

ALEXANDER OF BATTENBERG.

How He Excited the Family of the Present Czar When a Mere Boy—The Princess's Family.

Alexander of Battenberg is one of the handsomest men of his time, writes a London correspondent of The New York Sun, and, if physical perfections were still sufficient to make a ruler, he would be emphatically every inch a king. Nearly six feet in height, he carries himself not only with majesty, but with elegance and even grace, and is as far removed from ungainly awkwardness as from effeminacy and affectation. Although he belonged to the Prussian service and is of German origin, he has none of the stiffness supposed to be the invariable attribute of the soldiers of Emperor William. He closely resembles his mother, the princess of Battenberg, born countess of Bossak-Haneck, whose father was minister of war and Foreign in Poland, and who was justly famed as the loveliest and most fascinating of women. His face is oval and strong. His mouth parts with a ready smile in slightly ironical curves. His deep blue, well-opened eyes have a gentle, caressing softness, but when he commands, discusses, or rebuts a light passes in them like the flash of steel, and the indomitable will of the man stands revealed.

The young hospodar's work at Sofia was purely military. The absence of a presiding woman was vividly felt. The Bulgarian aristocracy regretted that he had no consort, and he himself would gladly have wedded had he been able to follow the inclination of his heart. A romance of love had had its opening chapters at Berlin, but the princess who had enslaved his affections was too closely allied to the imperial court, too near the throne, to be given to one who could at best offer himself only as a mercenary soldier. Prince Bismarck evoked the highest of etiquette and policy, and the tender affair was allowed to proceed no further.

From his erudite the young prince had an over-weening ambition, and as a child dreamed of accomplishing great things, of making his mark in Europe and history, and of raising himself above his peers. A naive, ingenuous life was odious to him, and he preferred the uncertainty and perils of adventure to the princely ease in which he was reared. He never was narrow-minded or exclusive. Liberal and well read, he has traveled enough to be free from national prejudices. "Paris," he once said, "has strange and unrivaled fascinations which the stranger who has once breathed its intoxicating atmosphere can never forget. I was there twice, and each time only for a short time, but I can thoroughly endorse the truth of the words, 'Each man in this world has two fatherlands, his own and Paris.'"

The antagonism between the prince and the czar is not of modern birth, or later growth. It dates far back, from the time when they were both children. They used to meet every year at Darmstadt. The Empress Marie of Russia was in the habit of annually revisiting the city of her birth to spend a few weeks with her brothers, Alexander of Hesse and the former Grand Duke Louis III.

They were so much liked by the czar Alexander II. that, in order to be near them, he had fixed his summer residence at the castle of Jugenheim, and never led to sunnier man near him the two little Battenberg boys, his nephews. Prince Alexander was so particularly a favorite of the emperor that the jealous rivalry of his own sons was thereby excited. "Thus were laid the seeds of the enmity which has attracted so much attention. One day at Jugenheim the little Battenberg boy, seated on the czar's knee and toying with his orders, asked the name of one particular star. "It is the cross of St. George," answered his uncle, "a cross you will wear on your breast when you are a Russ general and have won your first victory."

At those words of his father's the czar's eye turned away, imparting no matter how to be heard. "Of course, all the good things must be for Germans now."

"Are you not a German yourself?" asked the dainty little boy. "German blood flows in your veins, imperial highness."

The czarwit never got to forgive or wholly forget the retort of the pampered child whom in his heart he considered as an objectionable poor relation and there never was then or hereafter much love lost between the cousins. Alexander belongs to a family who, if prone to misalliance, are always foremost in war and adventurous undertaking. A brother of his mother distinguished himself in 1870 under the orders of Garibaldi, and later on for a brief period commanded a brigade at Dijon. The young prince served in the Prussian guard, and was equally remarkable for his splendid physique and daring among men who are all prominently distinguished in both respects. But it was not a garble of corps that he learned the science of warfare or the arts of diplomacy. He made his first campaign when he was only 29 years of age, in 1877, during the Russo-Russian war, and inured himself to the strategy of diplomacy from the hour of his arrival at Sofia, in his incessant struggle with the advisers placed at his side by the czar. He resisted all endeavors, open or insidious, to enforce Russification, to become a vassal, a dependent, or a tool of his powerful neighbor. He stoutly opposed the attacks and intrigues of his counselors, and brought to bear against them the stubborn inertia of eastern diplomacy.

