

CRITICAL POINTS IN THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION WHICH ARE INVOLVED IN JAPANESE AND RUSSIAN TROUBLE.



Recognizing its integrity in the far east, Korea has asserted herself as a factor in modern politics. While not wishing to be too pertinent to the point, its ministry has declared itself for war if necessary. Its newly-established chief of the war department is pictured; also the three in succession to the throne.

he is not riding he is shooting, and when he is not shooting he is riding.

BREACH BETWEEN FATHER AND SON.

Combined with his physical powers, athletic skill and sporting propensities, the crown prince possesses a certain harshness which has characterized many of the Hohenzollerns, as well as a stubbornness which causes him to insist on having his own way with un-spareing obstinacy. In these circumstances, it is not surprising that the emperor and the crown prince have often come into sharp collision with one another, and that their personal relations often are extremely cool. The crown prince inhabits his own little residence at Potsdam, and father and son do not see more of one another than is absolutely necessary.

The breach between the emperor and the crown prince was widened by an act of folly committed by the crown prince on the day on which the operation on the emperor's throat took place. A short time previously the emperor had strictly forbidden his eldest son to ride in any steeplechase races, pointing out that he had not the right to risk his life in such foolhardy amusements. Before the operation on the emperor, the crown prince had the slightest knowledge of what was going to happen except the emperor, the crown prince and the doctors. On such an occasion, when a surgical error could easily have occurred, the emperor's life, and, failing this, when the result of the operation was half-expected to reveal the presence of cancer in the emperor's throat, the son might have been expected to remain in close attendance on his father, eager at any rate to hear the doctor's verdict, if not to encourage the patient. The German crown prince acted otherwise. Scarcely half an hour before the operation was performed he had his horse saddled and rode across to a place 20 miles distant, where a club of cavalry officers were holding steeplechase races.

TWICE IMPRISONED.

Disregarding his father's wishes and commands, the crown prince rode in several races, winning prizes and earning the enthusiastic applause of the spectators by his reckless daring in spurring his horse over the obstacles at lightning speed. On returning home late at night, he did not trouble to ride himself to the imperial residence to see how the operation had turned out, but contented himself with sending a servant to inquire after the emperor's condition of health. This escapade resulted in the punishment of the crown prince, not for lack of filial feeling, which the emperor generously overlooked, but for his open and defiant disobedience of the emperor's orders regarding steeplechase races. The emperor, in his capacity of commander-in-chief of the army, sentenced the crown prince, who has the rank of lieutenant, to three days' detention in barracks for disobeying the orders of his superior officers; and the crown prince was accordingly imprisoned in the Potsdam barracks for 72 hours.

This affair embittered the crown prince against his father, and soon afterward he committed another indiscretion not to revenge himself on the emperor. The sensation of the theatrical season in Berlin this winter has been the production of "Tattoo," a play revealing all the dark sides of militarism in Germany. The play is regarded as seditious and dangerous by the German powers that be, and in many garbisons the officers have been prohibited from visiting theaters in which

it is performed. Although aware of these facts, the crown prince ostentatiously paid a visit to the leading theater in Berlin, where "Tattoo" is being played nightly to crowded and enthusiastic audiences, and sat prominently in the court box in full view of the general public. This was a deliberate demonstration against the emperor and against the prevailing regime in Germany, and the newspapers interpreted it as such, suggesting as openly as they dared that the crown prince might foment a new political party to oppose his father's methods of government. The emperor was incensed at this fresh act of insubordination, and the crown prince had to submit to another period of three days under detention.

TWO EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURES.

Another escapade of the crown prince which attracted much attention was a breakneck feat of horsemanship performed at Potsdam, where a flight of about 100 steep stones lead up to the entrance of the Castle of Sans Souci, the historic home of Frederick the Great. The crown prince rode his horse up these steps at a great speed, stopped at the summit to wave his sword triumphantly in the air, and then rode down again, slowly this time, but too quickly for the nervous of numerous spectators. The crown prince committed this reckless folly while leading a company of his regiment back to barracks after drill, and the company was commanded to halt while their royal officer rode up and down steps which only persons of sound heart and lungs can climb on foot.

During a recent visit to Duke Siegfried of Bavaria the crown prince revealed another aspect of his character. He had been out hunting all day and in the evening, on his way back to Munich, he dropped in at a fashionable hotel on the outskirts of the Bavarian capital. The crown prince was dressed in green hunting costume, with buckskin boots and a lance in his hand, while the hotel guests assembled in the public rooms were mostly in evening dress. The crown prince, disregarding everyone, demanded a piano and hearing that there was one in an adjacent room, the door of which was locked, he broke it open by throwing himself against the panels with all his strength. Having forced an entrance into the room, the crown prince did not play on the piano, but thumped on the keys with his heavy boots, smashed the woodwork and destroyed the strings inside, so that when he had finished the piano was a mass of wreckage.

