

EUROPEAN POLITICS

Have Perplexing Effect in Germany

The Increase of England's Naval Strength Has Created Suspicion.

Berlin, March 7.—There is a very curious feeling over reports of English parliamentary utterances respecting the Kaiser's alleged purpose to dominate all the seas.

The Kaiser, an estimable gentleman, but not yet a fully tried sovereign, has drawn in a deep breath of icy air and would give it out in warlike expressions.

Germany, once foremost among the nations of the world, now spouts pseudo-Germanism over Europe, and seeks to command the North Sea.

Not only in England, but in Russia the press is warning the government to keep an eye on the Kaiser.

Germany, who a quarter of a century ago said she was quite indifferent to the Balkan peninsula, is at the present moment the most active political agent at Constantinople.

For purposes of administration Macedonia is divided into 800 districts. Every district group consists of eight members—all fanatics, sworn to serve the cause.

At present the agents propagate the doctrines of the society and are engaged in the smuggling into Turkey of arms, which they distribute among the disaffected population.

The melancholy honeymoon of an estranged citizen of Berlin is now being held up as a warning to prospective German bridegrooms not to look upon pretty French girls of unknown antecedents.

A merchant named Wachsberg started for Vienna with his newly wedded wife to spend the honeymoon.

On arriving at Tarnow the passengers had to change, and as there was no train for some hours the young wife said she would like to visit the town.

But neither wife nor young man turned up and the poor husband, after waiting at Tarnow for some days, returned home in despair.

Emperor Re-Elected Berlin, March 7.—The Imperial Yacht Club at its annual meeting just held appropriated \$10,000 for entertainments and special expenses during the regattas of next June.

REFORM IDEAS.

Are Placed in Practice by the Ameer

London, March 7.—A wave of reform, almost tidal in its magnitude, has hit the Ameer of Afghanistan, and he is determined that, from now on, he is going to run a righteous country or materially decrease the work of the census taker.

He intends that his example shall be closely followed. By beat of drum, which means business in Afghanistan, he has decreed that every husband in the land must reduce his domestic surplus to the four, and keep it there.

And the Ameer has determined that there shall be no religious controversy in Afghanistan. He has ordered that no subject of his shall taunt another on account of his religion, or upon conviction the tormentor shall be blown from the cannon's mouth, thereby settling the question summarily.

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FOR HIS MOTHER

Princess Louise's Son Offers Up Prayer

Dresden, March 7.—Little Prince George, eldest son of Crown Prince Frederick, was missing from the palace yesterday and for several hours his tutors and the household officials were in consternation.

The Socialists are using the Crown Princess episode for political agitation, and the unpopularity of the Saxon monarchy appears to have been considerably heightened. The carriage of Princess Mathilde, sister of the Crown Prince, was surrounded by a crowd in Wilsdruffer strasse, one of the principal shopping streets of Dresden, one day last week, the cries of "Give us our Louise" being raised.

Kaiser and Duke Make Up

Copenhagen, March 7.—The announcement of Emperor William of Germany that he will not visit King Christian on the occasion of his birthday anniversary, April 8th, because it falls in Holy Week, is officially confirmed, but it is added that the German Emperor will arrive here during the week of April 2nd and that he will meet the Duke of Cumberland. Hence there has been a revival of the rumors of a reconciliation between the Emperor and the Duke.

Investing in Oil

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 7.—Charles Walter, resident director of the Belgo-American Drilling Trust, has received word that Prince Henry of Brussels will sail from Antwerp on the 11th instant for America, to visit the field of operations of the Belgo-American Company, with the view of investing in Wyoming oil lands.

For Sale

FOR SALE.—25-horse return flue boiler and fittings at a bargain, on hillside No. 4 from mouth Last Chance.

Studies in Natural History

The Mother-in-Law

By Dorothy Dix

THE MOTHER-IN-LAW.—This ferocious animal is, of all living creatures, the one most dreaded by man.

Very little is known of the origin of this species. Many people who have had opportunity of studying it at close range believe that the first one was the original Serpent of Eden that put Eve up to making trouble for Adam, and that its descendants are still at work breaking up Domestic Paradises.

In its habits it is most interesting. As soon as a man is married and cozily settled in his little home it is the custom of this relentless creature to descend upon him and begin to nag him. Up to the time of its arrival married life has been a dream.

Generally speaking, the Mother-in-Law is indigenous to Europe and America, only a few scattering ones, and those of feeble character, being found in Asia, and none at all in Africa, which accounts for the large immigration of recent years to the latter country.

The chief characteristic of the Mother-in-Law is its inability to let people alone. It can no more see a man and his wife happily going their own way in peace without wanting to throw a bomb in between them than a dog can see a horse grazing in a meadow without snapping at its heels.

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Los Angeles, March 7.—After being out all night the jury in the case of Frank Seppi, charged with the cold-blooded murder of his wife because he could no longer endure her scolding and violent temper, announced a disagreement when court opened today.

A friend of a Congressman, a member of New York and said "Dad, I came away from home without any money this morning. Let me have a couple of dollars, will you? I want to get shaved."

Why I Ran Away From \$400,000 and New York

By PAUL HELLEU.

Paris, March 7.—Even now, when I look back on the month I spent in the great American city, it seems to me as if I had had a nightmare.

What overpowered me more perhaps than anything was the prodigious efforts of the press. I had done nothing to the American people. I do not believe that I was known to more than a dozen of them, and yet within one month alone I saw more biographies, artistic, literary and social notices printed of me than I did in all my life in Paris.

In less than three weeks I had orders and notes of orders of which I had given a slight promise of filing to the value of more than two million francs. I was then in the Waldorf-Astoria, and I tell you my head was dizzy with the life I saw about me and the fuss that people made.

But I withstood the feeling as well as I could, when suddenly word came that my only daughter, who is now near fifteen years of age, was ill with typhoid fever. The fact had even been concealed from me for some time, and I did not know how long such a piece of news, coming to me in the state of mind I was in, almost drove me wild. I could not find a steamer quick enough to take me back. My feelings as a father overcame everything else. You might give me millions here, I said to myself, I would not stay.

Among the portraits I was unable to execute and which I regret most, is that of Mrs. Astor. Others also I regret, but if, as I hope, my daughter will be perfectly well again, I shall return to New York in September next. But then it will be for a long period. I shall go with my wife and children and remain at least for the winter.

Prisoners Break Out

Bakersfield, March 7.—Three prisoners broke out of the county jail last night by a side door which is believed to have been opened from the outside by a former prisoner released a few days ago. The escape was discovered this morning when Jailer Price went to serve breakfast to the prisoners and found their cells empty and the door unlocked.

Two of the prisoners were implicated in the recent robbery of a local jewelry store and had turned state's evidence and was the means of recovering the stolen property. They occupied an isolated portion of the jail, into which the side door opened from the outside.

Visited by Fire

Santa Ana, March 7.—The most destructive fire which ever visited the business portion of this city occurred this morning between 4 and 5 o'clock in the three-story First National Bank building on the corner of Fourth and Main streets.

The fire started in the second story and spread from there to the third floor and the attic above, and were burning for probably half an hour before they were discovered and the fire department was called out.

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