His subjects were not even at the onset easily pliant or ungrudgingly led. They greeted his sovereignty with jealous distrust. They barely tolerated and never quite condoned the expenditure of \$3,000,000 lavished on the construction of the palace of Sofia. The Bulgarians are peacemakers at heart, with all the land-tiller's practical thrift and wary prudence. The uniformity of type so noticeable among them indicates a great purity of race, with its concomitant character of exclusiveness and conservatism. They do not wear the Turkish fez, but the national cubara or round, sheepskin cap. Their costumes

is a shirt with long, loose sleeves, richly and gaudily embroidered, and loose Muslin trousers confined around the waist and below the knee. Their hands are rich and fertile, and nowhere is there a greater wealth of flowers. Vines, roses, and pomegranates intertwine their bloom. Like a large garden the country spreads afar, the delight of the botanist and the poet. Should a lasting peace ever be granted to those Danubian provinces a future of inexhaustible plenty is assured them.

PROFESSIONAL "DEADBEATS."

An Example That Illustrates How Systematically They Work. "Are you aware that many men in Brooklyn live wholly by their wits?" asked an up-town grocer of a Brooklyn Eagle reporter. "No? I could name a dozen heads of families who for years have not had a dollar which they could call their own, but yet they live in brown-stone houses and on the best of the land affords. When I say that the class of men I mention live by their wits I don't mean that they are gamblers or sharpers, as the term implies. They are men who, having seen better days and become reduced, think that the world owes them a living and mean to get it. I have reference to that class who move yearly, if not often, and strike all tradesmen in their neighborhood for amounts ranging from \$25 to \$300. Would you believe that a man could support a family of five for six years wholly on credit? I know such a case, and have reason to regret my acquaintance with the individual to the tune of \$200. About a year ago there entered my store a gentleman, well dressed, and seemingly respectable. He bought a small bill of goods, paying cash, and continued to purchase daily for a week. Finally, one day he said it was a mere to pay each time, and would I allow him to run a weekly bill? I readily consented to this arrangement, and, strange to say, at the end of the first week everything was settled promptly. I am now coming to the interesting part of my story. On sending in a bill for the groceries furnished during the second week I was asked if I could not let the account run by the month. Again I consented, to oblige my customer. I leave my business at certain periods of the month entirely in the hands of my clerk, and as he knew I had consented to run a monthly account with my respectable customer he thought nothing of the fact that that individual had in three weeks ordered three barrels of flour, and other groceries in proportion. At the end of the month I presented my bill of \$200, but was put off from time to time, and, becoming tired, ordered suit to be recovered the amount."

"You received a veritable lot of cases?" "Yes, but the event on was returned unsatisfied. My customer owned nothing. Every stick of furniture in his elegant apartment house was in the name of his wife. Two weeks ago I had the pleasure of seeing two barrels of my best flour, three or four barrels of potatoes, and many other articles which originally belonged to me loaded on a truck in front of my late customer's house. He had neglected to pay the indebted four months rent and I was required to get out. On inquiry I learned that the same aged and respectable gentleman had flooded other tradesmen in the vicinity for amounts somewhat smaller than mine. On pursuing the investigation further I learned that my late customer had moved five times in three years, and had left large bills on each neighborhood in which he had lived. I have only mentioned the case to illustrate how systematically the deadbeat works."

"Is there no way in which tradesmen can avoid being beaten?" was asked. "Yes; but one—the cash system. But still it is impossible to make every one pay cash. Many of my old customers would be highly indignant if the robbery was questioned and I would lose the larger part of my business. On the cash system is impracticable, for many reasons. There are black lists, but when deadbeats change their names what is a man to do? I contend that if a man is thoroughly dishonest he will have ample opportunity to practice his wiles."

"Are not many honest customers who pay obliged to suffer for the shortcomings of deadbeats?" "In a measure, yes. If everybody paid I have no doubt but that grocers would be cheaper. Grocers must make up their bad debts in some way, and the honest customer in the end is obliged to suffer."

Its English, You Know! To "bang" nails and "hog" manes; that those may torment the horses. To have coach teams without bearing-reins; that they may stumble and fall more easily. To have a whip with a lash; that it may get fastened in the harness and fret the horses. To do in a high dog cart as heavy as a night cart; that with a misstep of the horse a fall may be greater. To have the coachman wear little side-whiskers; that he may be "English, you know."

