AN UNFORTUNATE PRINCE.

THE DREARY YOUTH OF PAUL, SON OF EMPRESS CATHERINE II. OF RUSSIA.

LA JEUNESSE D'UN TSAR. Paul Ier et Catherine II. Par Dimitri Kobeko. Tire du Russe par Dimitri de Benkendorff. 12mo, pp. 432. Calmann Lévy, Paris.

Paul I of Russia is chiefly known to the general reader of history as the perpetrator of a startling anachronism. Having been flattered by Napoleon into an alliance, he challenged to personal combat the monarchs of Europe who should oppose these twin sons of destiny. Such Homeric heroism shown at the dawn of the present century is enough to entitle him to some little attention from unwilling Fame. Paul's years of reigning were short and his opportunities for further performances were few, for the cord of the conspirators effected what Catherine in her wisdom evidently intended, and the crown of the Russias was soon on the head of the famous Empress's grandson, Alexander.

"Prince charming and despot implacable," Paul I, is a problem that cannot be solved by the ordinary methods by which most kings are measured. Reason is powerless to explain the contradictions of his character. They leave the vague suspicion that the accident of birth cheated the madhouse of one of its victims. Paul, however, was certainly not insane during the time covered by this book of Dimitri Kobeko. In it only the story of Paul's youth up to the time of his accession to the throne is told, and he was sane enough during that period. It was only when his absurd vanity, roughly repressed within bounds by his contemptuous mother, was released from restraint, and despotic power was put in his hands, that his weak wits went astray. Catherine's treatment of her son is pictured as harsh and unmotherly. The author, however, is quite evidently an apologist of the young Czarewitch.

"You will have the appearance of one who bows to my will, who carries out my wishes and who does instantly that which I demand of him," said Catherine to her son, when he complained to her of the position in the eyes of Europe in which one of her orders would place him. It is this obscure position which he occupies in M. Kobeko's pages. It was a hard and trying one, and would undoubtedly have broken the spirit of a better man than Paul, for it meant a contemptuous thrusting into the background, an enforced idleness, a banishment from public life, while courtier after courtier, elevated to the equivocal position of "favorite" of Her Majesty, lorded it over her own son. Paul did not bear it with any great fortitude, for he poured his complaints with embarrassing frankness into the ears of all who would listen to him.

His life from his earliest years was calculated to develop his vain, oversensitive and morbid nature. He was an orphan from the first. Catherine never had a chance to love him as her son, for on the day of his birth he was taken away from her by Empress Elizabeth, who took charge of his nurture, rearing and education. "Behteew (his teacher)," says M. Kobeko, "introduced in the education of his pupil a singular system. A journal was printed, relating especially to the Grand-duke, and he had to read it. Under the caption 'Petersburg' all his deeds and misdeeds were enumerated. He was made to believe that copies of this journal were circulated throughout Europe."

It was not unnatural that in a court constituted like Catherine's the young Grand-duke should have a love affair among his earliest experiences. Imitation is a strong faculty among children. At the age of 11, as set forth in the journal of Porochine, one of his preceptors, Paul was deeply enamoured of Vera Fschoglokow, one of the little maids of honor of the Empress. The story of this flirtation is one of the brightest and most interesting episodes in the book. Paul made his preceptor his confidant, informing him of the state of his affections in the following mathematical expression: "PAUL:Vera::Simeon: Anna." Simeon was the name of the teacher and presumably Anna was some fair lady who was as secure in the possession of his affections as little Vera was of little Paul's. Catherine herself was too busy with her own kaleidoscopic love affairs to pay much attention to Paul's. "The relations of the Empress and her son continued to be icy. Paul at the age of ten years avowed that nothing was more embarrassing and painful to him than to go to see the Empress."

Some years later in a plate of sausages set before him at supper he found some bits of broken glass. "He rose from the table, and taking the plate and carrying it to the Empress, he told her in his wrath that he found in the accident the evidence of a desire to destroy him."

