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PRINCE HENRY'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

the visit of Prince Henry impartial in the distribution of his faof Prussia to our country, vors, for his next victim was a Greek. whether it be a play of international politics or is merely prompted by kindly sentiments, it has served the kalser's purpose to make the launching of his yacht an exforearmed, and our dignitaries will do cuse for sending his only brother to our well to keep the prince in front on any shores. We are bound by the laws of hospitality to entertain him well, for shooting expedition and have a "weather eye" open for his gun. The distinc-

he is in a sense the nation's guest. The fact that he has the misfortune to have tion of being shot by a prince might go bears the further disability of being the younger brother of another should not cause us to look upon him with dis-favor. We received the Prince of Wales most graclously more than forty years ago; we even extended the freedom of this republic to the Grand Duke Alexis thirty years ago; and shall we draw the line at one who has shown himself at least the equal of those royal scions in intelligence, modesty and comportment generally? We ought perhaps to feel gent-ful that Kaiser Wilhelm did not ieid to his first impulse and send over his son, the crown prince, since there is greater pleasure as well as honor in entertaining a man of experience than a callow youth. There is no doubt that It was Kaiser Wilhelm's original intention to send over his eldest son to represent him at the launching of his new yacht, but two objections were raised to the crown prince leaving his native land. One objection was that he had not finished his university studies at Bonn, and the other that his mother did not like to let him go. The empress was very much in favor of the plan at first, but afterward changed her mind when she reflected that her eldest son's constitution was not robust enough to endure the strain of a continued round of festivities such as he would be subjected to in America.

Having been talked out of the idea by his wife, Kaiser Wilhelm then looked about for the right sort of man for an envoy, one who would represent the majesty and dignity of the empire most creditably, and pitched upon his brother. He surely could not have selected any one better fitted for the mission for Prince Henry is not only very popular in Prussia, but wherever he has been, and he has twice circumnavigated the globe.

It is generally known that Prince Henry is the second son of the late Emperor Frederick and the only brother of the present ruler of the German empire. He is three years the junior of William, having been born in 1862, and it is no secret that he was his father's favorite, owing to his many engaging qualities, which were wholly lacking in his brother. Possessing a frank and open disposition, he was always devoted to his parents, even in Unser Fritz's last illness amusing him with his fun and frolic. When Henry decided to marry his cousin, Irene, princess of Hesse, like himself, a grandchild of Queen Victoria, it was with his father's full approval, the marriage being the last important function he honored with his presence. Indeed, it is said that when the subject was approunced to him he placed in the prince's hand a slip of paper on which he had writtenfor he was then too far gone to speak-"You at least have never given me a moment's sorrow and will make as good a husband as you have been a loving son." Unser Fritz requited Prince Henry's devotion by leaving him the greater portion of his private fortune, either directly conveyed or in trust to his mother, and this fact did not serve to improve his relations with William, who for many years after he came to the throne strove to make Henry's life as disagreeable as it was in his power to do. The young "prince could not leave his castle and go to Berlin, only a short distance away, without the emperor's permission; if on a visit to England or any other country, he was likely to be summoned peremptorily home without even a pretext; and in a hundred ways William made known to his brother that he was the ruler and the latter only a subject. It is said that latterly Henry has bade him defiance. in a sort, stating that he had read somewhere that the emperor could not harm him should he disobey, and so he was going to do as he pleased. In the main, though, he has rendered loyal service to the elder brother and borne good naturedly with his jealousy and apite Prince Henry has managed, notwithstanding, to get a good deal of fun out of life as he went along, his merry disposition helping him over the hard places. He was always folly and something of a scapegrace in his younger days, but still popular on account of the very qualities which made him what he was. He was Queen Victoria's favorite grandson and used to be invited to Windsor and Balmoral quite often. Until a certain occasion he had the run of the royal deer forests during the hunting season, but when he was about nineteen he offended the queen's sensibilities so she forbade him ever hunting there again. At dinner one day Victoria asked him how many deer he had killed the day before, and he answered, "Oh, grandma, I didn't kill any deer, but I hit a lot of them." The severe expression on the good queen's face told him that it would be a long day before he would be allowed to hunt at either Balmoral or Windsor again, and so it was. It must be admitted that, though Prince Henry is whole hearted and jolvery bad record as a marksman. Whenever he is asked to a shooting party it is been a change in the emperor's attitude noticeable that nearly all the other roy- toward him. It is supposed that Wilare so afraid of being shot. The chiefly to the dynastic succession deprince's score up to quite recently in- volving upon Henry in default of issue crippled men as beasts and birds. His ed the emperor with a large family of first accident happened when as a handsome boys he has lost all anxiety youth he was shooting in the Grand on that score and considers his brother Duke of Baden's fine preserves and in an altogether different light. At all brought down one of the gamekeepers, events there has been a striking change wounding him so severely that he was in his behavior toward him, especially crippled for life and is still a princely in the latitude he has allowed the pensioner. His next feat was the pep- prince in the matter of travel. Henry pering with birdshot of a Turkish func- made two voyages around the world

