WHAT AMERICANS AND OTHERS ARE DOING IN EUROPEAN CAPITALS

SOCIETY HOSTS TO BE IN ART TABLEAUX

All Schools and Periods to Be Represented at Picture Ball in London.

TANGO ON THE PROGRAMME

Many Americans to Take Part in Reproductions of Works of Art.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—The tango will appear for the first time on the programme of a great London ball on December 3 at the Great Picture ball to be given at Albert Hall. Two tangos will be on the dance card. The preparations for this ball are now complete and society is eagerly looking forward to it.

A special stage 100 feet long has been constructed, where examples of every school of art from the earliest times to our present day will be reproduced. Egyptian art from the year 4000 B. C., Assyrian art from the 3000 B. C. period and the Greek and Roman schools will be represented by the reproduction of friezes.

Indian, Persian, Chinese and Japanese art will be represented by groups. Famous works of art of every great period will be reproduced by living figures on black or purple screens in gilt frames. These will include reproductions of primitives and of the early Italian frescoes, one of which will show Lady Randolph Churchill, formerly Miss Jennie Jerome of New York, as the Empress Theodora in the Byzantine mosaic at Trevenna.

In the late Italian school Mrs. Pat Campbell will represent a Da Vinci. The German school will be represented by reproductions of works by Holbein and Albert Duerer, the Flemish school by some of the masterpieces of Van Dyck and Rubens and the Dutch school by Rembrandt, Terburg and Frans Hals. In the latter school Lady Diana Manners will figure in the reproduction of Terburg's "Pearl Necklace." The Spanish school will include reproductions of works by Velasquez and Gorjas.

The Duchess of Marlborough will have charge of the French school, which will include works by Fragonard, Dumont, Boucher and Lancret.

In the English school will be seen works by the great portraitists Hoppner, Lawrence, Reynolds, Raeburn and Gainsborough. The Victorian period will also be represented by a group.

Only the futurists among living artists will have the honor of having their works reproduced. A great number of society leaders will take part in the various reproductions.

FAREWELL TO MR. THACKARA.

Thanksgiving Banquet in Berlin Really Given in His Honor.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Nov. 29.—Mrs. Gerard, wife of Ambassador James W. Girard, made her bow to the American colony here on Thursday at the Thanksgiving banquet and ball in the Zoological Gardens. More than 400 Americans were present.

Owing to the absence of Ambassador Gerard at Hamburg Mrs. Gerard was the star attraction, and her pleasant personality charmed every one. Exchange Professors Shorey of Chicago and Coolidge of Harvard made the speeches of the evening, which developed into a farewell ovation to Consul-General Thackara, who is about to leave to take up a similar post in Paris. Eleanor Painter of New York, one of the stars of the Charlottenburg opera, sang "The Star Spangled Banner," the audience enthusiastically joining in the song.

There was dancing until 4 A. M., the tango and the onestep being the favorites. Owing to the death of her sister Mrs. Thackara and her daughters were not present.

The American Luncheon Club gave a luncheon at the Adlon on Wednesday to say farewell to Mr. Thackara. Ambassador Gerard in the name of the members presented to the Consul-General a silver loving cup.

AMERICAN GIRLS IN FLORENCE.

Travelling School of Mrs. Hartman Spending Month There.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

FLORENCE, Nov. 29.—Mrs. Edith Cooper Hartman and Mrs. Statton are here for a month with their travelling school, including Dorothy Bonnie of Louisville, Ky.; Ellen Faulkner of Keene, N. H.; Georgia Yates of Portland, Ore.; Dorothy Blake of Boston, Kathryn Colwell of Syracuse, N. Y.; Eleanor Poucher of Philadelphia, Mabel Kern of North Adams, Mass.; Marjorie Stewart of Worcester, Mass., and Katrina Van Sickle of Auburn, N. Y.

Mrs. Charles Smith of Detroit, wife of the former secretary of the Bowery Mission in New York, will make an address in the library of the American Church here on her work on the Bowery. She leaves for the United States immediately thereafter.

GIVES PARTY FOR BLIND BOY.

