

### "THE CHILD MUSICIAN."

The illness of little Josef Hoffman, which has necessitated his retirement, can produce no comment more appropriate (let us hope that it may not prove prophetic) than Austin Dobson's poem, "The Child Musician."

He had played for his lordship's levee,  
He had played for his ladyship's whim,  
Till the poor little head was heavy,  
And the poor little brain would swim.

And the face grew heavy and eerie,  
And the large eyes strange and bright,  
And they said—too late—"He is weary!"  
He shall rest for, at least, to-night!

But at dawn when the birds were waking,  
As they watched in the silent room,  
With the sound of a strained cord breaking,  
A something snapped in the gloom.

'Twas a string of his violin, cello,  
And they heard him stir in his bed—  
'"Make room for a tired little fellow,  
Kind God!"—was the last that he said.

### TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

**NEW YORK, March 19.**—The committee of citizens of which Sherman is chairman, has about completed arrangements for the funeral of Antonio Paez, ex-President of Venezuela. There will be a procession under the command of General Daniel E. Sickles, and participated in by detachments of the army and navy of the United States, State militia and veterans of the late war. The Secretary of War has ordered the Federal steam frigate *Pensacola* to convey the body to Venezuela.

**BERLIN, March 19.**—The royal message was read to the Reichstag and Landtag in united session to-day. It is countersigned by all the ministers. It says:

We, Frederick, by the grace of God, King of Prussia, hereby proclaim and make known that, having pleased God, after the demise of Emperor and King William, our much beloved father, to call us to the throne of our ancestors we herewith send to the Landtag our greetings. The sentiments and purposes with which we enter upon our government and the principles on which we have proceeded by us to our faithful people. Walking in the paths of our glorious father, we shall know no other aim of our striving than the happiness and welfare of the Fatherland. By conscientiously observing the constitution, fully safe-guarding all the prerogatives of the crown and royalty co-operating with the national representatives, the King hopes with God's help to gain his object, which is the happiness and welfare of the country. The condition of his health prevents him from taking the oath verbally. Desiring to declare without delay his position regarding constitutional laws, although this could await of no doubt, he now solemnly undertakes to adhere to the constitution fully and inviolably, and to rule in conformity with the laws.

The sitting was invested with unusual interest. The galleries overflowed with visitors. As soon as the members had assembled, Prince Bismarck, accompanied by all the ministers of state, entered the hall and read the message. When the chancellor had ceased reading, Duke von Ratibon, president of the upper house, said it was not within his province to say how each house would reply to the message. He would now simply ask the assemblage to mark the king's faithful attachment and devotion and unite in the cry of "Long Live King Frederick!" The cheer was then repeated. The Diet forthwith adjourned.

#### THE REPLY TO BE MADE TODAY.

The message was read by Herr Piesdorff, president of the Reichstag, who requested the permission of the House to submit to it tomorrow a draft of an address in reply to the message, expressing devotion to the Emperor. The request was granted. Herr Piesdorff then announced that he, with the vice-presidents of the house had, in the name of the Reichstag, asked for audiences with the Emperor and Empress Augusta, and the Crown Prince and the Crown Princess, which would shortly be granted. He then expressed the thanks of the House for the resolution of sympathy with Germany passed by foreign Parliaments.

Then Prince Bismarck rose and said: "It will afford me greater satisfaction if I am permitted to consider myself charged by the House to communicate the thanks of the Reichstag to those friendly governments whose parliaments have expressed sympathy with the grief surrounding us. Such expressions have come from all quarters of the globe. No monarch ever before was so respected as to cause all the nations of the earth to bring to his grave signs of sorrow. I shall thank you to empower me to express thanks to these friendly nations upon whose sympathy the peace of the future rests more firmly than upon written treaties."

**STRASBOURG, March 19.**—In a proclamation issued by Emperor Frederick and countersigned Hohenzollern, reference is made to Alsace and Lorraine in the following language:

"The union of Alsace and Lorraine, which the lapse of years cannot impair again, becomes as intimate as it was the time of our ancestors before these German lands were severed from the ancient and glorious union of their kindred countrymen."