whom he shot from behind in the island entity. As a "sallor prince" he was of Corfu. It is believed that Prince always popular at home and abroad, Henry will be very anxious to try a few the Germans holding him in the same shots at game in America during some regard that the British manifested toportion of his visit, but forewarned is ward their own Prince George when he of a wound, but would not be an efficalous salve in this country.

tional or international affairs he was allowed no choice but to remain a nonwas a tarry handed son of the sea. In 1887 Henry attended the ceremonies in honor of Queen Victoria's golden jubi-tee, riding in the great London procession immediately behind his imperial. been born the son of one emperor and far in Europe toward allaying the pain brother as one of the princely escort, said, The next year, only two months after his marriage, he became a commander

witnessed from the castle windows his lady's face was usually incrusted with The kaiser himself accompanied his such attempt at adornment. She lookbrother some distance on his journey ed much younger than her years. This and at the banquet given the evening youthful effect was produced. I after-preceding his departure spoke those ward learned, by the extraordinary art words that startled the world, waxing with which she was 'made up,' especialwarm as he alluded to the massacre of ly around the eyes. Her majesty remain-German missionaries and merchants, ed behind the table during the whole "May our countrymen abroad," he reception. To her right and left stood said, "be firmly convinced, whether pyramids of ripe oranges, and back of

HATEVER may be the real sultan to attend him when he was on a most every portion of the civilized tastes as he is, it is believed that Henry screen. She sat unvelled behind a her half closed eyes. She seemed insignificance attaching to shooting expedition in Syria. He was world, but as to participation in na- did not wholly relish the prospective carved table shaped like a church al- deed to be listening with her eyes rathseparation from wife and children, who tar. I had been told that the royal er than her cars.

departure from Kiel. It was a momen- paint and powder, but on that occasion she gave me a fan painted by her own tous occasion, as we can all remember. she seemed to me to be without any hands, it was said, as a present for the

priests or merchants, whatever their those masses of bloom, chiefly of peoples with her queer little wink, and a faint occupation, that the protection of the and reses. Approach to her majesty was So far as his natural disposition goes, in the German navy and has seen al- German empire as represented by the flanked by the most gorgeous Chinese Prince Henry is called more of a man most continuous sea service ever since. imperial ships will be efficaciously ex- vases I ever set eyes upon. They were

"When the interview came to an end,

kalserin. Upon its opened surface was a scene representing the usual Chinese landscape, with fish and beasts swimming in midair. I begged her majesty to receive the ladies of the German embassy, and she consented to see them at her next reception.

"I bowed profoundly on leaving, to which the dowager empress responded smile for the first time momentarily flickered about the corners of her mouth. She then vanished-slid, as it were-out of sight behind a thick curtain as though, like an automaton, she were rolled noiselessly away on hidden wheels. We then withdrew amid a line of bowing mandarins."

The prince had already made a formal call on the young emperor, the nominal ruler of China, and found his majesty "quite inanimate and uninterest ing. He acted throughout the interview I attempted to hold with him, aided by an interpreter, as if he had been coached in his conduct, his inquiries and his replies to the smallest details. The dowager empress was a far more interesting person."

