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FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1908.

PRESS AND LAW-MAKERS-ONCE AND NOW.

A member of the German Reichstag having hurled a very uncomplimentary expression at the press gallery, the newspaper representatives called "swine" by the angry member, At a meeting the same day it was Chancellor von Buelow and other strictly ministerial statements alone excepted. The strike resolution being sent to the President of the Reichstag and the floor leaders of the political parties, results were quickly apparent. Of twelve Depuhad his name stricken off. The prosdreds where they had expected to address millions was quite too much. are not present and attentive. A London dispatch states that several leading English newspapers likewise ignored the unfortunate Reichstag's proceedings pending the apolooratory has resumed its accustomed sway.

This serio-comic incident serves as a reminder of the immense changes parliamentary government and governed have undergone in their mutual relation during the past few generations. The time long was, but is not now, when Parliaments were as irresponsible in their hundred-headed exercise of power as any individual ruler could possibly be. A popular legislative body once elected, it governed, in so far as unrestrained by sovereign or hereditary body, with almost no checks beyond those arising from national customs. If Commons were dominant over King and Lords their leaders wielded the chief executive power of the country and divided the spoils of office among themselves and their adherents. In consequence the popular house was were as irresponsible in their hunconsequence the popular house was for decades at a time a close corporation, showering its members with riches and honors. Only the people had a right to hold it responsible; and inasmuch as the people usually the means of exit, and if any firemen largest both the means of exit, and if any firemen lacked both the means and the will are in sight Don't Jump.

"If the doors of each apartment, especially in the lower part of the house, were closed every night before the occupants retired there would not be such a rapid spread of flames." amunities of Greece and Italythe city is the native home of selfgovernment-seldom had such conditions to meet except in very slight degree, for with direct exercise of sovereignty by the people, so readily and obviously possible wherever the city constituted the State, representative government had but too limited opportunities. Alternations between mob rule and the despotism or dictatorship in which mob rule always terminates were deplorably frequent. of power between the powers exercised by the Roman Senate and those to decrease any one's responsibilities reserved for direct exercise by the toward the public but to teach Roman people was largely due the public

ison with the same system's later emotions, sweeps away the stages and furnish the marked con- stampeded many and leaves little trast to which we have already re- chance to the cool-headed or couraferred. At once the most typical and geous few who may be caught among convenient example is found in the them. The ex-chief speaks from English House of Commons during long experience, and it would be well the eighteenth century and last de- to lay up his instructions in memory cade of the seventeenth. With public against a possible day of the screat opinion scarcely existent, except when need. great things were in the air, outside ertain clauses and with those classes in varying proportions always dominating the House of Commons, there was no one toward whom the House might be accountable. Brief printed ews-letters, mailed in small numhers and at high prices from the couraged to patronize the State capital—the carliest form of the courts more liberally in the future. eders newspaper-comprised about the most serviceable news mediums. The physical conditions which now make it possible for the proceedings Paragraphers' Union shows no sign of Congress at Washington to be instantly transmitted over a continent and critically read by millions a few hours later had not then come into existence, and pensequently popular cake season has now arrived.

sentiment could not organize itself very readily upon maters of legislation or anything eine. Even could parillamentary news have been transmitted over all Great Britain as readily as over Landon, the House itself would have forbidden. It is a singular fact that the House of Common law "Ar. Williams says: "It is and commentary upon this uteral would have forbidden. It is a singular fact that the House of Common law "Ar. Williams says: "It is and commentary news have forbidden. It is a singular fact that the House of Common law "Ar. Williams says: "It is and commentary upon the National Guerd, says Rapert Hughes in "Our Palestima Accombination in restraint of trust is a singular fact that the House of Common law was maintained by the case of his legal, they have virtually upon of popular rights had despote from courface and the same of the court went so far as to say that the form of decades as a means solely of avoiding accountability toward the monarchs to dread, was maintained from monarchs to dread, provided from monarchs to dread, provided from monarchs to dread from many and the form of decades as a means solely of avoiding accountability toward the legal from the maintained from the monarch and the provided from the from the decades as the from the form of the from the form of the duly under the form of the duly under far apart. The great orators of that pers." lic were not to read about them. The nearly all withdrew. They had been Prime Minister is still the man who

across but few generations, from the time when newspapers were punished for printing legislative proceedpect of addressing only a few hun- ings to the time when legislators consider oratory wasted if newspapers

IN CASE OF FIRE.

