

ENVOY A FAILURE
How Court Ball Squabbles
Have Affected His Career.

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Tschirsky, the German Ambassador at Vienna, is once more in hot water in connection with his feelings at a court ball, and his relations with the Austrian Chancellor and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Count Aehrenthal, are so seriously strained to render the maintenance of cordial intercourse between them difficult and cordially out of the question.

At the court of Vienna, as also at Madrid and Lisbon, and formerly in France, the Papal Nuncio is, ex officio, the dean of the diplomatic corps. At Vienna, next in rank by virtue of his seniority after appointment, comes Baron Tschirsky. Usually at court balls and similar state functions, Count Aehrenthal has taken the Baroness Tschirsky in to supper. At the last court ball, which was fruitful in all sorts of incidents, he took in the young English ambassadoress, Lady de Grey, as his partner.

Lady de Grey, the daughter of the Earl of Eglinton, is the daughter of the great pacifist who was Count de Grey, and left to the Nuncio, as dean of the diplomatic corps, the honor of acting as escort to the German Ambassador, who is of Austrian bourgeois birth. Count Aehrenthal happened to be talking to Lady de Grey when the procession in the Embassy, and afterwards, after the armistice, probably in order to be able to have an opportunity of continuing his conversation with her at supper.

Baron Tschirsky, however, chose to regard the matter as a deliberate affront not only to his wife but also to the German Embassy, and he accordingly, after a somewhat agitated conversation with sufficient warmth and vigor to attract the attention of a number of people, so that within twenty-four hours all Vienna was talking of the affair. Happening to come at a time when Count Aehrenthal is endeavoring to propitiate Russia, and to get on terms with her on the friendly footing which existed prior to the Herzegovina-Bosnia annexation, the incident has been endowed with more political importance than it deserves, being interpreted as a disapproval on the part of the German government of her ally's advances to Russia.

FORCED TO LEAVE ST. PETERSBURG.
This is the second time that Tschirsky has made a mountain out of a molehill at a court ball. The former occasion was at St. Petersburg, at an entertainment at which, by-the-by, Count Aehrenthal was present in the role of Austrian Ambassador. It took place at a ball given by the Grand Duchess Vladimir for her daughter Helen, the wife of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Tschirsky, who was then the minister and first secretary of the German Embassy, had seemed himself to take a lady in to supper, when Grand Duke Vladimir came up and offered her his arm. Etiquette at European courts requires that a lady should never be invited to a ball and a part of a member of the reigning house in the night of a command, and the grand duke, wishing to turn the use of his prerogative as a prince of the blood into a joke, exclaimed laughing: "As Tschirsky retired with a very disappointed look on his face: 'Oh, my dear Count, how tiresome German diplomats, they are the most disagreeable people in existence!'"

Von Tschirsky, who is extremely serious minded, without a vestige of humor, instead of accepting this remark of his imperial host in the same laughing and good natured way in which it was uttered, took grave offense, and in consequence made formal complaint to his ambassador, Prince Radolin, insisting that the German Embassy, and not only the embassy but the entire diplomatic service of the Kaiser, had been slighted in his singular person.

Radolin, who is a thorough man of the world, and who is not a laughing stock, pointed out to him that of all the members of the reigning house of Russia there were none who were more German in their sympathies and so closely allied with the Hohenzollerns as the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess Vladimir. In fact, the latter is a princess of the house of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, used formerly to be regarded as the particular champion of Germany at St. Petersburg and as the agent of the policy of Prince Bismarck. Von Tschirsky, however, declined to listen to Radolin's arguments or to look upon the matter in the least friendly way, and insisted that his intention of tendering his resignation and returning to Berlin to report the occurrence unless he received redress. Radolin, who is now German Ambassador at Paris, anxious to avoid at all costs making an affair of state and a full edged diplomatic incident, went to the grand duchess, as a German princess, asking her if either she or her husband would say a kind word to Tschirsky in order to relieve him (Radolin) of a most embarrassing predicament. The grand duchess, instead of complying completely, rounded upon the ambassador for his impertinence in complaining about her husband at the instance of a mere secretary of the embassy and bade him to remember once and for all time that, although she was a German by birth, she was now a princess of Russia. In fact, the grand duchess was so angry that Radolin said no alternative but to leave the ball, taking with him the members of his staff. The fat was in the fire. The court of St. Petersburg and society took sides with the grand Duchess Vladimir, who is extremely respectable, and who is not a laughing stock, but also Prince Radolin, for the absence of any sense of humor. The position became intolerable, and Radolin was transferred to Paris, while Von Tschirsky, after remaining on the retired list for a short time, was appointed minister resident at Hamburg.