Miss Anna Fairchild Hopes to Restore Youngster's Eyesight.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

PARIS, Nov. 29.—Miss Anna Fairchild, niece of Washington Irving, gave a birthday party on Tuesday for a little boy whom she adopted when he was totally blind. She had him treated by some of the best oculists in Europe and they believe that his sight will be fully restored by proper treatment.

LEITERS READY FOR TOUR.

Their Chartered Yacht Niagara Arrives at Villefranche.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

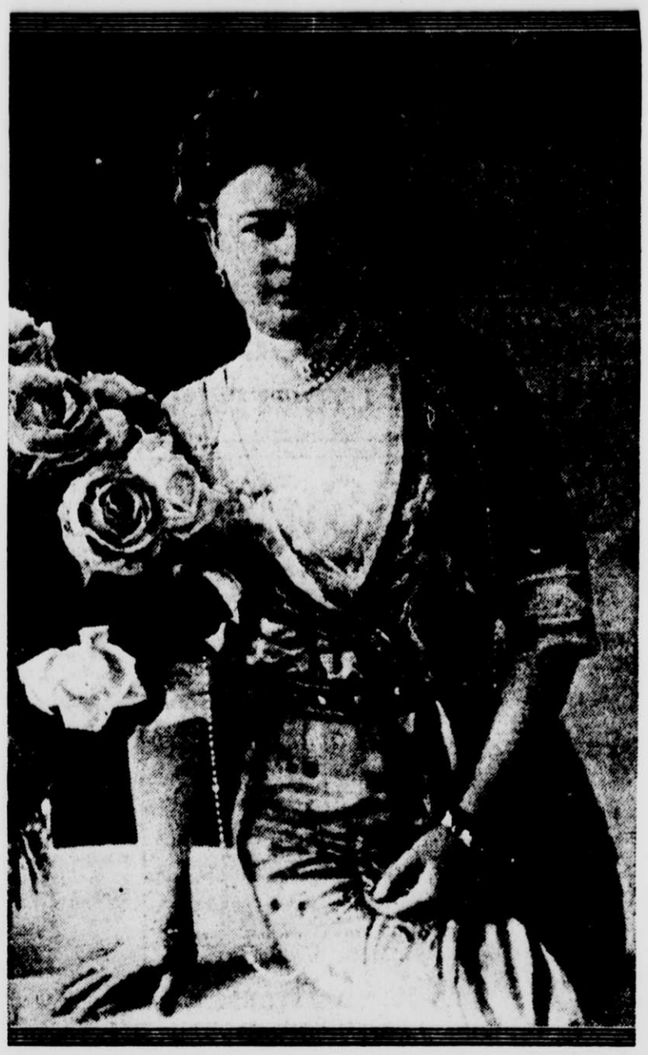
PARIS, Nov. 29.—The steam yacht Niagara, owned by Howard Gould, has arrived at Villefranche. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leiter, who have chartered it for a round the world trip, and Mrs. Leiter's sister, Miss Williams, are aboard.

BRITISH ROYALTY EXPENSIVE.

$820,000 Paid to Members Other Than King, Queen and Heir.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—The lesser lights of the royal family are more or less charming of course, but they cost the nation a pretty penny. The extraneous grants amount to $530,000 of which King George takes $100,000 (in addition to his civil list of $2,350,000), Queen Mary $50,000 and King Edward's three daughters $30,000 each.

A generation of Queen Victoria's descendants have still to be provided for at the same generous rate. These include Princess Christian, Princess Louise, Princess Henry of Battenburg, the Dowager Duchess of Saxe Coburg-Gotha and the Duchess of Albany. In all a sum of $820,000 is paid to our royalty apart from the King and Queen and the heir to the throne. Later on incomes of $50,000 apiece will have to be paid to the King's four younger sons and to Princess Mary.



Duchess of Hohenberg, Wife of Austria's Heir

The Duchess Sophie of Hohenberg, wife of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria, is now visiting England with her husband at the invitation of King George. This week they are to be the guests of the Duke of Portland at Welbeck Abbey.

