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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

THE "Jumping Jack of English politics," Lord R. Churchill, has denounced Mr. Edward Blake, and Mr. Blake still lives. This is about as serious a matter as the wholesale denunciation of the press of the United States by something that writes from Victoria for the Vancouver *World*, and which draws the salary, which it is utterly incapable of earning, only through the kindness of an indulgent employer. How deficient are the British public to continue to receive and give ovations to Mr. Blake, and how deplorable the depravity of the American people to read those vile papers after the censure that has been passed upon them respectively by the authorities mentioned! I understand that it was for this reason the second named individual resigned an important position as police court reporter or something on a small paper somewhere in the United States near the Canadian border.

RADICALISM has been steadily gaining ground in England for the last quarter of a century, a fact that has been brought prominently forward on several occasions recently, and which has been decisively stamped in the action of the present government in not asking parliament for a state appropriation to help the "sailor prince" to commence housekeeping. The long suffering "British tax payer," who is taxed at every turn, is getting tired of the demands made upon him by the ever increasing horde of royal personages he is called upon to provide for. They come from every little principality and dukedom in Germany and elsewhere in Europe, and gobble up the fat positions in the army and navy, to the exclusion and shameless shelving of English, Scotch and Irish gentlemen whose families for generations have served and bled under the flag of a thousand years. There is a notable example in that ornament Prince Henry of Battenberg, who has been very aptly called the Queen's lap dog, and whose principal occupation is leading the Queen's donkey when she visits her "cottage" on the continent. Henry had a munificent salary of \$350.40 a year as a lieutenant in the German army when he condescended to marry the Queen's daughter, and immediately discovered how much more lucrative and easy it was to occupy two or three positions in the British army, each with ten times the salary, and pick up several thousand pounds a year on the side by filling a few little jobs in connection with the royal household. Henry, it must be admitted, did remarkably well.

Then there is his brother Prince Louis,

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who threw his fortunes in with the British navy, and who has drawn a very fat thing in consequence. I well remember being present at the debate in the British House of Commons when it was proposed to give him the captaincy of the "Dreadnaught." The radicals opposed it bitterly, and one honorable member elicited the fact that Louis had been three times pronounced by the naval physicians as being physically unfit for the service, but was admitted on the "special intervention of Her Majesty." This statement was considered unparliamentary, and the gentleman was requested by Speaker Peele to withdraw it. It was withdrawn, but like the eminent Irishman who was made to kiss the floor of the House for some statement, the fact remained nevertheless, and could not be gainsaid. It has been proved to have been not the only case of her majesty's special intervention. She is an estimable lady personally, and has strong characteristics in the matter of providing for her family, and also the families of her family, from the bounty of her loving and faithful subjects. Indeed the support of royalty in England has become as great an abuse as the pension system in the United States, and in both cases there is developing a strong change of public opinion.

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