

WORLD AFFAIRS VIEWED BY OBSERVERS ABROAD

ENGLAND PREPARED FOR LONG LIBERAL RULE.

London, Jan. 27.—With the elections virtually completed, the country is settling down to a long period of Liberal rule. The Prime Minister's majority, which has exceeded the expectations of everybody except Lightning Calculator Stead, offers security even against the unlikely combination of Unionists, Nationalists and the Labor party. It has been obtained by a coalition of free traders, trade unionists and working classes in town and country being massed against the last government. It is a guarantee against an effective series of radical measures which will be adopted, beginning with the revision of the judge-made law combination and education act and continuing with the taxation of land values and the abolition of plural voting. While so large a majority is rather unmanageable, it is likely from its magnitude to disarm the Lords. It is already understood that the Conservative party will stay away and allow the small group of Liberal peers to assume full responsibility for accepting or amending measures enacted by the Commons. There are two sections of the new Parliament more or less discontented with the sweeping victory they themselves have helped to bring about. One is the group of a hundred Liberal capitalists, mine owners and manufacturers, whose interests will suffer from an alteration in the law of combination and the revival of strikes. It is disconcerted by the election of over fifty Labor members and by the forecasts of the most outspoken leaders that the trade unionists will have at least a hundred walking delegates at Westminster after another general election.

NO HOME RULE IN SIGHT. The other disappointed group is composed of Nationalists, who cannot hope to force Home Rule upon the Liberals, but must wait until they have the balance of power. If the Unionists had been justified in attempting to make Home Rule a vital issue before the electorate the Prime Minister would now have what Mr. Gladstone lacked, a majority big enough to carry the establishment of the Dublin Parliament with the consent of England as predominant partner. The Nationalists frankly admit that they cannot expect Home Rule from the present government, and that they are not much better off than they have been in the last ten years, and must cultivate the best possible relations with the Labor party for their future campaign. There is a searching of heart among the Unionists, but not much wrangling. The complete reorganization of the party is probable, but this is a minor detail. The Tory democracy, which has been the main resource of the Unionists in the large towns, has bolted and gone radical, except in Birmingham. How to win back the votes of the workingmen is the vital question. The assumption that Mr. Chamberlain would lead the opposition as a compact tariff reform group has not been well founded. His health is not equal to the strain of leadership and late hours in Parliament. It was Mr. Chamberlain who appealed to Mr. Gibbs to resign his seat for the City in order to make room for Mr. Balfour as the leader who could not be spared from the Opposition front bench. The rumor that Mr. Talbot will resign his seat for the University of Oxford in favor of Lord Hugh Cecil is not credited by the tariff reformers. It would not fit in with the rejection of another Unionist free trader, Sir John Gorst, by Cambridge University.

ELECTION SOCIAL CHANGES. The social changes effected by the election will be evident when the King opens Parliament. All the typical Tory squires, except Sir John Kenway, have lost their seats, and two hundred former Unionist members are now among the unemployed. Many of them will go abroad for the season, and those who remain in London will be restless figures at their clubs and in society. On the other hand, the courts and levees will be crowded with the new Liberal members and their wives and daughters. Vanity Fair will not break up even if the old Tories are convinced that the country is going to the everlasting bowwows. Hunting has already been resumed in many shires, and bridge play goes on as though votes were never trumps; nor will fashionable marriages be discontinued. The most interesting new engagement is that of the only brother of the Marquis of Bute with Lord Gormanston's only daughter. One was the best man and the other the bridesmaid at the marquis's recent wedding. One daughter of the landscape painter Alfred East has started this week for Persia as the bride of George Churchill, of the official embassy, and her sister will follow her course in a few weeks as the wife of the bridegroom's brother, a banker in Teheran. There is moreover a royal romance in progress at Biarritz, of which Jenkins records every minor detail. Princess Ena cannot give King Alfonso two beautiful roses to pin over his heart without being photographed in the act.

