WORLD AFFAIRS VIEWED BY OBSERVERS ABROAD

PROBABLE POLICY ON THE BRITISH EDUCATION BILL.

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London, Nov. 17.—Partisans on both sides are interested in the prospect of a deadlock between the two houses over the Education bill. The Tory zealots are urging the Lords to make a determined stand and force the government to appeal to the country. The ministers are not likely to adopt the worst possible tactics. Mr. Gladstone did not appeal to the electorate against the Lords when they rejected the Home Rule bill and mutilated other measures. The Prime Minister, with the country already behind him, will not strengthen the claims of the House of Lords by magnifying the importance of their resistance to its declared will. On the other hand, he can hardly be so intolerant as to demand that the bill shall be restored, line by line, to its original form, as the Non-Conformist Hotspurs insist must be done. Practical politicians on the Liberal side make the forecast that the government will accept the minor amendments and reject all which are incompatible with the original bill. It will endeavor, if the Lords stand out, to effect a compromise by a conference of the members of the two houses. If compromise be impossible, it will allow the bill to be defeated and bring in a more drastic one at another session with a proposal for the reform of the upper house by limiting the legislative functions to a small number of peers and allowing those excluded to stand for election to the House of Commons. There will then be legislative lords as there are law lords, and the anomaly of an irresponsible chamber in a country where the lower House represents the will of the people.

DISSENSION ON SOME POINTS.

The government is not free from dissensions, especially on military, naval and Irish policy, but on the education question it is united. Mr. Asquith is disliked by the advanced Radicals, yet he may regain confidence by a democratic budget like Mr. Harcourt's famous one. Mr. Haldane is also distrusted by them, but he is so clever and plausible that he has not excited resentment. Winston Churchill commands the admiration of the Radicals and the Labor members by his fighting qualities. No outburst of enthusiasm on the Liberal side has equalled that which followed his declaration that the secret report of the condition of the compounds has sealed the fate of Chinese labor. No more will be heard about elections carried by false cries. The Chinese must go in the interest of morality, even if mine owners' dividends are wiped out. The new rules committing all bills to standing committees after the second reading offer a conclusive proof of the legislative efficiency of the Liberal government. The Commons, having learned how to work, is not in a temper to submit either to the suspensive or the absolute veto of the Lords.

AMBASSADORSHIP QUESTION.

No successor to the retiring British Ambassador at Washington will be appointed before March. The rumors that Lord Curzon will be ambassador are premature, but certainly the government is bent upon having a representative there of exceptional ability. The reports that the appointment will be kept open on the chance that the ministry may be reorganized in the spring, and that Washington may be a convenient refuge for a retiring member, are purely speculative.

Sir John Fisher's influence has been strongly felt in the conferences over the policy which the British delegation to The Hague congress will represent. He does not approve the American principle of exempting private property from seizure at sea in wartime. The attitude of the delegation toward partial disarmament will be friendly, but the British government will not pledge itself to reduce expenses in the army or navy unless the other powers agree to do the same. It is a foregone conclusion that Germany will not give an undertaking of this sort.

ENTERTAINING ROYALTY.

King Edward has offered another splendid illustration of his skill in stage-managing royalty. The ceremonials conducted at Windsor in honor of the King and Queen of Norway have been remarkably brilliant and stately. Without doubt the English people like to have these things done in a grand manner. It strengthens royalty at home and makes a deep impression abroad. While Prince von Bülow has been glorying in Germany's splendid isolation, King Edward has shown that England is steadily gaining strength on the Continent by reason of alliances based on good faith and the intimate relations of reigning houses. At each of the two state banquets there were fifteen members of the royal family present. It was noticeable that Queen Alexandra lightened her mourning. The American Ambassador and Mrs. Reid were among the guests in the diplomatic circle at the second banquet. Mrs. Harcourt was perhaps the only other guest with American blood.

The "supers" for the state performance of "Robin Hood" were recruited from the Stock Exchange, wealthy brokers being eager to witness the spectacle on any terms.

WORK OF THE RHODES TRUST.

The Rhodes Trust has issued a report of the work of the scholars at Oxford, showing the number of men in residence, the distribution of studies and the satisfactory results of the operation of the scheme. New qualifying examinations for the scholarships will be held in America on January 17 and 18, with a centre in each state, as heretofore. Dr. Parkin will sail for America after Christmas to superintend the arrangements for the examinations.

The return of William Hooper from America has not been the signal for a fresh move in the book campaign. Bernard Shaw, in "The Times" to-day, is most trenchantly and vigorously protesting against the idea that the Book Club represents a gang of vulgar tradesmen employing Yankee methods for the hideous purpose of making money. Hall Caine is going to Egypt for the winter. Maarten Maartens has been thrown from his horse in Holland while riding with his daughter, and had a narrow escape from serious injuries. W. E. Norris, having finished a new novel, "Harry and Ursula," is taking a winter holiday in London.

