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New York Post.

Madrid, Feb. 11.—For nearly a quarter of a century Spain has been free from civil war and from the religious and anti-clerical agitations that so greatly disturbed the peace of the peninsula earlier in the 19th century. With the restoration of the Alphonse branch of the Bourbons in 1874 the church and the religious orders were shown much favor by the crown, chiefly to win the support of the priestly for a monarchy that was confronted by a pretender who had at one time succeeded in raising seventy thousand volunteers to the cry of "Dios, patria y Rey."

The restored Alphonse monarchy had to fight Carlistism for fifteen months before the pretender gave up the struggle which he knew to be hopeless from the moment that his cousin had come to terms with the Vatican. Alphonse XII. was in a position to induce the Cortes to restore to the church its annual budget of \$8,350,000, a considerable influence in public education of every grade, unlimited liberty to found convents, monasteries, schools, Catholic universities, even hospitals, and refuges and permission to turn many religious houses into workshops and manufactories, competing with the industries of the nation. He was also able to suppress the unlimited liberty of conscience established by the Cortes and governments of the revolution from 1808 to 1874, and the Protestants were only permitted freedom inside their churches, chapels, schools and cemeteries. The favor shown by the Conservative and Liberal governments of the Alphonse branch of the Bourbons to the state church was rewarded by the decided support of the Vatican and of the prelates and higher ranks of the clergy, who really endeavored to curb and check the visible sympathies which the lower orders of the clergy, the Jesuits and religious orders of both sexes professed for the Carlists.

When the French Republican cabinets took steps, under the famous Jules Ferry laws, of 1881, which led to an exodus of some of the wealthiest and most powerful religious orders, and especially the Jesuits, Spain was selected by the monks, nuns and Jesuits as a promising land of exile. They were so well received by the government, the people and the court that Spain now boasts of possessing more convents, more monasteries and more Jesuit colleges, seminaries and establishments of all kinds than at any time under the houses of Bourbon and Austria. The last census, in 1897, showed 28,549 nuns, 45,328 monks and priests, 1,200 Jesuits, 9 archbishops, 51 bishops, 55 deans, and 1,213 canons in the country. The religious houses of every kind exceed two thousand. It is not possible to ascertain the wealth or the value of their movable property. They pay no duties on their real property, and none on their workshops, as they are not on the registers of ratepayers, only having to pay on capital invested in stock. The clergy and dignitaries of the church pay no taxes, but with the permission of the Pope grant the state annually a "donative" the gift of a very moderate amount towards the ways and means of the budget, \$600,000.

No objection was raised in parliament nor much in the country to the growth of the orders and of the Jesuits, nor to the spread of their influence in Spanish society on every grade from the lowest to the highest. Whenever Republicans or Democrats protested against the indulgence shown to clericals and ultramontanes the Conservative ministers retorted by saying that Sagasta and all his Liberal cabinets had believed exactly as they did, with a view to secure the support of Leo XIII. the grandfather of the present King Alphonse XIII., and of the bishops, and archbishops, and Nuncio, in order to restrain the rural and parochial clergy as well as the religious orders, and to check even Carlist intrigues.

SAGASTA'S SUCCESSORS.

After the war with the United States, and after the loss of the colonies, when the pretender wanted to make capital out of the popular and military discontent in Spain, the Queen Regent most gladly accepted the resignation of Sagasta and of the Liberal party in order to confide the reins of government to its strongly Conservative and Catholic cabinets, led first by Silveira, then by Gen. Azorara, who selected as colleagues men quite as devoted to the church and Vatican as themselves. The Regent naturally expected that such ministers would not only carry out a policy in accordance with the wishes of the Pope and the church, but that they would, as they did, though reluctantly at first, assist her in obliging the nation to submit to the contemplated marriage of her eldest daughter, the Princess of Asturias, with the second son of the Count of Caserta, who was chief of staff to the Spanish pretender from 1874 to 1876 and the brother-in-law of the Infanta Isabella, dowager Countess of Girgenti and aunt of Alphonse XIII. The advent to office of the Conservatives in March, 1899, and their