Archduke Francis Ferdinand and Countess Sophie Chotek, who has since been created Duchess of Hohenberg, were married in morganatic union, and for this reason the Duchess cannot become Empress, nor can her son ascend the throne. The couple are profoundly devoted to each other and have seven handsome children.

The Kaiser has never forgotten the fact that the Duchess is not of imperial rank and has refused to treat her with imperial honors. The visit which the Archduke and his wife had planned to pay to the German Emperor was cancelled for that reason and the invitation from King George was all the more welcome.

Fine Weather in Paris Delays Flight to South

Princess di San Faustino, nee Campbell, Leaves Her Husband in Rome and There Are Rumors of a Separation

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Nov. 29.—The weather in the French capital is giving no reason for an exodus to the south, which usually marks this period of the year. Although the winter cold has not yet arrived the persistent rains are likely to start departures for the Riviera.

News from Rome that the Princess di San Faustino, formerly Jane Campbell of New York, is going to leave the Italian capital and has taken a flat in the Rue Matignon in this city has been received with surprise. She intends to spend most of her time here, her husband remaining in Rome. It has been rumored for some time that the couple are estranged and a separation would not be altogether a surprise. It is said that the Princess's mother, Mrs. Campbell, has taken an apartment above that of her daughter.

Mrs. Eric Dahlgren and her daughters have left the Hotel Cecilia for the south. Before leaving she went to Dinard and rented a villa for next year.

Emma Nevada Has Apartment.

Emma Nevada, the singer, has rented an apartment in the rue de Bassano. She receives on Sunday afternoons. Among those who went there last Sunday to listen to the singing of her daughter Mignon were Mrs. John Mackay, Mr. and Mrs. William Marie, Miss Yznaga, the Comtesse de Coetlogon, formerly Miss Blake of New York.

Marjorie Patterson of Baltimore is at the Hotel Castiglione with her mother. She is working on another book, and leaves for London next month to rejoin Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree's company.

Miss Fanny Reid is visiting Mrs. William E. Corey at the Ville Genis Chateaux, where Lady Paget, formerly Miss Mary Stevens of New York, is also a guest.

Prince and Princess Aymon de Faucigny-Lucinge, the latter formerly Mrs. Joseph Stickney, are about to make a visit to the United States. They expect to spend several months there.

Mrs. George Holt will sail for New York on Dec. 4, where she will pass the winter.

Among those who sailed from Cherbourg this week aboard the American liner New York was Miss J. Carryl Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sherman are at the Hotel de Crillon. They will start for Egypt next week.

Lady Newborough, formerly Miss Carr of Louisville, Ky., is at the Ritz, where her sister, the Hon. Mrs. Cecil Bingham, will join her next week.

Mrs. Larsen Tango Hostess.

Mrs. Peter Larsen has returned from the United States and will give a series of dinners with tango dancing in December in her home in the Faubourg St. Germain.

Mrs. Dunlop Hopkins is at the Hotel de Castille. She has issued invitations for two receptions at which she will exhibit her work, which she hopes to continue this winter in Paris.

Mrs. Henry Vanderpoel is at the Hotel Belmont with her daughter. The latter is going to San Moritz soon.

Countess Trotti has opened her villa in Paris and receives on Sundays. She is going to Cannes later.

Dances and Dinners of Week.

Mrs. Edward Lauterbach of New York, one of the indefatigable exponents of the tango, gave a tango dance Saturday evening at the Hotel Meurice.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blackmer of New York are at the Hotel Lotti. Mrs. Blackmer was formerly Mrs. Frank Felton, daughter of Gen. Oliver Carter Felton. She is the daughter of Gen. Oliver S. Carter who died several years ago.

Mrs. Alfred Gwynne, sister-in-law of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, is at her villa at Ville d'Avray with her three children, whom she is educating here.

Verner Z. Reed of Colorado gave a dinner for thirty at the Hotel Astoria on Tuesday, followed by dancing and supper later.

The guests included Col. Henry Watterson, Princess Engal Icheff, Mr. and Mrs. Bleckmer, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Swinburne, the Marchese de Bietto and Humphrey Moore. During the dinner a cable message was sent to Mrs. Reed at Denver signed "Thirty Sudden Death."