PRODUCTION OF "NERO." Winston Churchill sought distraction from writing the too responsive democracy by attending the first performance of "Nero," at His Majesty's, where peeresses and smart society rallied in force. Stephen Phillips's play exhibited the vagaries of a degenerate dilettante, who talked imperially about his own greatness as an artist and play actor. "Nero" did not equal "Heros" in construction or dramatic effect, and contained some good and much indifferent blank verse, but as a spectacle it was a splendid entertainment, produced with unrivaled resources of stage art. The costuming was marvellous, and the final scene of the burning of Rome was highly realistic. Mr. Trose has never been more subtle in the denotement of self-conscious diablerie. The old gang of playwrights has not been snuffed out. Henry Arthur Jones, in "Heros Stubbs," at Terry's, has attempted to amuse the audience by making a sentimental Piccadilly bootmaker the protector of a woman of fashion who has been drawn into a silly elopement. It is a poor play, with good acting by James Welsh. Mr. Pinero is expected to redeem his recent reputation by a fine work next week at the St. James.

INTERNATIONAL GAME AT ALGERIAS.

Paris, Jan. 27.—The international game at Algerias proceeds very slowly. The telegrams to-day indicate that nothing beyond cutting for partners and the shuffling of cards can occur until another week, when a few preliminary tricks may be won or lost, although no trump cards will be played until the close of the conference, which may last a couple of months or more, owing to numerous holidays and, above all, to the tedious delays of four or five days imposed by the Moorish delegates, who insist upon every successive measure being submitted to the Sultan by special messengers. The French papers, feeling assured that no serious results will ensue from the conference, dwell upon the comic aspect of the proceedings. The Moorish delegates began first of all by mistaking the German delegate, Herr Radowitz, for the French delegate, M. Revoll, and vice versa, thus attributing to France the propositions of Germany and crediting to Germany the statements of France. It is interesting to note that all the voluminous declarations and verbalities of the Moors are edited, revised and expurgated by the Germans before being submitted to the conference. The Moors, having brought over from Morocco their families and harems, are now comfortably installed at the expense of the Spanish government and have decided to make the conference last as long as possible. They express the opinion that, as all the powers agree in recognizing the sovereignty of the Sultan, it is not worth while to meddle with his affairs, but admit that there is one real service that Europe can confer upon Morocco—that is, to lend money. The Moorish delegates came to Algerias scantily provided with funds, and it is now hinted by several Parisian correspondents that they or their secretaries propose to augment their pocket money by supplying the newspapers with interesting inside features or sensational incidents during the deliberations. The Moors, with their deliberate procrastination and tactics of obstruction, are so far masters of the situation. They, moreover, suit the French policy, for France did not want the conference at all, and anything that prevents the abstruse generalities which are so far all that has been formulated by the German delegates from becoming crystallized into practical working shape will be supported by French diplomacy at Algerias. To put the policing of Morocco into the hands of an international gendarmerie under the control of all the powers represented at Algerias is admitted as utterly impracticable, and there is no chance at present of the conference consenting to give such mandate to any one or to any two powers. Gun ammunition in large quantities is being dispatched from Lorient and Cherbourg to Port de France for the use of the French cruisers of the Atlantic division.

COURTSHIP OF KING ALFONSO. There is keen interest taken here in the courtship of King Alfonso and the Princess Ena of Battenberg, their daily automobile excursions at Biarritz being recounted in picturesque detail. During one of these trips they passed the Villa Combo and were saluted at its gates by the author of "Cyrano" and "Madame Rostand." The young King seems completely enraptured by the English princess, whose hand trembled when yesterday morning for the first time the King, in the presence of her mother, kissed it. It is reported that the wedding will take place on May 17, the King's twentieth birthday. The King is incognito, bearing the title of Marquis of Coronada, the same title as that assumed by his father, Alfonso, at twelve, when he courted Maria Christina at Arcachon in 1879. During the last three weeks only one day has passed without King Alfonso and Princess Ena of Battenberg exchanging postal cards, and to-day the King apologized to the

THE KING OF SPAIN AND HIS FUTURE BRIDE.



