

PRINCESS RADZIWIŁŁ'S STATESMEN SKETCHES

In a recent book by Princess Radziwiłł entitled "Sovereigns and Statesmen of Europe," are some interesting though brief sketches of those statesmen intimately connected with the great European struggle. The views expressed are the princess's, and readers are left to agree or disagree as they please.

M. Sazonov (Russian).
Ever since the Balkan war . . . worked in the cause of peace, and it is not his fault that he failed. . . essentially an honest man; a kind one, too, and his soul recoiled at the thought of the misery which a war, even if triumphant to Russian arms, would inflict. He did all that lay in his power to avert such a catastrophe. . . but at last even his long-suffering patience revolted, and with the consciousness of the dignity of his country he proudly replied to Count Von Pourtales (the German ambassador) that he refused to recognize the arrogant ultimatum he had presented.

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg (German).
A truthful man, who never hesitated to call a spade a spade, and who sacrificed his reputation to his love for sincerity. His famous declaration, repeated by Her Von Jagow, that Germany knew she had committed a crime in not respecting the neutrality of Belgium, was a diplomatic blunder for which both he and his government will have to pay a heavy price.

Count Berchtold (Austrian).
A gentleman, not only by education, but also by birth, and belonged to the highest social sphere. . . nothing of the self-made man about him, but a good deal of that arrogance which is so characteristic of the Austrian aristocracy, and which combined, as is so often the case, with inexperience of the realities of life makes it such a dangerous element in the political arena of Austria. . . fairly intelligent, well-intentioned, and he had too much to do to reflect on his own initiative an aggressive attitude in regard to the people he had to deal with.

M. Delcasse (French).
A strong character; he could carry

through to its end any plan he had set himself. . . has considerable self-assertion and no lack of masterfulness. In the sense that were he met with opposition he never hesitated to destroy his adversaries when he could not convince them. He understood admirably the difficult art of handling humanly, but he was not the intriguing individual the German press has represented him to be. . . far too violent to be able to indulge in intrigue. . . not nearly sufficient patience or subtlety to play that game with advantage to himself or to his country.

Always ambitious, with a noble ambition that had nothing personal about it. . . a sincere patriot, devoid of any prejudice, and determined to do his duty towards Serbia, no matter at what cost.

Count Tisza (Hungarian).
Ambitious, restless, desirous of seeing Hungary become the supreme power in Austria, he would have been an entirely superior man if his earlier education had prepared him for the part he was to play.

Baron Sonnino (Italian).
A gentleman of extremely refined manners, and with the extreme charm which is so eminently characteristic of the Italian. He may not always be sincere, but his aims are always noble. . . M. Venizelos (Greek).

Perhaps one of the cleverest Helenes of his generation. . . aspired to follow in the steps of Pericles and Disraeli. . . temperament is strongly Oriental, and he is not at ease among people who have been in contact with western civilization all their lives.

Sir Edward Grey (British).
Sir Edward Grey is the only statesman who has shown that he clearly understood the whole situation, and for that reason it is to him that Europe must look in the future to settle the terms of peace. He is the one man whose coolness of judgment, shrewdness of wit, and high moral character will make it possible for him to suggest conditions likely to be accepted by the interested parties.

Humor Greater Than Wit.
As instinct is greater than learning, as intelligence is greater than intellect, so is humor greater than wit.—Sir Herbert Tree.

Wisdom for the Future.
The manhood that has been in war must be transferred to the cause of peace, before war can lose its charm, and become venerable to men.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Supreme Selfishness.
Vanity is the supreme form of selfishness; it is the weakness of the soul, and serves to hide the wretchedness within.—John Davidson.

The Silence of Honesty.
All other is hurtful to him who has not the silence of honesty and good nature.—Montaigne.

Plato and Reprisals.
The injuries of another can be in no case just.—Plato.

A Half-Truth.
Generalization is the mark of a slop and incapable mind.—Arnold White.

Millionaires in Ideas.
Millionaires are few, but millionaires in ideas are still fewer.—Benjamin Swift.