VENICE FANCY DRESS BALLS.

Startling Costumes and Settings at Cassatti Palace.

VENICE, Nov. 12.—Conversation in Venice centres chiefly on three wonderful fancy dress balls given recently by the Marchesa Cassatti at her palace on the Grand Canal. The hostess is acknowledged by all her guests to be a very remarkable woman. Her costumes varied with each ball.

The first was a Persian ballet dress having the swathed trousers and short wired "lamp shade" tunic. On her head she wore a wonderful Persian head dress in white. Another dress was entirely in gold and white—a harlequin dress designed by Bakst. As she received her guests she distributed tuberoses, and an attendant, gilded, as it seemed, to the waist, held a brazier in which perfumes were burning.

The supreme moment came when the guests were invited to come out on the Piazza of St. Mark. When they were assembled the Marchesa made a dramatic appearance, leading a panther cub and holding a parrakeet on her shoulder. She was followed by an attendant leading two greyhounds. When she entered a gondola and floated away the guests wondered if it was all a dream.

ELIZABETHAN SEAMEN HONORED.

Monument to Daring Mariners Planned at Ratcliffe Cross.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—History has recounted much and fiction even more regarding the deeds of the Elizabethan seaman. And now the local government committee of the London County Council is considering the possibility of commemorating at Ratcliffe Cross thase Elizabethan mariners who sailed from the Thames in their search for adventure.

The proposal to pay some tribute to the memory of these Elizabethan seamen has the support of, among others, Lord Rosebery, in spite of his view that those who have lived to middle life are becoming a little distrustful of memorials. But Lord Rosebery qualified that remark, made at the annual meeting of the London Topographical Society last February, by adding that memorials were only put up profitably to worthy people who had been forgotten. Frobisher, one of the greatest and most strenuous of Elizabeth's sea dogs, he urged, did need such a memorial.

"Good-by" Tickets Adopted.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—"Good-by tickets" have come to stay. They cost two cents and were first issued in England by the London and Southwestern Railroad Company at their Waterloo station. No doubt the revenue which the companies derive from them is practically insignificant, but the practice of issuing these platform tickets limits to some extent the crowd of people who want to see their friends off by the different trains.

ROME BIDS FAREWELL TO MR. MONTESSORI

Envoy Page Attends Marchesa Viti di Marco's Dinner in Her Honor.

SEASON IN FULL SWING

Entertaining Begins With Opening of Parliament in Italian Capital.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROME, Nov. 29.—With the opening of Parliament and the return of the royal family the Rome season has opened and entertaining has commenced.

Marchesa Viti di Marco, formerly Miss Etta Dunham of New York, gave a farewell dinner to Dr. Maria Montessori, who left for New York with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. McClure. Among the guests were Ambassador and Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page and the Minister of the Colonies and his wife. The Countess Montessori intends to lecture for a month in the United States on her method of teaching. She does not speak English, but hopes to be able to explain her method by a series of moving pictures taken here for that purpose.

The newly appointed Italian Ambassador to Washington gave a dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Page this week. The Marchese di San Giuliano, the Foreign Minister, was present.

There was no forma' celebration of Thanksgiving Day here. Mgr. Kennedy, rector of the American College, gave a dinner for the students of the college. Ambassador and Mrs. Page gave a dinner for the embassy staff.

There is disappointment in court circles at the announcement that Queen Elena and her children are going to spend two months at Posilipo, near Naples, by orders of the royal physician. Princess Mafalda, the second daughter of the King and Queen, is delicate and needs sea air.

Queen Also in Poor Health.

The Queen herself is not in very good health, and the physicians insist that she spend at least one month in the open air. The Queen was very reluctant to leave the King alone in Rome, fearing that he would be assassinated. She exacted a promise from him that he would go by automobile to spend week ends at Posilipo.

Crown Prince Umberto made his first appearance in public without his sisters the other day at Fiea, where he visited an ice factory, accompanied only by the King's aide-de-camp. The Crown Prince himself suggested the visit. He said, "A man ought to know how ice is made." The Crown Prince is 9 years old.

