

PRINCE RIDES IN OVERALLS.

Ferdinand of Bulgaria Appears as a Grimy Mechanic in Order to Satisfy Whim to Travel on French Locomotive.

Paris, March 21.—Never did scion of royal house come to Paris under such exceptional circumstances as those that characterized the advent here this week of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria. The prince had often expressed the wish to take a ride in the cab of a locomotive. The opportunity was afforded him the other day when he was on his way to the French capital. It was while he was on the train between Calais and Abbeville that he was told the necessary authorization had been secured—and also a complete set of workman's overalls.

The prince immediately donned this humble uniform, and when the train reached Abbeville he went forward and took his seat at the side of the engineer. When the train arrived at Paris loungers and travelers about the station were much surprised to see the commissaire of police and other officials gravely saluting before what looked like an ordinary mechanic, and a very grimy one at that.

The prince declared that he had never made so interesting a journey in his life.

DO NOT SEEM TO LIKE IT.

"French Canadian Lamb Will be Sacrificed."

Le Nationalist Announces that Sir Wilfrid Laurier Has Completely Backed Down On the Autonomy Bills and Comments on the Situation.

Montreal, March 21.—Le Nationalist says that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has completely backed down and that the victory remains with the bolters from the west. It adds:—"Poor Laurier. His authority seems to count for nothing now, as the amendments will bear no resemblance to the bill introduced by Sir Wilfrid with such a flourish of trumpets. The Government will, of course, put their best front forth, but the French-Canadian lamb will be sacrificed all the same."

Le Nationalist says, however, that the half measure embraced in the amendments will satisfy neither party, for the Orangemen of the west will still consider them excessive while the Catholics will not be satisfied.

Mr. Asselin's paper pretends that this shameful backdown has been imposed upon Sir Wilfrid by the fanaticism of his colleagues and the cowardice of his followers. "This is what has ruined a great many public men, besides being the cause of many political crimes."

(How hard it is to please everybody. The Tories assert that the amendments leave the bill practically as it was, while this French paper declares it is a complete backdown for Laurier.)

BALFOUR FACES A CRISIS

Dissolution of Parliament Believed to be Near.

Business Men Desire to Avoid a Change of Administration During the Present Foreign Crisis.

New York, March 21.—The Sun publishes the following cable from London:—"The prospects of a dissolution of Parliament are on the increase. It is unquestionably Prime Minister Balfour's intention to postpone an appeal to the country until

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A VOICE FROM THE WEST

G. C. PORTER OF THE CALGARY HERALD SPEAKS FOR CANADA.

Brightest Gem in the Great British Monarchical Republic—Advice to United Statesers About Settling in Our Great Northwest—Some Incidental Facts Picked Up in the Course of a Traveling Correspondent.

Garnet C. Porter, editor of The Calgary Herald, writes an interesting letter to The Clarksville Pike, a paper published in Pike County, Missouri, Mr. Porter's native county. He speaks in glowing terms of the Northwest and of the Dominion of Canada in general, seeking to disabuse the American mind of the idea that the country south of the 49th parallel is the whole continent. After giving the oath, Americans are required to subscribe to before taking up free lands in the Northwest, Mr. Porter says:

"No Pike should let his inborn prejudice against kings and foreign monarchs deter him from looking in this direction if he really wants to make money. As an old chap who had come years ago from the States to Canada, and got rich on a free farm, observed to me:

"It sounds mysterious, but don't mean anything, don't you know?"

"As a matter of fact, Canada is as much of a republic as the United States, and the British Empire is a mighty Republic, where free thought, free schools and free institutions of the finest type reign supreme."

"Remember, this is the analysis of a former Pike, born in Kentucky, raised in Missouri and taught reverence to 'Old Glory' and the Declaration of Independence as only such men as Dr. Shannon, for many years the leading educator of old Missouri, could teach it. It is my experience that a man who loves Missouri and reveres integrity in man and governments can live in Canada an ideal existence."

"In truth, the average American is the most conceited human being that God ever created, with the possible exception of the pure-bred Englishman. After he has lived under other flags and knocked off some of the rough corners, he doesn't think any less of the great Republic, but more of the other countries. I used to hear the Mexicans ridiculed in the Western States as 'greasers.' I regarded them as an inferior race. I went to their capital—the great City of Mexico—a modern metropolis, 'way down toward the torrid zone. I found them fine neighbors, good people, alert, progressive and contributing much to the sum of things, according to their lights. As a boy, I recalled the nursery ditty:

"Fee, fi, fo, fum,

I smell the blood of an Englishman;

Be he live or be he dead,

I'll grind his bones to make my bread."

"I had read American versions of English history of the revolutionary war. I admit burning with horror at the thought of George III. ordering his redcoats to ravish the coast of the original thirteen colonies. I recall especially my indignation when I read of the sacking of Washington. Yet, when I moved to Toronto, Ont., I found that the shoe was pinching the other foot. American troops, in 1812, burned the place, and English history recites that Washington was burned in retaliation."

