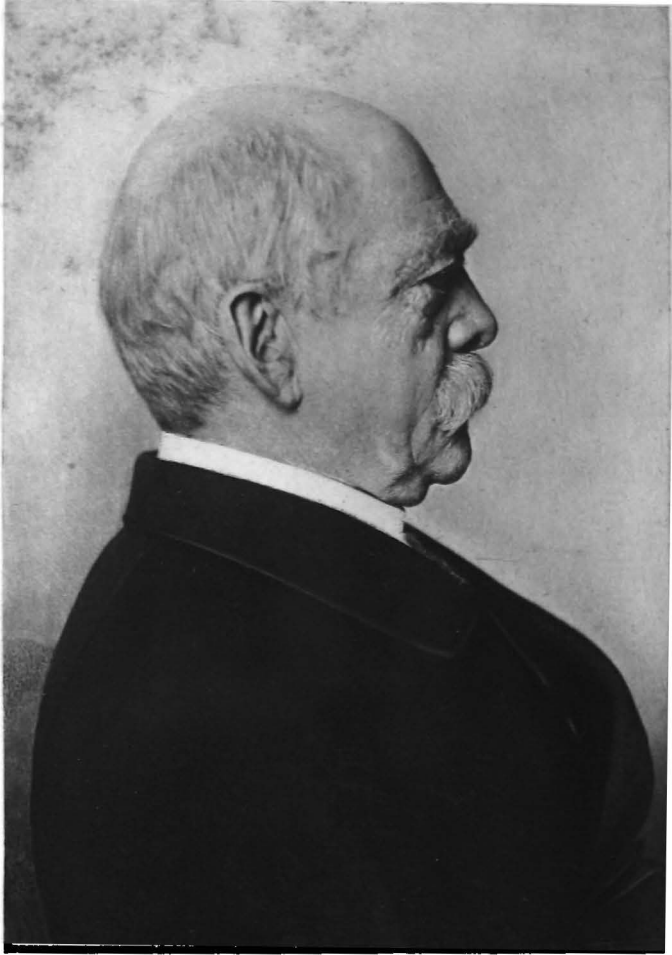


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PREFACE

SHORTLY after Prince Bismarck's death a distinguished German Parliamentarian wrote a series of essays dealing with the personality and career of the deceased statesman. In the course of these he declared that nothing concerning Prince Bismarck is too trivial to be worth knowing and preserving. The man who expressed this view was not a partisan of the Unifier of Germany; on the contrary, he was an unsparing, even ungenerous critic. Such an opinion from such a source affords me some justification for the belief that my recollections of Prince Bismarck may prove of interest.

In view of the fragmentary character of such compilations, I have added a short Introduction of a personal nature. It may assist the reader to enter into my train of thought, and thus to judge fairly of my standpoint.

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