The King was reluctant to allow his son to go accompanied only by an aide-de-camp. Although he is absolutely fearless himself and hates an escort, he fears an attempt on the Crown Prince's life by some fanatic.

Latest Arrivals.

E. M. Padelford of New York is here to spend the winter.

Mrs. R. Mayer of New York will be at the Excelsior until Christmas.

Others who will spend the winter in Rome are F. H. Lovell of New York, W. Conklin of Cincinnati and Mrs. Pruyn Harrison of Chicago.

Mrs. Fry of New York, wife of the painter, has left for India for a trip of two months.

Mrs. Albert Erskine of Chicago is here to spend a few weeks.

Duchess Lante della Roveree, with her mother, Mrs. Allen of New York, has returned to Rome.

The first meet of the fox hounds this week was spoiled by rain.

MAUNDORFFS' RIGHTS ADMITTED BY COURT

Brothers Now Entitled to Use Name of Kings of France.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

PARIS, Nov. 29.—It is unfortunate that causlie Henri Rochefort is no longer alive to comment on the legal decision by which the Naundorff family are entitled to call themselves Bourbon.

The Naundorff brothers claimed $10,000 damages against the late M. Rochefort, who ridiculed the claim that they were descended from the Dauphin, second son of Louis XVI. He was supposed to have escaped from the Temple prison after his father died by the guillotine.

The case was not argued on the point of the validity of the claim, as the Naundorffs were able to produce certain judgments rendered in Holland recognizing their right to use the name of Bourbon. The Paris tribunal declared it was obliged to accept these judgments as valid and awarded to the brothers $100 each.

A romance was unveiled last Sunday in a police station here by the appearance of a ragged young man carrying a ring set with a pearl which he said he found in the gutter. Asked to show papers of identification he brought forth proof that he was the Vicomte de Bourgogne, one of fourteen children left in penury by Gen. de Bourgogne.

The Vicomte, after passing his entrance examination at the military school of Saumur, was hurt in an automobile accident which left him with one arm paralyzed. Falling into poverty, he was too proud to inform his friends of his predicament. He was living in a garret and walking the boulevards seeking any work to which he could lay a hand when he found the pearl. The publicity given to the story has enabled him to find a situation.

Several Americans have been the victims of a man operating in hotels during the past month with a new variety of the old game of swindle. The game is this: The man presents a check at the hotel desk, saying he has just received it for a sale he has made to a guest of the hotel who is unable to come downstairs. The swindler invariably chooses a new arrival at the hotel whose signature is not familiar to the cashier. The checks are always drawn on Lloyd's Bank, London, for $25.

COMMANDER ORMSBY DEAD.

Widow Is Great Granddaughter of Gen. Hoffman of New York.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

PARIS, Nov. 29.—Commander Ormsby of the British navy, who died recently, leaves a young widow and a baby two months old.

Mrs. Ormsby is a daughter of Mrs. Ella Hoffman, granddaughter of Gen. Hoffman of New York. Commander Ormsby was a midshipman aboard the British warship Victoria when she was in collision with the Camperdown in 1893.

Bulgar King, With Austrian Support, Returns to Sofia

King Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

Crown Prince Boris.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

VIENNA, Nov. 29.—When King Ferdinand of Bulgaria left here yesterday for Sofia, the capital to which he is said to have declared he would never return, reports were immediately circulated that the Bulgarian monarch had come to some arrangement with the Austrian Government.

It is known that he has been here seeking the support of Austria and there seemed to be little hope of him getting any consolation in official circles. The press even went so far as to say that King Ferdinand had practically completed arrangements for abdication in favor of his son, Crown Prince Boris.

King Ferdinand saw Count von Berchtold, the Austrian Foreign Minister, on several occasions and had two important interviews with Emperor Francis Joseph. An official communication regarding these audiences says that the Emperor showed great cordiality toward Ferdinand and gave him a cordial farewell yesterday just before he left for Sofia. It seems apparent, therefore, that Ferdinand has returned to Bulgaria with Austria's hearty good will as a backing, if not an agreement in a more tangible form.

