

DON CARLOS AND HIS CAUSE

Personal Account of the Spanish Pretender and His Family.

HIS PALACE HOME IN VENICE

Enjoying Life and Watching the Tide of Events from the Banks of the Grand Canal—Anecdotes of Prince Don Jaime.

Don Carlos, the pretender to the throne of Spain, at this moment become a prominent presence in the affairs of that country. He lives, as he has for years, in Loredan palace, on the Grand canal, Venice, where he and his wife, the duchess of Madrid, keep up a semi-royal state. The two ladies-in-waiting, the duchess lives within the palace, while the gentlemen in Don Carlos' suite club together and live in a mess just as officers in the army do. The well known penuriousness of Don Carlos is such that any one attached to his suite must live on as little as possible.

Since his marriage to the Princess Bertha de Hohenzollern, a rather pretty and stylish woman, descended from the ancient sovereigns of Prussia, he has apparently led a most exemplary domestic life. He is often seen bathing on the Lido, and going up and down the canal in a penny boat in a most democratic manner. Before the death of his first wife, Don Carlos led a life well calculated to give the gossips plenty of material for their scandals. He seemed to enjoy making his escapades public and even the Venetians, who are by no means prudish, were shocked.

Notwithstanding this apparent domestic simplicity they exact from their friends and acquaintances courtly homage when they "receive." The duchess' royal hand is extended to be kissed, and her manner could not be more ceremonious if she were reigning queen of Spain. Perhaps she is practicing that she may be able to receive in good form when she does come to the throne—if she ever does.

It is said that the duchess is jealous of her position and will have no one forget it. Some of the Venetians who please it to call upon her object to being reminded of their remissness when, for some reason, they have not gone as often as her court etiquette demands. When Sir Henry Laird settled in Venice he and Lady Laird left cards for Don Carlos and the duchess at

he cannot understand why the imperial family and Viennese court should have shown so much ill feeling and aggressive dislike for him. He intended to serve in the Austrian army, but their dislike made life there intolerable for him. He appears to be quite happy and content, although his father allows him but \$4,000 a year.

Not so very long ago Don Jaime donned the disguise of a gray wig and Spanish cloak and traveled all through Spain. In several places he aroused the suspicions of the police. On one occasion in Madrid he came face to face with the young king and his mother, a situation which it required great presence of mind and coolness to face without detection.

When Don Jaime heard of his sister's arrest with Count Felchi, a penniless aristocrat, a cripple and a married man, he obtained leave of absence from his regiment and went to the Spanish frontier, hoping to catch the couple on their way to France and to kill the count but he missed them and they still live to repent their hasty action. Don Carlos was naturally very much cut up over this escapade of Donna

Elvira's. He addressed a communication to his followers announcing that his daughter was "dead" to him and asking them to pray for "her miserable soul." He would have nothing to do with her, notwithstanding Donna Elvira wrote to him from Barcelona imploring his pardon and making excuses for her conduct by saying that, since his second marriage, she had found life intolerable with her stepmother, the duchess. Neither this letter nor the fact that the wife of Count Filippio Felchi had obtained a divorce, so that the count was now free to marry his daughter, had any effect upon Don Carlos; he had buried his daughter and would not have her resurrected.

The Heir Apparent. Not long since the adherents of Phillip, duke of Orleans, celebrated his 35th birthday by a mass of thanksgiving for the birth of "the king," as they are pleased to call him. According to a chronicler the climax of the affair was reached at the church

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When Don Carlos and the duchess were in Egypt a few years ago they went about "seeing the sights" like other tourists, with nothing to mark their state except the khedivial carriage and the two gaily dressed eyes running before it, which always followed them during their stay. A few khedivial calls were exchanged, but Don Carlos didn't spend any money entertaining anybody while he was there. Don Carlos and his wife make a good-looking couple. He is a tall, middle-aged man, with piercing black eyes and hair and beard sprinkled with gray. His manner is affable and engaging. The duchess is a fine dresser, always looking well groomed, but her manner is cold and repellent. All Spaniards who visit Venice pay their respects to the pretender and find a cordial welcome. Numbers of English people, old acquaintances, visit him also, for he lived for many years in Brighton, where his father, Don Juan of Bourbon, died. He speaks English and takes great pains to make himself agreeable to visitors.

