

all parts of the empire desirous of congratulating Prince Bismarck on his eightieth birthday. Among them was a deputation from the Zeydelitz cuirassier regiment of which the prince is honorary colonel; one composed of university professors and another of senators from Hamburg, Lubeck and Bremen.

The dispatch of congratulation which King Oscar of Sweden and Norway sent Prince Bismarck alluded to the latter as the creator of German unity.

Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria telegraphed congratulations today.

NEW YORK, April 1.—A special dispatch from Hamburg says: Prince Bismarck has had a busy week at Friederichsruhe. He appeared little out of doors, for he has found the excitement of visits like those of last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday fatiguing though he is remarkably hale and hearty for his years.

He looks very old and is much less agile than Gladstone, though the latter is five years older. But he has a wonderfully keen, observant eye, which he exercises very sharply in looking after his estate.

He is constantly attended by Dr. Schweinlger, the little man of dark complexion, of a quite Eastern type. The honor which the kaiser conferred upon Dr. Schweinlger by making him a "body physician" is not usually given to so comparatively young a man. It undoubtedly intended as a compliment to Prince Bismarck, who was asked beforehand whether it would please him, and he replied that nothing would give him greater pleasure. The doctor's assistant, Dr. Chryander, also lives in the Schloss, but really act, more as a secretary than a physician. He is a tall, lanky young man, with a sandy beard and an extremely brusque manner. He always refuses point blank to answer any questions regarding Prince Bismarck's health or movements. The prince and his household appear to live in a simple, unpretentious style, surrounded by rustic attendants. The ex-chancellor is enjoying the perfect repose of what the other day he called his "wilderness." The most important man on the estate outside the Schloss itself is Herr Lange, the head forester, a fine, courtly, old fellow with a long, gray beard. He wears a light gray uniform and knows everybody, including the most exalted visitor, whom he always helps to receive on arrival. It is to him that all of the small army of newspaper men sent here for the festivities have to apply for passes to the park or garden when any ceremony is held. Nothing could exceed his kindness and courtesy.

NEW YORK, April 1.—The *World* this morning says:

Thos. A. Edison and his phonograph are going to join hands once more and the wizard of Menlo Park promises improvements and novelties which will astonish the public.

The phonograph has been controlled by the North American Phonograph company, which went into the hands of Receiver John H. Hardin last August. The company was capitalized at \$8,000,000 in 1888 and James H. Lippincott, the promoter, went insane when he found it was a fizzle. The receiver has advertised for bids for the entire assets and Mr. Edison's offer of

\$120,000 has been accepted. The acceptance of the bid must be sanctioned by the chancellor of New Jersey. A circular has been sent by Receiver Hardin to the creditors and the creditors and stockholders of the bankrupt company, stating that on Monday, April 8, he will request direction from the court to convey the property to Mr. Edison.

Mr. Edison said last night:

"The company has one asset which I am willing to pay a high price for; that is a claim on all my future inventions and improvement of the phonograph. I don't care to have any one else to have a lien on my brains, so I made a bid which proved higher than all the others. I shall manufacture the phonograph myself now and expect to keep all the promises I made when I first introduced them.

"I am going in for households, instead of the nickel in the slot machines and in a short time expect to produce an entire opera or a complete novel on a cylinder. It will cost a good deal, but it will pay me. I suppose it will cost me \$2,000 to have the opera of 'Norma' sung to the machine, but I can reproduce that on almost as many cylinders as I please. I think I can afford to pay Du Marier more than than the Harpers and newspaper men have, so that any gentleman can have 'Trilby' read to him in his parlor in the course of an evening. I shall manufacture the perfected phonographs individually."

Then the reporter asked the question that the wizard always expects to hear from newspaper men: "What is the latest?"

"Nothing at all," returned Mr. Edison, smiling, "except the kinetophone, the combination of the kinetoscope and photograph. I am going to reproduce the motions and words of life-size speaking figures. I have already got the speaking and moving figures up to half-life size. I have paid more attention lately to my mine than anything else. Very soon I will get to work in the laboratory again."

MADRID, April 1.—Marshall Martinez Campos lunched with the queen regent yesterday, previous to his departure for Cuba. Owing to the dispatch of reinforcements to Cuba the government has called out 20,000 men of reserves to complete the effective strength of the army.

CHARLEROI, Belgium, April 1.—A partial strike of glass workers in the Charleroi district has been declared. Ten factories are closed, throwing 4,000 persons out of employment. The expected strike of miners has not occurred.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Dr. Soriba's report on Li Hung Chang's wound is regarded by the Japanese legation as assuring recovery. Soriba is one of Germany's most noted surgeons, who has entered into the service of Japan.

WOBURG, April 1.—Just before 7 o'clock this morning one of the boilers in the Coun tannery exploded with terrific force, killing five men and injuring six others.

There has been trouble with the boiler for some time and early this morning the foreman was called to the boiler room to see if it could be fixed. Five minutes before 7 o'clock he entered the boiler room and ordered the whistle blown to start the works. The

rope attached to the whistle was pulled and instantly there was a fearful explosion. The big iron smoke stack on the boiler house was blown high into the air and fell across the roof of a shop and the tall brick chimney fell into thousands of pieces crashing the engine room beneath it. Men hurried from all parts of town and the work of removing those buried under the ruins was commenced immediately. Piteous cries of the injured plined under the debris urged the rescuers on to rapid work and in a short time the bodies of four men were removed and the six injured had been taken out.

Patrick Riley died at the hospital at 12:40 p.m. making the sixth victim.

LONDON, April 1.—Viscount Hill is dead. His son and heir, Charles Rowland Hill, is now in the United States.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The President today appointed 19 postmasters in cities where the offices today became Presidential. Among them is J. H. Bradley, Hamilton, Montana.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—A warrant was issued today for the arrest of E. S. Salomon, ex-surveyor general of Utah, and a prominent G. A. R. man, who is charged by Mrs. Lydia Virgil with felonious embezzlement. She alleges that Salomon has \$1,250 of hers which he collected for her some years ago from Attorney Kowalsky, who acted for her in a real estate deal. Salomon says that Mrs. Virgil has had his note for the amount for some years, and that he has paid her more interest than the principal amounts to.

REGINA, N. W. T., April 1.—The courthouse building, containing all the records of the Northwest territories, was burned last night. Valuable government papers and the judge's library cannot be replaced. The loss on the building is \$30,000.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., April 1.—Forest fires have burned over about 500 acres of timber in this county. The homes of Henry Eller, Otis Smith and James Walters were destroyed. The families escaped on horses, but Henry Eller was fatally burned and a negro farm hand perished on Eller farm. Wm. Edwards, colored, was burned to death while fighting the fire near Annetta in the southern part of Grayson.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 2.—The Guatemalan boundary question is settled. President Diaz has formerly signed with the Guatemalan minister the official document which prevented the threatening open rupture between the two countries, and congratulations are heard on all sides for the stand taken by the president, the foreign minister, Mariaca and the Mexicans generally at a time full of danger and menace to the nation's safety and dignity.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The activity in silver, which has been noted of late, continued yesterday, when about 300,000 ounces were sold in the market here.

In speaking last night of the silver market and the causes and prospects of the present movement, Mr. Starr Colgate, of the firm of Neeslage, Colgate & Co., said:

"The movement began on receipt of the news from Germany favoring a bimetallic conference. It was helped when a motion that seemed to lean