

GOSSIP OF ROYALTY.

Things Heard and Seen in the Courts of Europe.

Queen of Sweden Interested in Woman's Suffrage and Salvation Army—Romance of Empress and Archduchess.

(Special Paris Letter.)

QUEEN SOPHIA, the devoted wife of King Oscar of Sweden and Norway, is one of the most lovable women that ever sat upon a throne. She was a princess of Nassau when the handsome young ruler of the Scandinavian kingdom married her in 1857. Nassau then was an in-



QUEEN SOPHIA OF SWEDEN. (Woman Suffragist and Supporter of Salvation Army.)

dependent principality. The family which ruled over the little state was rich and influential, and the match was considered a splendid one for the poor Swede. In 1866 the Nassau dynasty hitched its destiny to Austria's fading star and, like the houses of Hanover and Hesse-Cassel and a number of others who had opposed Prussia, it was "mediatized" and its territory incorporated in the Prussian kingdom. The Nassau family left the land its fathers had ruled for centuries and took up its residence in Austria, where its members live in luxury and ascending content. Queen Sophia, although not directly affected by the downfall of her house, took the change in its fortune seriously, and has never since taken an active part in the gayeties of her capital.

As a girl she was reputed to be one of the exquisite dressers of her generation, but she has long since ceased to be a fashion plate.

"She is adored. Ample, that in her husband's eye looks the fairest mirror that an honest wife can see her beauty in."

Queen Sophia is the mother of four sons, nice-looking chaps and men with high ideals. The second son, Prince Oscar, some years ago married Miss Ebba Munk, one of his mother's maids of honor, with the full consent of the queen.

Of late years Queen Sophia has taken an active part in the woman's suffrage movement. She believes that woman, being a rational being, should have equal rights with man. Thanks to her interest in the matter, the women of Sweden and Norway have just been given the right to cast full ballots, precisely like the men. Among other things notable in her reign is her cordial support of the Salvation Army. When Gen. Booth first introduced his militant methods in the Scandinavian kingdoms he was not received too cordially. But the queen was impressed by the Englishman's system, and eventually joined the army herself. Her efforts have expressed the opinion that her majesty's interest in religious and sociological matters is due to unhappiness in married life. Such, however, is not the case, as the relations between her and King Oscar have always been characterized by devotion on both sides.

THE EMPRESS FREDERICK.

Her Is Still Interested in Her Reputed Second Marriage.

BERLIN is still talking—in whispers, of course—about the will of the late Empress Frederick and that distinguished lady's relations to Count



COUNT VON SECKENDORF. (Called by Some the "Affinity" of the Late Empress Frederick.)

von Seckendorf. Emperor William has issued peremptory orders forbidding discussion of the subject, but to stop courtiers' tongues from wagging calls for more stringent measures than an imperial edict. In the minds of those in the inner circle there exists not the least doubt that the empress and count were marriedmorganatically. Empress Frederick was princess royal of Great Britain when she married the crown prince of Prussia. Apparently the couple lived in peace and harmony, and when her husband, who had in the meantime become German emperor, died the widow's grief was

sincere. Soon afterward she appointed Count Seckendorf marshal of her court and honored him with her complete confidence. Then rumor had it that the two were, one quiet night, married in the chapel of the empress's castle, without the knowledge and consent of Emperor William. The report caused intense excitement in court circles. Some believed, others ridiculed it. But when it became known that the empress had bequeathed the magnificent sum of \$750,000 to the count, and that the impulsive William had conferred the order of the royal house of Hohenzollern on him, doubts vanished into thin air and people began to talk. One old court gossip in authority for the statement that the empress had always looked upon Seckendorf as her affinity and, although she paid him but scant attention while her husband lived, she frequently repeated Longfellow's lines:

"Ships that pass in the night, and speak each other in passing. Only a signal shown and a distant voice in the darkness. So on the ocean of life we pass and speak one to the other. Only a look and a voice, then darkness again and silence."

The human heart is a mystery. Its longings possess king as well as peasant. The world probably will never know the truth about the departed empress and her second lover; but it does know that while "Unser Fritz" lived his wife was his most intimate friend and most trusted counselor.

ELIZABETH'S ROMANCE.

Austrian Archduchess Places Love Above Rank and Station.

THE house of Hapsburg is just now furnishing another matrimonial sensation. After some little hesitation Emperor Francis Joseph has consented to the marriage of Archduchess Elizabeth Marie, daughter of the late Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria and young Prince Otto of Windischgraetz. The bride-to-be is in her nineteenth year. She is not as beautiful as most of the other Hapsburg women, but her face is expressive and sweet. She is said to be of a melancholy disposition and inclined to take life seriously. The bridegroom belongs to a family which, although mediocrity, has equality of rank and reigning houses. He is ten years older than the archduchess, is a first lieutenant in a crack cavalry regiment, and will shortly complete his studies at the military academy and be attached to the general staff. The marriage will be a love match pure and simple. When the archduchess was wooed by a prince of the royal house of Wuerttemberg last winter, she informed him that she had resolved to wed the man of her choice, irrespective of rank, and ad-



ARCHDUCHESS ELIZABETH. (Austrian Princess Who Is to Marry Her Inferior in Rank.)

vised the Stuttgart suitor to look elsewhere for a bride.

Archduchess Elizabeth was six years old when her father died, and she has inherited his frankness, his love of nature and outdoor sports, as well as his melancholy and romantic tendencies. She is now quite a tall girl, blonde, with beautiful blue eyes and expressive features. She has received a most careful education, speaks German, French, English and Italian fluently, and sings and paints. But driving, riding, cycling, skating, tennis and dancing are her favorite pastimes, and it was at her ball, in March, 1900, that she first met the man who is to be her husband. After that they met quite frequently.