But Catherine apparently never had any desire to resort to the methods established by Russian historical precedents of getting rid of an inconvenient prince or ruler. Secure in her own power, she did not take Paul quite so seriously as that. She, moreover, had no motive to do so, for, according to the Russian law of succession at the time, she could nominate her own successor. Her favorites were all-powerful in public affairs, but her son was never consulted. There is no doubt that Catherine entertained a mean opinion of his abilities. "She never talked with him about public affairs. On May 12, 1783, she did happen to speak to him of the occupation of Crimea and Pol'sh affairs. The Czarewitch was so surprised that he wrote in his notebook. 'This proof of confidence is so much the more precious to me, as it is the first and most surprising.'"

The Empress had allowed Paul a couple of regiments as his own guard. He played soldier with these regiments and developed, or thought he developed, not only a passion for military affairs, but skill in them. He finally tried to force his way into public life on the martial side. In the second war with Turkey, in 1787, he sought his mother's permission to go to the front. She refused it, however; her reason being, apparently, that his presence would embarrass the Russian commander. The next year in the war with Sweden she acceded to his importunate demands. He was soon recalled, however, and the fact of his presence in the army was carefully kept out of all official documents. "It was said," relates M. Kobeko, "that the Empress spoke only with raillery of the part which the Grand-duke took in the Swedish campaign. Despite the military and diplomatic cares which the year 1788 brought her, the Empress continued to compose plays for her private Théâtre de l'Ermitage, and she set to work on an opera entitled 'Le Chevalier de la Triste Figure.' This opera was composed regarding the King of Sweden, Gustavus III, but contemporaries believed they recognized the Grand-duke Paul in the hero of the libretto. Indeed, the hero is an Empress's son, who, not reigning himself, asks permission to go to the war, goes and then returns to his mother."

This was hardly the training to produce a worthy successor of Peter the Great. Princes, notably Frederick the Great of Prussia, have withstood the harsh and contemptuous treatment of their parents, but Paul was not of the stuff of which heroes are made. Still, there were elements in his nature which explain the author's obvious friendliness to him. Great despots are rare. All that the world has ever seen can be counted on the fingers of one hand. Paul was thus destined to be tried by a very severe standard. As a man he doubtless had many qualities of mind and heart which won him friends and kept them for him, despite the energetic way in which the Empress weeded out his little circle by banishment. He was an affectionate husband, and was faithful to his wife, living, as Catherine sneeringly said, like a bourgeois. Only one amour is mentioned in these pages, and that would hardly serve to redeem him in the eyes of the Empress, for it was open to the suspicion of being platonic.

Unfortunately, marital faithfulness and sincerity of friendship do not relieve Paul from being "Le Chevalier de la Triste Figure" of Catherine's opera. This young man, utterly unskilled in governmental affairs, having only one rule of political conduct—to do the reverse of what his mother had done—cuts a sorry figure in history. This book is really of most value for the light which it throws on the character of the great Catherine. She appears always as a strong-minded, resolute individual, just such a woman as was necessary to rule over semi-barbaric Russia. Her wisdom needs no greater vindication than her apparent intention of excluding her son from the throne of the Romanoffs. Practical and energetic as she was, it seems inexplicable that she did not take the steps necessary to this.

There is a phrase of Catherine's appearing in one of the letters in this book that deserves to be known. It is like a flash of light, showing how long-standing has been that conviction so often expressed in aggressive Russia nowadays, that the older and more civilized races are about to depart from the stage, and that the future actors in the drama of the world are to be the Slavs. The barbarian on the borders keeps saying: "Remember the Cimbri and Teutones." Catherine expressed this intense conviction of racial destiny in a brilliant metaphor. To her son, who, travelling in Italy, expressed his disappointment with the people of that country, she wrote: "They are only birds of passage." That is better than the "Get away, you old peoples," of Dirkovitch in Mr. Kipling's story. It is better than any of the grandiloquent prophecies with which the Slavophiles fill up the Russian papers of to-day.