**LONDON, March 19.**—In the House of Commons this afternoon Mr. Edgar asked when the papers relating to the fisheries conference would be brought

down. Mr. Edgar has secured a copy of certain fish documents not published on this side of the Atlantic. Among them are the Queen's instructions to the British plenipotentiaries. After reciting all the circumstances leading to the appointment of the commissioners Lord Salisbury says:

"While I have judged it advisable to offer on the question of the fisheries of the Atlantic Coast, it is not the wish of Her Majesty's government that the discussions of plenipotentiaries should necessarily be confined to that point alone. The question of the fisheries of Behring Sea has not been specially included in the terms of the reference, but you will understand if the United States plenipotentiaries should be authorized to discuss that subject, it would come within the terms of the reference, and that you have full power and authority to treat for a settlement of the points involved."

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.

In the Commons this evening Ritchie, president of the local government board, introduced a local government bill for England and Wales. The bill proposes to establish councils to be elected directly by the rate-payers, which are to have control of the county police and wield the powers now exercised by the local authorities. The local government board is to retain its present power to control the borrowing of money by counties, and to audit the accounts of counties and is also to fix the numbers of members of the county councils. Other provisions give the councils oversight of lunatic asylums, work shops, reformatory and industrial schools, and power to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors. An important feature of the proposal is the division of the whole country into suburban and rural districts, within which woman rate-payers will be equally able to vote for members of the council. London will be created a county by itself under a Lord Lieutenant. The city will lose all administration duties and the whole police force will remain under the charge of the home office. Liverpool, Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, Bristol, Bradford, Nottingham, Hull and Newcastle will also constitute counties in themselves.

Gladstone called attention to the entire absence in Ritchie's statement of any reference to Ireland. It was obvious, he said, both Ireland and Scotland were specially excluded from the bill.

#### ELECTION OF PEERS.

In the House of Lords today, Earl Rosebery made a motion for the appointment of a committee to inquire into the constitution of the House of Lords with a view of amending it. The time had come when a large infusion of elected peers was necessary. The present weakness of the House of Lords was the hereditary principle. Salisbury and others vigorously opposed the motion, which was rejected.

**CHICAGO, March 19.**—Specials to the *Daily News* from Council Bluffs and Sioux City, Iowa, and Hastings, Neb., report the prevalence of a severe snow and wind storm, with a drop in the temperature. Travel on the railroads in those sections is greatly delayed.

**SACRAMENTO, March 19.**—A collision occurred near Cisco this afternoon between two freight trains. Two engines were attached to each train, and all four engines and a number of cars were badly wrecked. Engineer John Pickens was instantly killed, and several others injured. Four other persons employed on the trains are missing, and it is feared are buried in the debris.

**BERLIN, March 19.**—Advices from Cassel say that a snowstorm has prevailed there for three days. In Central Germany there is a complete suspension of railway travel, and in many districts the railways are snowbound.

**LONDON, March 19.**—A heavy blizzard is raging southeast of England. The storm is slight in London. The storms in France and Germany continue. In Spain the storm is very heavy, especially in the north. In the south of Spain the floods are doing enormous damage.

The rising of the Tiber, resulting from the recent fall of snow, has flooded the lower part of Rome. Floods are reported in Russia, caused by the melting of snow.

The Emperor of Austria gave 8000 florins to the sufferers from the floods in Galicia.

**PARIS, March 19.**—A violent snowstorm is raging here this evening. All communication by railway with Lille and Havre has been cut off. Mails from Paris to Switzerland are snowed up.

**TUCSON, Ariz., March 19.**—Marshal Meade and posse, who have returned from Janos, where they were arrested on the 29th of February, while pursuing the Stein's Pass train robbers on Mexican soil, state that they were released on the 14th, but their arms and horses were retained because they refused to sign a statement exonerating the officials from blame in their arrest, which they claimed was made for the violation of certain laws. The posse complain of ill treatment during their detention, and have forwarded a statement to the Department at Washington.

**LOS ANGELES, March 19.**—No word has been received by the officials of the Santa Fe road here in regard to the end of the strike, and traffic on that line in this section is still at a standstill. No trains will be moved until orders to that effect are received from the east.

**BERLIN, March 19.**—It is reported

that the Mexican government has arranged with the Bleichroeders in conjunction with Anthony Gibbs, of London, and the Mexican National Bank, for an issue of a loan of \$10,500,000, which is sanctioned by the Mexican Congress.