This interchange of royal visits-the young emperor having returned the prince's call-marked a new epoch in China's history, for not only was Prince Henry the first foreigner of note to be allowed a glimpse of the empress dowager, but through a diplomatic blunder of the German minister at Peking, who had insisted that the emperor should make the return visit at the embassy, popular resentment was aroused against all foreigners in China. The dowager empress became so infuriated that there is no doubt the episode greatly hastened the so called Boxer movement a few months later, when thousands of the Chinese rose in re-

All this occurred in the spring of 1898, and it was then that Henry came into contact with Admiral Dewey, who, it has been universally admitted, gave him a useful lesson in repartee if not in comes across a barber almost as witty courtesy. While at Hongkong, just before Dewey sailed for Manila, Prince Henry gave a banquet to all the higher officers of the various war vessels then in the harbor. At the banquet, either from inadvertence or design, the 'United States of America" was the last on the toast list, and so Dewey left the table and refused to accept any explanations. The prince wrote him a let-ter of apology, but the day before Dewey sailed, when he called to say goodby, he said jestingly, "I will send my ships to Manila to see that you behave," He looked full at Dewey, who courteously retorted, "I shall be de-lighted, your highness, but permit me to caution you to keep your ships from between my guns and the enemy."

If Admiral "lchs, whom Prince seded, had taken the Almost; not quite. Henry later st hint conveyed in Dewey's warning, Foote, who there might have been no friction at loved anything all in Manila bay, as later resulted | eccentric, saw from Diedrichs' officiousness. The so these inscriptions called "Irene incident," when a German and, hoping to vessel of the same name as the prince's extract some wit R. wife gave aid to some Spaniards at Subig bay, was eventually explained away by the prince. When Prince Henry addressed his taunting remark to Dewey, gallant denly shoving his head through the pa-Captain Gridley and Consul Wildman per pane into the shop, called out, "is were standing near and heard it. Both these Americans have since passed away, but the greatest member of the trio, Dewey, is still alive. It seemed hardly within the bounds of possibility when these two parted in Chinese vaters that they would meet again on American soil, and nothing then seemed less probable than a rapprochement between Germany and the United States. Little remains to be said respecting our distinguished visitor except in extension of what has so often been given regarding his many good qualities. Writing at the time Prince Henry was at Hongkong, the correspondent of a London paper said: "He has produced a most happy impression here. His own countrymen acclaim him as a typical German prince, while Englishmen recognize in him qualities which they are proud to believe essentially British. Certainly so far as an entire absence of 'starch' goes preconceived and doubtless prejudiced notions of Teutonic court manners have been entirely at fault. Nothing could have been simpler or more genial than the tone of both prince and suit. Above all, he

GENERAL GRANT AND THE PRACTICAL JOKERS.

During the civil war several northern soldiers were talking one day just before the advance upon Corinth. A tall, ungainly, raw recruit stepped up to them with a bundle of soiled clothes

"Do you know where I can get this washing done?" he asked, Two of the group were practical jok-

ers. A bright thought flashed into their heads, and, as the sequel shows,

unfortuna tely it found expression. "Oh, yes, we know. Just go up there with your bundle," pointing to the headquarters of General Grant. "You will see a short, stout man" -describing the general - "who does washing. Take your bundle to him." 38 The recruit thanked themand

walked off in the direction indicatrecruit and Gen- trance to head-

quarters and stood in the general's presence.

"What can I do for you?" said General Grant.

"I was directed here by a couple of soldiers. They told me that you did washing, and I have a bundle here." General Grant probably enjoyed the situation, but his imperturbable face

did not relax. He simply asked the question, "Could you identify those men again?" "Yes, sir."

The

"Very well; you shall have the chance. Turning to an orderly, he directed

him to call a guard, go with the recruit to where the jokers were standing ready to enjoy his discomfiture, and let him identify them.

"Take the men to the guardhouse, give them this man's bundle of clothing and make them wash it thoroughly. See that the work is well done.' The general was obeyed to the letter.

FOOTE AND THE BARBER.

Many an amusing story is told of that eccentric wit Samuel Foote, among others the following, in which the actor as himself. The tale runs that a barber of the name of Wright opened a small shop under the walls of the King's Bench prison. The windows being broken, he had stuck them up with paper, on which

for a penny,'

written:

Wright.

England

any man in

he inscribed the words, "Shave with the usual invitation to customers to "step inside," while on his door he had Here lives Jimmy Shaves as well as



made the trip to this country for the especial purpose of representing his imperial brother on the occasion, while Miss Roosevelt was selected by Wilhelm to break the bottle of champagne over the bow of the new craft and to say as she moves toward her natural element, "I christen thee Meteor II."

than his brother, but he cannot be said | He is not merely an ornamental comto equal him in acquired or natural mander like the gorgeous royal admirmental qualities, especially in versatil- als of the British navy, who hardly liut he is a fine musician, playing know a hawk from a handspike, but the violin with a practiced hand, is he is a naval expert from his heels up. something of an artist, like his mother His imperial brother sometimes was and grandmother Victoria, and is a re- wont to don one of his bundred unimarkable linguist. It is already known forms and dressing up in the toggery of that he will use English exclusively an admiral, resplendent in gold lace attempt to affront or prejudice us in value. Being accompanied by my full while in this country, being able to and such, assume command of a ship, speak it fluently.