SCHEDULE IS PREPARED.
BERLIN, Dec. 7.—Via London.—A schedule for thorough passenger service to Constantinople, effective January 1, has been arranged at the conference of representatives of interested states which has been in progress at Temesvar, Hungary. Two express trains will be run in each direction each week between Berlin and Constantinople and two between Munich and Constantinople.

Our Sporting Army.
The value of hard games was never so strikingly demonstrated as it has been in this war; sport, indeed, has

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COUNTY HAS AIDED PATRIOTIC FUND

Gave \$4,000 to Local Association Though Nothing to National One.

In connection with the statement made by the National Patriotic Association that the county of Middlesex, as a county, had made no contribution to the fund, Industrial Commissioner Gordon Philip, secretary of the London and Middlesex Patriotic Committee, points out that it has given \$4,000 to the funds of the latter organization.

"Our association is not affiliated with the national one," explained Mr. Philip. "It cannot be truthfully said, therefore, that Middlesex has not aided the patriotic fund. It is true that the county has not given to the National Association, but it has contributed to the local association."

FARMER FOUND DEAD BEHIND HIS BARN

Alfred Miller, Near St. Thomas, Has Been Missing Since Saturday.

[Canadian Press.]
St. Thomas, Dec. 8.—The body of Alfred Miller, a bachelor farmer, residing three miles east of this city, was found behind his barn this morning. He had been missing since Saturday.

MONTREAL CHURCHES FAVOR THE UNION

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Dec. 8.—The vote on church union in the Presbytery of Montreal today shows a majority of 213 in favor of union. A few outlying French missions are to be heard from.

ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

Myrtle Lodge Knights of Pythias Holds Annual Meeting.

At the annual meeting of Myrtle Lodge, Knights of Pythias, held last night in the Carling Block, the following officers were elected for the year: C. Frank Sharp, V. C. Frank McLean; prelate, Fred Evans; sergeant-at-arms, A. E. Rogers; keeper of the records and seals, J. G. Hussey (re-elected); minister of finance, E. B. Galpin (re-elected); M. of E., Frank Webb; inside guard, J. C. Park; outside guard, Alex. McCater; lodge physician, Dr. James D. Wilson; lodge trustees, Bros. Cadwallader, Tinsley and Park; representative to grand lodge, J. G. Hussey; finance committee, J. C. Park, Alex. McCater, W. Mottashed.

The scrutineers were A. A. Carrothers, J. Carrothers, and J. Smythe. Tributes to the boys at the front were paid by prominent members. Among them are James Murray, Frank Southey, W. Roberts, and A. E. Munch. Recently returned, Albert Scarf, another member, has joined.

Many euchre parties will be held during the year, and the lodge has been made. The year has been most prosperous.

JAPS BUILDING SHIPS.

Over to This Style of Enter- yards of Kobe.

KOBE, Japan, Dec. 6.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—No visitor who enters Kobe by sea can fail to observe the great activity shipbuilding at this port. The most heavily-capitalized shipyard in Japan is located here, and all its docks are filled with work. Three large ships and many smaller ones are in course of construction. Electrical steel riveters keep up a constant din, which can be heard far out at sea.

In June there were 44 ships, aggregating 188,000 tons, in the hands of Japanese builders, and the tonnage has increased considerably since that time, although the exact figures are not available. All Japanese shipyards have orders which will keep them at high pressure for over a year. The security of cargo space which the entire world is feeling, has thrown much business into the Japanese shipyards.

The shipyard at Osaka is reported to have nearly 100,000 tons of steel ships in course of construction. It is estimated that there is a tonnage of 75,000 in course of construction here in Kobe, and small yards in various ports probably have a tonnage of 25,000 under way.

Prices for ships have risen in amazing rates. Freight is congested at practically every important port in the Far East. In giving orders, the shipping concerns inquire about the speed with which a commission can be executed rather than the charge. It is rumored that the right of placing orders is now being sold and bought at a high premium by those interested in shipbuilding transactions.

DIES, AGED 91 YEARS.