**NORWICH, Conn., March 19.**—Frank Hopkins, aged 60 years, and Mrs. Emilie Whitney, his housekeeper, aged 70 years, were found dead near their house in Putnam today. They had perished in last week's storm.

**SHANGHAI, March 19.**—The earthquake shocks in Yunnan have continued three weeks, destroying several towns and causing much damage to shipping. At Kien Shin four thousand persons were killed.

**PARIS, March 20.**—General Caffarel and Mme. Limousin were sentenced today for complicity in the sale of decorations. In General Caffarel's case extenuating circumstances were found and the court only imposed a fine of 3,000 francs.

Mme. Limousin was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

**FRANKFORT, Ky., 20.**—Gov. Buckner this morning suspended State Treasurer Tate. Tate is charged with defalcation in his office, and it is said has fled the state. The defalcating officer has been treasurer 21 years. It is thought that Tate's shortage will amount to between \$50,000 and \$150,000.

An investigation immediately instituted, on recommendation of Governor Buckner, disclosed before noon a deficit in Tate's office of \$150,000. The irregularities ran back 11 years.

The discovery of the shortage is the result of the examination of Tate's books, commenced some days ago by an expert accountant. Tate's bond was for \$300,000 and is well covered. He was in Louisville Saturday night, when he was observed to be drinking hard, an unusual thing for him. Since that time he has not been seen and his whereabouts is unknown. Tate was elected state treasurer in 1887, having been nominated by the democrats. He had been re-elected continuously at each election since then, making his term of office twenty years on August 31st last. In the last democratic campaign Tate had no opposition for the nomination.

**NEW YORK, 20.**—The *Mail and Express* this afternoon announces that Col. Elliot F. Shepard, formerly president of the New York State Bar Association has this day purchased from Cyrus W. Field the *Mail and Express* newspaper.

The *Mail and Express* will continue republican and favor the protection of American industries.

Col. Shepard married a daughter of the late Wm. H. Vanderbilt.

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo., March 20.**—Dr. George Cox was in court this morning to explain why he appointed Edie Ellis with carbolic acid last Wednesday. He waived examination, was bound over to answer to the grand jury in May and was released on \$3000 bonds. Kenton Cox, the wayward son and the injured girl were in court and were held over as witnesses. Kenton says he will make no prosecution and the girl abides by the decision of "Her boy," who has thrown over home and inheritance for her.

**PARIS, March 20.**—In the Chamber of Deputies today De Cassagnac spoke in behalf of General Boulanger, protesting against his removal from the army. During his remarks he quoted from an article in the *Boersen Courier*, of Berlin, which asserted that the government had removed General Boulanger at Germany's request. Premier Tirard declared that De Cassagnac's remarks were insulting, and requested that he would not continue to talk in that strain. [Applause.]

The president of the Chamber then, addressing M. De Cassagnac, said: "The country will judge the speaker's words."

Premier Tirard today informed the Chamber of Deputies that a military tribunal would inquire into the case of Gen. Boulanger, and order was then demanded by the government and voted, 394 to 93.

**PHOENIX, Arizona, March 20.**—Information is received here that Cyrus Gribbell, superintendent of the Vulture mine, and a man named Johnson were robbed and killed at Nigger Wells, thirty miles from here while on their way from the mine to this place with a bar of bullion valued at \$7,000. Their bodies were found by a Mexican woman, who reported the fact. A posse was organized and started for the scene at once. The route is considered a dangerous one and Wells, Fargo & Co. abandoned their office at Vulture several years ago, after having been robbed of \$8,000 on the same spot. Rewards will be offered by the county and Territory for the arrest of the robbers.

**DENVER, March 20.**—Ex-Senator Tabor, owner of the Vulture mine, near Phoenix, Arizona, received information this afternoon that two of his mine were murdered near Nigger Wells, and robbed of \$7,000 in bullion. He immediately offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest of the robbers, and \$1,000 for the recovery of the bullion.

