

ARRIVAL OF STORK

Holland Fears Absorption by Germany if Queen Wilhelmina Dies Childless—Two Countries Split by Racial Difference.

By Charles F. Stewart.

(European Manager, United Press.) London, Jan. 15.—Since Spain's political fate depended on the posthumous birth of the present King Alfonso, no court in Europe has awaited the coming of an heir to a throne with the same anxiety as that with which Holland looks forward to the stork's arrival in the household of Queen Wilhelmina and her consort, Prince Henry. Even in Russia the birth of a son or daughter was a matter of national importance, whether or not Nicholas had an heir, would continue at the head of the government. In Holland if the Queen dies childless, a German prince will inherit the crown.

Now, the fear of absorption by Germany has been Holland's nightmare for years. It is perfectly recognized at the Hague that a strong German party considers the Netherlands as the delta of the main artery of German life—the Rhine—and believes the stork should secure control of the mouths of its greatest river at any cost. In the event of an Anglo-German war, which the Dutch, like every other nation, would support, the Netherlands would be a German province, and the German army would be a German army.

The country's intense hatred of the idea of German domination is not purely a matter of sentiment. Its statesmen consider that it would be highly prejudicial to the people's material interests to be too closely bound to the Berlin government. There is a racial difference, too. The Dutch stand between Germany and England racially as well as geographically. They are not more connected with one than with the other. Their land frontiers are no more at the Kaiser's mercy than are the magnificent colonies possessions at that of England's navy. They might be gravely endangered, it is felt, were to become apparent to the British that Holland was more German than English in its governmental tendencies. Dutch commercial interests also bind them almost as closely to England as to Germany.

Altogether, it is agreed throughout Holland that the nation's welfare depends on an attitude of strict neutrality—commercial as well as diplomatic—between the two great powers most nearly related to it. With Germany

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WALLA WALLA EXCURSIONISTS ARE GUESTS OF PORTLAND



Party of Walla Walla Excursionists Photographed in Front of the Portland Hotel.

"A greater Whitman college" was the burden of every speech made at an informal banquet given by the Commercial club last night to nearly 100 visitors from the Walla Walla valley. Just before their departure on a special train for a pleasure junket through California, the excursionists, publicly managers of the club, echoed the sentiment of everyone present when he concluded the entertainment with a call to the people of the northwest to "boost" the eastern Washington institution, which he says is surely destined to be the Yale of the west.

"It would be worth hundreds of millions of dollars to the great northwest," said Mr. Richardson, "if its loyal inhabitants would invest \$2,000,000 in the little school founded by Dr. Marcus Whitman to whom the northwest owes very much of its present greatness as a country. We want a great university on this coast, and we are going to have it."

There are few who believe such an attitude could long be maintained. If Wilhelmina has an heir this danger will be removed. Just who will succeed to the throne in the event of the extinction of the Orange line is not very certain.

Wilhelmina was the only surviving child of the late King William III of the Netherlands at the time of her father's death in 1890. Next in succession, at present, therefore, are the other descendants of the Queen's grandfather, William II, who died in 1849. William II had two sons and a daughter. The eldest son was Wilhelmina's father. The younger died childless. The daughter, however, who died in 1897, married the Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar, whose representative is the present Grand Duke, a comparatively young man of 32.

Under the Dutch constitution, however, no foreign prince or princess can put on that of Holland. It is unlikely the Grand Duke would renounce his estate of Saxe-Weimar. Next comes the Grand Duke's cousin, Prince Henry XXXIII of Reuss. He, too, has foreign connections and is not expected to surrender and the choice would then pass to his brother, Prince Henry XXXIV.

Henry XXXIII is well liked in Holland but he is a German to the backbone. The Dutch fear his influence among English diplomats—who are themselves deeply interested in preventing the fall of the Kaiser's domination—that the Dutch worry rather too much. The people of the Netherlands are considerably more extremely vigilant guardians of their rights, and in the event of an effort to force upon them policies inimical to their own interests it is pretty generally guessed that the foreign sovereign rather than Dutch liberty would go down.

Russia's system of news suppression is so perfect that details are almost impossible to get concerning events the government wants kept secret, but there is no doubt that one of the biggest round ups of political suspects in progress that the country has known in years. The facts are leaking out, as usual, largely through the disclosures of revolutionary exiles in London, Paris, Geneva and Copenhagen. Their information, which is generally, if mysteriously, speedy and accurate, is that the police believe Russia on the eve of a tremendous outbreak of terrorist violence and are exerting themselves to the utmost to prevent or at least cripple it.

Arrests in the past fortnight in the larger Russian towns, it is asserted, have numbered between 1000 and 1200. Among the prisoners are said to be many members of aristocratic families and a number of highly educated and brilliant women.

