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EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

Near Approach to Reconciliation Between the King of Italy and the Pope.

III Health of the Czar and Other Members of Russian Imperial Family.

London, Sept. 12.—Under the caption of "Pons Pontificis" the Pall Mall Gazette prints an article with the object of showing that Premier Crispi is rapidly approaching a reconciliation between the king and the pope. Last Thursday, the article says, Sig. Crispi's private secretary had a long interview with Cardinal Rampolla, the former being the highest Italian official who has visited the Vatican since 1870. The visit, the Gazette says, began a series of negotiations, the results of which are shown in the pope's prompt establishment of an apostolic prefecture in Massawash, immediately following the signing of the treaty of Venice, concerning which appointment there has been a prolonged disagreement between the Vatican and the king. The most significant incident of all, however, is the act of Sig. Crispi in going out of his way, in his speech at Naples yesterday, to compliment Cardinal San Felice, archbishop of Naples, and to summon the church and the state to join their forces against the common enemy. The presence of Cardinal San Felice on the platform, says the Gazette, betokened the willingness of the pope to come to terms.

Rumors concerning the condition of the czar's health have been in circulation for some months. Nothing was said about his majesty's appearance on the occasion of the recent marriage of his daughter, the grand duchess Xenia, but a few days later at the launch of an ironclad he was reported to be looking pale, worn and thin. Soon it was announced that the czar was going to the Bjelshk forest and to Spala for a period of uninterrupted rest to recruit his strength, which was suffering from the effects of overwork. The statement was made on the authority of Prof. Zakharin, the emperor's private physician. From health of the czarowitz also is far from being satisfactory and this has been one of the reasons why his marriage to Princess Alix of Hesse, which was originally fixed for August 3, was postponed to September 20 and now has been again put off without a new date being fixed. The Grand Duke George, the second son of the czar, has long been in invalid and on several occasions his life was despaired of. After spending the winter on the Riviera he was sent to the Caucasus where he has resided for the past two years but it is reported that his health has not been greatly benefited. He is suffering with lung trouble and his case is believed to be incurable. As it was decided by his physician that the climate of St. Petersburg was unsuited to his complaint his return there at this season of the year is very significant. He is 23 years old. Beside the czarowitz and the Grand Duke George, the czar has one other son, the Grand Duke Michael, who was born in 1878.

The Allan line people have a letter in the Times denying the reflections cast upon their enterprise by Lord Brassey in his letter of August 8. Canada originally subsidized their steamers, they say, but when for motives of safety they lengthened the passage the government reduced the subsidy. "When the service ceased to pay," says the letter, "the government refused any advance even to the risk of the abandonment of the service. The only condition of advance was a number of new steamers of the costliest type. For such steamers the subsidy was only a drop in the bucket towards our expenditures. For nearly ten years we had hanging over our heads the demand of Canada, which we could not meet, and which hindered our giving a better service. The craving for the impracticable, in part, has hindered the development of the Canadian trade. The best is being made of such natural advantages as the St. Lawrence possesses." The Allan remind Lord Brassey, in alluding to the Bruce-Douglass scheme of 1891, that he finally wrote to them that he and his colleagues were convinced of the necessity of direct support being given by the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk railways.

The Standard's Paris correspondent telegraphs: "One new Panama canal share are for 100 francs each. Some 300,000 shares will be offered to the public. If the amount be not wholly subscribed, provision will be made with funds in the hands of the liquidator. It is estimated that the present issue of 650,000 shares will suffice to carry on the work for at least eighteen months. The terms of subscription for the new shares are 25 francs on application and 25 more on October 15, the remainder to be paid in later installments. The Berlin correspondent of the Times comments on an article in the Vienna Politische Correspondenz, which advocates the dual control of Samoa by England and Germany. He says: "This article is believed in Berlin to reflect the English official view, but Germany does not favor it. There is no doubt that every arrangement is impossible except a German protectorate. It is only a question of time to achieve this."

The French government will add four warships to the French squadron in the Indian ocean. It is reported that an expedition, 5,000 strong, is to march on Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar, by a route already planned.

A dispatch from Lombard says that at the imperial banquet the Emperor Franz Joseph proposed the toast of his "dear friend, the czar." The toast was loudly cheered. The emperor has returned to Vienna.

