

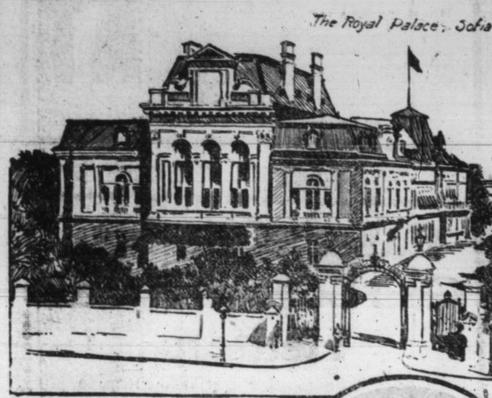
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TWENTY YEARS ON THRONE, BUT MOST UNPOPULAR MONARCH.



The Royal Palace, Sofia



Late Princess of Bulgaria



Prince Boris of Bulgaria

Sofia, Sept. 26.—Prince Ferdinand has just celebrated the twentieth anniversary of his accession to the throne of Bulgaria. There were plenty of fetes in the city, but it is doubtful if the prince or people entered into their spirit, for the prince is most unpopular, and, if the truth be conceded, most unhappy. This black sheep in the old European royalty has few friends; his own people are against him, and he lives in terror of assassination.

The youngest son of the late Prince Augustus, duke of Saxe-Coburg, and the good Princess Clementine of Orleans, a daughter of Louis Philippe, he was born in 1861. He was an officer in the Austrian army, when, in 1887, Prince Alexander of Battenberg abdicated, and Ferdinand was offered the position of successor, which he promptly accepted. It was to Stambuloff, the greatest statesman Bulgaria ever had, that he owed his elevation; it was Stambuloff who calmed the angry storm of anarchy, who turned the tide of revolution and restored order in Bulgaria—the fighting pit of Europe—and placed the weak prince on his throne.

To Stambuloff Ferdinand owed everything, and he repaid his debt with base ingratitude. In 1895 Stambuloff was shamefully murdered in the streets of Sofia. The murderers were known as wergs those of Alexander of Serbia; there were no arrests, the crime was unpunished, for it was known that the footsteps of investigation could logically stop only at the very throne itself.

Francis Joseph of Austria announced that he would again abdicate, and the duke of the throne of Bulgaria, and in the marriage contract solemnly promised that their children should be brought up Catholic.

Ferdinand was a Roman Catholic, and so was his bride, but his idea was that his children should be brought up as Orthodox Greeks in order that they might be more in touch with the religious sentiment of the Bulgarian people, and be prepared to insert a clause in the marriage contract to this effect.

Princess Marie Louise, however, was



Princess Nedjda

a devout Catholic, and utterly refused to consider the match unless Prince Ferdinand gave her a solemn pledge that their children should be Roman Catholics. The pope, too, intervened, and said that he would not sanction a marriage in which one of the conditions was the alienation of the children from the Roman church, and in consequence of the pressure brought to bear on him Prince Ferdinand gave the required pledge, that he would abandon the idea of having his children brought up as Orthodox Greeks.

His eldest son, Prince Boris, was born in 1894, and was baptised as a Roman Catholic, by a Roman Catholic priest. Two years later Prince Ferdinand suddenly announced his intention of having Prince Boris converted to the Orthodox Greek faith, and the ceremony of conversion was performed with much pomp and ceremony in the cathedral at Sofia. The entreaties of his wife to remember and respect his solemn pledge to her, and the stern reminder of the pope that he would henceforth be an outcast from the Roman fold, failed to move Ferdinand. He desired to obtain favor with his people, and little two-year-old Boris was given over to the Orthodox Greek church for this purpose.

The conversion of her boy was a terrible blow to Princess Marie Louise, and she never recovered from it. Henceforth she was an unhappy woman, and her early death, after six years of wedded life during which she endured many slights and cruelties from Ferdinand, was a welcome relief from worldly sorrows.

Some years ago, shortly after his recognition by the present czar as reigning prince of Bulgaria, he was on the point of proclaiming himself king of Bulgaria, and would undoubtedly have done so had not Russia vetoed his project in deference to the susceptibilities of the sublime Porte. The veto was a disagreeable surprise to Prince Ferdinand, who so little expected it that he had caused one of the leading painters at Munich to design a king's crown, the design taking the form of a man-of-war or pencil sketch, but of a full-blown oil painting, at a cost of \$4,000.