The revolutionary version is that, though the outbreak the police fear, has actually been planned, it is not so imminent as is generally supposed. The committee in western Europe, and the capitalists to organize the work of the actual campaigners in Russia are just getting into the working order after the nearly two years lapse in their activity following the Russian revolution of 1905. The reign of liberalism which temporarily broke up the ablest radicals from exile and broke up the most formidable of their organizations. Reconstruction of these societies has been a matter of considerable difficulty, it appears, owing to the risks it is necessary for the active workers to run, the necessity for trustworthy and highly intelligent agents and the delicate task of establishing communications between the organizers abroad and the field campaigners at home.

Satisfied that the proclamation was a fraud, however, the revolutionary leaders are said to have pushed affairs forward with considerable surprise is expressed that the Russian secret services should be informed of the practical details of plans for a resumption of the old warfare. The authorities' efforts will accomplish anything is declared ridiculous, however. So secret and efficiently has the revolutionaries' work been done that the police dragnet is declared by well informed sources to be a waste of time. The latest report of the program, however, began to stir after last Christmas day's battle between the authorities and a terrorist band at Moscow as to suggest a connection between the two. The Moscow and St. Petersburg officials have since tried to convince the foreign press, through the semi-government news agency at the capital, that the band was a small one, a single terrorist having sought to escape capture. Men in London closely affiliated with the revolutionary movement say the battle was on a large

scale as originally reported and probably gave the authorities throughout the country the impression that it would precipitate the immediate resumption of the dynamite campaign of which they are in such deadly terror.

Austrian army will be at the very least a week more, it is pointed out, that fighting can only be delayed, not prevented. Within two or three weeks more, it is pointed out, that fighting can only be delayed, not prevented. Within two or three weeks more, it is pointed out, that fighting can only be delayed, not prevented.

How well they are succeeding is uncertain. There is a general feeling in European chambers of commerce, however, that negotiations toward a peaceful settlement of the situation are not progressing satisfactorily. Francis Ferdinand, while arguing with Joseph putting the finishing touches to the perfection of the country's military establishment. Not only so, but he must or may have to fight it if represented, conditions are exactly the reverse. Serbia is poorly armed. Turkey is unprepared and Russia is in a state of readiness. Russia is poor and disorganized. Delay will give them time to improve their weaknesses—a task, indeed, they are already pushing forward as vigorously as possible. Because he himself prefers peace, it is right for the emperor is asked, to pursue a course from which his country must ultimately suffer. That the emperor's policy is to break the aged ruler's resolution is no secret.

When the French cabinet tells the chamber of deputies about affairs in Morocco, there is a general impression in a political circle that the grievances against Germany will be aired in a way that will excite foreign criticism all over Europe. One at Berlin, of course, more than any other, France as European politicians all know, has been most watchful of the Kaiser's doings in northern Africa ever since his never satisfactorily explained haste in welcoming Khalid Hafid to the old world capital of Fez, which the other powers had not at the time made up their minds to admit him.

The cabinet originally planned to let the deputies know last October how things were progressing in Morocco, but the time came for the emperor for another month to finish their report. The month passed and another delay was asked until just before the holidays. A little before Christmas it was explained that the matter had better be left over until after the New Year's festival, which was held in January. The popular conjecture is that the ministry has been acquiescing in the delay during the period of delay and holding them back in order to make out an overwhelming case against Germany, which will show more effectively if submitted all at once than if permitted to dribble out bit by bit.

What is expected the cabinet will charge is that Germany is trying to discredit France in Morocco in the hope of crowding it out altogether and leaving a free field for the Kaiser. There will probably be a more or less direct accusation that Teutonic interests are being advanced at the expense of French troops there, that the so-called "pin-prick" system, including the promotion of desertions of French soldiers in Africa, diplomatic touchiness and general fault finding, is designed to bring about an ultimate condition where France will have to yield the country finally to its rival, Germany, or actually come to blows with the latter power.

It is not assumed that the French ministry wants war. The commonest guess in Paris is, in fact, that it proposes to escape a fight by letting the Kaiser know that France is being goaded into one and trusting to the world's opinion to force the Kaiser to abandon its present alleged policy of aggression.

Walla Walla, and ex-Councilman William Kirkman of that city, made a strong plea for the support of Portland in the campaign Walla Walla is making for Whitman. Paul Whitehouse, a graduate of the college, and Dr. E. E. Shaw, also of the garden City of Portland to boost for the school. They told how \$200,000 had already been subscribed by the public spirited citizens of Walla Walla, and declared that Portland must do its share. President Holland of the Commercial club agreed that this city should subscribe to the movement.

"We are glad to see you all in our town," said Mr. Holland, "and we are happy to know that you are converting the golden wheat and yellow apples of your great valley into yellow money. We expect to get 40 cents out of every half dollar you make, too, but when we have opened the Columbia river and

you have built your trolley line to its banks we will only take 35 cents out of every 50 cent piece.

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After the banquet the excursionists were taken through the clubrooms and then escorted to the union depot where they boarded their special train and started for the south at 10:30. Before leaving the banquet room the guests extended a rising vote of thanks to the Commercial club.

