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NEWS AND GOSSIP FROM THE CAPITALS OF THE OLD WORLD

Sleepiness of M. Fallieres May Compel Him to Resign

President of French Republic Cannot Overcome Drowsiness.

NODS IN HIS COUNCILS

Events in Morocco Demand a Vigilant Man at Government's Helm.

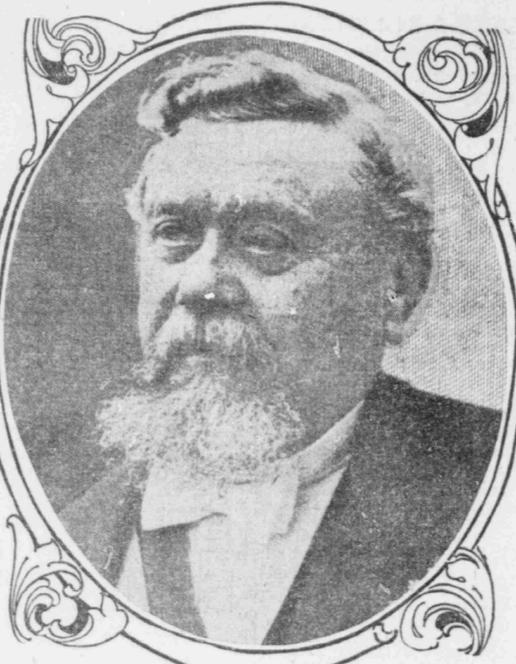
By THE MARQUIS DE CAPELLANE.

PARIS, Nov. 24.—M. Fallieres, who is, I must humbly acknowledge, much less famous in the world than Mr. Roosevelt, is acquiring an unusual reputation, and it will manifest itself very shortly by the press resignation. This excellent man, the "bonhomme Fallieres," as he is called, is a martyr to the sleeping sickness.

To what extent I do not know; but what is certain is that whether he be at home at the Elysee, at a council of ministers, or at the opera, in a very few minutes the President begins to nod and fall on the shoulder of Mr. Clemenceau, the first minister, or of madame Fallieres.

It is rumored in political circles that the new President of the republic thinks of passing the reins of office over to another hand. The events in Morocco and the generally unquiet state of Europe need a vigilant man at the French helm of state, and one whose eye is always awake.

M. Fallieres sees this need, and finding himself unable to master his tendency to sleep, thinks very seriously of resigning. He is a good French patriot, and does not shrink from passing his responsibility over to another in preference to discharging it badly.



M. FALLIERES, President of the French Republic, Who Is Said to Be a Victim of the "Sleeping Sickness."

VILLA OF BORGHI INVOLVED IN SUIT

Cardinal Hohenlohe's Heir Claims Portion of Archduke Franz's Heritage.

PARIS, Nov. 24.—The magnificent Villa d'Este, near Tivoli, in Italy, which was built by a son of Lucrezia Borgia, is the subject of a coming lawsuit between the heir of the late Cardinal Hohenlohe and the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, crown prince of Austria-Hungary.

Cardinal Hohenlohe found the villa forty years ago in a state of dilapidation and neglect, and he arranged with the owner, the last Duke of Modena, that the latter should loan the mansion to him on condition that he undertook all maintenance and repair expenses.

The cardinal spent about \$65,000 on the villa. Afterward the Duke of Modena tried to sell the villa, and agreed that a third of the price should be handed to Cardinal Hohenlohe as a recompense for his restoration of the place.

The Archduke Franz Ferdinand inherited the Villa d'Este, and the cardinal's heir is now suing him for \$64,000, part of the money spent upon it.

The villa is an ideal specimen of Italian Renaissance architecture, commanding a marvelous view of the Roman Campagna and surrounded by a garden with fountains, waterfalls, ancient statues and cypress trees.

PARISIENNES WEAR MEN'S TROUSERS

Several French Women Who Have Adopted the Garment.

PARIS, Nov. 24.—Apropos of the discovery that a police officer at Seville, Spain, who was accidentally injured, was a woman, it is pointed out that there are several women in France who for professional reasons, have been officially granted permission to wear masculine dress.

The late Rosa Bonheur obtained permission to dress as a man when attending horse fairs and abattoirs to make sketches for her famous animal pictures.

A woman journalist has this privilege, which has also been granted to a woman who devotes herself to exploration.

Mme. du Gast, the intrepid horsewoman and friend of the Moorish brigand, Rainsul, has appeared in masculine garments, which are more like masculine breeches than the ordinary "bloumiers."

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FRANCE TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY

Great Criminal Experts Agree on Proposition With the Government.

PARIS, Nov. 24.—France is about to abolish capital punishment. Executions have recently become extremely rare in France, and there has been no guillotining in Paris since 1899.

Two great criminal experts, Goron and Jaume, who were head and chief inspector respectively of the criminal detective department, agree with the government in proposing to abolish the death penalty.

"Murderers," says M. Jaume, "make as light of the guillotine as of their victims. They invariably speculate on the indulgence of the courts, and if the worst comes it is over in three minutes. They do not cling to life, and their only care is to make a plucky show on the scaffold."

Far from preventing crime by the guillotine, the French police find that murders have increased to an enormous extent recently, but this may be due to the readiness shown by Presidents of the republic to sign pardons for condemned prisoners.

As an alternative to the guillotine, M. Goron suggests a life sentence, during which the criminal should be closely confined and have no hope of release. This should be a more effective deterrent to the recklessly criminal "Apache."

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M. Colin de Plancy is another, and the former objects to his namesake making use of his exclusive property. The case is of particular interest in Paris, where certain persons show a fondness for surreptitiously inserting a "de" into their names.

M. Colin, who is a great-great-nephew of the famous revolutionary leader Danton, said he had always used the name de Plancy, because his forefathers had done so, Plancy being the name of the place where the family name originated. He did not contest the justice of M. Augustin de Plancy's claim to the name. The civil tribunal had decided that M. Colin is in future to call himself Colin solely and simply.

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