WALLACEBERG, Dec. 7.—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Cruikshanks took place on Monday from the residence of her grand-daughter, Mrs. Richard Perrin at 1:30 p.m. to the Port Lambton Cemetery. Rev. M. C. Tait conducted the service. She was 91 years of age.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

Albert Stallard.
The death occurred yesterday of Albert C. Stallard, youngest son of Daniel and Jane Stallard, at his residence, 820 Eglar street, in his 33rd year.

The funeral will be held from his late residence on Thursday. Services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Interment will take place at Woodland.

Mrs. Shaver Buried.

The funeral of Mrs. Ann Shaver was held from the residence of her son Alexander, lot 26, con. 2, Westminster Township, yesterday. Services were conducted at the house at 2 o'clock by Rev. Dr. Crawford. Interment was made at Pond Mills Cemetery. The pall-bearers were James Murray, Geo. Riddle, W. Marr, J. Ferguson, W. Haldane and J. Cleary.

LIEUT. FRANKLIN FELL INTO HARBOR

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]
London, Dec. 8.—The body of Lieut. G. Franklin, Canadian Army Service Corps, was found in Folkestone harbor today. Apparently he fell over the harbor wall in the dark last night.

EIGHTY GUNS TAKEN BY THE AUSTRIANS

[Canadian Press.]
Berlin, Dec. 8.—Via London, 3:05 a.m.—It was announced at the war office today that 80 cannon were taken with the capture of the Montenegrin town of Ipek.

BRANDON FOR UNION.

[Canadian Press.]
Brandon, Man., Dec. 8.—Brandon Presbytery voted 2 ayes in favor and 510 against church union.

DAMAGED AMIDSHIPS.

London, Dec. 8.—The American steamship Korea, which was a collision off Deal with the steamship Sophia, arrived today at Gravesend. She is damaged amidships on the port side.

Wife of Russian Ambassador Said to Have Bailed Plot.

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CURTAIN OF FIRE CHECKS GERMANS

Sharp Fighting Along the

French Front in the Champagne District.

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Paris, Dec. 8.—2:30 p.m.—The announcement given out this afternoon by the French war office in progress of hostilities reads as follows:

"In Belgium our machine guns last night prevented the enemy from reconstructing the field works previously destroyed by us in the region of Hetas."

"To the north of Arras, at a point west of Hill No. 140 our curtain of fire put a definite check to a German attack, the way for which had been prepared by the explosion of a mine."

"During the day of yesterday our artillery bombarded and destroyed the Sautour mill in the vicinity of Roye. This position had been organized by the enemy for defence."

In the Champagne district we have continued to make progress by means of hand grenades in that front trench where the enemy secured a footing yesterday, to the south of Saint Souplet. To the east of Bette de Souain, our counter-attacks were successful in mastering the German attack which yesterday evening had been out in two by Illinois."

The fighting here is still going on for the recapture of the positions occupied by the enemy."

PLEA FOR HORSES

Humane Society Urges Horse Owners to "Sharp" All Shoes.

The attention of the Humane Society has been called to the numerous accidents to horses as a result of the slippery condition of the paved streets.

Scores of horses have fallen on Dundas and Richmond streets in today and yesterday. Three particularly bad places are the inclines on Ridout and Horton streets and on Worley road.

The society urges that owners of horses take proper precautions against needless injury to their animals.

It is pointed out that horse owners can supply shoes equipped with detachable corks or chains, that are put on over the shoes. If these cannot be had, any blacksmith can sharp-shoe a horse.

The society is now considering what action can be taken against careless drivers who neglect to insure the safety of their horses.

NO REQUEST YET FOR SAFE CONDUCT

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DEER HUNTER KILLED.

Quebec, Dec. 8.—Shot through the heart with a hunting shotgun, Wilfrid Belanger of St. Edward, L'Ange-de-la-Mer, was instantly killed yesterday by his nephew Alcide. The two had been in the bush deer hunting and separated for a while. Both mistook each other for game, Alcide's shot rang out first, killing the elder man.

MONTREAL STOCKS.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—Sole: C. P. R., 50 at 152; Detroit, 101 at 70; Mackay, 5 at 109; Pows, 64 at 22; Quebec, 31 at 17; Toronto, 42 at 111; Canada Car, 5