

LONDON England Pays King \$2,350,000 Per Year

SPANISH MASSES OPPOSE STATE CHURCH AND ITS PRIVILEGES

The Church as Vested Interest in Spain Is Institution of Such Power as to Keep the People in Oppression—Fearing Popular Revolt, State Takes Measures Against Church Quite Involuntarily.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Cerebra, France, Aug. 20.—Just how quickly the pending church-and-state situation in Spain is going to develop real fighting is pretty hard to guess. Hostilities may begin almost any day now. Or they may be warded off for a good many months. Each side is afraid of the other and their fears make them hesitate. At the same time things can't stand still. There's a climax coming and the only question is how much time is going to intervene between now and the moment of its arrival.

Whoever gets the idea that the Spanish anti-clericalism is with the Roman Catholics is mistaken. Out of the country's total population of close to 20,000,000, it is estimated that not more than 10,000 are anything but Roman Catholics. Naturally the people are not at odds with the church of which they themselves are members. It is the state church they are attacking. Spain's one great, overshadowing vested interest. It is as a monster land-holding, commercial and industrial organization that the anti-clericals are opposing it.

The papal administration has, as a matter of fact, taken sides with this organization, which seems to put the anti-clerical in a position of hostility to Roman Catholicism, but an overwhelming majority of them are good Roman Catholics for all that. Incidentally, there is the best authority for the statement that more than one half the members of the College of Cardinals believe the Vatican is making a mistake in supporting the Spanish State church, or that, at any rate, it is making a mistake in supporting it so unqualifiedly as it is doing. So, if the Spanish anti-clericals are injuring their standing as Roman Catholics by opposing the papal administration, a majority of the cardinals are injuring theirs, too.

Church Keeps Masses Poor.
The whole of the recent trouble is due to the fact that the church, as a vested interest, has been appropriating to itself so large a proportion of the country's wealth that the masses of the people have been and still are kept upon the very verge of starvation. As might naturally be expected of so enormous a vested interest, the church is intensely conservative, not to any reactionary, as it has had until very recently the tightest kind of grip on the government. It has been able hitherto effectively to suppress every attempt in the direction of progress, or improvement in the people's condition.

With that portion of the great army of churchmen which concerns itself purely with spiritual matters—that is to say, the parish priest—no fault is found. This class, indeed, is practically as poor and oppressed as the masses of laymen. It is the so-called "religious establishments" against which the anti-clerical campaign is being waged. The members of the various "orders" which conduct them are estimated at upwards of 100,000. They conduct agricultural operations upon an enormous scale, run factories, laundries and mercantile concerns, loan money, manage vast estates and, in fact, engage in every line of business open to the lay community.

Grievances Are Many.
It is not so much that they do all these things, however, that the anti-clericals complain of, as that they do them under conditions giving them an overwhelming advantage over private enterprise. The enormous capital at their command makes them, to start with, exceedingly formidable. Secondly, they are wholly independent of the regular labor market, the rank and file of the members of the "orders" doing all work required, in return merely for the living the church pays them. And finally, they pay no taxes.

Against a monster "trust" so favored and so powerfully entrenched the anti-clericals say it is practically impossible for any lay enterprise to stand. More than this, the masses of the people are compelled, out of the meagre share of the country's resources which the church leaves to them, to pass the entire expense of government.

Last summer's widespread disorders were a revolt against this condition. The drafting of troops from the country for service in Africa was, indeed, the immediate cause of the outbreak, but the intolerable burden of the church was really the fundamental reason for it. The church, through the government, which it absolutely controlled, put the rebellion down with savage violence. But the anti-clericals refused to stay beaten. Premier Maura was forced out of office and Premier Moragas tried to continue the same old system. He, too, failed and was succeeded by Premier Canalejas.

Government Takes a Hand.
Senior Canalejas made up his mind some months ago that another revolt was coming and felt the certainty of the government's ability to crush it. An Santer Maura succeeded with much difficulty, in doing last year. He represented to King Alfonso that the time had come when there must be a curtailment of the church's power and a lightening of the burden it was laying on the country to bear, or the government was going to be overthrown. Alfonso acquiesced.

pushing. The Madrid government refused and recalled its ambassadors from the Vatican.
There, at the moment, the matter stands. The Cortes is in recess and it will be October before the anti-clerical measures proposed by the premier can be passed. Things cannot be withdrawn, which will not happen, they will pass them.

DEPOPULATION IS DUE DEMOCRACY AND THE STAGE

Well Known French Writer Places Responsibility for Racial Decrease Upon Influence of Democratic Institutions.

By William Philip Simms.
Paris, Aug. 20.—The stage and democracy are together responsible for depopulation in France, and for race suicide in America among the well-to-do. Gustave Terry, one of the best known writers in this country, makes this statement.

"It used to be made, only when the doctor and his doctor is supposed to have told him the secret of few babies in the United States and a death rate higher than a birth rate in France.

"Now France is a republic. She has no queen. Heirs to the throne are not needed. Styles adapted to motherhood were, therefore not forthcoming. Straight front corsets are the go.

The stage sets the style for the world. Hipless atomless women are the models after which the women of the earth model themselves. We men of the stage, as a rule, don't care for children. Plays dealing with the married life usually have childless, society-loving couples for their central figures.

Paris Police Methods.
The Paris police have adopted a new rule with ordinary prisoners. On leaving the police station they must kiss the foot of the police.