After his marriage in 1888 Prince the sailor prince used to seek some con-Henry took up his residence in the cas- venient shelter and indulge in a snicker Prince Henry himself, and both are ex- William no longer indulges in maritime all boys, and all healthy youngsters.

Until within a few years Prince Henry was the victim of his brother's concluded to content himself with rul- prince took train for Tientsin and Pely, he is not a good hunter, for he has a petty tyranny, as manifested on nu- ing on land and allow his brother to merous occasions, but of late there has alties make excuses to stay away, they liam's intense jealousy was owing popped his head into the stateroom rated with flags. He was received at cluded almost as many wounded and of his own, but since heaven has bless- brother! How does divine majesty feel preliminaries had been arranged was

THE KAISER'S FAREWELL TO PRINCE HENRY. but it is said that on these occasions

tremely devoted to their three children, aspirations (and, to tell the truth, he is known, vastly less skyrockety in all things

(han he used to be), he has at last bombarded by the allied fleet, the at all curious. "take a fall" out of old Neptune. It is bling a triumphal journey. His train related that when the two were once was festooned with boughs and flowers, caught in rough weather at sea Henry and every station was profusely decowhere William was wrestling with his the station outside Peking by a manemotions and shouted out: "Hello, darin of the highest rank, and after the William replied by shying at now? his head a soda water bottle, which He was the first foreign prince that Henry dexterously dodged.

It is only five years or so since famed empress dowager, Tsze Hsi An, Prince Henry really loomed large as an who allowed her curiosity to see this international figure, and that was when his brother sent him to China as ad- to overcome her scruples. "Her majtionary who had been deputed by the when a midshipman and has visited al- ters. Home loving and domestic in his stead of remaining invisible behind a

tended to them. Should any one ever | hundreds of years old and of priceless our good rights then strike out with military and naval staff in full uniform, your mailed fist and, God willing, weave I presented the entire staff to the emaround your young brow the laurel press dowager, and as each member wreath which no one in the German thereof made his most courtly bow the the of Kiel. His wife is four years his at the landlubberly actions of his lord junior, is as amiable and modest as and master. It is thought, now that healths were drunk, and the ships sail- with its adornments of peacock plumes. ed into the orient, with the result since and a curious, shy wink of her small almond shaped eyes. She never smiled Arrived at Taku, which was later but was keenly observant, though not

> "Through the imperial interpreter king, the whole trip, he said, resemshe asked me the formal questions thought of China. I mentioned the famade upon me, stretching my con- bined, disclosing the secrets of human science for the sake of being courteous life nearly 7,000 years old. When he allowed to enter the Forbidden City. to a lady, and predicted grand possi-bilities for the future. She did not ever had an interview with the far vouchsafe the slightest reply, but listened to the interpreter with an utterly expressionless composure of face such as no other human creature ever wore. princely envoy of the German war lord I certainly did try my best to impress miral of a squadron designed to in- esty received me face to face," he says the empress, not that there was any expeditions by his wife, who knows alforce German authority in oriental wa- in his account of the interview, "in- coldness in her manner-only sublime stolidity on her pale features and in ology as her distinguished husband.

makes the impression of thorough wholesomeness. His six feet of well set up manhood, his bright beard and clear, tanned skin seem the outward and visible signs of a thoroughly clean, sound mind. Sound common sense, frankness, fearlessness, dignity and kindness are written on every feature."

The prince is not given to public speaking and will probably reply in briefest manner to the numerous addresses that will be thrust at him in this country. "Only once in my life," said he on one occasion, "did I make a speech, and I shall never hear the last of that.'

CHANNING A. BARTOW.