To have the coachman when on the box waiting hold his whip perpendicularly, grasp it in the center; that he may look thoroughly English. To ride across country fox-chasing, over ditches and hurdles; that the rider may in this foolish way get injured for life. To have a robust young coachman with whiskers just sprouted; that he may soon become one of the family. —Newark Sunday Call.

Not a Partisan. "Isn't he beautiful?" said the wife of the politician, as she dandled her baby boy, who sm led and kicked every time she threw him up. "He is," answered the proud father as he watched the play of the little feet, "but I'm afraid he will never be a good party man."

"Why not?" "Because he's a kicker."

It is these things that cast a gloom over the happiest families. —Boston Courier.

The English Matron Abroad.

The Englishman on his travels is the laughing butt of the witty Parisian, but the English woman at least seems to be quite a match for the average Frenchman. A lady of interesting appearance called the other morning on a jeweler in Paris, and after purchasing a bracelet presented a £10 note in payment, from which she received change amounting to nearly £5, and went away. The French, though they may despise things English, have a liking for English bank notes, especially when they have not had to pay for them at the current rate of exchange. So the jeweler gaily stepped around to his banker to get his two hundred and fifty and odd francs. And when he arrived, the banker pointed out that the note was—not a forgery, not even a draft on the Bank of England, but an order dated nearly fifty years back and signed by one F. Duck, on an institution styled the Bank of Engraving, which entitled the holder to some pictures. It is difficult not to admire the daring coolness of the woman who could try such a successful experiment in a big city, though one may share in the horror of the French papers, and reiterate their warning to shopkeepers to be on their guard against this daughter of Albion. —[St. James' Gazette.

An Intelligent Juror.

There is an American story of a juror in a trial for murder in one of the backwoods settlements of the far west. Great difficulty had been experienced in getting a jury, eleven jurors had at last been sworn in, and there remained only one man of the panel. He was a small, lean, lank fellow, with a shrewd face and an uncouth demeanor, and his apparel seemed to show that never before had he been within sight or sound of civilization. He was asked the usual questions as to whether he had formed any opinion about the case, whether he had any prejudice against the prisoner, or whether he was conscientiously opposed to capital punishment.

To all these questions he returned a decided negative. The judge and the counsel for the prosecution and for the defense did not any of them specially like the man's manner, but he was late and jurors were scarce, and so he was accepted. In accordance with an old farm surviving strangely in out of the way places, he was set before the alleged murderer and the judge said: "Juror, look upon the prisoner; prisoner, look on the juror." When this command was given the little man leaned forward and scanned the culprit carefully from head to foot for some moments; then he raised his head and turned to the judge and said in a firm and solemn voice, "Yes, judge, I think he is guilty." —[Saturday Review.

Making a Match. A young man of Baltimore went west several years ago and corresponded regularly with an elderly lady friend in Washington. About six months ago he wrote that he'd get married now if he knew a nice girl that would have him.

"There's a chance for you," said the lady laughingly, to her niece when she received the letter. "Tell him to write to me," said the young woman, also laughing. The aunt did so, the young man wrote, the young woman answered the letter, and the result of the correspondence that followed was a wedding last week between the young folks, who, until a few days before, had never seen each other. Their friends say that both have done well. —[Philadelphia Record.

After the most exhaustive practical tests in hospitals and elsewhere, the gold medal and certificate of highest merit were awarded to St. Jacobs Oil, as the best pain curing remedy, at the Calcutta International Exhibition.

Peter Kern's Wise Ed. In the summer of 1863 Peter Kern, of Washington township, Pennsylvania, caught a small eel and put it in a well in his yard, where it still is. It is four feet long and about five inches in diameter. It keeps itself concealed at the bottom, except at regular intervals, when it comes to the top, and these appearances are always followed by a rain within a day or two. During haying and harvest and other critical periods of farm work the farmers for miles around send every day to Kern's for intelligence of the eel. It will have no other kind of fish in the well, and kills all that are put in. —[Philadelphia Record.

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Philadelphia's Wonder. Philadelphia's think they have added a brachyurus rubicundus of Brazil to their zoological garden. Its face is as soft as a baby's and bright red in color, its teeth are of dazzling whiteness, and it has dandy whiskers, of which it is very vain, running its little hands through them constantly. Somehow this description suggests that some watering-place dude short of lands is playing a trick on the Philadelphians. Let them test the brachyurus' nerves by showing him an unpaid board bill. —[Boston Transcript.

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A Hard Fate

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