

Political and Social News by Cable and Correspondence from the Old World

UNIONISTS FIGHT VERDICT OF LORDS

Osborne Judgment Will Be Made Dominant Issue in British Politics.

FINAL DECISION MOST VITAL

Members of Trade Unions Insist on Controlling Own Funds.

NATIONAL MEETING CALLED

Organizations Involved Say Lords Have Blundered.

SLUMP IN HOTEL PROPERTIES

English Land-Owners Disturbed by Fear of American Invaders with Money Who Propose Invasions.

By PAUL LAMBETH.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—(Special to The Bee.)—As time progresses it becomes clearer that the Osborne judgment in the house of lords will be the dominant issue in politics here. Trades and labor unionists say they will push it to the front and have decided once and for all that an Englishman can spend his money as he chooses. The Osborne judgment, as is well known, prevents members of unions, as a body, from paying a shilling a year for the support of the labor members of parliament. At the formal opening of new premises of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants in Exton Road, Sidney Webb, who performed the ceremony, referred to the judgment, observing that although the house of lords was supreme in regard to declaring what the law was, they were of no account whatever when the matter had to be considered what the law should be. A national congress to consider the matter will be held.

Hotel Property Slumps.

Two startling examples of the slump that has overtaken hotel property have just been furnished. At Tokentown yard the Royal Albion hotel, Hastings, was offered for sale by order of the mortgagees. The hotel is a big establishment on the Marine parade, held for thirty-eight years at a ground rent of £30 14s a year; but the best bid that could be secured for the free lease and possession of the hotel was no more than £50, for which it went. In the second case the Shakespeare hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon, was offered for sale by auction. It is one of the finest specimens of Elizabethan architecture. For the last two hundred years it has been a hotel largely patronized by American and European visitors. But the auctioneer could not get one bid.

Veterans' Crises Meet.

There was an interesting meeting between veteran soldiers at Great Brington a few days ago when the duke of Grafton, who will be 90 years old next June, paid a birthday visit to David Waller, who has just attained the same age. Both fought in the Crimea, and Waller remembers seeing the duke carried from the field wounded. The duke gave him a photograph of himself, and the duchess sent him an engraved pipe.

Yankee Invasion Causes Worry.

Land owners are worried over a report that a number of Americans have selected the lovely riverside village of Sonning for the scene of extensive building operations. It is their conversion into a garden city, i. e., its conversion into a number of picturesque dwellings might not spoil this charming spot on the Thames, but it is to be feared that the American idea would result in the building of houses in nondescript style. The American house seems to be unwanted to the English landscape. Sonning is a lovely village with old red roofs nestling under fine trees. Its history goes back to Saxon days, and there was once a palace of the bishop of Sarum at Sonning, the site being marked by an old ash tree. The church, which dates from the thirteenth century, has a grand tower and contains ancient monuments, tombs and brasses.

Bishop Against Divorce.

The bishop of Exeter spoke emphatically on the serious problems raised by the divorce commission at the Carlisle conference recently. "The habit of calling black things by white names and wicked things by soft sobriquets is responsible for much of the jellyfish morality of the present day," he said. "All manner of confusion fills the air regarding the marriage question, but this truth shines forth clear. No real Christian can doubt that Christian marriage is the most sacred of all earthly bonds. It is the only sure foundation of family life, and our bounden duty therefore is to set forth the wickedness of undermining it. Whatever else may be said about marriage, it is a solemn duty made in the house of God, and a breach of that vow therefore is a treacherous dishonor, perjury and an abominable falsehood, and everyone who commits that breach should be treated with the scorn and ostracism due to wanton dishonor."

Marcos's Latest Exploit.

A "marconigram" from the Princess Mafalda states that Mr. Marconi, who is on board, was successful in obtaining wireless messages from the Children, Island, and since they, Canada, stations up to a distance of 3,500 miles in broad daylight. This distance easily beats all records for wireless messages on shipboard in the daytime, the previous best being 1,700 miles. Wireless messages can be sent over greater distances by night than by day, and in a speech at Stockholm Mr. Marconi attributed this to the absorption of the electric waves by sunlight.