Emperor Francis Joseph did not break up the match, in accordance with a declaration said to have been made many years ago, that he would not oppose any union wished for by any members of his house, should the marriage be the outcome of pure affection. That the venerable monarch has been true to this sentiment is evidenced by the fact that only a few years ago a daughter of Archduke Joseph married the head of the house of Thurn of Taxis, who belongs to the same rank of nobility as Prince Otto of Windischgraetz; while the heir to the throne, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, was morganatically married to Countess Chotek, now known as princess of Hohenberg. And only a year or so ago the emperor sanctioned the marriage of Archduchess Stephanie, widow of Crown Prince Rudolph, to Count Lonyay, a Hungarian noble of the lowest rank.

Archduchess Elizabeth is the emperor's favorite grandchild and would inherit the thrones of Austria and Hungary, should the diet ever conclude to revoke the Salic law. She is deeply attached to the lonely old man who has suffered more than any other ruler of our times, and their friendship has repeatedly been made the topic of poetic effusions. On the other hand, the archduchess has nothing but contempt for her stepfather, Count Lonyay, who, she believes, married her mother for purely monetary reasons. But stepfathers usually are not objects of affection to adult daughters, and her dislike must consequently not be considered a reflection on the count's character.

WILLIAM WALTER WELLS.

STATE TO OWN UTILITIES.

Canadian Government Proposes to Have Full Control of Telegraph and Telephone Lines.

According to authoritative announcements, the government of Canada has decided to nationalize the telegraphs and the telephones of the dominion, says the Chautauquan. The business elements are said to be nearly unanimous in support of this reform. The government counts on an annual surplus of some \$7,000,000, and its income is increasing under the usual prosperity of the country. It has, therefore, become possible to take the step contemplated for years, but heretofore precluded by lack of available funds. The government already operates some small telegraph lines, and not unsuccessfully. The telephones, if taken over at the same time as the telegraph, will be placed in the hands of the respective municipalities to be managed by them. It is hardly necessary to add that the employees of the companies are anxious to become the servants of the state, knowing, as they do, that from the government they would secure better terms and greater consideration.

Canada is only following the example of Great Britain in this respect. The telegraph was nationalized in England about 30 years ago, and while there have been complaints of inefficiency, red tape and lack of progressive spirit on the part of the post office department, which controls it, there is no agitation in favor of a return to operation by private companies.

TOOK A GIANT PHOTOGRAPH.

Plate, Said to Be Largest Ever Made, Used at the Metropolitan Museum.

An object that attracted considerable attention at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, says the New York Sun, was a camera about four feet wide and five feet high that stood all day in front of a painting in the Wolfe gallery.

It required the united efforts of three men to focus the instrument. The operator said that the plates used were the largest ever made, and that if he should fail to give the proper exposure, it would cost his firm \$28.

The time required to get a good photograph of the painting was three hours and a quarter. Three gallons of developer and four of hyposulphite of soda were used to fix the plate.

When asked why so long an exposure was necessary the operator said that to get a full detail and color value a yellow screen of glass, coated with gelatine, dyed with picric acid, was fixed in front of the lens. This screen changed the picture that passed through the objective to a yellow color and softened the high lights of the painting to such an extent that the dark shadows gave up their detail just as rapidly as the bright places. The plate was prepared with blue myrtle chlorophyl in the emulsion, and this decreased its regular sensitiveness at least 50 per cent.

Only one painting was photographed during the day.

Playing Whist for Money.

"Whist halls" are advertised in the eastern papers. Those institutions are public resorts, where whist is played for prizes redeemable in money. Poker parlors are prohibited in large New England cities, but the whist hall is much in vogue.

New Zealand Buying Back Land. Within six years the New Zealand government has bought back of the original settlers 324,167 acres of land used for sheep runs, and 1,630 families have found homes on them.

EASILY PLEASED.



"Daughter, is your husband amiable?"
"Well, ma, he's just exactly like pa; when he gets his own way about everything he's just perfectly lovely."
—Hettere Welt.

Not for Him.

"Why don't you go in and win her, old boy?"
"His friend said, 'She's a peach.'"
"I know it," groaned Ardup. "But I'm so short."
"She's away beyond my reach!"
—Chicago Tribune.

Lively Times in Philadelphia. "Sunset parties were very popular with us in Philadelphia during the past summer."
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"Sandpeeps" is the name given to the little whisky flasks which are found quite convenient in Maine. They are shaped like the sandpiper, a bird which is nearly all stomach and head. Each flask contains two ounces—about one drink. A sheriff's officer in Portland county recently found 63 "sandpeeps" in the pockets of a peddler.

New York now leads all the other states in the predominance of its city over its country population. Of every 100 inhabitants of the empire state, 71 live in cities and towns. The percentage of the population living in cities and towns for the whole country is only 47.

A Delaware man who deserted his wife five years ago returned the other day and said he went away "just to have a joke on her." A few moments later the woman sprung a much richer joke on him by introducing her new husband.

The Chicago spook who kissed the medium and got punched showed very little spirit, says an exchange. It may be that Chicago spooks do not thoroughly grasp the importance of firing up when they enter the astral state.



How About Your Heart

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How the Hessian Fly Came.

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Willie Borem—No; a stork left one at our front door in a basket last week and pa took it to the police station.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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