PROFESSOR PETRIE'S CAREER. Professor William Flinders Petric, whose discoveries of Egyptian antiquities have so startled the world of antiquarians, is a born excavator with a

scent for hidden treasures which about my journey and the warships amounts to positive genius. For twenthat were at anchor in the gulf of Pe- ty years he has been rummaging in chill, but she never inquired what I | Egyptian tombs and temples and has brought to light more wonderful things vorable impression that Peking had than all the other Egyptologists com-

> was a man of twenty-two, he began surveying British remains and writing cleverly on "Inductive Metrology." Professor Petrie is a doctor of four facul-

ties, the grandson of Captain Flinders, the famous Australian explorer, and is usually accompanied on his exploring most as much about Egyptian archæ- ders vold the election of any person



from the author, "No, sir; he has just popped out." concluded to be

a "character," pulled off his hat and sud-Jimmy Wright at home?" The barber with equal promptness forced his head through another pane into the street and replied at the same time, "No, sk: he has just popped out." The story goes that Foote was so pleased and amused that he presented the "shaver" with a handsome tip.

SWIFTLY SWIMMING FISHES.

Few of us have an accurate idea of the rate at which fishes swim. When we say that a person is "as fat as i porpoise," we hardly associate a quick rate of swimming with that individual. yet he and everybody else would like to be able to get through the water as rapidly. Porpoises have been seen to dart round and round a steamer traveling seventeen miles an hour, thus proving their capacity to swim at a greater rate than that.

The dolphin may be placed on a level with the porpoise, but the bonito has occasionally been known to approach forty miles for short distances.

Herrings in schools move steadily at a rate of between ten and twelve miles. Mackerel swim much faster, and both trout and salmon go at a rapid pace when migrating up a stream for spawn-

Whales are not fish in the scientific sense, but it is interesting to note that these monsters swim at a rate of sixteen miles an hour when excited, although their ordinary speed is estimated at between four and five miles.

EMMANUEL CAN "SQUELCH." King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, in spite of his courteous manners, is gifted with a quick wit and a sarcastic tongue at times. He was recently re-

gretting that it was almost impossible for him to know truly what opinion his people had of him. One of the cour-tiers surrounding him said it would be easy enough if the king would disguise himself as a student and visit the cafes and drinking shops of the populace and added, "That is how Peter the Great

acted." "That is true," retorted the king, 'but you seem to forget that Peter the Great used to hang those whom he thus overheard speaking ill of him. I think you had better choose another example.

YOUNG COMMONERS.

It is stated that in the present house of commons there are no fewer than seven and twenty members under thirty years of age, a record which is almost unparalleled. In one of the parliaments of James I., however, there were forty members who were under twenty years of age. A statute of William III, renwho is not twenty-one years of age.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

the appropriations for the Louisiana | Arkansas, \$40,000; Wisconsin, \$25,000; Purchase exposition are as follows: Pennsylvania, \$35,000; Arkansas (condi-the foreign trade, which averages about and the Georges. The quaint gray Malaga, Spain, and not from the Jor-sky line of a range of hills, representcity of St. Louis, \$5.000,000; corporations, Hawali, \$15,000; total, \$16,190,000. companies and individuals, \$5,000,000: Roughly, Great Britain exports about Missouri, \$1,000,000; Illinois, \$250,000; Missouri, \$1,000,000; Illinois, \$250,000; Solorado, \$50,000; Colorado, \$50,000; Colorado,

Old Stepney church, which was burn-

America, Sweden, India and the east. ful old churchyard isstill flanked by rows ly, Majorca, Spain, France, Portu- with a new style of targets. Heads are The kite, which is to be used for pur The export trade is exclusive of "bunk- of red brick mansions built by wealthy gal, Morocco and Algiers. The high- made to appear and disappear at reguer" coal taken by steamers engaged in merchants of the reign of Queen Anne by prized Jordan almonds come from lar intervals by electricity along the

ed recently, was a picturesque land- It is said that the world's almond bie of all the nuts and contains very the rifle shots practice. 50,000,000 tons of coal per annum to for- mark of the east end of London. It crop, exclusive of California and Arizo- little nourishment.

tower still stands among the ruins and dan river, as many people suppose. The ing an enemy taking aim and firing. kites are capable of lifting a man to a will not need to be rebuilt. common almond is the most indigesti- These constitute targets upon which considerable height.

In musketry training at Aldershot, with a military kite invented by the United States went into Canada last

dier's tent, with two canvas winst above and a tail below. Three such

Twelve thousand emigrants from the British Islands and over 17,000 from the