"Ouida," (Louisa de la Rame) the well known novelist, has written a long letter to truth making a violent attack upon Signor Crispi, the Italian prime minister, for his treatment of political prisoners. The letter deals chiefly with the case of Quiseppe de Felice Guffrida.

who was recently sentenced to a long term of imprisonment for the part he took in the socialistic troubles in Sicily. Ouida says that this prisoner is the one Signor Crispi most dreads, and therefore persecutes the worst. He is confined in a cell, the dimensions of which are three by five metres, in the fortress at Valterme. He is doomed for three years' solitary confinement, after which he will have to serve a score of years at hard labor, working in total silence. Ouida thus describes Signor Crispi: "Englishmen should abhor the actions, public and private, of this turn-out, this reveller, this politician who has become an opportunist, a reactionist. Crispi has the suppleness, insincerity and cunning of an Italian lawyer. He has also the harshness and passion for 'persecution, vindictiveness and the overwhelming vanity of a politician who knows that he has foreseen every principle to which he was wedded and who has climbed up by the credulity of those he serves to the highest position in the state."

The Standard's Rome correspondent telegraphs: "Premier Crispi's allusions to Cardinal San Felice is regarded as a sign of his tendency toward the policy of conciliating the Vatican. His friends regard the speech as his chief d'œuvre, but the clerical journals are unanimously inclined to ridicule his return to the faith. The Standard editorially will say: 'Premier Crispi is aware of Italy's difficulty and the pope's amiability to France, hence he is more anxious for a reconciliation than before. But this will render the Vatican only more exacting. The old fashioned "chignons" of heavy head dress of false hair, which was all the rage among the feminine community in the fifties and sixties, have again come into style, and the artificial hair dealers, whose trade has been languishing for years, are delighted with the prospect of being once more in clover. The re-introduction of the fashion is placed to the credit of the Princess of Wales, whose back hair has been getting remarkably thin of late, and as a result of this she is determined to revert to a style prevailing at the time of her marriage thirty years ago. The nobility and aristocracy have lost no time in falling into line, and almost daily for the past few weeks the streets outside the lady hair dressers have been blocked for hours daily by swell equipages. Queen Victoria, who has always had a weakness for this style of hair dressing, looks upon the style with favor, and the next issue of the Court Gazette will announce that "chignons" will be de rigueur at all future drawing room levees and other court functions."

The Paris correspondent of the Daily News says that the Duke of Orleans will live in London, where a royal committee has been formed. The duke has accepted the resignation of the Count of Hanssonville as official representative of the Orleans family in France. He intends to surround himself with younger and more active persons. The Standard's Vienna correspondent telegraphs that the Emperor Franz Joseph was in Vienna yesterday afternoon and drove out to Schottbrunn, when he was stopped by a young man holding out a petition. The Emperor was startled, but he took the paper. The young man arrested. He said that he was a clerk 21 years old, belonging to Loebner. He had a grievance against the authorities. It is not believed that he intended an attempt on the Emperor's life. The Daily Chronicle says that 21 Russian Samaritans have been arrested in Tarnopol, Galicia, for having formed a treasonable conspiracy during Emperor Franz Joseph's visit to Lemberg.

The chief feature of the east Prussian manoeuvres in the neighborhood of Schlobitten today was the work of the cavalry under the personal command of the emperor. The emperor summoned to him the commanders of the First and Seventeenth corps, delivered his critique and announced numerous promotions. He decorated the emperor and reviewed the cavalry, which passed first at a trot and then at a gallop. When the emperor dismounted in the castle courtyard at 5:30 he had been twelve hours in the saddle. He entertained a large party at dinner from 7 to 8:30, and at 9 o'clock started for Swinemünde, where a great naval review is to be held.

James Anthony Froude, the historian, is ill. The annual Papal Encyclical on the Rosary was issued today. In it the pope refers indirectly to Zola's "Lourdes" by urging devotion to the Rosary as "more needful than ever since the faith in the Virgin Mary has been brought into derision by the impious."