SANTOS-DUMONT'S IDEAS.

English engineers assert that Santos-Dumont is reverting to English ideas in the attempt to solve the problem of flight by an aeroplane. His stinging sarcasm that England discourages invention and profits by the mechanical genius of other countries has brought "The Daily Mail" to the centre of the stage with a prize of £10,000 and an effective advertisement for its London and Manchester editions.

The famous Rubens ceiling in the Inigo Jones banqueting hall at Whitehall will be restored for the fourth time, in order that there may be no mistake about the apotheosis of James I in the central panel.

THE ART SHOWS AND THEATRES.

The new English art club has no Sargent in the new show, but Mr. Rothenstein has set a fresh style by painting commonplace barns and churches so as to make what is ugly interesting by the effects of light. There are many sombre landscapes, but the water color corner is bright. The Holman Hunt exhibition closes to-day, to leave room for Arthur Rackham's series of water colors illustrating "Peter Pan," at Kensington Gardens.

Mr. Frohman's theatres are drawing full houses when many other places of amusement are half empty. Both "Raffles" and "Toddles" are popular hits, and "The Beauty Bath" is freshened by new songs, dances and clever imitations of Mr. Tree.

In "Camille Clifford" Edna May has passed her twenty-fifth performance.

David Bispham's opera, "The Vicar of Wakefield," is going well in the provinces, where it delights critics and audiences alike.

Ernest Sharpe's song recital and Albert Spalding's orchestral concerts are American bids for London favor which are fairly successful.

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VON BUELOW'S SPEECH PLEASES FRANCE.

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Paris, Nov. 17.—Prince von Bülow's speech in the Reichstag causes the most favorable impression in France, and his practical, commonsense allusions to the Franco-Russian alliance and to the Anglo-French entente are regarded here as the most sincere words of peace uttered by a German Chancellor since 1871. M. Lannessan, former Minister of Marine, sums up the French feeling by saying, "Germany desires to live in peace with all the powers, but she keeps her sword whetted. In another form it is the same statement as that made by the Clemenceau Cabinet in the programme read to the French Parliament a few weeks ago, and, unfortunately, it is the only language that can be used at present by any of the great powers of the world, seeing that not one has yet resolved to take the initiative of closing the Temple of War." M. Jean Jaurès, who was mentioned in the speech of the Imperial Chancellor as the one swallow that does not make a summer—a reference to the French Socialist leader's advocacy of more friendly relations between France and Germany—says: "All that Prince von Bülow asks—and he asks it in tones of evident sincerity—is that distrust should disappear, that France and Germany should cease attributing hostile designs to each other. All those good Frenchmen who, in Gambetta's words, are also good Europeans will hope that this appeal may be heard in both countries, and if France, at peace with Germany and friendly with Great Britain, could inprove the relations between Germany and Great Britain, Europe would undoubtedly be protected against a storm. I am not alone in France in hoping for this."

AERIAL NAVIGATION.

Santos-Dumont is now hard at work trying to devise a lighter motor for his aeroplane now building, and expresses confidence that next year he will be able to fly over a hundred miles. He says that his present 50-horsepower motor weighs seventy-three kilograms and that the problem of aerial navigation will be solved as soon as a motor of the same power weighing only forty kilograms can be produced. He has ordered six new motors for his aeroplane. One of these is of 100-horsepower and sixteen cylinders, and is to weigh less than one hundred kilograms.

A NEW PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEM.

Paul Adam's three-act drama "Les Mouettes" ("The Seagulls"), the first important production of the season at the Théâtre Français, presents a new psychological problem. A poor village doctor, practising in a remote corner of Brittany, discovers a serum that will cure typhoid fever. His wife loves him devotedly, but on account of her poverty, provincial manners and want of education she is an obstacle to her husband's professional success in Paris. A young and rich Parisian widow secretly loves the scientist, and her love is returned. Is it the duty of the unsympathetic village wife, who is childless, to sacrifice herself and assent to a divorce in order to enable her young, ambitious and talented husband to marry the fascinating Parisian widow, whose fortune and influence will enable the savant to complete the costly experiments required to make known the serum and permit him to benefit humanity and become famous? In the third act the village wife consents to a divorce, but the savant, overwhelmed by such self-sacrifice, refuses to proceed with it. He renounces fame and love and remains unknown in his obscure village. This play elicits keen discussion as to the real duty of provincial wives under such trying circumstances, but misses being a theatrical success because the public are not convinced that the unsympathetic wife really is an obstacle. People point out that neither Pasteur nor Claude Bernard was prevented from becoming famous because he did not have a wealthy, dashing, smart Parisian wife. The play is finely acted by Berthe Cerny as the captivating widow, Henry Mayer as the village physician, Mlle. Lara as the provincial wife, and M. Duflos in the part of a hustling, unscrupulous business man and company promoter who tries to make a trust in serums and who is the up-to-date personification of the worst qualities of the philosophy of Nietzsche.