FATALITY MARKS BULL FIGHT

Stand Collapses in Spain and One Person is Killed, with several Injured.

MADRID, Oct. 15.—(Special to The Bee.)—During an amateur bull fight in the village of Barajas, near here, a stand collapsed, with the result that one person was killed and four badly injured, while many others were slightly hurt. In addition a bull killed a young girl, who was severely injured a young girl, who was thrown into the arena. Several of the other amateurs were also injured through the collapse of the stand.

CZARINA'S HEALTH BETTER

Stay at Bad Nauheim Has Proved Beneficial.

LOSING FEAR OF ASSASSINATION

Nicholas Plays Well the Part of a Bourgeois Father and Husband While Recuperating at the German Resort.

BY GEORGE FRASER.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 15.—(Special to The Bee.)—I understand the health of the Czarina has been little improved by her stay at Bad Nauheim, and that much of the fear that her little son, the czar, would be assassinated, which was a symptom of her nervous breakdown has disappeared. It is sincerely hoped that her majesty will make full recovery for she is very popular with all classes.

Kaiser May Visit Carr.

The statement is semi-officially made that the German kaiser will visit St. Petersburg in December.

It is not generally known, by the way, that there is a very considerable personal friendship between the two emperors, and they correspond at frequent intervals. The emperor William was very anxious that the czar should have witnessed the recent grand maneuvers of the German army, but Nicholas II was anxious to take a thorough rest, and therefore begged that he be excused. The czar takes not the slightest interest in military affairs, and the clash of arms does not appeal to him in the least. It is understood that when the two monarchs meet they will discuss many matters of outstanding importance to the respective domains and the meeting may easily possess some future historic importance.

Commendable Bravery.

At a recent opening of the Finnish Diet the inaugural speech of the governor general was limited to twenty words, declaring the Diet open, and the speaker's reply was even shorter, consisting simply of a declaration of loyalty to the czar.

German Papers Excluded.

The attitude of the German press towards Russia and the strong measures which the Russian government now feels able to take against its Russian detractors are strikingly indicated in the prohibition just issued against the entry into Russia of the Frankfurter Zeitung as well as the Berliner Tageblatt.

Man and Woman in Deadly Duel

Divorced Husband Attacks Former Wife in Streets of Berne and is Killed.

BERNE, Oct. 15.—(Special to The Bee.)—A terrible duel with pistols was fought in one of the principal streets of Berne between a woman and her divorced husband. The woman had been sent to prison for ill treating her wife, Marie, and their only son, a boy aged 12. Mme. Remonda, a hard working and respectable woman, who keeps a kitchen, has gone in fear of her husband since she divorced him and as his threats became more violent she armed herself with a revolver.

Kaiser's Own Home.

At the time the kaiser opened the Posen castle he declared it to be "an emblem of my fatherly protection." Since then his mightiness has pre-empted three magnificent castles. Recently he bought a magnificent auto to which is attached a horn. To distinguish his horn from all other horns he had it made so as to toot three notes taken from a fanfare, which is one of Wagner's leit motives in "The Valkyrie." "The triumphant gods, with Rheinold, at their head, are on their way to Walhalla, and Donner, the god of thunder, has improvised a strain consisting of three notes, and these notes the emperor sounds in the air of his car. He claims the exclusive right to use the notes, but the people in general must have the usual horn.

King Alfonso Has a Ghastly Fad

Spain's Young Monarch Collecting Objects Used in Attempts on His Life.

MADRID, Oct. 15.—(Special to The Bee.)—King Alfonso XIII is forming a curious although somewhat ghastly museum, where are grouped the various objects which have been used in attempts against his person, together with objects which have placed his life in danger.

Queer Effect of Law.

