

PARIS PRESS ON ROOSEVELT

EXTREMES OF PRAISE AND BLAME FOR RENUNCIATION.

One Writer Says He Aimed to Be King and... French Politeness is Only a Myth.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—Considerable attention has been paid by the French press to President Roosevelt's renunciation of his pledge not to run again.

The Temps says the President's decision cannot be doubted, but his resolute withdrawal does not signify that he will not interest himself in the succession.

The Temps goes on to remark that all modern wars are merely the outgrowth of a ceaseless economic war, as will be any war thrust upon the United States which finds her own economic warfare threatened by yellow labor, of which Japan is the natural champion.

"This," says the Temps, "is what President Roosevelt has clearly discerned and why all his policy has been directed at making the United States a naval power of the first order such as it is to-day.

The Siècle, while crediting the President with all sincerity, says it is necessary to wait to see if the Republican convention does not force him to accept the nomination as inevitably the most representative personification of the American people.

The Petit Parisien in considering the various candidates for the Presidency of the United States as they now appear says of Mr. Bryan that in any case he can dispute with President Roosevelt for the palm of oratorical volubility, for he is one of the rare men of the world, capable of delivering hundreds of discourses every week without suffering physical discomfort.

The Océan says that when President Roosevelt was at the apogee of his popularity it was doubted if the nation would permit him to escape from its suffrages. The recent crisis, which resulted largely from regrettable errors due to the excess of power which the President believed himself authorized to use, dissipated these illusions and modified sensibly the respect of things. Mr. Roosevelt had had the good sense to comprehend that in reaffirming his former utterances he will perhaps evade cruel injury to his amour propre.

In the Ernest Charles says: "President Roosevelt, the former Colonel of the most comical of regiments in the gayest of wars, has for a long time played the great man in an American manner." M. Charles, to whom things American seem afflicted with mild cold, though he delights to comment on them, says he is not astonished that all America has been Roosevelt's dupe, because Americans are great, impetuous children. It hurts M. Charles, however, to be forced to think how many in old Europe have been the dupes of this inflated Napoleon, this big man of the continent.

"But," says the writer, "I am assured that Mr. Roosevelt will have a great number of European admirers. Mr. Roosevelt took himself seriously. He counted on the United States soon becoming a monarchy for the pleasure of crowning him a king. What a snarl! To-day Mr. Roosevelt cannot even be a candidate for the Presidency of the republic. He will quit the Government after having stirred the greatest crisis that business men have had to support in a long time. Truly he is a great man. Mr. Roosevelt, provided he has nothing more to do in America, will come here to make copy for the Paris newspapers."

The movement for an international congress to consider the management of highways with a view to new conditions which these will be obliged to sustain through modern methods of locomotion has taken definite form. The congress will be held at the end of 1911 in Paris, with the patronage of the Ministers of the Interior and Public Works. The congress will consider materials, construction and the care and upkeep of highways as well as hygiene from the viewpoint of dust.

The committee on organization will have not only roadmakers and caretakers but also road users, auto clubs, touring clubs and anti-trust leagues. The engineers of the ministries charged with the construction and supervision of roads and bridges by the Municipal Council of Paris will be represented.

With the congress will be inaugurated the first international exhibition of machines used in the construction, repair and cleaning of streets and roads. Notwithstanding the deplorable accident to the war balloon, La Patrie, and although reports of the Flying Dutchman of the air have not yet ceased to come in, the conquest of aerial regions goes right on and it looks as if the ancient phrase "up in the air" would soon have to be abandoned as signifying the indefinite. The latest step of enthusiastic aeronauts is no less a project than to map the air. The plan is to have sectional maps showing all dangerous obstacles to balloons which guide ropes are liable to come into contact with at night.

President Sautier of the Aero Club has discovered that the power of wires aloft with a potential of 20,000 volts of electricity might cause disaster. The Aero Club has undertaken the publication of maps, the necessary records being already in hand, to locate telegraph and telephone wires.

A peace justice near Meison Lafitte is confronted with a case which is causing his fellow justices to smile at him while congratulating themselves that they were not obliged to make a decision. A physician who had a pretty young servant girl raised her to a higher position as they say in France. After a time he found it prudent to dispense with her presence. She consented to absent herself on the doctor's agreement to contribute a stipulated sum monthly for her support and that of an expected son of France. Upon the arrival of twins she interpreted the agreement as doubling its conditions. The doctor held otherwise and the woman carried the question to the court.

There are signs that the French are awakening to a perception of what foreigners with their eyes open as distinguished from those who take ancient hearsay for present facts have long observed, namely, the failure of French politeness. Recent comment by a French writer on this fact brought him floods of letters approving of his demand for the restoration of the traditional politeness and even proposing the formation of a league to hasten the desired end. You might almost imagine that you were reading a complaint of the rudeness of New Yorkers rushing for the Brooklyn Bridge or the subway when you heard the charges brought against a supposedly polite nation as represented in its capital. A traveler in an omnibus transplanted

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comfortably in a corner when a woman enters. She is obliged to remain standing on the platform resisting the assaults of the stronger sex. At stations where tickets are sold, the men push the weaker sex and the aged aside. There is an absence of the most elementary excuses if a woman is the victim of unintentional rudeness or jostling.

Smoking is unauthorized in a railway carriage, but a story is told of a literary chap the other day calmly lighting his pipe in a first class compartment without asking permission of a lady who was occupying the other portion. Another man remonstrated, saying that the lady might object.

