

The New Duma will work and hopes that it may succeed in combination with the Czar, in realising the benefits of the constitution and social legislation on the path pointed out by the first Duma. The institution of popular representation will never vanish; after having been once called to life it will never cease to exist."

The speech made a good impression and was cheered even from the Right. After M. Golovin had announced that he would be received in audience by the Czar tomorrow, the House adjourned.

After the close of the sitting demonstrations were held in the streets, the Labour Deputies addressing the people. The police fired blank cartridges and it is supposed that some persons were wounded. The mob carried red banners and sang the Marseillaise and the revolutionary funeral march. The police patrols for the night were reinforced.

#### THE CZAR'S NAVY.

St. Petersburg, March 5.

Gen. Batyanoff served in the Navy before joining the land forces, and he has some knowledge of Naval matters. He has just laid before the Czar a project, which aims at proving the urgent need of building a naval squadron for the Far East at the soonest possible moment. To that end the General recommends that the projected fleet shall be built in the United States and not in Europe, for he claims that the shipbuilding yards of the United States can turn out in two years as many ships as can be turned out in five years in European yards. The suggestion has aroused a great deal of interest in the highest circles.

#### THE POINT OF VIEW.

The extraordinary *bouleversement* shown by the result of the Municipal elections in London, whereby, after some eighteen years, the Progressives are at last thrown into the cold shades of opposition, has been the cause of leading articles in the London Press that are almost ludicrous in the divergent views taken of the issue of the election. While one journal heads its report of Saturday's results with the triumphant title the "Purging of London", another describes the polling returns as the "Triumph of Reaction". From one point of view the victory of Municipal Reform candidates is the apotheosis of the monopolist, from another it is the Waterloo of the wastrel. But as is almost invariably the case exaggeration is rampant on either side. That the rates have risen abnormally, that schemes involving almost unlimited expenditure have been entered upon or were in contemplation is true enough; perhaps too, there was a decided tendency to embark upon undertakings with a recklessness that would never have been apparent had the councillors' own money been involved instead of that of the ratepayers', but it must not be forgotten that the Moderates in the late County Council were represented fairly enough in proportion to their numbers on the various committees and cannot, therefore, be held wholly irresponsible for the expenditure recommended by those committees. On the other hand, it must be conceded that the Moderates have constantly and consistently resisted the demands of the Socialists for what is, after all, pure class legislation, the despoiling of the rich to benefit the often undeserving poor.

The London *Observer* in an unguarded moment allows itself to describe the election as "a pocket election with a pocket result", meaning, of course, that the ratepayers were at last aroused by the ever increasing drain on their resources and had arisen in their might to throw off the yoke of spendthrift policy. But such looseness, or rather vagueness, of phraseology leaves a wide loophole to the opponent, gives ample cause to the enemy to blaspheme, and Progressive journals are not slow to fasten on the phrase and allege that the victory was won by the wealth of the ground landlords and leisured classes, in opposition to the wishes of the working man. As a matter of fact, probably, the swing of the pendulum, so-called, had as much to do with the overwhelming victory of the Moderates as anything else. Under party government, as it exists in England, a long lease of power almost invariably in time discredits the holders of it. It is notorious that the present preponderance of Liberals, Radicals, Socialists, Labour members, in Parliament by no means represents the opinion of an equally large preponderance of the English electorate, but the Unionists had, after an abnormally long reign, not done much in their last few years of office and had not done that particularly well, and the large body of, so to speak, "floating" electors, who are, as a rule, too apathetic to vote, determined for once to step into the arena and give the other side a chance.

Exactly the same thing has happened in London in the County Council elections. The Progressive vote has not decreased to any very noticeable extent; only 85 per cent of the electorate have recorded their votes, but that is 7 per cent more than at the last election, and it is that 7 per cent that has turned the scale. The victory of the Municipal Reformers is due almost entirely to the clerks and small tradesmen, the possessors of

moderate incomes, to whom the alarming rise of the rates is a real grievance, so real, in fact, that for once they have been roused from their apathy and induced to record their votes, and almost invariably, for they are sportsmen in their humble way, they have decided to give the other side a "look in".

On one point the Progressive journals are silent, as they completely ignore the fact that the avowed Socialist candidates in the recent election have, almost in a body, gone to the wall. And yet the circumstance is not without its significance and especially in view of the *debacle* of the Social Democrats in the Reichstag elections in this country, we are tempted to hope that the majority of sound thinking citizens both in England and Germany are totally averse to the self-seeking policy of those members of the community who only desire to enrich themselves at the expense of other more fortunately circumstanced individuals.