**LOUISVILLE, March 20.**—Up to tonight it is impossible to state the exact amount of shortage, but it is now fluctuating between \$150,000 and \$400,000. The first intimation of the shortage came yesterday, when a comparison of the auditor's statement of what should be in the bank showed such an amount was not there. This, coupled with the fact that the treasurer had not been seen since Friday at Frankfort, caused an examination to be made with the result that the state's money was discovered to have been squandered in large amounts. Since the investigation was thought of, stories about Tate's strange conduct of late have been made public. State Senator Wright says on Thursday last, Tate questioned him closely and at great length as to the exact provisions in the extradition treaties between the United States and Canada, also with Mexico. Right did not pay much attention to it at the time. What has become of the money no one knows. Tate never speculated and is said not to have been an extravagant liver. Year by year the money had leaked out however, and the shortage seems to have been running back a dozen years.

Mr. Herndon, of this city, who was at one time teller in the bank at Frankfort, says Tate's defalcation will involve state officials and citizens of high standing. He says it was the custom of many state officials to get him to cash notes for them promising to pay as soon as their vouchers were due. When they secured the vouchers, however, they would defer payment and the good-natured treasurer falling to push his rightful claims accumulated a mass of such securities as must by this time be simply enormous. There is no indication that Tate took any money with him. It is thought the report of the investigators will show when and to whom Tate loaned the money. It is said a memorandum in the office shows a loan of \$50,000 to a certain whisky trust and \$25,000 to a Louisville company. It has been Tate's custom to settle up every year and never until now was there the least hesitation on his part. This time, however, there was much procrastination and he has been putting the Auditor off since January. Last week the Auditor grew urgent. On Thursday Tate went to Louisville saying he would be back Friday. Not having been heard from Saturday night, his family grew uneasy as did also the auditor. Telegraphic correspondence elicited the fact that Tate left Louisville Friday morning on a Cincinnati train. Then Auditor Hewitt ordered that a balance be taken and it was found there was in bank \$124,000 less than the vouchers called for. Tate's wife and daughter are very much prostrated. No one seems to have any idea of where he has gone.

**SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.**—Detective Hume, of Wells, Fargo & Co., is advised that after the Stein's Pass train robbers had been killed by the Mexican troops, all the stolen diamonds, jewelry and money, except one hundred dollars were recovered from the bodies.

**COLUMBUS, Mo., March 21.**—The coroner's jury in the case of David Gordon, has completed its work, with a verdict of wilful murder by Wm. and Jonathan Blalock.

Constable Gordon was assassinated by the accused on Friday night last. The Gulf depot had been broken open on Thursday night, and he was watching the house where the stolen goods were supposed to be. Next day Miss Blalock, teacher in one of the city schools, confessed to the authorities her two brothers did the killing. They were arrested and made a full confession of their multitudinous crimes. They have been connected for years with a gang of house thieves which extends from Kansas City to Arkansas, Texas and Colorado. Their crimes include the robbery of mails, blowing open safes, sandbagging and murder. Fifteen arrests have already been made and information has been telegraphed that will lead to the arrest of as many more.

**POPULAR RIVER, Mont., March 21.**—The Missouri River broke yesterday. Ice dams formed, the river overflowed its banks, and the whole river bottom, which includes millions of acres of land, is inundated for over 100 miles. There will be great loss of cattle. The settlers living on the bottom land have gone to the hills. The water is the highest ever known in that vicinity.

**WYOMING, Ont., March 21.**—An emigrant train going west on the Grand Trunk road collided with the Petrolia train going east, a mile east of this place, this morning. The engineer and brakeman of the emigrant train were badly injured. Of the passengers eight or ten have broken limbs and are more or less seriously hurt. No one was killed. The emigrants are mostly Danes and Germans and are bound for Illinois and points further west.

**PITTSBURG, March 21.**—A terrific wind storm, accompanied by heavy rain, passed over this section this morning, doing damage to the telegraph service. Poles are reported down in all directions and the wires are working badly.

**FRANKFORT, Ky., March 21.**—The report recommending the impeachment of Treasurer Tate and authorizing a reward of \$5000 for his capture, has been adopted by the legislative committee. Auditor Hewitt says his shortage is between \$150,000 and \$300,000.

**ONTARIO, March 21.**—While the performance was in progress at the Hanquet Theatre last night, an explosion of gas occurred, the theatre took fire and was destroyed. The house was full of spectators and a number of lives were lost. Ten bodies have been recovered from the ruins. Many persons were injured.

**WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.**—The House committee on Territories today decided to report a bill for the organization of the Territory of Alaska.