Diplomatic circles are interested to learn what Russia's action may be in the light of the new developments.

VIENNA, Nov. 19.—The role of a suppliant for his throne which proud King Ferdinand of Bulgaria has been playing in Vienna for the past month ill befits the man as those who have followed his rise to power well know.

He has all the pride of rank and family and the yearning for success where others have failed and where he came so near to achieving. He comes of two great families, a son of Prince Auguste of Saxe-Coburg and Princess Clementine, daughter of Louis Philippe, King of France, and is thus a cousin to most of the crown heads of Europe. Besides, it was but five years ago that he paid another visit to Vienna, and so well and diplomatically performed his mission that he returned to Sofia to realize one of his dreams. The day that Austria-Hungary annexed Bosnia-Herzegovina Prince Ferdinand proclaimed the independence of Bulgaria, the absorption of Eastern Rumelia and the asumption by himself of royalty at the old cathedral in the ancient Bulgarian capital of Tirnovo.

Rapid Raise to Power.

But the days since that event have been full of hope and he has seen the realization of one ambition rapidly succeeding another. The army that he had developed became a power that gained the admiration of the world, and when it was sweeping over the plains of Thrace and battering away at the walls of Adrianople he seemed to see Ferdinand of Coburg as Simeon II., Czar of all the region from the borders of Thessaly to the Save and the Danube, from the Black Sea to the Vardar, "Emperor of all the Bulgars and Greeks." But disasters of war and blunders of diplomacy followed one on top of the other in a year packed with more epoch making events than ever before in the history of Bulgaria, and the restless, ambitious Ferdinand saw his vast schemes and his grand dreams of empire dissipated.

Ferdinand appeared never to care for Sofia even when he stood in high favor with his people. He preferred his country seat at Varna, he said, because "it was better for the children." But many said that it was because he was in constant fear of assassination. There must too have been many memories that rose like ghosts from the past. The memory of the kidnapping of his predecessor, Alexander of Battenberg; the assassination of that fiery patriot Stambouloff, the imprisonment of Stavreff, the many times that he has felt his throne swaying beneath him and the thousands of Bulgarians who marched away valiantly in defence of their country, now lying in unmarked graves in Macedonia and Thrace—all these and many other incidents in his resolute rule of the past twenty-six years must haunt his dreams.

Trained as Ruler From Birth.

It was in July, 1887, when he was 26 years old, that the opportunity came to Ferdinand to be Prince of Bulgaria. But all his life he had been trained to be a ruler by his clever diplomatic mother, Princess Clementine, who, in spite of the fact that this was her youngest son, had always believed him destined for royal honors. His uncle, Ferdinand, she pointed out, whose marriage brought him the throne of Portugal, was a youngest son, so was Leopold I. of Belgium, and so also was the English Prince Consort. In fact it was upon the youngest sons of the family that the lucky star of the Coburgs had always shone. She brought him up with the understanding that he was to be a king. She taught him the mysteries and the duties of the royal craft and instructed him in all the tricks and artifices of politics and state building. Because it was uncertain in what country he might be a ruler she taught him many languages, and to this early preparation was due the remarkable linguistic attainments which he has always exhibited.

When married to Prince Ferdinand Marie Louise was 23 years old, simple and charming, with a great reputation as a wit. She captivated the Bulgarian gentlemen who were privileged to attend the wedding, and she had the happy inspiration of arraying herself in Bulgarian costume for her journey to Sofia. Her progress from the border to the capital was a triumph. Her costume was a compliment that won the Bulgarian hearts. Her idea of her position was sincere and exalted, for she felt that in her own way she was a builder of the new Bulgaria.

Boris Renounced Catholicism.

Marie Louise died in her twenty-ninth year, after giving to Bulgaria its first heir. She had four children, all of whom were given names famous in their country's history, Boris, the oldest, then Cyril, and then the two princesses, Eudoxia and Nadejda. The end of the Princess's life was saddened by the loss to her faith of her son Boris. At the time of his marriage Ferdinand made a vow that all children of the union should be baptized and educated in the Roman Catholic church. This was one of the stipulations that was insisted upon by the father and family of the bride, and it was thought that Ferdinand, himself being a Roman Catholic by birth and baptism, would never violate the agreement.