The possibility of indefinite imprisonment has been disclosed by the case of a girl from Austria, Poland, who came over the frontier to work near Oldenburg. Any Pole that enters this empire is legally compelled to leave again before December 31 in each year and is not allowed to return before February 1 following. The girl, ignorant of this provision and the police put her into prison, where she might have remained indefinitely had not the case accidentally become public. The communication on the affair states that "for reasons not yet explained" the police decided, instead of simply putting the girl over the frontier, to hand her over to Austria. The latter, however, declined to receive her, and she was simply allowed to remain in prison.

SCANDAL MONGERS TO BE SQUELCHED

German Public Official Undertakes Apparently Difficult Task in Dead Earnest.

GOSSIPERS TO BE BLACKLISTED

Women of Hattersheim-in-Hesse Put Under Restraint.

PUBLIC WARNING IS GIVEN

Castles of the Kaiser Are Costly Burdens on Country.

PRINCE REBUKES LUFT HUNTER

Peculiar Law Attracting Natives of Poland is Brought Sharply to Public Attention by Case of Girl in Prison.

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New Occasion for Difference.

To these unsettled questions another subject of complaint is now added. The Hungarian press comments upon the fact that the Hungarian premier, Count Klenau-Hedervary, although in Vienna, was not invited to the soiree given in honor of the German emperor by the archduke Franz Ferdinand and various causes of disagreement between the heir presumptive and the Hungarian government are detailed, which are supposed to have led to the omission of the invitation.

Features of the Budget.

Regarding the question of the common budget, it is known that at the next meeting of the chambers the military outlay connected with the Boenian annexation will probably be discussed under the heading "Special credit for armaments." This outlay amounted to \$47,000,000. Hungary's share being \$17,000,000. These estimates include additional new material and the cost of mobilization.

Castles of the Kaiser.

There are fifty-eight imperial palaces and castles throughout the empire. One is at Posen and cost \$2,500,000. Wilhelm has announced that his son, Kaiser Friedrich, will occupy it. Occupying it means a few months' stay there. There are 600 rooms, large and small in the building, and the presumption is that the prince will have room to knock around.

Denial that Doesn't Deny.

The Politische Correspondenz, which is in touch with the Austrian foreign office, gives from Constantinople formal denial to the Turco-Romanian military convention. It says: "regards the report of the alleged conclusion of a Turco-Romanian military convention, whether emanating from diplomatic or other quarters, the Constantinople authorities reply that no agreement of this kind in any form exists. It is expected that political circles after this official and unequivocal denial, proceeding from both Constantinople and Bucharest will regard the report as groundless."

Sleepless Seven Years.

Budapest doctors are interested in the case of a woman who has not slept for seven years. Frau Bertha Hejemes, who is married, has a little girl 10 years of age, and has a little boy 8 years of age. She began her long vigil one night when a pipsy woman attempted to kidnap the child. Since then she has not been able to go to sleep; neither has she had any inclination to do so. She is in excellent health, and has never had a day's illness, but as soon as she lies down she is seized with a violent nervous agitation and she is compelled to sit up again.

SCANDAL IN OFFICIAL LIFE UNCOVERED BY COMMISSION

Straits Settlements Shocked by the Revelations of Venality in High Places.

SINGAPORE, Oct. 15.—(Special to The Bee.)—The report of the commission of inquiry into municipal administration in the Straits Settlements reveals a condition of shocking venality among many of the higher officials. Commissions are said to have been freely given and taken, especially in connection with the letting of contracts.

OUTLAWS RAIDING IN INDIA

High Percentages at Kabul Said to Be Fomenting Discord Among Hostile Tribes.

PERHAWAR, India, Oct. 15.—(Special to The Bee.)—The situation on the frontier is becoming somewhat serious owing not only to the continuance of the direct encouragement of raiding outlaws by Afghan officials, but to the fact that a number of the tribes are being drawn into the conflict. It is anticipated that there may be trouble with the Afghans. Representations are being made to the emperor, who is apparently ignorant of the true state of affairs.

NEW STRAIN IN AUSTRIA

Only Personal Influence of Francis Joseph Prevents Crisis.

STATUS OF HUNGARY IS CAUSE

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