the wrecking of a freight train about 1 mile west of Peale. It was at first thought that the men were tramps, but upon search being made it was found they were a gang of burglars. Revolvers were found on all but one of the men, as well as a full kit of burglars' tools, masks, etc. It is supposed they were on their way to this town to crack the county bank. None of the trainmen were injured by the wreck.

## SPANISH CABINET CRISIS.

Ministers Resign Because They Can't Agree on Tariff Reform.

MADRID, Oct. 31.—The cabinet has resigned because the ministers could not agree as to several measures to be introduced in the coming session of the cortes, most notably the proposal to reform the tariff. Queen Regent Christina accepted the resignations, but is understood to have requested Senor Sagasta to form a new cabinet. He should consent, several of his late colleagues will join him.

## PUT ON THEIR GUARD.

American Patentees Warned Against English Swindlers.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—Owing to complaints received by the United States ambassador, by the lord mayor of London and other officials, the police of Scotland Yard and the officials of the United States legation have broken up the swindling operations of a firm of patent lawyers doing business in Chancery lane. In addition the United States embassy warns American inventors not to answer circulars offering to obtain English patents unless they are satisfied that these letters come from duly authorized patent agents.

## BOLD THIEVES.

They Rob a Chicago Jeweler of Cash and Goods Amounting to \$6,000.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—Two robbers made a bold play Tuesday afternoon in a downtown jewelry store which netted them about \$6,000 worth of watches and jewels, and the police have not caught them yet. Soon after 2 o'clock G. W. Brethauer, the senior member of the wholesale jewelry firm of Brethauer & Co., 71 Washington street, left the office to go to Marshall Field's retail store around the corner and left his son in charge. The office is on the first floor of the building in plain sight of the occupants of the big office buildings. Young Brethauer was bending over a showcase when the robbers entered. One carried a revolver and the other brandished a murderous-looking piece of lead pipe. The jeweler was ordered to hold up his hands, which he did, and then he was told to enter the vault, the door of which stood open. He hesitated and he was thrown in by a robber gripping his throat. The door was closed and the desperate thieves bundled the contents of show cases and the cash box into a large sack. The work occupied only a few minutes and when the father of the imprisoned jeweler returned he suspected nothing. A commercial traveler soon came in and hearing the noise of pounding on the vault door, the discovery of the exhausted prisoner and the robbery was made, but there was no trace of the robbers.

## CHINESE FORT IS TAKEN.

An Important Victory Is Won by the Mikado's Forces at Port Arthur.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Two important and significant Japanese victories are reported by United States Minister Denby in a cablegram to the state department from Peking. He says that the Chinese forces have been defeated by Chin Lien Cheng and have retreated to Moukden; he also reports that the Japanese have taken one of the Chinese forts at Port Arthur.

The Japanese minister is gratified at the receipt of the Denby dispatch, which seems to foreshadow the early capitulation of Port Arthur. The capture of this place, from a military and strategic standpoint, he says, can hardly be overestimated. The capture of Port Arthur is a part of the Japanese movement upon Peking, and when effected will make the march to the Chinese capital a matter of more easy accomplishment.

The Japanese minister has received a report that upon the landing of the Japanese troops at Ta-len-Wai on Saturday last the Chinese war vessels at Port Arthur immediately took flight and did not stop until they had arrived at Wei-hai-Wei, another strong point which, like Port Arthur, guards the entrance to the Gulf of Pechili. The report states that this sudden departure of the Chinese vessels was made without the firing of a gun and at a time when the Japanese army under Marshal Oyama was still a number of miles distant.

## THE END APPROACHES.

Death of the Emperor of Russia Apparently Not Far Off.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 31.—The following bulletin was issued from Livadia at 10 o'clock Tuesday evening: "During the day the spitting of blood continued and the emperor was seized at times with shivering fits. His temperature was 100 degrees Fahrenheit and his pulse was 90 and weak. His breathing was difficult. He can take only a little nourishment and has become very weak. The oedema has increased materially."

The bulletins concerning the lung disease of the czar deeply affected the public. Boys are selling the notices in the streets. Grave crowds gather around the bulletin boards all day. The Journal of St. Petersburg and other newspapers testify to their gratitude for foreign sympathy. They ascribe the manifestations of homage to the services of the czar as a peace-maker whose aversion to war was recognized universally.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 31.—The following official bulletin was issued at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning:

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"Symptoms of congestion of the left lobe of the lungs have manifested themselves. His majesty's condition is one of danger."

The bulletin is signed as usual by the physicians who are in attendance upon the czar.

## EX-PREMIER MERCIER DEAD.

After a Lingering Illness He Passes Away at Montreal.

MONTREAL, Can., Oct. 31.—Ex-Premier Mercier died at 9:10 Tuesday morning.

[Honore Mercier was born in St. Athanas, Que., October 15, 1840. He studied law and was admitted to the bar of Lower Canada in 1867. He was editor of Le Courrier de St. Hyacinthe from 1862 till 1864, and also in 1866, and, after sitting in the dominion parliament for Rouville from 1872 to 1874, was elected to the legislative assembly of Quebec as solicitor general in the July government in May, 1870, and held this portfolio till the resignation of the government in October of the same year. He was reelected in 1881 by acclamation, and again in December, 1886, and, on the resignation of the Tupper administration, formed an administration and became attorney general in January, 1887. During his term of office he became involved in the scandal caused by the Quebec harbor improvements and was impeached for malfeasance in office. He was acquitted, however, though several of his intimate associates were found guilty and heavily punished. Since that time he has remained out of politics.]