But when his little son was barely two years old Ferdinand, in order to gain the favor of Russia and effect a political reconciliation with that Power, took the decisive step of announcing that the young heir would be rebaptized in the Orthodox church. He wrote to Czar Nicholas announcing his decision and made known to the Bulgarian Parliament, which had long desired such a step, that the Czar would act as godfather to "our beloved son, heir to the Bulgarian throne," and that he had "manifested his good will to our nation by renewing with it the political relations that had been interrupted."

The Orthodox rite was performed on the little Prince at Tirnova on February 2, 1896. It was a tremendous festival in which all the people joined and which was more a Russian demonstration than it was anything else. The baby Prince went through a long tedious ceremony and came out an Orthodox Christian. But his mother's heart was broken. She never forgave her husband and she never recovered her old spirit after the blow that was thus dealt her.

Throne Erected for the Prince.

Prince Boris, like his father, has always been trained for ruling. From the beginning Ferdinand has insisted on the same regime for his son that his own mother imposed upon his upbringing. He demanded also from his subjects a high degree of deference for the youth. Sometimes he overreached himself in this regard. At one time he had a little throne erected for the boy in the Parliament building, where the Deputies were expected to pay the boy the same tributes of respect that they did his father. This was a little too much for the democratic Bulgars and not a little hard feeling resulted.

Prince Boris, who became officially of age at 18, is now almost 20 years old. He is tall and slender and greatly resembles his father in person, as indeed do all of the children. From babyhood he has been an officer in the army and inherits his father's love for military pursuits and his interest in political and economic subjects. He is a fine linguist, speaking Bulgarian as well as a native, and is said to be a more willing talker than Ferdinand.

Most of the young man's life has been spent at the summer palace at Varna, in preparation for his career as a ruler. He has striven earnestly to make himself a good Bulgar, and this, together with the fact that he is the first native Prince of Bulgaria, purple born, since the days of Schishman, the last Bulgarian Czar, has given him a hold on the affections and loyalty of the people that his father has never attained. Outside of Bulgaria the young man is not especially well known, although he has appeared to represent his country at two notable gatherings of royalty, the coronation of George V. of England and the funeral of Queen Maria Pia of Portugal.

SACKVILLE WEDDING QUIETEST OF SEASON

Extreme Simplicity Prevails at Lady Idina's Marriage to Capt. De Wallace.

GUESTS WALK TO CHURCH

Duchess of Marlborough Is Busily Engaged in Promoting Charity Work.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—The most important society wedding of the month was that of Lady Idina Sackville, daughter of Earl De La Warr, to Capt. De Wallace of the Life Guards. It established a record in the way of quietness. The bride is one of the prettiest and most popular girls in society and the bridegroom was quite the "catch" of the season. He inherited a large fortune and three fine estates in Scotland recently. Both decided upon a quiet wedding.

The bride at the wedding on Wednesday wore a plain blue serge walking skirt and a white shirtwaist. There were no pages, bridesmaids, bouquets or reception. The bride carried a purse bag, as if she were going out shopping. Many of the guests walked to the church. The bride is 20 years old.

A society writer this week refers to Sunderland House as a sort of clearing house for charitable efforts. The latest affair held there by the Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, was a sale of clothing made by the wives of prisoners for whom the Duchess supports a home, where they are taken care of while their husbands are in jail. The Duchess has a business room of her own in this home and she personally superintends all the business. The home also includes a creche, where the prisoners' children are taken care of while their mothers work.

Envoy Page to Make Address.

At Friday's sale the Duchess was assisted by the Marchioness of Blandford, the Countess of Pembroke and the Viscountess Acheson, formerly Miss Mildred Carter.

The Duchess of Marlborough will give an at home at Sunderland House in aid of the Bernardo Homes. An address will be made by Ambassador Page.