MAURETANIA SAILED ON TIME. Signal Shot Brings Down the Roofs of Only 12 Men Are in the Workings. LONDON, Dec. 14.—A terrible explosion occurred at the Dinas main colliery in Wales to-day. Fortunately only twelve men were below the surface at the time, the others having come up to receive their weekly pay.

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HUMBERT SCANDAL IN COURT

WRANGLES OVER WOMAN'S CLAIM ON KING'S ESTATE. Countess Hercolani Says She Gave Up Being a Singer for His Sake—Demands Support for Self and Child—Italian Princess Sent to Cairo as a Punishment.

ROMA, Dec. 14.—The suit of the Countess Cesarina Gaddi Hercolani against the private patrimony of the Quirinal household for alleged seduction by the late King Humbert is being heard. The case has been pending for some years, but in 1903 the tribunals, having rejected the plea in behalf of the royal house, decreed that the Countess should be permitted to prove that from July, 1890, until the end of January, 1893, she had had relations with the murdered monarch and that previous to that period she had led a wholly chaste life, preparing for a musical career which promised a brilliant future.

The Countess states that in 1890, when she was scarcely 15 years of age, she was taken at the King's request to sing before him at the Quirinal. After the concert the King conducted her to his private apartments, where he forced her to pass the night. During the course of their relations a son was born and until 1893 King Humbert maintained her. Afterward she was compelled to seek inferior employment as an actress and pianist in order to maintain herself and her child.

The lawyers for the Countess, while not denying the woman's intimacy with King Humbert, contend that she was educated in a morally corrupt environment and that her father, Count Gaddi, figure in the secret archives of the Ministry of the Interior as the keeper of gambling houses and maisons de rendezvous at Naples and Bologna, and further that he lived upon the prostitution of his wife, the Countess Sartani, and their sons. The Countess Hercolani herself, according to the defenses, was not under 18 in July, 1890, and was already leading a life of free love.

The prosecution in its rebutting evidence, disputes the authenticity of the documents in regard to the parents of the Countess, asserting that her mother, who was an esteemed playwright and historical writer, enjoyed the friendship of Garibaldi and Victor Emmanuel and was long in receipt of regular monthly grants from the royal palace. Cesarina, her daughter, was the object of Queen Margherita's special interest from the day that Count Borromeo presented her at the National Musical Exposition in 1881.

Prof. Grippo, who occupies the chair of jurisprudence in the University of Naples, tried to impress upon the court in behalf of the Quirinal that the admission of the lawsuit was calculated to bring the deceased King's memory into disrepute and was prejudicial to the interests of constitutional law. A fresco of the Madonna and Child which was recently discovered on a wall behind an old wardrobe in a house in the small Umbrian village of Acciano is believed to be the work of Matteo da Guido and is probably one of his latest, as it is dated 1497. The discovery was made by mere chance. Some students for the priesthood found a vague mention of it in an ancient document dated 1509, and ascertained from the owners of the house that the fresco was kept hidden owing to the profanation of German soldiers in 1849. It is in a good state of preservation but bears traces of wanton scratching. The Duchess of Aosta's sudden and unexpected voyage to Cairo is officially announced to be by order of the Court doctors, but it is really a sort of punishment inflicted by the King for her insistence on participating too conspicuously in her sister's marriage with Prince Carlos of Bourbon, son of Count de Caserta, the pretender to the kingdom of Naples. In fact it is stated that her presence hurt the susceptibilities of the bridegroom's father, who omitted her name when he toasted all the representatives of the Bourbon families, as he considered that she belonged to the house of Savoy. The King of Italy disapproved of the action of the Duchess in exposing herself to the slight and soon after her return to Italy summoned her to Rome and ordered her to winter exile in Cairo.

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TOKIO MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP. Municipality Buys Street Railways—Reduced Fare Promised. TOKIO, Dec. 14.—The municipality of Tokio will purchase the street railways to-morrow. The price to be paid is \$108,750,000.

ACUSED OF TREASON. Heavy Sentences for Social Democrats of Former Russian Duma. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 14.—The trial of fifty Social Democrats, of whom thirty-seven were members of the second Duma, charged with high treason, was concluded to-day. Eleven were sentenced to five and fifteen to four years at penal servitude.

HONOR FOR PROF. GILBERT. Coast Survey Expert a Member of French Academy of Sciences. MENCHI, Dec. 14.—The Academy of Sciences has elected Prof. Gilbert, inspector of hydrography and topography in the Coast and Geodetic Survey at Washington, a corresponding member.

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PAWNING SULTAN'S JEWELS. Desperate Efforts of Moroccan Emissaries to Raise \$2,000,000. PARIS, Dec. 14.—The agents of the Sultan of Morocco who have made vain attempts to raise money from the bank of London, Paris and Berlin have returned here. They are now trying to raise 10,000,000 francs (\$2,000,000) on the Sultan's jewelry in the Government pawnshop in Paris.

The Reason Is Plain. The financial disturbance has killed the Fall trade. Beginning To-morrow, Monday: Suits at \$20. Trousers at \$6. Shirts at cost. Fur Overcoats at cost. The heavy stocks at both stores will be closed out regardless of former prices, all departments included—no reservations. Burnham & Phillips Tailors. Broadway at 27th St. Nassau Street below Beekman.