

Old World News Flashed by Cable to the Times-Dispatch

RADICALS ADOPT MILITARY POLICY

May Force the Throne to Face Serious Ministerial Crisis.

FEARS FOR KING'S HEALTH

Battle Over Lords' Veto Power May Be Postponed on His Account.

BY WILLIAM T. STEAD.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) London, February 5.—King Edward has announced his intention to leave for Biarritz on March 3. Some surprise is expressed at his intended absence at a time when the constitutional crisis approaches the danger point. The reason is simple. The King's health, normally excellent, is the subject of serious danger every spring from the cold northeast winds. Last year an attack of violent coughing, threatening suffocation, was only overcome by the free use of oxygen. This alarmed the court, and it was recognized as indispensable in the future that he must seek a warmer climate as soon as Parliament is opened. It is most unfortunate, but inevitable.

The King opens Parliament February 21, and the King's speech will be debated until February 28. Then comes the tug of war. The original intention was to suspend the standing orders and pass the old budget unamended. Very serious complications are presented for acceptance to the Lords. Now difficulties have arisen. The radical contingent raises the cry of grievances before supply, and may refuse to pass the budget until the Lords' power of vetoes has been dealt with.

The King may be face to face with a ministerial crisis just when he is starting for Biarritz. If he is detained in London and the weather is inclement the danger to the King's health might entail fatal results.

Very serious complications that might ensue are most serious. A change in the occupant of the throne occurring at the same time as an acute ministerial and constitutional crisis would aggravate every conceivable mischief.

The King is not in favor of any reform as serious against the attack on the House of Lords. While he is not disliked by the masses, who know him little, he has no personal magnetism. He is in short a miniature George III, with indifferent health. For such a half-baked prince to ascend the throne in the hands and feet of Commons are entering upon a life and death struggle would be an imperial disaster. Hence, the probability that the crisis will be stayed off long enough to permit the King's departure.

Radicals to Be Soothed. The Liberal party is gratified by a promise to raise grievances before supply when the second budget comes on for discussion in April, and the last budget will be passed at once. Compromise is the more probable outcome of the election. One of the leading issues of the election. The Liberals pledged themselves to pass the budget and limit the peers' veto. To postpone a realization of the former, which is within grasp, to a coming election is a policy which may not be won as a result of the election. The budget once passed the field will be cleared for a battle royal over the next budget.

By that time the King will be home again, and the Liberal party will be carrying budget number one and the Conservatives will be carrying budget number two until the Lords have their teeth drawn and their claws clipped will be very strong. Financial necessity will tell very heavily on the Liberal party, and the party to retain office will be abandoning their posts to their opponents, who would have the advantage ground of their position as the King's ministers to the country against the opposition of the sovereign by radical party.

CANONIZATION FOR "MAID"

Congregation of Rites to Take Up Joan of Arc Miracles Soon.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) London, February 5.—The canonization of Joan of Arc, which is now proposed to begin on February 7, further consecrates the memory of the young heroine. The canonization of the "Maid" would, of course, give widespread prestige to the Roman Catholic Church, which the Vatican is anxious to assist in every possible way.

Diamond Mines Sailed

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) Berlin, February 5.—During the further discussion of the diamond mines, estimates by the Budget Commission various speakers referred to the cases of the diamond mines in the Congo. The members declared that the diamond mines never had been searched by official telegrams reporting discoveries of diamonds in the south. There were reports from 31 marks to 40 marks. It was found afterwards that there were no diamonds beyond those which had been placed there.

Chancellor's New Name

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) London, February 5.—The Chancellor's name figured in the nomination papers at Carnarvon as Lloyd George. It formerly appeared with Hyndes, but the Chancellor has doubtless discarded this as appearing in the hated aristocracy.

PARTY TO NAME DOLL

Daughter of French Doctor Invites Friends in Ceremony

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) Paris, February 5.—Invitations have been sent to hundreds of well-known Parisians by Mlle. Solange Siccard, the little daughter of a French doctor, who desired her friends to attend the ceremony of "naming" her new doll.

The party was a great success, where the big children had quite as merry a time as the little ones. The doll was named "Heiouse Berthe with due ceremony."

There was an ample distribution of sweets made of almonds. Mlle. Berthe Carigny was the doll's godmother, and when called upon to reply to the "Heiouse Berthe" she explained in a little talk why she was happy to be the godmother.

GOOD COOK LEADS TO KING'S CAPTURE

Inside Story of Why a Morgantatic Wife Was Raised to Nobility.

BY MARQUE DE CASTELLANE.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) Paris, February 5.—You may read how the morgantatic wife of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austrian throne, has been raised to the rank of Duchess de Hohenberg by the Emperor Francis Joseph, this same Francis Joseph whose court credo has been "believe in anything," but who has not heard the inside facts as to the change of attitude of the austere Emperor. This is the story as it is told to me:

The Emperor, despite his age, is extremely fond of good things to eat, and his devoted friend, Katharina Schratz, knew that, and one of the secrets of her influence was the possession of a cook who held the recipes of the Emperor's favorite dishes.