CHANGES IN STATE CAMP.

THE 71ST TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE 12TH REGIMENT AND THE 10TH BATTALION.

The State camp near Peekskill will be evacuated by the 10th Battalion and the 12th Regiment today, and will be occupied by the 71st Regiment and a provisional battalion until July 10.

Colonel Butt and Major Stacpole will have their commands assembled at about noon, and they will be drawn up in line to receive the invaders, who will march up from Roa Hook at about 2 p. m. The 12th Regiment and the 10th Battalion will then march down the hill and take special trains for their headquarters in New-York and Albany.

On the departure of the 10th Battalion Major Stacpole will resume his place as post adjutant. It is expected that the 71st Regiment will go to camp with full ranks, and that the tour of duty will be of much profit to the command.

In the course of the tour of duty which closes with the departure from camp on the 12th Regiment and the 10th Battalion there was considerable criticism as to the conduct of the men. On the first day of the camp duty there were four or five men in the guardhouse, and before the week was over the authorities from the neighboring village came to camp to arrest members of the National Guard. It is believed that the camp will be free from similar incidents during the 71st Regiment's stay there. Colonel Francis Vinton Greene will lead his command to camp, and will be accompanied by the following members of his staff: Lieutenant-Colonel Wallace A. Downs, Majors Augustus T. Francis and Clinton H. Smith; adjutant, Captain William Graves Bates; quartermaster, John K. Olyphant; commissary, Lieutenant John Kennedy Tod; inspector of rifle practice, Captain E. F. Austin; surgeon, Major E. T. T. Marsh; assistant surgeons, Captains John F. Erdmann and William D. Bell, and chaplain, Captain George R. Van De Water.

The other officers who will go to camp with the regiment are: Battalion adjutants, Lieutenants John W. Dowling and Harris B. Fisher; battalion quartermaster, Lieutenant Amos H. Stephens; Captains John H. Whittle, Frank Keck, James H. Wells, W. H. Linson, William L. Hazen, William F. Meeks, Andrew C. Zabriskie, C. H. Stoddard and A. J. Bleecker; First Lieutenants Edward B. Bruch, William Rockwell, E. Prouter, L. W. McLeod and W. L. Goldsborough; Second Lieutenants A. M. Lichtenstein, William S. Beekman, A. S. Williams, F. H. Lomax and Thomas C. Clark, jr.

The provisional battalion which will share the camp with Colonel Greene's men will be made up of the 6th, 11th, 31st and 46th Separate companies, and will be commanded by Captain Walt H. Stillman, of the 6th, of which Adjutant-General Tillinghast was once a member.

The 11th Company, Captain Frederick Schneider, will come from Mount Vernon; the 31st, Captain H. P. Witherstine, will come from Mohawk, and the 46th, Captain Frank Chapman, will come from Ogdensburg.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

THE PHILOSOPHER OF DRIFTWOOD. A Novel. By Mrs. Jenness Miller. 12mo, pp. 323. (Washington, D. C.: Jenness Miller Publications.)

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MY WIFE'S HUSBAND. By Alice Wilkinson Sparks. 12mo, pp. 300. (Laird & Lee.)

MAY-TIDE LYRICS. By Caleb Hauser. Booklet. (Franklin, Wis.: Caleb Hauser.)

THE HAWAIIAN INCIDENT. An Examination of Mr. Cleveland's Attitude Toward the Revolution of 1893. By J. A. Gillis. Pp. 106. (Lee & Shepard.)

INSECT LIFE. An Introduction to Nature-Study. By John Henry Comstock. 12mo, pp. 349. (D. Appleton & Co.)

LETTERS, FABLES AND SAYINGS OF "AMICUS." Republished from "The Weekly Statement." 16mo, pp. 194. (The Mutual Life Insurance Company.)

STORIES FROM THE ARABIAN NIGHTS. Selected and edited by M. Clarke. 12mo, pp. 271. (American Book Company.)