Ferdinand the man is curiously devoid of shyness, and many of his acquaintances regard him as very like in personal appearance, if not in character, to his cousin, the duke of Orleans. He has fine, artistic tastes, and should be, as some not unlikely, the many "kings in exile" who wander about the continent, he will probably make his home in Italy.



Prince of Bulgaria

Men in the Aggregate Declared Handsome. Why are men better looking than women? demands a courteous writer in the Gentleman. It is a problem which must perplex and puzzle modern women, for, taking them in the aggregate men nowadays have women behind in personal beauty.

Various reasons contribute to this. Man has many points of advantage. He has a weak and retreating chin, indicative of imbecility and entire lack of character. There is nothing easier than to cover it with a neat Van Dyke beard, and at once he assumes quite a virile and attractive aspect.

Is his mouth weak or equal? A well-trimmed mustache is an invaluable asset in this case. He is at once invited to become a churchwarden, the rector refers to him affectionately as "our beloved brother," local newspapers allude to him as "our esteemed patriarch" and he is at once invited to fly to him for sympathy and consolation, little children prattle artlessly to him and put their little hands in his, while the British public looks to him with pride as a representative citizen—a man sans peur et sans reproche.

Yet it is within the range of possibility that he would be hustled out of country in less time than it takes to say Jack Robinson.

Then, again, what possibilities for poetic appearance lie in a man's hair? Take away the flowing locks of a number of distinguished musicians and what would happen? Assuredly what is alternatively described as a convulsive spasm or a sudden slump in requests for autographs and photographs, and a considerable diminution in the number of broken hearts.

And the iron of it is that men's locks do not matter very much, and in this fact also lies a reason of their superior position. The first gray hair does not plunge them into a dark night of despair, while the initial wrinkle is passed by unnoticed. They do not worry over their looks, and so their looks give them no cause to worry.

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SMOKE MORE IN BRITAIN.

Growing Use of Tobacco in United Kingdom. The United States consul at Cardiff, in reporting that the United Kingdom is undoubtedly the best market in the world for tobacco, makes some interesting remarks which show that he has watched our smoking habits closely.

He suggests that our growing use of tobacco may be due to the weather. "Many seem to think," he says, "that certain climate conditions, such as the excessive moisture in the air and the attendant depressing conditions, prepare the people to feel the need of its stimulating or soothing influence."

"The steady exodus from the land to the industrial centers and the wonderful development of arena sports have undoubtedly contributed to the increase in the past fifteen years."

"The use of the weed is almost universal among males above the age of sixteen. The pipe is seen everywhere, in the home, on the street, and the sporting field."

"The cigar is most noticeable among the professional, and artistic classes, and the cigarette seems to be the special favorite of all classes, and is consumed in immense quantities. It may be seen in the hands of mere lads as young as eight years, and dealers report that there is a growing cigarette trade among women."

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If there ever was a specific for any one complaint, then Carter's Little Liver Pills are a specific for sick headache, and every woman should know this. Only one pill a dose. Try them. Great "do" because a Connecticut man stopped a trolley car to kiss a pretty woman. Some men would hold up a limited express for that privilege.

Hyacinth bulbs, 5c, and 10c., at Chown's. In parts of Northern Australia the natives live chiefly on the rats which swarm everywhere, and on a diminutive species of dog hardly larger than a rat. New York city consumes 5,300,000 pounds of tea annually.

THINGS THEATRICAL.

Notes About Plays, Players and Playhouses.

It is stated that on Sarah Bernhardt's forthcoming tour of the world, she will portray Mephistopheles in a production of "Faust."

Otis Skinner began rehearsals last week in his new play, "The Honor of the Family," and it will be Baltimore which will be given the first performance treat the last of this month.

Dallas Welsford, the little English comedian, began his third American tour at Trenton, N.J., "Public Opinion" will inaugurate his season, but "Mr. Hopkinson" is to be retained in his repertoire.

Klaw & Erlanger's production of Henry Arthur Jones' new play, "The Galilean Victory," received its first presentation at the Lyceum theatre in Rochester this week. Next week it will begin an extended engagement at the Knickerbocker Theatre, New York.

A little concert play by Charlotta Nilsson, will soon be presented by members of the Madison Square company, the organization which supports Miss Nilsson in "Life of O'Connell." The story concerns the fate of a poor American girl who has been studying music in Paris.

"The Merry Widow," the musical sensation of Europe, was given its first American presentation at Syracuse on Monday evening. When "The Merry Widow" was put on sale in New York music stores, the entire first edition of 10,000 copies was sold in two days. In Germany alone there have been sold over 3,000,000 copies.