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Unusual Condition of a Victim of the Deadly Fluid.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 13.—After being practically dead for 85 hours, through being struck by lightning, Lewis Schoelling was really decided to be dead at his home, No. 1528 North Fifth street, yesterday morning. Schoelling became alarmed at the terrific storm last Saturday and went out to a morocco works just in the rear of his home and of which he was superintendent. While he was gone two terrific electric bolts struck out of the sky. One of them struck a wooden mill opposite, and sent a wall crashing down. The other probably struck the lightning rod of the morocco works which came down the conductor and caught the big bunch of keys which Schoelling held. He staggered to the door and fell in the kitchen. His wife aroused by the noise, hastened to him. He seemed to smile and got up and walked, but sat down quickly and never uttered a sound. He soon lapsed into a state of coma and though physicians worked with him every hour he never showed a sign of consciousness, and it was decided that he was dead.

Mosque Sacked.

Bombay, Sept. 13.—In a riot in the city of Poona between Mohammedans and Hindus, the Mohammedan mosque was sacked. One was killed and a large number severely hurt.

NANAIMO'S WELCOME.

The Black Diamond City Receives the Liberal Leader With Enthusiasm.

A Great Meeting Charmed With the Eloquence of Mr. Laurier and Mr. Fraser.

The Liberal leader's journey westward, which has been like one grand triumphal march, was terminated yesterday at Nanaimo, and the return route commenced. Nanaimo did herself honor in the welcome of the chief, who was by one and all received with that affectionate respect and honor which have been characteristic features of the welcomes everywhere accorded him on his tour.

A deputation of the Nanaimo Reform club met the party on the arrival of the Victoria train and escorted them in carriages to the Wilson hotel, where an immense gathering of the people met to greet them. Laurier and his friends then spent an hour or two chatting, after which a visit was paid to the mines at Wellington. Fearing that many of the people of that section would not be able to attend the public meeting at Nanaimo in the evening, it was decided to spend some little time there making acquaintances and both imparting and seeking information. Many old friends were found among the miners who were anxious to see and shake hands with Mr. Laurier, who was kept busy interestedly answering and asking questions.

Despite the want of notice, a first class meeting was held, a large number of miners turning out to listen to the few words which the leader had to say. Had each person in the meeting been specially chosen, there could not have been gotten together a gathering more thoroughly in sympathy with the views of the Liberal party. Mr. Laurier scored point after point, which was met with a substantial endorsement from those present, who evinced their assent to the statements with decisiveness and force. A confirmed Conservative, bent on asking questions, not only created a good deal of amusement, but was the means of further cementing the leader in the hearts of those present. Mr. Laurier and Mr. Fraser were the only speakers at Wellington, but in their short addresses they brought facts to the knowledge of the men that were revelations to them. Mr. Laurier won his way at once to the confidence of the people, but Mr. Fraser, speaking as a man born and brought up in a mining country, was perfectly at home, and placed hard realities before those hazy-headed miners, many of whom had never dreamed of either free trade or protection affecting them so long as they received the wages agreed upon. From practical illustrations he showed them that whatever added to the cost of new machinery was more than made up by the saving in the cost of the working man. For instance, if a man has \$100 to spend on work, but has to purchase \$40 worth of materials, there are \$60 left to pay the men. Now, if he has to pay \$40 extra by way of duty that leaves \$20 to be paid to the men. Would they not rather have the benefit of that \$20 instead of \$40? (Yes.)

After the meeting Mr. Laurier grasped many a hard hand, which shook his with a warmth which was a silent expression of what will be done when the proper time arrives. NANAIMO'S GREAT GREETING. The scene in the opera house at Nanaimo in the evening was one to be remembered. The building was literally packed with a large representation of ladies being present. On the rising of the curtain a great cheer burst from the vast audience as from one pair of lungs, as the leader appeared on the stage, and the applause was continued for several moments.

Mr. McInnes, who ably occupied the chair, presented the following address: To Honorable Wilfrid Laurier—We, the officers and members of the Nanaimo Reform Club, desire to extend to yourself and your distinguished colleagues our most heartfelt welcome to the City of Nanaimo. There was a time, sir, when the people of British Columbia, felt to a large extent, isolated from the rest of the Dominion, when the worst Canada had had to suffer, and when a visit from a Canadian statesman was unknown. But that time is happily past, we now feel our province to be an integral part of Canada and we feel proud to think that while it is the youngest, least populated and most remote from the seat of government, it yet contributes to the wealth of the Dominion as much as you are aware more per capita to Dominion revenues than any other province. For that reason while we deem it an honor to receive the personal attention of the leader of the Canadian Liberal party we look upon it as no less our due. 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