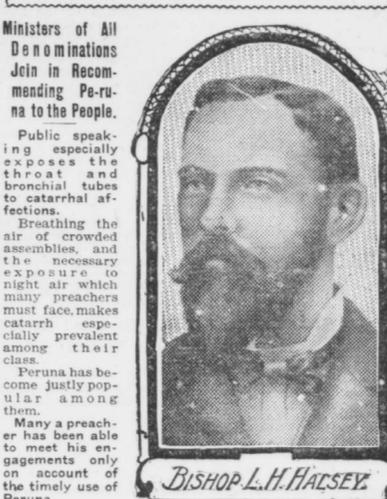
KING ALFONSO. (Photograph by Hughes & Mullins.)

princess for missing that day because the King's postal card was stolen by a too zealous amateur seeking his autograph. HONORS FOR PUBLIC MEN. The distinction conferred by President Loubet by naming Ambassador Jusserand a commander of the Legion of Honor causes lively satisfaction here among the Ambassador's many warm friends, both American and French. In Paris, so also does the nomination of the Duke of Loubat to the same grade of commandery in the Legion of Honor. A prominent New-York citizen, the Duke of Loubat is a correspondent of the French Institute, on account of his intelligent munificence and zeal, by which so many art treasures have been excavated at the island of Delos. The promotion of another prominent

George Alexander Arthur Boucher, of the Garrick, has revived Leo Trevor's old fashioned "Brother Officers," before producing Alfred Sutro's new comedy. The Morocco conference has received scant attention while the English press is preoccupied with domestic politics, and Russian affairs have been obscured. The death of Sir Edward Thornton has been recorded with sympathetic notices with the settlement at Washington in connection with the settlement of the Alabama claims. After his retirement from diplomacy he became a director in various companies doing business in South America and was constantly seen at the Athenaeum Club, genial and hospitable to the end. The American Ambassador is again at work this morning at the embassy, looking remarkably well after a long but comfortable voyage from America, and ready for the numerous engagements made for him by Mr. Carter. The Carmania has become one of the most popular of liners, taking out to-day over two hundred cabin passengers for her midwinter voyage. Among them are Sir Reginald Coote, the premier baronet of Ireland; Captain H. J. of the Japanese navy, and Sir Adolf Caron. I. N. F.

BISHOP OWES HEALTH AND LIFE TO PE-RU-NA.

The Bishop's Strong Tribute to Pe-ru-na. L. H. Halsey, Bishop C. M. E. Church, Atlanta, Ga. writes: "I have found Peru-na to be a great remedy for catarrh. I have suffered with this terrible disease for more than twenty years, until since I have been using Peru-na, which has relieved me of the trouble. I have tried many remedies and spent a great deal of hard-earned money for them, but I found nothing so effectual in the cure of catarrh as the great medicine, Peru-na. I feel sure that Peru-na is not only a triumph of medical science, but it is also a blessing to suffering humanity. "Every individual who suffers with respiratory diseases will find Peru-na a magnificent and sovereign remedy."—L. H. Halsey, Bp. C. M. E. Church.



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MUTINEERS HOLD FORT VLADIVOSTOK'S PLIGHT.

Cossacks Reaching the Port—Arms Seized Near Irkutsk. St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—Beyond the fact that the revolt at Vladivostok is not subdued and that the mutinous soldiers and sailors are still standing by the guns at the Holy Innocents Battery, the War Office had nothing to give out to-day regarding the situation at the fortress. The only additional news available was contained in a newspaper dispatch, dated January 26, saying that two squadrons of the Nerchinsk Regiment of Cossacks had arrived there and that many arrests had been made. The War Office officials said that their own information practically duplicated yesterday's news dispatch. In the absence of news it is assumed that General Mode, temporarily in command of the troops, is awaiting the arrival of Lieutenant General Mitchenko, who is expected at Vladivostok to-day, before venturing on serious measures against the mutineers. The seizure of arms by the mutineers on January 22 was a sequel to a street fight in which a number of sailors of the Siberian contingent were killed. The public takes only a languid interest in the latest mutiny. The papers to-day merely print the news without comment. The Bourse was not affected by the advices. The American Embassy has not received any report from the Consul at Vladivostok and the other embassies are also without information. The government has been advised from Irkutsk that a number of officials and employees of the general offices of the Transbaikalian Railroad have been arrested on the charge of being implicated in abstracting from a government munition train 1,000 rifles, 1,000 revolvers and 10,000 cartridges, and giving them to the revolutionists. A search was made for the cartridges in which many of the rifles were recovered. The authorities also found nine bombs.

AMERICANS AT WINTER RESORTS.