Champagne Supply Limited.
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English Emigration Continues.
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BERLIN Foreign Secretary Has Difficult Task

DEPARTURE IN HIGH LIFE



Lady Wolsley, who has founded a farm home in order to give duchesses, countesses and other members of London's exclusive circle an opportunity to live close to nature.

(By the International News Service.)
London, Aug. 20.—The really correct thing for duchesses to do these days is to live the primitively simple life. The corollary is the Farm Home for the Elite. There is a West End club, the Ladies' Residence, which have very blue blood indeed. The head of this institution, Lady Wolsley, conceived the bright idea of giving bored duchesses, countesses and other ladies of title an opportunity of seeing life in the farmyard.

KING GEORGE GETS CIVIL LIST, BUT THE PUBLIC IS AVERSE

Liberal Allowance of British Monarch Believed to Constitute Most Potent Argument Against Monarchy.

By Charles P. Stewart.
London, Aug. 20.—In spite of all the kicking the radical members of the commons did, King George has been to draw his \$2,250,000 a year salary. Of course not quite all of it is for his personal use—\$550,000 to be exact, is allocated to the royal private purse—but it is all for his benefit. That is to say, it is for the maintenance of the palace, in which he lives, for the payment of his servants, for the entertainment of his guests, and for the support of his relatives.

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PARIS Rearing Families No Longer Fashionable

ROYAL TRAVELS IN COMPARATIVE SIMPLICITY NOW

When King and Queen Go On Visit, Small Army of Serving Persons no Longer Attend Them.

By Lady Mary Manwaring.
(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.)
London, Aug. 20.—Few things show the difference in time more for the manner in which royalty travels now and then.

When King George and Queen Mary travel from one part of their kingdom to another there is less display than would have attended the journey of a petty noble a few centuries ago.

When "bluff King Hal" went from Whitehall to Hampton court he was attended by battalions of pages, legions of grooms, lords and courtiers, hostesses of the sergeants of the bakehouse and of the buttery, the sergeants of the trumpeters and the masters of the music, the women of the chambers and of the chambers of the pasty, physicians, ushers, astronomers, cup bearers, carvers, secretaries, singing boys, and many, many other "officers" besides all these.

PETER OF SERBIA PROVES HIS WORTH AS ABLE DIPLOMAT

King Peter Effects Commercial Treaty With Austria-Hungary, Making Concessions to Pacify Austrian Agrarians.

Berlin, Aug. 20.—King Peter of Serbia has every reason to feel proud of the fact that a commercial treaty between Austria-Hungary and his country has been signed, for it is entirely due to his personal efforts, and his subjects fully realize that the treaty was absolutely vital to the kingdom of Serbia.

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By Clement J. Barrett.
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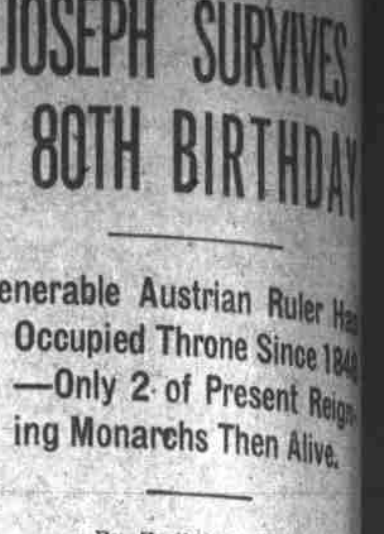
MAID REMAINS IN CATALEPTIC SLUMBER

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Paris, Aug. 20.—A most peculiar case of its particular kind is interesting to medical profession here.

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EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH 80TH BIRTHDAY

Venerable Austrian Ruler Has Occupied Throne Since 1848—Only 2 of Present Reigning Monarchs Then Alive.



By Emil Andrássy.
(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.)
Vienna, Aug. 20.—The emperor stood the fatigue of the ceremony and abroad and was in better shape than he had been for some time. It is perhaps due to the fact that he is less unwell in the empire than he is in the case for many years.

The fact that the great army maneuvers which were to be held in the near future, have been abandoned, has excited much attention.

Some days ago rumors were spread that in the cavalry garrison in Galicia, the emperor's army, had been attacked by the cavalry. As the emperor proposed was to withdraw from the maneuvers and replace them with a change of province was also discussed by the generals under the command of the commander in chief, Archduke Franz Ferdinand. The emperor has decided that the maneuvers shall be entirely abandoned this year.

In official circles it is emphasized that this change of plan has been occasioned merely by the epidemic of influenza which, however, can scarcely be avoided that the Russian maneuvers also have been brought about by political considerations.

Archduke Johann, trustee of the emperor's estate, has a tremendous task in inquiring into the daily increasing number of romantic stories by persons who are or less positively declared by the emperor's death.

Chasing Rainbows.
The Post, the well known Conservative and government organ, declares that Germany would consider the help of the North American Irish, in case of hostilities with Britain, a very doubtful value. The Ancient Order of Hibernians is reminded, too, that they are unquestionably living in a fool's paradise if they imagine that a German triumph over England would mean the "liberation" of Ireland.

England's Action Causes Comment.
The British preparations for a possible advance of a military force into Tibet have excited adverse comment here, there they have come in the nature of a surprise. It is pointed out that England's action in the convention concluded with China and Tibet and to the Anglo-Russian treaty regarding central Asia concluded in August, 1907. The clause regarding the prohibition of scientific expeditions into Tibet, however, will expire in a month's time, and it is asked ironically whether the advance can be styled a scientific one.

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