At 2 p. m. during a heavy thunder storm lightning struck the Senate wing of the Capitol, but apparently did no other damage than to frighten the oc-

cupants and destroy telegraphic and telephonic communication between the building and the outside world.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 21.**—A dispatch states that the cyclone which passed over Calhoun, Ga., and East Tennessee last night did great damage. Several lives were lost near Lenoir. The residence of J. Williams, three miles east of Lenoir, was completely swept away and his wife carried off in the wreck and killed. The body of Mrs. Williams was found today in the Tennessee River, where it had been blown. The house of James Linginfalter was reduced to kindling wood. In it were John R. Smith, who was killed, and a little daughter of Linginfalter, who had a leg broken. The dwellings of Wm. King and John Gideon were blown down. Seven members of the King family were badly injured. The house of Lafayette Pratter was wrecked. At London, Tenn., the house of George Moses was completely destroyed and every member of his family hurt. Andrew Worley's house was also carried away, and the members of his family barely escaped with their lives. They are all seriously injured.

**WHEELING, W. Va., March 21.**—One of the fiercest gales ever experienced here raged for about a quarter of an hour at 7 o'clock this morning. Several houses were unroofed. Many persons were blown off their feet on the street. No serious casualties are reported.

**SAVANNAH, Ga., March 21.**—A cyclone struck Lumber City, Ga., this morning. B. V. Holland and W. B. Whiddon, both prominent men, were killed.

**ATLANTA, Ga., March 21.**—A terrible electric storm enveloped the state last night, beginning about ten o'clock and lasting until after midnight.

In Fairburn two churches were demolished, shade trees uprooted and other damage done. Reports of the storm around Gainesville show that much damage was done and Calhoun suffered most.

In North Georgia about a dozen business places were either totally wrecked or badly damaged. The southern arm of the storm passed eastward through Telefar County, taking everything in its path.

on foreign industries and on the profits of foreign manufacturers and the markets of American farmers.

Buchanan's motion to strike out was rejected, and pending action upon the amendment the committee rose and the House adjourned.

**DENVER, March 21.**—Latest advices this afternoon from Arizona show that instead of two messengers having been murdered while carrying bullion from the Vulture mine to the Phoenix, three were murdered. No traces have yet been found, but Mexican outlaws are supposed to have done the deed.

Ex-Senator Tabor has telegraphed the president requesting him to notify the troops on the frontier and custom house authorities to use their best efforts to intercept these brigands. Undoubtedly they will attempt to cross the Mexican frontier with their plunder, which consists of 657 ounces of gold bullion, the usual weekly product of the Vulture mine. The mines of this part of Arizona are just beginning to be developed. The railroads are rapidly approaching them, and if the government will protect lives there will be a larger output of gold there within the next twelve months than will come from any part of the country.

**MINNEAPOLIS, March 21.**—It transpires that a general tie-up of the northwestern roads has only been prevented by Chief Arthur's counsel. The men have been on the point of striking for some time but were unwilling to take the responsibility of doing so without the approval of the grand officers and the support of the whole Brotherhood.

Committees of engineers and firemen went to Chicago yesterday to consult Arthur. On the result of their visit depends whether a general tie-up will be begun or not.

**ST. LOUIS, March 21.**—Superintendent Dickenson, of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, and General Manager Hays, of the Wabash, have issued orders to their men to receive and handle all freight given them by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the order to go into effect immediately.

**CHESTER, Pa., March 21.**—Three boys, sons of George Walker, Robert Wood and Edward McCully, were drowned this afternoon while sailing on the Delaware. The boat was capsized by a strong wind.

**SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.**—The Oceanic steamship *Australia* arrived from Honolulu this afternoon. The vessel had a very rough voyage, spending two nights in the storm. She was swept by a sea which carried away 60 feet of her port sail and stove in her cabin doors, and damaged the mail matter badly.

The renewal of the Australian mail service under the present terms and conditions has been agreed to by the New Zealand government for one year from next November, but the New South Wales government has not yet agreed to an extension because of the uncertainty of the action of the Postmaster General of the United States. New South Wales desired to know first whether the Colonies will have to make good the deficiencies to the contractors which it is claimed were promised by the United States. If this were settled a further extension of the contract for a long term, it is claimed, would be effected. But now the Canadian Pacific line is pushing its claims, and guarantees that the promises made by the Canadian gov-