Naturally enough, the recent fire that the reporters were finally appeared after two days of unpleasantpeased after two days of unpleasantpease and oratory has resumed its acpease and oratory has resumed its acproductive of advice. really useful suggestions, applicable cumbersome and useless.

The opening and concluding directions, at least, can be easily obeyence to them would certainly save with the exits and other escape possibilities of the hotels and theatres which they patronize will increase their chances of living long in the miliar with school buildings. These cautions, of course, are not intended But it is modern parliamentary matter possesses some value even government's intermediate stages for cases where fear, multiplying itwhich naturally invite direct compar- self by contagion like all strong

> And now here comes the Southern Railway getting a special tax levy on

> We note with satisfaction that the

ANTI-TRUST LEGISLATION. ranks first in the House of Commons, dication of his inability to see that and they resented his performance as but he holds that rank as the leader which will appear plain to a Demo-an insult to their entire profession. of his party and strongest before the cratic mind, to wit: That anything people. England, in fact, has long intolerable and unendurable in a free liamentary authority, they would not only roast him to a finish but report none of the Reichstag's proceedings meanwhile, a scheduled speech by Chapseller was cheduled speech by decided that unless the offending had a much more direct form of pop- government. His attempt and that of others to classify trusts as good trusts ular government than the United and had trusts is aphorrent. There meanwhile, a scheduled speech by their representatives into closer and much fraught with danger to be vest. The

and so-called 'experts,' it both to fires in dwelling houses, hotels, best possible tariff commission is a strong and proper feeling of interest theatres, etc., were given by ex-Chief Bonner, of the New York City fire department, since deceased. We let possible tarilit commission consisting of the representatives of the people selected by the people in the interest of the people in it.

strong and proper feeling of interest and excitement. There isn't a dull line in it.

"Roosevelt" by "K" is new and representatives of the people. Even that body has too many men selected by private interests in the interest of private interests. If "Familiarize yourself with the location of hall windows and natural escapes, Learn the location of exits to roofs of adjoining buildings. Learn the position top iff, then it will surrender the reins tould of power to us of the minority and let us see whether we can or not."

SUBWAY A GOOD THING.

"East Charlotte" Thinks the Public Service Board's Effort to Get Rid of the Grade Crossing a Step in the Right Direction. To the Editor of The Observer:

The action of the public service board in endeavoring to have con-structed a subway at East avenue and the railroad crossing should meet and the railroad crossing should meet with the approval of all thinking people. The present grade crossing is not only a great inconvenience, frequently blocking traffic for 10 minutes at a time, but is also a constant menace to life, especially is this true of children. Parents living in East Charlotte are in constant terror East Charlotte are in constant terror of this dangerous crossing. All grade erossings should be abolished. Atduct across the railroad. In some countries grade crossing are prohibited by law. It will doubtless be ex-pensive to build a subway or viaduct, but any expense is better than the loss of human life. It is inconceivloss of human life. It is income able that a citizen of East avenue should wish this important matter should wish this subway is construct-People who make a dropped. If this subway is constructed there will be an appreciable advance in the price of property in all of East Charlotte. If it is not built now there will be a tragedy some day which will arouse the public to action. Why not build the fire escape before we have the fire?

EAST THARLOTTE.

IN SESSION AT PITTSBORO.

Fayetteville District Conference Convened Yesterday—Moving of District Parsonage to Be Discussed.

Special to The Observer.

Pittsboro, March 26 .- The Fayetteville District Methodist Conference met here this morning at 9 o'clock met here this morning at 9 o'clock and was presided over by Rev. J. T. Gibbs, of Fayetteville. The opening sermon was preached last night by Rev. J. H. Buffaloe, of Buckhorn circuit, and was a thoughtful and learned discourse. To-day at 11 o'clock the sermon was by Rev. A. J. Parker, of Dunn. It was also a thoughtful discourse and impressed all who heard it that it was the outcome of deep study and research. Rev. Dr. T. N. Ivey preached to-night at 8 o'clock.

o'clock.

There are twenty circuits and stations in this district with delegates from almost all of them. The ministers and delegates are being well entertained by the different denominations. The question of moving the presiding elder's parsonage from Fayettoville to Sanford will come up before the Conference, it is said, but no change is likely to be made. Between 8,000 and 10,000 members belong to this district.