M. BOUTROUX'S VISIT HERE.
Paris, Feb. 18.—Etienne Emile Marie Boutroux, the French philosopher, accompanied by his wife, will visit the United States on the Adriatic on February 25th to deliver a course of lectures at Harvard University. He will also make four public addresses at Cambridge, under the auspices of the Cercle Francais, on "The Essence of Religion" and "The Movement of Contemporary Philosophy." He is known in this country as the guest of the late William James, and formerly professor of philosophy at Harvard University.

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Mayor Gaynor was the principal speaker at the dinner of the Japan Society at the Hotel Astor last night. His honor sat pretty close to the theme of the evening, which was "Hands Across the Pacific," paying his share of tribute to Japan and welcoming Baron Yasuya Uchida, Japanese Ambassador, and Baroness Uchida, who were the guests of honor.

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Mr. Roosevelt expects to return here on February 23. He said today that it was tiring for him to accept the many invitations which had been extended to him, but he would endeavor on his return to New York to arrange to speak before the Hamilton Club of Chicago and also to address the Milwaukee Press Club. Definite dates for these occasions could not be fixed until he reached New York.

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HUMOR UP TO DATE
LAUGHING BY NOTE.
Professor Kleiser and His
Class on Exhibition.

The entertainment took a promising turn as soon as the humorists took their seats on the platform. They had volunteered to tell humorous stories, tersely, to an audience at the West Side branch of the Young Men's Christian Association last night. They had come with the deliberate intention of being funny, and even before a word was spoken all doubt that they would be much funnier than they had expected was dissipated. Professor Grenville Kleiser, in charge of the development of their latent powers to amuse, was no small success. Professor Kleiser said: "Students of the humorous anecdote had everything in their favor. Their appearance added them. To see them was to be placed in a receptive mood."

It was a little difficult at the outset to understand the professor's reasons for asking the speaker to speak in a certain way and through the medium of a paper. Mr. Sibley was born on November 6, 1830, in Monmouth County, N. J., where his parents, who lived in Brooklyn, were visiting. At an early age he entered the cigar manufacturing business which he conducted for many years and retired in 1885. He was a leader among the volunteer firemen and for thirteen years was foreman of Washington Engine Company 1. He was married in 1852 to Miss Deborah Irwin, of Manhattan. He leaves a wife, a daughter and two sons. The funeral will be held at his home this afternoon.

BENJAMIN R. SHIBLEY.
Benjamin Romaine Shibley, a former Commissioner of Charities of the city of Brooklyn and a well known figure in the Democratic organization there, died on Thursday at his home, No. 244 Pulaski street, Williamsburg, as the result of a long illness. He was seventy-two years of age. Mr. Shibley was born on November 6, 1830, in Monmouth County, N. J., where his parents, who lived in Brooklyn, were visiting. At an early age he entered the cigar manufacturing business which he conducted for many years and retired in 1885. He was a leader among the volunteer firemen and for thirteen years was foreman of Washington Engine Company 1. He was married in 1852 to Miss Deborah Irwin, of Manhattan. He leaves a wife, a daughter and two sons. The funeral will be held at his home this afternoon.

ROOSEVELT AFLOAT.
A Week's Shooting Trip on Nile—Kaiser's Bravery.
Gondokoro, Feb. 18.—Colonel Roosevelt, Kermit Roosevelt and Edmund Heller, the zoologist, left on the steamer Redja today for a final week of shooting