Joseph Brooks presented Lillian Russell in her new racing drama, "Wildfire," at the Grand Opera House in Cincinnati last Monday evening. The scenes of the new piece are laid in Hempstead, L.I., and the plot hinges on the trials of a pretty young widow who has inherited a racing stable from her first husband.

The 2500th performance of "The Ninety and Nine" will be celebrated in appropriate style by James H. Barton, the owner of the play. This milestone in the history of the wonderful play will be reached November 12th, and a banquet will be tendered by the management to both companies now presenting the piece on the stages where they happen to be playing at the time. "The Ninety and Nine" is now in its seventh year. It has been possible to roll up the grand total of 2,500 performances because most of the time two companies have been presenting the piece. Mr. Barton is certain that the play will live as long as "Uncle Tom's Cabin" or "East Lynne."

The sending of first-night telegrams of good wishes to authors, managers and players has become a far-reaching fad, and the more popular actors today receive on the occasion of an important premiere sometimes as high as 300 messages. It was Edward Harrigan who started the custom of having these messages framed for both the purposes of display and preservation. He has been absent from New York for several seasons when Liebler and company decided to restore him to his former Broadway citizenship by presenting him "Under Cover." Harrigan's popularity has never been doubted, and his first appearance in "Under Cover" was the signal for telegrams of good cheer from men and women prominent in every walk of life. Among those who wished him well over the wires was Grover Cleveland, John W. Gates, James R. Keene, E. G. Gilmore, Lotta, Minnie Palmer and former Mayor Van Wyck, N. C. Goodwin, Marilyn Arbnuckle and many other actors use such messages for dressing-room decorations. They pin them on the walls, festoon the gas fixtures and ornament the mirrors with them.

The smallest dog in the world is bred in Mexico.

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THERE'S NO USE TRYING

TO STOP THE PROGRESS OF THE ORIENT.

Press Campaigns Dangerous—United States Would Be First to Suffer From Extension of Japanese Commerce.

Paris, Sept. 28.—In a recent number the *Cl. Blas* says of the situation between the United States and Japan: "The press campaigns in a country of public opinion like the United States are always dangerous, and they are particularly dangerous when they appear to be inspired by a desire to move the nation to an aggressive foreign policy. This is what is happening in North America."

Hardly had the international disturbances caused by the incident in California calmed down when they were re-animated by the projects attributed to President Roosevelt.

One month it is said that he intends to put before the conference at The Hague—a poor, sleepy old conference—the Korean question; the next it is said that he wants to interfere between China and Japan, and then, that he has decided to send a war fleet to the Pacific as a permanent menace to Japan. This is all, and can only have the effect of re-animating an agitation which threatened to shake the peace of the world. One thing is certain, Japan is developing in an extraordinary manner, and her commerce and industries are taking her toward China.

Of course, the first to suffer from the extension of Japanese commerce in the extreme Orient would be the United States, Germany and England, for their trade would diminish as that of Japan increased.

What is to be done? Nothing, except to multiply American and European commercial agents and to make their yards better and cheaper than their rivals. Cannon balls have never done so much for a people as have the labors of their commercial men. And then one has to be quite certain that the cannon balls will be sure to bring victory, a thing which is in no wise sure for the United States in case of war with Japan.

From the commercial point of view those who know among the Americans are convinced that it is no use trying to stop the progress of the extreme Orient. They even think that before long both China and Japan will not only be able to provide sufficient for themselves, but they in their turn will be able to export their products to America and Europe, which they will be able to sell infinitely cheaper than those at home.

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The 300th New York performance of Margaret Anglin and Henry Miller in "The Great Divide," is announced for Daly's Theatre, New York, for September 30th. Of this number 255 presentations were made at the Princess theatre last season. The play is booked to again open Daly's in the autumn of 1908.

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WON'T BUILD FREAK B.A.T. Designer Fife Tells Sir Thomas Lipton What He Thinks. London, Sept. 28.—Sir Thomas Lipton and Designer Fife conferred again yesterday afternoon and evening. Mr. Fife inflexibly adhered to his determination not to design a freak boat, while Sir Thomas reiterated his disinclination to build a freak. Sir Thomas continues anxious for the New York Yacht Club to accept a challenge from a ninety-footer under the universal rule and has sent a letter to the Royal Irish Yacht Club, in which he expresses his views on the situation and asks the club's opinion.

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