One of the biggest tango teas of the season was given last Wednesday by the Hon. Mrs. Robert Grosvenor, formerly Miss Florence Padelford of Savannah, Ga. Only keen tangoists were invited. Among them were Viscountess Acheson, Lady Paget, formerly Miss Stevens of New York; Lady Sarah Wilson, Lady Bache Cunard, formerly Maud Alice Burke of Chicago; Miss Violet Heppel, Countess Pauline von Pappenheim, formerly Ella Wheeler of Philadelphia; the Countess of Essex, formerly Adela Grant of New York; the Hon. Mrs. Cecil Bingham, formerly Montgomery Carr of Kentucky; the Countess of Granard, formerly Beatrice Mills of New York.

Duke of Portland's Party.

Among the guests at the house party invited to meet the Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife, the Duchess of Hohenberg, at the Duke of Portland's estate, Welbeck Abbey, will be the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, the Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe, the latter formerly May Goelet, and Lord Curzon of Kedleston.

Lord and Lady Decies, the latter formerly Vivian Gould, will spend the Christmas holidays in the United States.

The engagement is announced of Capt. the Hon. Donald A. Forbes, brother and heir presumptive of the Earl of Granard, and Miss Hanley, daughter of Edward Hanley of Avonmore, Wicklow.

LONDON HEARS FUTURIST POET.

"Tsoom-sa, Tsoom-sa, Tatatatag, Ff-boom, It's the Futurist Rag."

LONDON, Nov. 21.—London, not greatly moved, has heard the poet of Futurism declaiming one of his poems at the Cabaret Club. The poet also lectured recently at the club on "L'Art des Bruits." He spoke very rapidly, but with extraordinary distinctness in French. His reasoning is clear and logical, and as in the case of the Futurist painters the ideas were all sound and convincing. But when M. Marinetti gave examples of his poems one began to doubt the theories.

Violence, war, battles are the subjects of this school. This is the type of thing: "War . . . Bulgars . . . Turks . . . blood, mud . . . ," and then "Tsoom-sa, Tsoom-sa, Tsoom-sa . . . Tatatat, tata, tatatag . . . Ff-ff-ff-ff-ff-ff-boom boom," and so on.

There is no doubt that M. Marinetti possesses great powers of declamation. He gave evidence of this when, in answer to the objection that his poems depended on the manner in which they were declaimed, he said: "All verse depends on declamation," and gave examples of Verlaine rattled off in a deadly commonplace and ultra-conversational manner, and the same verses recited in the half chant of the poet, "with the right accent and emphasis." By this means it is always possible to make poetry sound like nonsense and nonsense like poetry.

SCIENTISTS HAVE LONG LIVES

Average Age of 1,635 Britons of Note Is 70.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—Surviving until his ninety-first year, Dr. Alfred Russel Wallace followed an example of longevity set by several distinguished scientists of recent times.

Nevreul was 103 at the time of his death, and Sir Joseph Hooker only nine years younger. Lord Lister was 84, Lord Kelvin and Herbert Spencer were 83. Chevrow and Berthelot were likewise octogenarians, and Lord Avebury died at the age of 79.

Evidently, as Sir Sidney Lee mentions, "sustained intellectual effort is no bar to longevity." He finds that 70 years of age is the average length of life of the 1,635 men and women commemorated in the second supplement of the Dictionary of National Biography. Nearly ten per cent died after their eightieth year, and of these four were centenarians.

POPE PIUS A TEETOTALLER.

Vatican's Famous Vintages Have Been Dispersed.

ROME, Nov. 29.—Pius X. has introduced some rather drastic reforms into the domestic arrangements of the Vatican, notably in dispersing the world famed cellars of priceless vintages, the presents of kings and emperors. It is well known that the Pope is a man of great austerity of life, and although wine to an Italian is as innocent and natural a beverage as water, he is himself a teetotaller, and wishes to encourage the practice of water drinking.

The immediate cause of this move of Pius X. is said to be the obstreperous behavior of some of the members of the Papal guard. Whether this is true or not seems a moot point, for Italians are very seldom guilty of excessive drinking.