The Duke Still Mum.

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Queenstown, March 25.—On the arrival of the steamship Lusitania here this evening, the Duke of the Abruzzi, who was a pessenger aboard, was found in his state room alone. He said to newspaper representatives that he wished to be let alone. Asked with reference to his reported engagement to Miss Elkins, he replied: "I don't wish to speak on that subject."

general elctions were not very, for a part. The great orators of that period were almost purely parliamentarians; they did not concern themselves with popular orators, whose time among modern nations was yet to come. Now the people of the United Kingdom are not governed by their representatives but govern themselves through their representatives and period were almost purely parliament would be considered mainly wasted if the pub-"The President's utterances con-cerning the anti-trust law are an in-

> AINSLEES FOR APRIL Ainslee's for April has an excep-tionally fine collection of twenty sto-

branch of the executive government authority to determine when a trust is a good trust and when it is a bad one—in effect to license one and to restrain another—is so very vicious in its ultimate effects if adopted, that it would seem that no friend of a well ordered government could stand for it.

"As to the President's proposition of the President's proposition of the executive government developed plot, full of interest and glowing with Western color. Mary banks of the country show a large increase in circulation, reserve money and government deposits, and a fall-indicate but well-developed plot, full of interest and glowing with Western color. Mary banks of the country show a large increase in circulation, reserve money and government deposits, and a fall-indicate but well-developed plot, full of interest and glowing with Western color. Mary banks of the country show a large increase in circulation, reserve money and government deposits, and a fall-indicate but well-developed plot, full of interest and glowing with Western color. Mary banks of the country show a large increase in circulation, reserve money and government deposits, and a fall-indicate but well-developed plot, full of interest and glowing with Western color. Mary banks of the country show a large increase in circulation, reserve money and government deposits, and a fall-indicate but well-developed plot, full of interest and glowing with Western color. Mary banks of the country show a large increase in circulation, reserve money and government deposits, and a fall-indicate but well-developed plot, full of interest and glowing with Western color. Mary banks of the country show a large increase in circulation, reserve money and government deposits, and a fall-indicate but well-developed plot, full of interest and glowing with Western color. Mary banks of the country show a large increase in circulation, reserve money and government deposits, and a fall-indicate but well-developed plot, full of interest and glowing with Western color. Mary banks love-story with an intricate but well-

freshing. Surely the President does not know himself one half as well as "K" knows him. Who is "K?" And

what will Roosevelt say?
"Mr. Dooley" on "The Temperance
Wave" shows how whiskey knocks the dot off your little i and makes a capital letter of you. Then "The Interpreter" takes up the follies of fanatical prohibitionists and proceeds to the most eloquent temperance talk written in years. Ray Stannard Baker on "The Tragedy of the Mulatto" presents story after story like that of the well-known white actress who, when she goes to Boston, secretly visits her negro relatives.

Lincoln Steffens tells exactly how Detective Burns caught the crooks in San Francisco. Burns is a creative genius who imagines the perfected thing and then goes to work and builds it. In "The Case Against Mars" Professor Jacoby of Columbia University seems to prove that Lowell has been rash in his concluions that there are canals, and perhaps men, on Mars.

The fiction is spirited. A. E. Thomas's "Midway O' the Hill" is a lively story of jealousy. Thomas is the star reporter on The New York Sun.

Julian Street spins a yarn about a
Western girl's night in New York. This is the best story in the number, although Lucile Baldwin Van Slyke's "Famous Deed"

M'CLURE'S MAGAZINE. The April McClure's is so full of a number of things that few readers

will care to miss it. The Carl Schurz memoris are sumed in an article, "The South After the War," a graphic picture of the sey, but afterward discovered that he desolation and devastation of the had a prior engagement on the same South, and the anxieties of the Federal government in that critical period. Burton J. Hendrick tells of his delinquency. od. Burton J. Hendrick tells of Hughes' achievements as Governor of New York. Ellen Terry is as entertaining as usual in "Some of My Associates of the Stage." Miss Milmine continues The Life of Mrs. Eddy, giving the ristory of the "omantic Movement in Christian Science." Professor Munsterberg in "The Prevention of Crime" takes issue with Lombroso, and places the responsibility for criminals on organized society. Mrs. Cutting's delightful novel of suburban life, "The Wayfarers," is New York Evening Post. suburban life, "The Wayfarers," still running serially.