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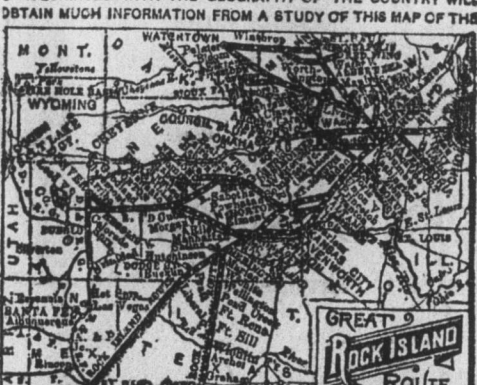
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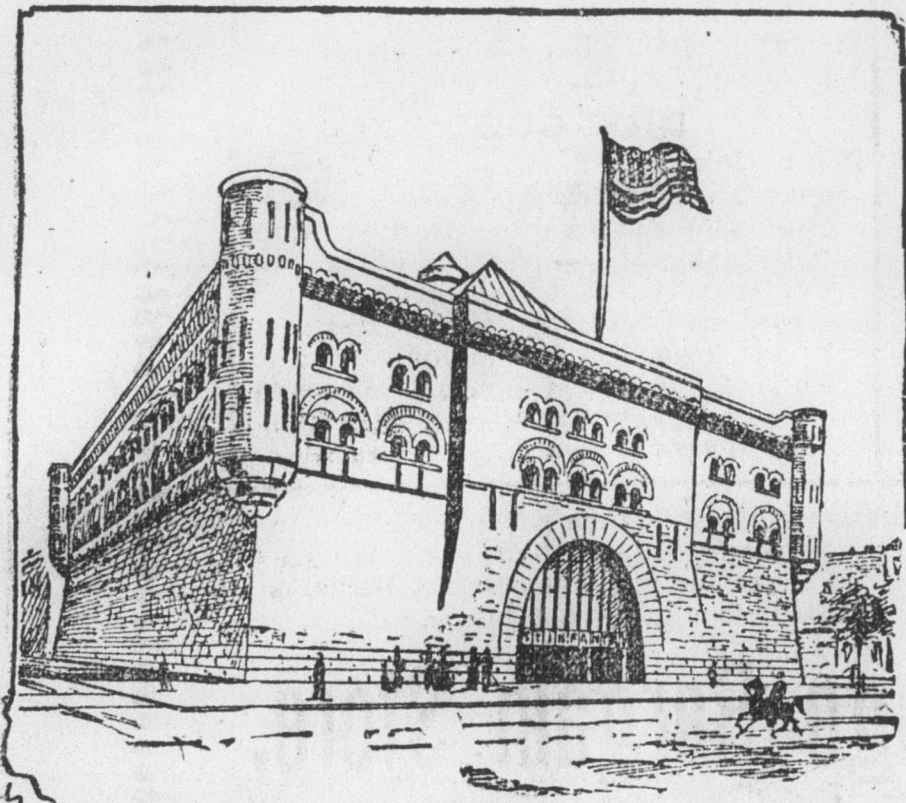
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cile his own views with those of the emperor and Count Botho zu Eulenburg was the anti-revolutionary measure. The second bone of contention between the same parties, he added, was the proposed treatment of the Polish question.

## The Fatal Newspaper Article.

BERLIN, Oct. 30.—The article which annoyed the emperor more than all others in the Caprivi-Eulenburg press feud was published by the Koelnische Zeitung to remove the impression produced by the emperor's reception of the East Prussian agrarians. This article said: "Chancellor von Caprivi won a complete victory over Count Botho zu Eulenburg, and as the emperor stood behind Caprivi nothing is left for Eulenburg but soumettre ou demettre." Eulenburg, who had already decided to resign, regarded this as an offensive notice to quit, and showed it the emperor.

## Disavowal Demanded and Refused.

The emperor sent Herr von Lucanus, chief of the civil cabinet, to ask Count von Caprivi whether he had inspired the article in the Gazette. Count von Caprivi replied in the negative, but expressed his sympathy with that paper's views. The emperor then summoned Count von Caprivi and demanded a public disavowal of the article. Count von Caprivi repeated that he had not inspired the article and would not publish a disclaimer, because he agreed with its views. He now had no alternative but to resign, which he did. It is now known as a fact that the emperor tried to reconcile the personal differences between the two men, but failed.

## Says Caprivi's Policy Will Continue.

In summoning the federal envoys to another conference the emperor said that Caprivi's policy would be continued. This statement is taken with a grain of salt, as the emperor made a similar statement immediately after Bismarck's fall.

The envoys expressed their satisfaction with the choice of Prince Hohenlohe. The South Germans were especially complimentary to the new chancellor who, they said, enjoyed the full confidence of their governments.

## Against the Lords.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—Premier Rosebery declared for the curtailment or abolition of hereditary legislative privileges in an address at Bradford Saturday.

## Cattle Dealers in Trouble.