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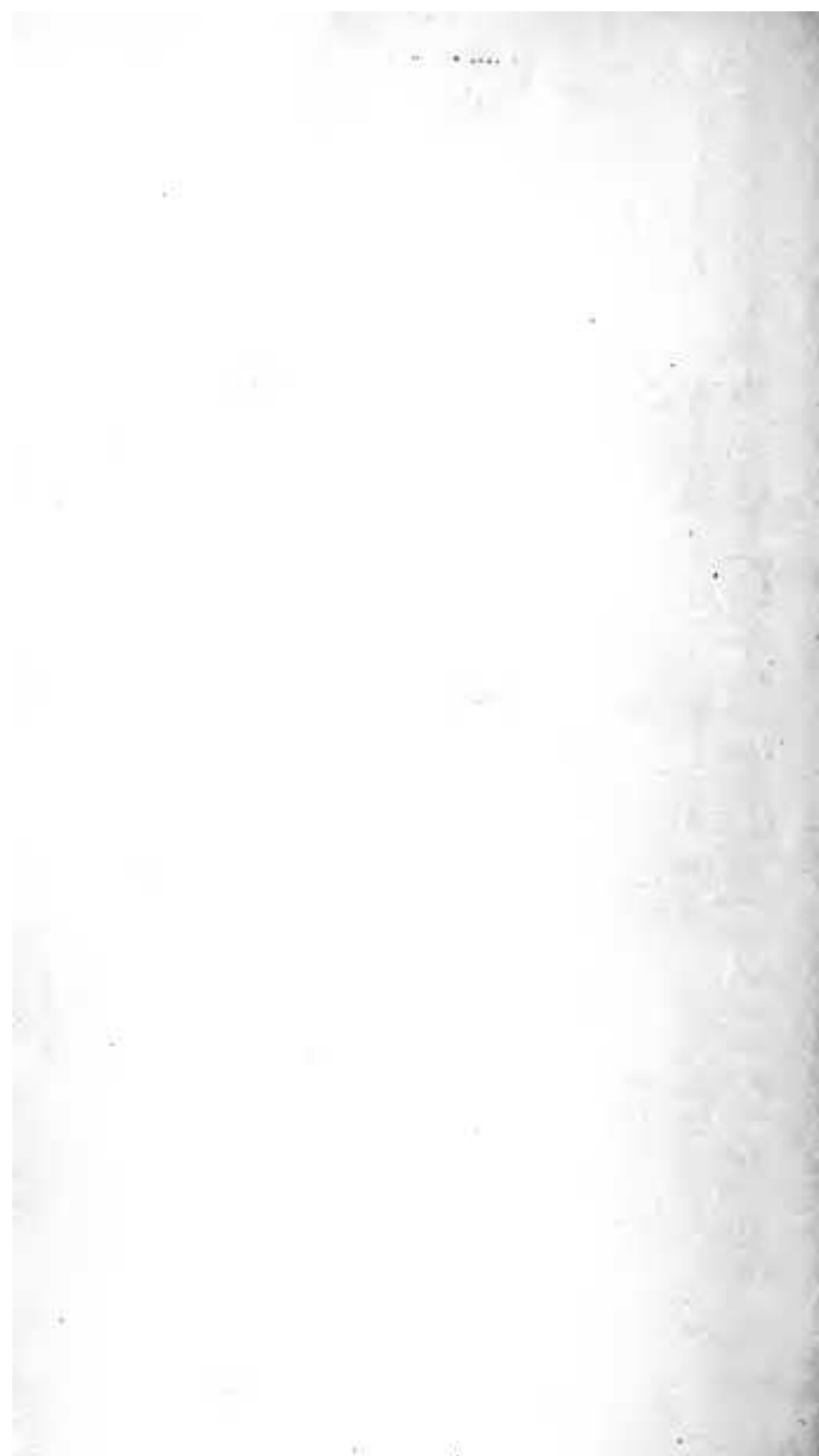
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An Earlier "Day" ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪

ON January 27, 1859,—that is, nearly sixty years ago,—a shadow fell on this planet: none the less a shadow because no one observed it at the time. The Kaiser was born. It has seemed to me a not uninteresting task to make a survey of the world into which he irrupted.

In England at any rate the weather on this day, which, by the way, appertains to St. John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, known as "the golden-mouthed," was favourable. "Hazy, with a hoar frost," is the official description in town. The greatest cold was 82·0 degrees; the minimum temperature, on grass, 29·0; while in the country the mean temperature was 44·7 degrees, with a west wind.

Consols were at 95½, and you could get only just over 25 francs, and 25 and a half lire, for a pound. Mankind at large was in a state of peace and happiness. There was indeed in progress a period of estrangement between Napo-