Royal Visitors. Whenever the king and queen of Italy visit Venice Don Carlos and his family must leave the city or at least be in evidence. Since he must be received with royal honors or not at all he cannot be seen while they are there, for King Humbert is friendly to the young king of Spain and etiquette does not allow him to recognize the pretender. When it is not convenient for him to leave the city Don Carlos shuts himself up and makes a "retreat," as it were, until the Italian royal family has departed. Don Jaime of Bourbon, the only son and heir of Don Carlos, was educated at the Vienna military academy and is at present serving as a captain in the Russian army, practicing against the day of revolution in Spain, perhaps. He has an independent and adventurous spirit like his father, and is quite as gallant. He has lately been at Nice, on leave of absence, convalescing from a serious attack of pneumonia. The prince is a great favorite among his comrades; the more so as he is very circumspect, and whenever there is talk of an uprising in Spain, "sits tight," and says nothing. The czar has given him to understand that he will forfeit his good will and good opinion if he should, while a Russian officer, take part in a rebellion against a country with which he, the czar, is on friendly terms.

Don Jaime is very fond of Vienna and

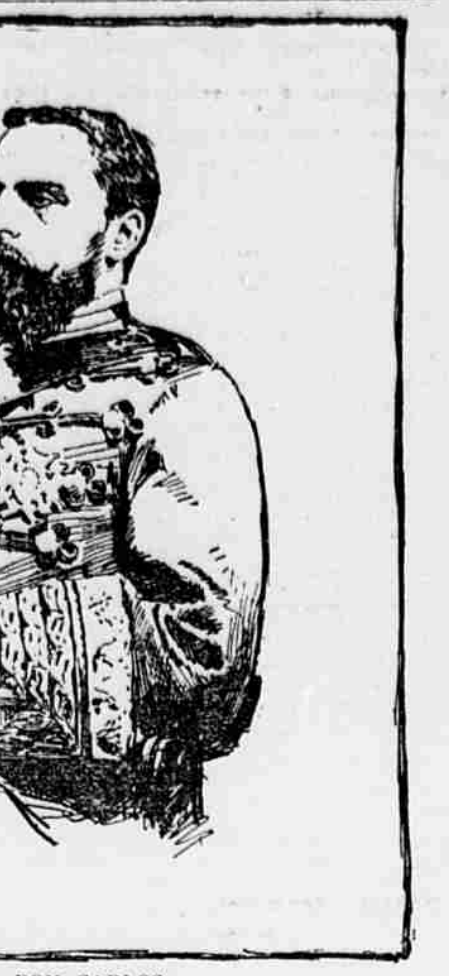
WEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES

Valuable Deposits of Gold, Copper and Lignite Said to Exist.

FACTS DETAILED BY AN EXPLORER

Characteristics of the Natives and Nature of the Climate—Remp, Tobacco, Sugar and Coffee the Chief Products.

Advance sheets of the consular reports contain extracts from a pamphlet on the Philippines written in 1894 by Frank Karuth, member of the Royal Geographical Society, and transmitted to the State department through Ambassador Hay. In a note to Colonel Hay accompanying the pamphlet Mr. Karuth said of the prospects of gold



PORTRAIT OF DON CARLOS.

"These notes were written in 1894. Since then the exploratory work under my direction has been carried on as vigorously as circumstances permitted. At all events, extensive auriferous ore deposits have been opened up in the eastern part of Luzon quite near the coast, and in some cases in fact, within a few miles of the coast. The continuation of the auriferous formation has been proved over a wide district.