The capture of the cook, who was Sophie Countess Chotek, knew this also, and with an inspiration of diplomacy she succeeded in enticing away Katharina Schratz's cook. The Emperor was invited to the duchess's table, and there he found all the good things served that he had missed at Frau Schratz's. Explanations followed, and the Emperor having well dined, was so impressed by the cook that he decided to have her raised to nobility.

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STRANGE ROBES FOR LADY DIANA

She Goes About Garbed in Greek Draperies, With Tangled Tresses.

HER MOTHER TO BLAME

Lady Helen, Daughter of Lord Montague, Will Go on Stage.

BY CHARLES P. NORCROSS.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) London, February 5.—Lady Diana Manner, youngest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Rutland, will be presented at one of the early courts. She is eighteen years old, and admired more by artists than by ordinary young men. She is undoubtedly pretty and picturesque, and follows the eccentricities of her older sisters, the Lady Helen and the Lady Diana, of whom is usually known as "Letty."

In the matter of dress the girls have been strongly influenced by their mother, who often appears at opera or tea wearing flowing Greek draperies and a weird cap made of pearls and uncut jewels in her tangled tresses. Her intimate friends believe that Lady Diana, who is livelier than her sisters, would really like to come out as a short-skirted "Not-Long-John" style, dressed like a work girl. But her mother has proved too strong for her, and a little dreary-eyed Diana has, as her mother's photograph shows, wearing a mercury hat and Greek draperies. She has been frequently sketched by her talented mother in a Botticelli costume.

Appears in Romanic Dress. When she is presented at court she will not wear a single ornament, but will appear in the severest style of white gown with regulation court train and feathers. The latter no doubt will be in a regular fashion on her small head, and the Duchess of Rutland does not dare to go contrary to the strict rules laid down by the court in the matter of dress. When Lady Majorie, the eldest, is twenty-seven, was presented, she wore no jewels, only a simple white gown.

The three sisters, urged on by their mother, appear in the strangest garments on ordinary occasions. When Lady Diana was presented at court, she wore a Juliet cap, and what appeared to be a purple bathgown. Many artists painted her as a child.

Perhaps the finest portrait of her is by Shannon, the Royal Academician. In the matter of her theatricals, Lady Diana is the most talented of the trio. She dances and sings remarkably well, and is a favorite not only with her parents, but of her brother, the young Marquis of Granby. She is a very good singer, and her sensation will be caused by the determination of Lady Helen, daughter of Lord Montague, of Beaulieu, to go on the stage. Lady Helen is headstrong and twenty and by no means backward in her own theatricals. She is a Juliet cap, and what appeared to be a purple bathgown. Many artists painted her as a child.

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PIGEONS ARE COMING

Birds of Royal Stock to Start Settlement in Bronx Park.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) London, February 5.—Among emigrants who will presently embark for New York are to be a dozen members of the pigeons of St. James Park. These pigeons are of royal stock, sprung from some birds set free from Buckingham Palace, and when the authorities of the New York Zoological Gardens, which is in the building and equipment the best in the world, desired to naturalize in the Bronx Park some of the royal pigeons, they decided that the St. James Park birds would make the most docile and worthy pioneer settlement. So a number are to be sent out this spring.

PARIS TURNING TO SPRING FASHIONS

Society Quickly Turns From the Horrors of Flood to the Dress Problem.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) Paris, February 5.—Already Paris, with its wonderful powers of rehabilitation, is shaking off the horrors of the flood and beginning to think of the brighter and lighter things of life. The shops present a strange jumble of winter and spring goods just now. Fur toques and muffs are to be seen side by side with spring frocks. This is due to the fact that this is "the season" when the fur is most popular, as everybody knows. Furs are not required in that land of almost perpetual sunshine.

It is almost certain that this spring will see a return to the large flower-trimmed hats. The modistes are showing many such for wear on the Riviera. Among all the changeable moire silks used to border a wide tulle, and besides having a rich effect has the advantage of remaining light.

Half length sleeves, or those that just cover the elbows, are the latest cry from the French capital, for afternoon and informal evening affairs. For formal functions, such as receptions, the sleeves will be either long, with a small puff of diaphanous material at the elbow, in many cases, or the three-quarter length, ending perhaps three inches below the elbows, may be substituted.

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EMBARASSING DISCOVERY THAT MANY OF EUROPE'S RULERS DESCEND FROM BARBER

BY COUNT VON ELPHERG.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) Berlin, February 5.—The Socialist journals of Germany have seized on the descriptions of the jewels worn by the Empress at the court festivities just ended to criticize the extravagance revealed by the "Mother of the Nation."

It is said that at important court balls and banquets the Empress wore jewels valued at \$1,750,000. They included a huge diamond tiara, a necklace of pearls and diamonds, several rings and a necklace of diamonds and pearls. Even the train of her Majesty's dress was decked with wonderful precious stones, and a few superfluous jewels were affixed to the imperial hair.

During the court functions two pages watched incessantly to make sure that none of the gems was lost. Most of the jewelry is the property of the Prussian crown, and descends from Empress Elizabeth. The Empress's jewelry is worth less than that of many middle-class women. At the conclusion of each court festivity the crown jewels are replaced in fireproof safes and guarded day and