There are short stories for

THE APRIL SUCCESS.

In the April number of Success Magazine, Gustavas Myers attempts to answer the question, "Who'll he the next President?" James L. Ford discusses the difficulties of the young girl who comes to New York. Same discusses the difficulties of the young girl who comes to New York. Samuel Mervin shows how the opium crime in China has reacted on England. There is an article on "Municipal Bonda," by Charles Lee Scovil, and one on "concrete houses," by H. H. Baker. The short stories are, "The Battle That Had No Name," by John Fleming Wilson; "The Codley Homestead," by Robert Mackay; "The Red Cactus," by Chauncey Thomas; "Lilacs and Lilies," by Mary Fenoliosa. There are a number of short poems and interesting home departments. A new feature is the department. "Point and Pleasantry," contributors to which are paid at the rate of ten cents a word.

some excellent short stories. This change indicates a shifting of State April issue is beautiful in its Easter bank and trust company deposits tocover and in many fine pictorial fea- ward national banks and a diminu-Scovel Shinn, Ellen Macauley and latter as money becomes plentiful and interest rates decline. The increase in circulation in the interval of two months and eleven days was \$25,059,-

their representatives into closer and closer touch. The American Concloser touch. The American Congress, the British and German Parliaments and all other legislative bodies now carry on their work in a great white light.

It is indeed a far cry, though across but few generations, from the closer touch. The American Congress, the British and German Parliaments and all other legislative bodies now carry on their work in a great white light.

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TREE'S RESTING TIME.

The Evergreen in Winter—Tropical Plants in the Dry Season. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

"What we call evergreens," says gentleman formerly connected with the park department of St. Louis, "are not really green during the winter, nor are they really alive, but

"Every plant must have its period of rest at some time in the year, and our northern latitudes the winter is, of course, the most appropriate season. The evergreens generally retain the greater part of their foliage during the winter, but a close exam-ination shows that it dries to such an extent as to be really dead, and a large part of it falls off when the plants begin their spring growth. The drying is not peculiar to the foliage. The branches and stem be-

"In some parts of the tropics, how-ever, as in the highlands of South-ern Mexico and Central America, the ern Mexico and Central America, the summer is the resting time of the trees. The intense heat of the sun dries up the earth, the trees drop their leaves, the woody portions become as dry as our evergreens in winter, and the tree takes its rest until the autumn rains begin.

"Of course this rule does not apply to a large number of tropical plants which grow in moist jungles or swampy places. They have accustome

swampy places. They have accustomed themselves to their conditions, but even they still retain the resting habit, and at some time of the year relax in their growing and become as near dormant for a time as circumstances

The Loss He Occasioned Philadelphia Ledger.

A well-known' minister of Phila-delphia acepted an invitation to lec-

New York Evening Post.

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If. as President Roosevelt fears, "It may be impossible" under the Federal law to prosecute criminally those responsible for the sending out from Patterson of what he calls an "anarchistic and murderous publication," this merely proves once more how ill-directed were the excited efforts to suppress anarchy made after the assassination of President McKinley. Congress, after all the energetic talk of that period, apparently left the law in such a state that there is no penalty for acts committed here, which, if committed in a foreign country by an alien, would debar that alien from entrance to this country.

Gasoline Explosion Works Havoc.

Tampa, Fla., March 16.—The explosion of gasoline at Egymont Key, upon which Fort De Soto is located, late last alght resulted in the destruction of three buildings at Pilot Station, probably fatal burning of Mark Ryan, a soldier, and serious burning of Capt. Ira Washington, a pilot. The fire was checked before the fortification and officers' quarters were endangered.

SPRING SUITS OF THE PERIOD FOR MEN AND

YOUNG MEN WHO



Our new models for Spring 1908 show another great advance over our past best efforts in providing clothing of unusual style, character and quality at modest The models and fabrics are attention-compelling, the tailorcome as dry as the foliage, and being almost entirely devoid of moisture ing beautiful. In no other garments are little damaged by the winter's will you see such high grade fabrics and high grade tailoring at prices as low as ours, as in the noted Michael-Stern Spring Suits scheduled in our offering are all the very latest styles single or double breasted in brown plaids or checks, olives, grays, neat colors and blues and blacks, pants medium or full peg top at \$10.00 to \$27.50.

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