This accomplished, the crown prince went on his way to the residence of his host, offering neither apology nor explanation to the proprietor of the hotel or the startled guests, many of whom were ladies. There was a big scandal in consequence of the incident, and Duke Siegfried promptly paid the proprietor heavy compensation, besides visiting him in person to apologize for the behavior of his royal guest. On this occasion the crown prince was not, as was at first supposed, intoxicated, but wrecked the piano from pure love of rovelry and destructiveness.

REBUFFED BY AMERICAN SONGSTRESS.

The crown prince's latest folly is his infatuation for Miss Geraldine Farrar, the beautiful and talented soprano of the Royal theater in Berlin. The crown prince first pursued Miss Farrar with proposals of the kind usually made by gallant young men to attractive young women on the stage, but finding that the American girl, whose reputation is stainless, rejected his amorous ad-

vances, he conceived the idea of marrying her in spite of all obstacles. He was very much in earnest about it all, but Miss Farrar ridiculed the scheme with the same determination with which she had repulsed his original advances. The crown prince was so piqued that he consorted himself by making love to the lion tamer, Miss Heliott, who goes into a cage with 12 fierce African lions every night at the circus in Berlin.

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AN OBSTREPEROUS STUDENT.

A resident of England who is in close touch with high court circles in Berlin gave me an incident of the crown prince's student life at Bonn which had happened to come under my friend's personal observation. His royal highness was in the habit of carrying about the town in a landau cart at far beyond the speed limit. The town fathers were sure to see their laws set at naught by the crown prince, and in consequence the police station upon by a committee. Two police officers hoped that he would take notice of the town regulations. The prince received them ironically, listened to what they had to say without manifestation of interest, and then turned his back on them with the one expressive word, "Bah!"

His royal highness got more credit than he deserved. I am afraid, for his reported refusal to follow the drinking customs of his university corps. Temperance organizations in the United States passed resolutions praising him for protesting to his father against the requirement that he should drink bumper glasses of beer at the orders of a faculty president. But the trouble was not the beer at all; it was with the idea of having to follow the orders of an untitled student.

Now it mustn't be supposed from all this that the crown prince is what we Americans would call a "bad lot." The episodes quoted above are those of a young man who is a bit spoiled and headstrong. His courage is undoubted, and except when the dare-devil spirit gets the upper hand of him, or when he thinks his dignity is affronted, he is an amiable youth. He is far sounder in mind and body than the average continental royal highness. His father's strong hand has rested heavily upon him at times, and most of the rash proceedings of the crown prince are undoubtedly due to the fact that he is being governed as if he were yet a child. He is not popular with the official classes in Germany, but there is reason to believe that when the weighty responsibilities of empire fall on his shoulders his common sense will become more apparent.

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An unknown man was found lying dead beside the railroad track, and was taken to the morgue. A general description was sent out, and when the fact became known two handsomely dressed women in stylish turnout with liveried coachman and footman drove up to the morgue and asked to be allowed to see the deceased. The Irish morgue master assured them it would be a great pleasure to escort them to the dingy deadroom. There, upon a marble slab, covered with a white sheet, lay the dead man. The ladies looked solemnly at the corpse, and then with jeweled hands drew forth sweet-scented handkerchiefs and shed tears. They recognized the deceased as their long-lost brother, and informed the morgue master they would return within a short time with a casket and undertaker and remove the body.

In the course of an hour they did return, accompanied by the most expensive undertaker in town who brought a gorgeously lined mahogany coffin with silver handles and name plate. The undertaker prepared to place the remains within the casket, and again drew down the sheet. By this time the jaw of the dead man had dropped and he had been dead when the ladies first looked upon him—and the fact was revealed that the man had a full set of good teeth firmly set in his jaw. The ladies were shocked and the undertaker and departed, accompanied by the most expensive undertaker in town who brought a gorgeously lined mahogany coffin with silver handles and name plate. The undertaker prepared to place the remains within the casket, and again drew down the sheet. By this time the jaw of the dead man had dropped and he had been dead when the ladies first looked upon him—and the fact was revealed that the man had a full set of good teeth firmly set in his jaw. The ladies were shocked and the undertaker and departed, accompanied by the most expensive undertaker in town who brought a gorgeously lined mahogany coffin with silver handles and name plate.

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IMPROVING THE COUNTERSIGN.

In spite of its annoying features, an amusing incident occurred in connection with a review of Pennsylvania state troops by ex-Gov. Pattison and Gen. Guthrie. The governor and adjutant-general had been outside the lines one night, and when they returned it was raining cats and dogs. The sergeant halted them for the countersign and Gen. Guthrie gave it, "Chattanooga."

The sergeant promptly declared this wrong, and the corporal of the guard was called. He, too, declared "Chattanooga" incorrect, in spite of Gen. Guthrie's assertion that he gave it out that evening. Then a lieutenant was summoned, and with the same result.

All this time the rain was coming down in torrents, and the two dignitaries were thoroughly drenched. Finally the officer of the guard was produced, and Gen. Guthrie gave him "Chattanooga."

That was the countersign early in the evening, general, but I didn't like it and so substituted 'Antietam' as being more euphonious."

The esthetic young man sought for euphony in the guardhouse for the rest of that night.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

A NIGHT ALARM.

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