C. F. Van De Water, of the O. R. & N. Y. office at Walla Walla, is in charge of the excursionists.

Trying to Help Rinehart Out

Offense, Alleged, Gets Three Men Into Trouble—Jury Fixing Is Charged.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 16.—At a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Lindsay late today George W. Worley, brother-in-law of J. B. F. Rinehart, convicted bank wrecker, and James L. Smith, a wealthy brewer of Waynesburg, were held for the action of the grand jury on the charge of trying to tamper with the jury in the Rinehart case. Evidence was introduced to show that Rinehart was engineering the scheme of bringing about a disagreement of the jury.

Evidence was also introduced to show culpability on the part of John Eckard, the third man mentioned in the alleged attempt to tamper with the jury. Four secret service men have been seeking him for two days.

R. Wagner, the Cambridge real estate man, told of the alleged effort of the three men to use him as a go-between between Rinehart and the jury. He offered \$500 to see and that he was instructed to offer the juror \$2000 for his part in the affair.

Frownfelter Is Given Three Years

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 15.—Clarence Frownfelter, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary today by Judge Bean, after pleading guilty to larceny from the person. Frownfelter's victim was a wealthy rancher who had filled up on near beer. The men were standing at a bar, and Frownfelter stole the man's purse and made his escape. The incident led to the refusal of the city to issue a license to the near beer establishments when the recent license ordinance went into effect.

Cargo Burns; Ship Total Loss.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 15.—Fire is still raging in the hold of the British steamer Mattawoman, which put back into port Wednesday after the discovery of the blaze was made while at sea. The decks and sides of the ship are wrapped in flames, and the smoke and steam from three funnels have been pouring into the hatchways for three days, but apparently the cargo is safe. The cargo, estimated at more than \$1,000,000, will be a total loss.

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MAN WHO DEARLY LOVED EDWIN BOOTH

From the New York World.

An almost unknown love story and one of a thousand interests is the romance of Miss Ida Vernon and Edwin Booth. The latter, who was the greatest actor of his time, died in the year 1892, and it was not until then that Booth learned of her marriage.

Ida Vernon first met Booth when he was playing in his home town, Boston. She was then only 15 years old, graceful, with active sparkling eyes, buoyant, and had just gone on the stage. The time of those deep, beautiful friendships began at once. Edwin Booth found the dainty girl the most comely of all the women whom he had known, and he was greatly attracted by her. His wonderful personality, striking appearance and great charm of manner brought him many friends, but it was for this bewitching girl that his heart longed.

She joined his company and shared with him his early triumphs. They had planned to marry and were living in the delicious dreams of the engaged pair when one day there was a quarrel. It was a silly, absurd quarrel, but the ally, absurd quarrels of most ordinary and less famed lovers, but Ida Vernon packed up her belongings and the little band of players. She joined another troupe—as they were called in those days—and then began the long silence. Each one fancied that the other would take the first step toward a reconciliation. It was a sad year for the little Ida, who was then only 16. She shipped her handsome celebrity. That it was an equally sad period for Edwin Booth was a fact well understood by his associates.

At the end of the year of disappointment and hope of a reconciliation, Vernon was engaged to marry. Still, neither one of the unhappy lovers made any attempt to resume their former associations. Each one was too proud. One year drifted into another. No messenger came from either. The marriage of Ida Vernon's admirers and her opportunities to marry. Four years after their quarrel she wedded Clara McVicker. Up to this time Ida Vernon had not been engaged, but, being an attractive and beautiful girl, she had many admirers. When the news of Booth's marriage came she accepted the attentions of Henry Taylor, and a few days after Booth's marriage she and Henry Taylor were man and wife.

"I wanted to show Edwin that I didn't care," is the way that Ida Vernon explains the step.

But she did care, and has cared, and always will care. It was the first and the greatest love of her life. Like every woman in the world, she never released herself and her thoughts from the memories of those first sweet days. She was told by friends that she had married a man who was not Henry Taylor. Mr. Taylor knew at the time of their wedding that his wife had loved and still loved Edwin Booth.

In spite of this strange and remarkable situation their married life was one of happiness and contentment. The two of them drifted so far apart by this time that Booth did not hear of her marriage until she wrote him a note from the time that she had accepted Henry Taylor. She told him he had received a bad wound in his arm and feared that blood poisoning was imminent. Since Miss Vernon had become an actress, she had been in the habit of reading a company of her own, he urged her to come at once to Pittsburgh, bringing her company with her. He told her the remainder of his engagement there, as he desired to go to Baltimore for surgical treatment.

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The supreme, the all-sufficient reason why there should be a piano in every home is that every home should be a happy home, and outside the sacred influence of a good mother, nothing contributes so much to the happiness of a home as music, and no instrument excels the piano in music-making witchery, in variety of tone and richness of melody.

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