Among the Americans making automobile trips at Nice, Monte Carlo and Cannes are Anthony J. Drexel, Miss Emily Yznaga, Parker West, W. H. Brill, John S. James, Mr. and Mrs. Andre and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Curtis. The season at Cannes is now in full swing. On Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Tennant gave a dinner to Mrs. C. A. Spreckels and Miss Spreckels. The other guests were the Grand Duke Michael, F. Spencer Eddy, fiancé of Miss Spreckels, and W. F. Lawson. Among the arrivals at Nice are E. Van Rensselaer Thayer, J. E. Crone, of Boston; Major S. W. Miller, of New-York. R. Barret Fithian has arrived at Marseilles, where he joins the steam yacht Varuna for a three weeks' cruise to Corsica, Sicily and the Adriatic ports, with the owner, Eugene Higgins, and a party. The Varuna is expected to return to Nice by the middle of February. Mr. and Mrs. Jay Gould have arrived at Cairo. C. I. B.

EMPEROR'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.

Seat in Prussian House of Lords Given to Dr. von Holleben. Berlin, Jan. 27.—Emperor William's birthday was celebrated to-day with the usual observances. The kings of Saxony and Wurtemberg and the grand

MANY RUSSIAN PLOTS.

Arrests at Tsarskoe-Selo—Plants of Popular Leaders. St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—A large number of summary searches and arrests have been made recently at Tsarskoe-Selo. The store of a Jew druggist named Abramovich was ransacked, but no seizures were made. The police say the affair was unimportant and that they merely desired to watch all suspected persons in the neighborhood of the Emperor. The plot at Moscow revealed by the arrest of the pseudo Princess Koslovskaya on January 18 was found to be really serious and to have wide ramifications intended to encompass the death of Governor General Dubousoff, of Moscow, and all his staff at the ceremony of blessing the waters. The authorities are convinced that the revolutionary leaders have eliminated uprisings and street fighting from their programme for the time being in favor of attempts to kill high officials. Several conspiracies have already been broken up. The government is disposing of the cases of those arrested before January 22. Most of them are being fined for carrying revolvers. The accounts from this source yesterday alone amounted to \$6,500. An investigation of the cemetery records by the "Novoe Vremya's" Moscow correspondent bears out the moderate estimates of the casualties. The burial permits in which the cause of death was given as killed, were 454. There were, in addition more than a hundred private burials of executed rebels, whose cause of death was concealed, owing to the reluctance of influential families to have the facts made public. On account of the fact that there is no British Consul at Vladivostok to represent British shipping interests in prize court cases, C. A. Spring-Rice, the chargé d'affaires of Great Britain, has requested the Russian government to permit the American Consul to represent Great Britain. In continuation of the policy of retrenchment by the weeding out of inactive members of the military organizations, the retirement on half pay of twenty-two generals and three admirals, who hold securities on the Alexander Committee for the Care of the Wounded, will shortly be gazetted. The committee has fifty-one members, who are doing little except draw their salaries, amounting in all to over \$250,000. Many of them are not residents of St. Petersburg.

SURROUNDING REBELS.

Closing Stages of Livonia Campaign—Stern Measures. Wenden, Livonia, Jan. 25.—The pacification of the Baltic provinces is reaching the final stage as far as the agrarian movement is concerned. Nearly two hundred and fifty revolutionists have been shot, several thousands are under arrest, and five thousand rifles have been captured by the troops. General Offoff, Meinhardt and Wendt are now operating in the Wenden district with 10,000 troops, completing a circle in which the revolutionists are being gathered. The generals have the names of the leaders of the revolutionists, who will be tried by court martial, when caught, and either shot or imprisoned. Most of

JAPAN TO HAVE EMBASSY AT ROME.

Tokio, Jan. 27.—It has been decided to raise the Japanese Legation at Rome to the rank of an embassy, and it is understood that M. Uchida, the Japanese Minister at Peking, will be appointed Ambassador to Italy.

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CITY OF GOMEL BURNING.

Half the Town in Flames and Hard Fighting Going On. St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—A dispatch from Gomel says that half the town is in flames and that fighting is going on in the centre of the town between the troops and the revolutionists, who have been reinforced by the peasantry of the surrounding districts. The disorder extends to five counties around Gomel. The peasants have deposed the authorities and elected revolutionists to fill their places.

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