domestic policy in Spain since have contributed to develop in the provinces and in Madrid among Liberals, Democrats, Progressives of every shade, ever-increasing discontent against the prevalent Clerical and Ultramontane influences. Fuel was added to this movement of opinion by the royal marriage, and by a series of incidents that aggravated the discontent which has been rapidly assuming a serious aspect in the capital and many great towns. Warnings had not been wanting in the short session of the Cortes which began on Nov. 20 and closed on Jan. 10, when the very shaky Cabinet of Gen. Azorara put an end to the sittings simply to please the Queen Regent and avert a ministerial crisis on the eve of the royal marriage, which Don Christina wanted to see carried out under the protection of the gallant old soldier and royalist who kept Spain under martial law to quell Carlist risings on the one hand and all resistance to the ceremony on the other. After the parliament had ceased to sit, by virtue of a royal decree, the irritation against the Catholic and Clerical influences was soon fanned into a blaze by the Liberal and Republican press, and a few untoward incidents tended to increase the hostile tendency of public opinion, while it was observed that even the Catholics and the Conservatives showed very little enthusiasm for the approaching marriage.

AN AWAKENING PLAY.

The most popular of Spanish novelists, Don Benito Perez Galdos, put on the stage last week in the classic Teatro Espanol at Madrid, a powerful picture of Madrid society with its characteristic traits, blending piety and fanaticism, external piety and worldly-mindedness. The hero, a young man, a refined rake, is an intriguing hypocrite worse than any Jesuit in the cold-blooded pursuit of his cruel end. It is his own natural daughter whom he attempts by deliberate falsehood and violence to immure in a convent to expiate his own sins and the sins of her deceased mother. A brave young engineer and cousin of the heroine unmasks the intriguer and ultimately makes the girl his bride, after a long struggle and many spirited scenes, which won the success of the play. Galdos, to use the words of Sagasta, has been so much in touch with the currents of the day that he fired a train that spread like wildfire in Madrid and the provinces, provoking demonstrations that are still going on despite all the efforts of the government and of the Catholics.

A FLAGRANT CASE.

In the wake of "Electra" came the news of several cases in which the Jesuits, nuns and friars have taken away, often against the law, and on the eve of her marriage, after a long engagement, a third was torn away at midnight by a parish priest and his sister, another was betrothed and on the eve of her marriage, after a long engagement, a third was torn away at midnight by a parish priest and his sister, another was betrothed and on the eve of her marriage, after a long engagement, a third was torn away at midnight by a parish priest and his sister.

The great Republican lawyer, deputy and ex-president of the republic, Salmeron, defended the appeal at the Supreme Court, and showed, to the best of his belief, that the Spanish civil code and canon law, church usages, and precedents contained nothing that could justify the ruling of the judges of First Grade or of the Court of Appeal, in annulling the mother of the bride. The case excited such wide curiosity and interest that the Supreme Court was densely overcrowded, and after his pleading, Salmeron was escorted home by two thousand persons of every class, including many baristers and even judges. He spoke to them from his balcony, strongly urging them to disperse quietly and give no pretence for police interference, as liberty and justice must prevail if they all persevered. Unfortunately, the aid of lower classes did not follow this advice, and began that series of demonstrations, some very violent, against Jesuit colleges, seminaries and convents that soon spread to the provinces. The arrival of Count Caserta and his family at Madrid, on the occasion of the court festivities before the marriage of his son and the Princess of Asturias, added to the exasperation of the students, Liberals, Republicans and Democrats, all over Spain. Sagasta, with his usual interdict frankness, saved the presidency of Spain how they could expect that public opinion, excited to such a pitch by the conduct of the government and of the Ultramontanes, could possibly be checked when Count Caserta appeared at the court of Spain and in the capital.

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