ESSAYS IN LIBERALISM. By Six Oxford Men. 12mo, pp. 286. (Cassell & Co.)

BASES OF RELIGIOUS BELIEF—HISTORIC AND IDEAL. An Outline of Religious Study. By Charles Mellen Tyler. 12mo, pp. 273. (G. P. Putnam's Sons.)

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THE FEDERAL COURTS. Their Organization, Jurisdiction and Procedure. Lectures before the Richmond Law School, Richmond College, Va. By Charles H. Simonton. Pp. 120. (Richmond, Va.: B. F. Johnson Publishing Company.)

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REAL ESTATE.

PLANS FILED FOR W. R. H. MARTIN'S NEW HOTEL—BUSINESS AT THE EXCHANGES.

William R. H. Martin, of Rogers, Peet & Co., has filed plans with the Buildings Department for the new hotel he is to build at No. 54 to 58 West Thirty-third-st., as reported in The Tribune last February. Henry J. Hardenbergh is the architect, and the cost of the structure is estimated at $400,000. The building is to be sixteen stories high, and will be of brick and stone construction over a steel skeleton. The plot on which the new hotel will be erected fronts about 67 feet on the south side of the street, beginning 100 feet from Broadway. Two of the lots are 20x98.9 each, and the third is 27.10x71.6x27.11x75.1. The new building will be a modern, fireproof apartment hotel, and work on its construction will be begun as soon as possible.

Hall J. Howe & Co. have sold for McIntosh & Partino to Martin Logan the five-story brownstone-front flathouse at No. 151 West One-hundred-and-sixth-st., for about $37,000.

Layton & Rogers have sold for Mrs. Hannah A. Higgins to Wright, Gillies & Bro. the block, 200 feet fronting on Twelfth-ave. and 200 feet on the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad, between One-hundred-and-thirty-fourth and One-hundred-and-thirty-fifth sts.

Bernhard Metzger has sold Nos. 228, 230 and 232 East Eighty-fourth-st., three four-story flathouses, on plot 50.10x102.2. Mr. Metzger has also sold to the Ernst-Marx syndicate a lot, 25x100, on the north side of Seventy-sixth-st., 148 feet east of Avenue A.

IN THE AUCTION ROOMS.

The following was the result of the offerings of real estate at auction yesterday at No. 111 Broadway:

By D. Phœnix Ingraham & Co.—Amsterdam-ave., east side, 125 feet south of One-hundred-and-thirty-third-st., vacant plot, 25x100; amount due, $1,812; foreclosure sale; Nicola Siviglia against Sarah J. Steele et al; referee, A. C. Brown; attorneys, Wahle & Stone; to Edward C. Stone, $7,600.

By Peter F. Meyer & Co.—Westchester, lots 1-105, 125-137, revised map of Givan homestead, Westchester; amount due, $82,580; foreclosure sale; Theresa Lynch against William P. Lynch et al; referee, John Notman; attorneys, Sammis & Bierck; to the plaintiff, $161,150.