"The complete absence of practicable roads throughout that district, and, indeed, throughout the islands, must at first confine mining operations to a few rivers and their points near harbors or navigable rivers. But such points, I venture to say, are numerous enough to give rise to prosperous industry. I know of no other part of the world, the Alaska Treadwell mines excepted, where pay ore is found within a few hundred yards of the anchorage of sea-going vessels. So far the fringe only of the auriferous formation has been touched. There is no brook that finds its way into the Pacific ocean whose sand and gravel do not at least pan the color of gold. Heavy nuggets are sometimes brought down from the Sierras, where, for hydraulic mining. Alluvial gold is also got in the island of Mindanao, especially in its northern coast. Extensive deposits of copper occur in Luzon, which will probably prove remunerative when means of transport have been devised.

"Galena, both auriferous and argentiferous, is found in veins in Luzon and Cebu, sometimes accompanied by zinc blende. "I do not know of the occurrence of true coal in the islands. The beds which have been worked in the islands of Cebu and Mindanao consist of lignite of very good quality.

Island to Burn. Here are extracts from the pamphlet: "The number of islands which form the Philippine archipelago will astonish many readers. It is said to approach 2,000. There are two among them larger than Ireland—namely, Luzon, with 42,000, and Mindanao, with 28,000 square miles, and there are other islands with 5,500, 5,000, 4,500, 4,000, 3,500 and 3,000 square miles. "The character of the fauna and flora of the Philippine islands is, to a certain extent, the Melanesian or Australian type, and differs widely from that of the Malayian archipelago, from which it is separated by a narrow, but very deep strip of sea. The Philippines rejoice in that distinctly Australian bird, the cockatoo, as an indigenous member of their avifauna and in the entire absence of the tiger or any other representative of the large Felidae. There are reasons for the hypothesis that the Philippine islands are peaks, mountain ridges and table lands of a submerged continent which in a very early geological period extended to Australia.

"Almost everywhere in the islands are the results of volcanic forces in evidence, although the number of active volcanoes is small. The volcanoes, active and extinct, are grouped in two lines, running approximately east and west. Earthquakes are not infrequent and the buildings are designed to resist them. The more violent seismic disturbances appear to be confined to certain centers, among which the neighborhood of Manila, the capital of the islands, and in Luzon, seems to be prominent. The orography of the group is very complicated. In a general sense, the direction of the chains of mountains is north and south, with occasional deflections to east and west. The highest mountain in the group is Apo, in Mindanao, with over 9,000 feet, while Halcon, in Mindoro, reaches nearly 8,300 feet, and Major, in Luzon, exceeds 8,200 feet. "The seasons are divided into hot and cool, or wet and dry and vary according to the aspect of the country. Regions exposed to the southwest monsoon have their wet season, while on the other side of the mountain the rainy season is more abundant. The rainfall is not excessive for the tropics, nor is it continuous, for occasional breaks lessen the discomfort of the wet season. The climate is very healthy for the tropics and diseases—e. g., yellow fever—are unknown. "The bulk of the natives' life of a 'race akin to the Malays, though pure Malays are only settled on the south coast of Mindanao and the neighboring islands, where at times they give a little trouble to the authorities. In the interior of Luzon and some of the other islands the remains of a race of natives of undoubtedly Papuan origin are found, still as untamed as the Spaniards found them over 300 years ago. They, like their Australian kinsmen, fly from civilization and succumb when forced into contact with it.

forest or plain, but ignite the races that form the bulk of the island population. I said 'almost exceptional,' because rarely is an intelligent people so completely affected as the Philippine Malays, who in bodily formation and mental characteristics alike may fairly claim a place among the higher names inscribed on the world's national scale. Concentrated and ever absent of respect, a habitual self-restraint in word and deed, very rarely broken except when extreme provocation induces the transitory but fatal frenzy known as 'amok,' and an inbred courtesy, equally diffused through all classes high or low, unfeeling decorum, prudence, caution, quiet, cheerfulness, hospitalities, and, for centuries, though not inventive taste. His family is a pleasing sight, much subordination and little constraint, liberty not license. 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