"But I digress. We Yankees think we are pretty big pumpkins—that we alone are worthy the name of Americans. Canadians dispute the term, and very properly. When I was in school there was a broad expanse of white along the border of Montana and Minnesota. We called it British America, but details were wanting. Apparently, it did not amount to much. To-day it amounts to everything—that same country my old professor did not think worth studying closely. Perhaps it was from patriotic motives. Canada has a larger area of land than the United States. This statement will be challenged at first, but think it over, for it is true."

"Going from the Atlantic Ocean last year to the Pacific, I passed from Boston, over the Boston and Albany, the New York Central, the Michigan Central, the Chicago and Northwestern, the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific into San Francisco—six great transportation companies handling our train. The sleepers did not go further west than Chicago. In Canada I got into the sleeper of the huge corporation known as the Canadian Pacific, at Halifax, on the Atlantic Ocean, and seven days later step from the same car at Vancouver on the Pacific—one line without a change—the most colossal railroad property the commercial world has ever given birth to. This, you know, is in Canada."

"There are but six million people here, but they are coming in at the rate of four hundred thousand a year. Last year a hundred thousand Americans arrived. Called a British colony, this country's government is just as simple and as satisfactory as that of Pike. Sentiment alone—but a powerful tie—binds Canada to the Empire. The practical connection is vague, hanging largely upon that delicate and yet enduring thing called tradition. But it is most subtle, and there was never a greater fallacy than that Canada leans towards the States and away from the British Empire. There is no more practical reason to believe, in my humble estimation, that Canada will be Americanized than that Michigan will be Canadianized by the 300,000 former Canadians who live there. This is my deduction. The Yankees who came here are satisfied, they become a part of the country, and while referring to the country of their nativity with pride, they find a solace in their new surroundings that no man who has not lived abroad and been well treated by people of his own language and ways, can appreciate. There is no practical difference in a Canadian and a Yankee. They look alike, talk alike, their religion is similar, and their instinct is in accord. The Conservative party here is similar to the Republican party in the States. The adherents are called Tories for convenience. The Liberals stand for much that the Democrats do, and are called Grits. The Grits are in control of the National

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Parliament or Congress, though in Manitoba and the Territories, the Tories flourish in the majority. Each province or territory has its Legislature, exactly as does Missouri and each sends delegates to Ottawa, which is the national Capital, commonly called 'the Washington of the North.' In every particular this National Parliament compares with Congress. It has, however, a body of Senators, who hold office for life. It is really of no political consideration, being practically honorary. All legislation must originate in the House. The Governor-General, sent over by England, is the only tangible evidence of the British authority. He receives a salary of \$50,000 a year. He is the personal representative of the King. All acts must be submitted by him for Royal approval, but, while he has the technical authority to exercise discretion, it is history that he does not. The result if he did would be the instant resignation of the Government in power, and the opposite party would form a Government. If the Governor-General still refused to sign a measure passed by this new Government, he would probably be recalled from London, for it would mean revolution—and if you think Pikers are jealous of their constitutional rights, you should come in contact with these Canadians. They fight, and fight hard. Witness their work in defence of the Empire in South Africa."

After describing our Parliamentary system, Mr. Porter says it is difficult for an ex-Piker to see why there should be any hostile feeling on the part of the States for the English system. "The King receives about the same vague reverence that the mythical Uncle Sam does in the States. I have never seen a more law-abiding people, that hideous thing, lynch law, has no place in even the traditions of Canada." He compares the mining camps of the Canadian Northwest with those across the border, and remarks upon the absence of "shooting irons" and upon the sacredness of the marriage contract.

Not to Her Taste.
"Do you care as much for Lamb?" asked Mrs. Oldcastle when she took a seat in the sumptuous library and picked up a fine edition of the "Last Essays of Elia."
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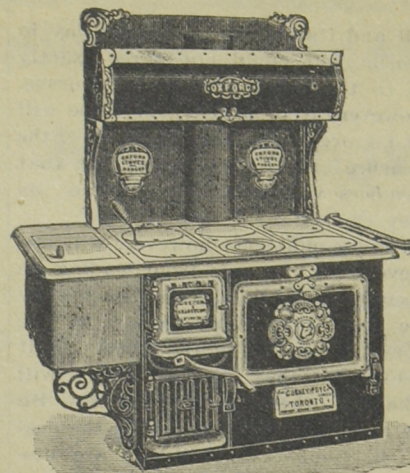
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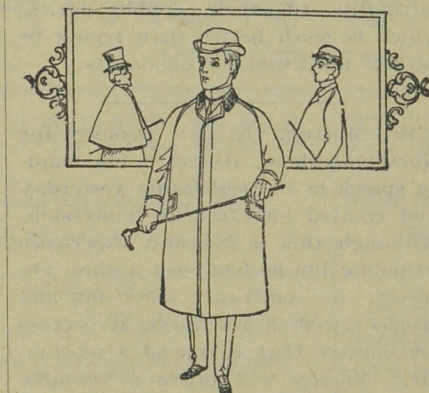
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