By Richard V. Harnett & Co.—No. 576 West End-ave., near Ninety-third-st., five-story brick dwelling, lot runs south 21x243.7x southeast 9.11x217.4x north 13x west 21.8x north 5.2x northwest 4.9x west 10.11x north 5.9x west 32, to beginning; amount due $6,694; prior mortgages, $15,000; foreclosure sale; to A. E. Daly, $22,514.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Hester-st, Nos 5 and 7, 50x100; Harris Mandelbaum et al to John Karka $1
Monroe-st, No 244, 24.9x97.8; Isidore Shweitzer and wife to Sarah Fedesgreen 1
Monroe-st, No 159 and 157, 46.8x100; Harris Mandelbaum et al to Isaac Polstein and another 1
Mott-st, e s, No 104, 25x94; Harry Harris and wife to Charles H Louis 1
12th-st, No 216 East, 21.6x103.6; Elizabeth M Bunting and another to Carl Waechtler 17,100
1st-ave, No 110, e s, 59 ft s of 7th-st, 21.3x70; Charles F Muller and wife to William Schurner 23,300
38th-st, s s, 329 ft e of 6th-ave, 21x98.9; Mary B Langdon to Robert C Myles 10
33d-st, No 154 East, 18.9x25.1; William R Travers and another, executors, et al, individually, to David A Fitzgerald 5,100
43d-st, n s, 500 ft w of 10th-ave, 25x100.5; John Bliehn and wife to George Reinhard 8,500
95th-st, No 203 and 205 West, 54.6x100.8; Wilhelmina Mallette et al to Estelle W Disch 1
95th-st, No 203 West; Sarah W Gilbert to Gustave Disch 1
West End-ave, n e cor 73d-st, 24.4x80; Frank J Sprague to Mary K Sprague 10
64th-st, n s, 125 ft w of 11th-ave, 25x100.5; Fredericka Krauss to August Humpfner 1
72d-st, No 235 West; Gardiner Sherman to Mary M Sherman 100
87th-st, No 30 West, 20x100.8; Thomas F Donnelly, referee, to Moses Valentine 35,000
85th-st, n s, 150 ft w of 11th-ave, 50x102.2; West End Realty Company to Charles W Barnard 1
72d-st, No 407 East; Nathan Jacobs and wife to Michael C Collins 20,000
77th-st, No 421 East; Michael C Collins and wife to Nathan Jacobs 16,000
85th-st, n s, 350 ft e of 2d-ave, 25x102.2; Henry Nuis and another to Henry Waldstein ..... Omitted
45th-st, s w corner 5th-ave, 100x59; Charles G Martin et al to J Tuckerman Tower 10
105th-st, No 69 West, 32x100.11; J Allen Townsend and wife to Paul Euell 1
118th-st, No 535 East, 20.5x100.11; Andrew J Dillhoefer to Patrick Gallagher 10,000
Madison-ave, w s, 75.11 ft s of 105th-st, 25x70; John Zellweger and wife to Marie Salzmann 1
107th-st, n s, 99 ft e of Lexington-ave, 17x100.11; Bernhard Freund and wife to Louise H Martin 1
112th-st, n e corner 5th-ave, 150x irregular; Henry Bales and wife to William G Webber 1
60th-st, n s, 45 ft e of Lexington-ave, 20x100.5; Johanna Hirshberg and another to Tena Henry 1
120th-st, Nos 223 and 225 West, 50x100.11; Paul Obalski and wife to John J Duffy 1
7th-ave, s e corner 131st-st, 45.11x100; Leopold Kahn to Charles R Barkley 1
121st-st, Nos 313 and 315 West, 50x100.11; Louis Worth to Felix Levy 10
117th-st, s s, 175 ft e of 7th-ave, 100x100.11; William H Hall and wife to Paul Obalski and another 100
117th-st, s s, 195 ft w of 8th-ave, 26.3x100.11; Charles J McManus and wife to Thomas Coen 24,500
144th-st, No 314 West, 25x99.11; Thomas Coen to Charles J McManus 1
123d-st, No 233 West, 16.8x100.11; George V Morton to David F Porter 14,250
Manhattan-st, n e corner 118th-st, 25x95; John C Barth and wife to Luke A Burke 1
144th-st, No 460 West, 17.6x99.11; Louis Ungrich et al to Dolores A Carillo 100