THE NATURAL RESULT.

"Mademoiselle Josiette, Ma Femme," is the title of a highly amusing comedy by Paul Gavault and Robert Charvay, which made a decided hit last night at the Gymnase. It is the story of a young girl who, according to the terms of her uncle's will, is bound to get married before she is eighteen—that is, within two months' time—in order to secure a rich legacy. She is engaged to a young Englishman, who is obliged to make a journey around the world. In order to obtain her legacy she enters, at the suggestion of her parents, into a legal but purely platonic marriage with her godfather. This dummy husband agrees that when the fiancé returns from India he is to get a divorce and hand over intact his official but platonic wife. Needless to say, the godfather and the young girl wife really fall in love with each other, and the marriage becomes one not only de jure, but de facto. It is delightfully acted by Mlle. Marthe Regnier and by Duminy.

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A SUDDEN GOLD.

Miss Helen Sauerbier, of 815 Main St., St. Joseph, Mich., writes an interesting letter on the subject of catching cold, which cannot fail to be of value to all women who catch cold easily.

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Berlin, Nov. 17.—The twenty-fifth anniversary of the late Prince Bismarck's announcement in the Reichstag that the Emperor was determined that the state should systematically assist the working people, male or female, by accident, sick and old age insurance, was commented on widely in the German press to-day. The Socialists, following the policy which they adopted when the laws were passed, found fault with the insurance as being inadequate, and not radical enough really to provide for the "casualties in the industrial warfare and the disabilities of those worn out in the service of capital." But the whole body of Liberal and Conservative opinion appeared convinced that the laws are beneficial.

During the last twenty years $555,750,000 has been paid out for sickness, $232,750,000 for accidents and $13,500,000 for old age. The law also provides for compulsory contributions by employers and employes. In cases of sickness two-thirds of the expenses are paid by the employe and one-third by the employer. In accident cases all the expenses are paid by the employer, and in cases of old age pensions half the amount is paid by the employer and half by the employe, the government supplementing each pension with $12 50 yearly.

The sum of $312,500 was expended daily on the combined objects, the total of the various funds is $375,000,000, the total amount paid in since the law was passed is $1,656,750,000, and sixty million persons have profited by this legislation.

The official "Imperial Gazette" this afternoon published a decree, on the anniversary of the message of Emperor William I, on state insurance, pointing out the great ideas contained in the message, which not only had unrivalled success in his majesty's own country, but were spreading beyond the frontiers of Germany, and adding:

"Unfortunately, the accomplishment of its highest aim has been retarded by the continuous opposition of those thinking themselves entitled to represent the interests of the working classes."

The message concludes with expressing the hope that the insurance bills may guarantee the inner peace of Germany, and announcing that it is the Emperor's will that the legislation shall continue until the task of protecting the poor and weak is accomplished.

DENY INSANITY OF PRINCE GEORGE.

Servian Official Statement Alleges Interested Motives for Spreading of Report.

Belgrade, Servia, Nov. 17.—Crown Prince George, who is reported from Vienna to have become insane, is not yet under restraint, though his excesses and scandalous escapades arouse doubts as to his sanity. He visited the cavalry riding school this afternoon and also drove in the park.

THE CROWN PRINCE OF SERVIA.
Rumors of whose insanity are denied.
—The Graphic.

Official notice has been taken of the reports current in Vienna, and a note was issued to-day denying as absolutely unfounded the story that the prince is insane or that steps have been taken to change the succession. The official note alleges that the sensational reports are published from interested motives and with the object of impressing the bourses and causing the failure of the new Servian loan.

POLISH MEMBERS OF REICHSTAG ACT.

Berlin, Nov. 17.—The Polish members of the Reichstag have decided to interpelate the government on the Polish school strike question. Their decision was arrived at as a result of the action of a lower court at Zabrze, Silesia, in withdrawing the right of education from the parents of striking children, and handing the latter over to a reformatory.

SHAH OF PERSIA SERIOUSLY ILL.

London, Nov. 17.—Official advices received here confirm the recent reports of the serious illness of the Shah of Persia. It is said that his death may occur any day, or that he may linger for months. He is suffering from kidney trouble.

INDEPENDENT ORANGEMAN DEFEATED.

Dublin, Nov. 17.—W. Moore, Unionist, formerly Member of Parliament for North Antrim, was elected yesterday to represent North Armagh in Parliament by a majority of 2,796 over Mr. Crawford, Independent Orangeman. Mr. Moore succeeds the late Colonel Edward James Saunderson, who died on October 21.

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