101st-st, No 311 West; Clifford E Pond to Orella D Martin 1
106th-st, s s, 150 ft w of 10th-ave, 75x100.11; James A Norcross and another to Augustus G Pullock et al 1
106th-st, No 161 East; 106th-st, No 163 East; Bernhard Freund and wife to Moses Schorsch 1
2d-ave, n w corner 122d-st, 71.8x17.6; Katie Cohen and another to Tena Henry 1
2d-ave, n w corner 122d-st, 71.8x17.8; Fannie Cohen and another to Katie Cohen 18,000
143d-st, n s, 47 ft e of Amsterdam-ave, 17x99.11; Annie V Jandorf to Benjamin Fox 1
Sherman-ave, n s, 225 ft e of Dyckman-st, 25x150; Jacob Hess and wife to John Preusser 1
Alexander-ave, w s, 20 ft n of 137th-st, 26.8x75; William F B Redman and wife to James Mullins 1
134th-st, No 545 East, 25x100; Bertha M Hahn to Margaret P Hanley 1
Eagle-ave, w s, 251.9 ft s of Westchester-ave, 50x120; Max Satore to Evelyn H White 1
136th-st, s s, 125 ft e of Stanus-ave, 100x100; John Entwistle and another to Petty, Soulard & Walker Realty Company 16,000
Lyon-st, s s, 51.4 ft e of Simpson-st, 51.4x99.11x60x106.4; William O Madden and wife to Elizabeth M Barry 1
Trinity-ave, e s, between 165th and 166th sts, 0.1x0.1x87.6; Nellie E Williams to Mary M Snellback 1
Union-ave, e s, 66.8 ft n of Dawson-st, 20.10x92.10x20.10x92.8; John Shea et al to Edward P Minnaugh 10
152d-st, n s, 60 ft w of Union-ave, 20x50; E M Barry to William O Madden 1
Bainbridge-ave, w s, part plot 8, map heirs Rebecca Bassford, 24.6x125x25.3x125; Henry Frech to John P Dunn 1
Macomb's Dam Road, s e corner Kingsbridge Road, 99x32.6x105.8x33.4; George W Richards et al to George H Hyde 1
West-st, n s w s, lot 12, map Wardsville, 50x120x50x123; Henry J Smith to James F McMahon 1,600
Washington-ave, n w s, 150 ft n e of Columbia-ave, 50x100; Jacob Roos and wife to Dora Rosbeck 600
Webster-ave, e s, 59.10 ft s of 173d-st, 29x90; Charles Reckling and wife to R L Treffurth 2,800
West Farms Road, w s, 182.5 ft n of Freeman-st, 31x143.4x31x irregular; Emil S Levi to Margaret Kirby and another 100
Waverly Place, n e s, part lot 110, map Fairmount, 50x200; Isabel Fawcett to Henrietta C Schroeder 100
Bronx River Road, w s, lots 207, 209 and 211, map Hyatt Farm; Edward C Pearson and wife to Mary E Flynn 1,800
Park View-ave, w s, 176.7 ft n of St Vincent's-ave, 100.11x182.10x irregular; Mary V Sheridan to Esther A Wheaton 1
8th-ave, s s, lot 1,045, map Wakefield, 33.4x114; Roland B Archer, referee, to Ellen A Wilkinson 2,805
1st-st, n w corner 2d-ave 100x100; John Kennedy and wife to Edward Brennan 1,000
2d-ave, e s, 73.3 ft s of 126th-st, 26.8x100; Isaac H Goldsmith et al to Clara Keller 10
38th-st, s s, 329 ft e of 6th-ave, 21x98.9; William H Winford and wife to Robert C Myles 10
West End-ave, w s, 25.5 ft n of 67th-st, 25x80; Cora Landauer to L R Kinney 17,000
83d-st, Nos 137 and 139 West; Ferdinand Wesel to Herman Walker 67,500
38th-st, s s 329 ft e of 6th-ave, 21x98.9; Grace H Dunlop to R C Myles 10
71st-st, n s, 313 ft e of 1st-ave, 25x102.2; George W Ellis, referee, to Sophia Westphal et al 15,200
112th-st, No 3 East; William G Webber to Frank H Meyer and another 10
Madison-ave, w s, 40 ft s of 90th-st, 60.8x87.9; Peter Wagner et al to the Cotton Bay Company of Virginia 10
57th-st, No 46 East, 17.9x100.5; Dolores de A de C de Albornoz to John E Weeks 42,250
Avenue C, n e corner 3d-st, 48x