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#### GENERAL NEWS.

(From our London correspondent.)

The King has lent four fine prints from the Royal collection at Windsor of groups of children of George III. to the annual exhibition of the Royal Amateur Society, which is to be opened on Thursday next by Princess Alexander of Teck, on Friday by Princess Louis Augusta of Schleswig-Holstein. The Loan collection is under the care of the Hon. Sybil Law and Lady Grace Baring and will include engravings in line, stipple, and mezzotint of beautiful children, Irish, Scotch and English. Also quaint miniature furniture and toys made previous to the last century.

Mr. Willard, the celebrated actor who is a native of Brighton, Sussex, will soon be in England again. He sails from the United States for England on April 9, per the "Kaiser Wilhelm", which is due at Plymouth on April 15.

### Electrolysis and Massage.

**Miss CUMMING, Winckelmann Strasse 37, I.** undertakes to remove all superfluous hairs and blemishes on ladies' faces by the latest and most scientific methods. Face and general massage a speciality. Consultation free from 2 to 4 o'clock on week days.

Immediately before, or immediately after their stay at Dalkeith Palace, the Prince and Princess of Wales will be entertained at Floors Castle by the Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe in April. Some of the finest fishing in the Tweed is owned by the Duke of Roxburghe; this will be thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by the Prince. The vast amount expended by the Duchess on the interior improvements of the Castle has rendered it now, one of the most perfect of palatial residences.

The various members of the Royal Family have well earned a rest as they have all been fully occupied in the general interests of the British Public. Among them the Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, has of late been much more in evidence than her health permitted in former years and no Princess is really more popular or more versed in the fine arts and music.

Both the Duke and Duchess of Westminster came to town on Saturday evening from Eaton Hall, Chester, and the Duchess will leave at once for the Riviera.

On Sunday the Earl of Dysart celebrated his birthday and is a very notable member of the peerage. In both music and chemistry he has hobbies to which he has devoted himself, and he is a constant attendant at the Opera.

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It is said that the Bachelors' Club ball, which takes place at the Hotel Ritz on Thursday, was originated through the idea of Lady de Grey who admired the ball-room suite when staying at the hotel. Those who are escorting parties are Prince Francis of Teck, Lord Stanhope, the Marquis d'Hautpoul, Lord Granard and Mr. William Gillet, and it has been looked forward to as the great event of the present week in London.

Lady Aberdeen is reported to be so much better in health, that hopes were entertained that she would be able to be present at the Irish Lace ball at Dublin Castle on Tuesday night.

Sir John Miller, who divorced his second wife some months ago, was married last week to Miss Cookson and they are now in Monte Carlo. His brother's widow, Lady James Miller, is a sister of Lord Curzon.

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At the Hotel Bristol in Beaulieu there are now among the guests, the Duchess of Marlborough, the Marquis of Blandford, Lord Ivor Spencer-Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Belmont, the Duke of Montrose, Lady Anna Chandos-Pole, Princess Duleep Singh with her daughter, Princess Irene Duleep Singh, Sir George and Lady White, and the Duke de Bailén.

Much better accounts reach London of the health of Lord Archibald Campbell, who is now in Scotland after a very trying attack of influenza. He will remain for some time at Dalchenna, near Inverary, which is one of the shooting lodges, belonging to the Duke of Argyll.

According to a telegram to the *Independence Belge* from the Hook of Holland, one of the despatch bags carried by Mr. Herbert, the King's messenger on board the "Berlin", has been picked up empty on the coast.

Following the marriage of Mr. Mark Hambourg with Miss Dorothea Mackenzie, daughter of Sir Kenneth Muir Mackenzie on Tuesday follows another in the musical world on March 14, in that of Miss Mary H. Cathcart to Mr. Neil Forsyth, General Manager of the Covent Garden Opera Syndicate. In June another is fixed to take place this being the wedding of Miss Rosalind Bridge, daughter of Sir Frederick Bridge, to Dr. Edward Stainer, son of the late Sir Edward Stainer.

The Guildhall School of Music is now in possession of the fine three-manual organ built by Messrs. Norman and Beard, which has been erected at a cost of a thousand guineas in the concert-hall.

It is only natural that English singers wish to assist those members of the German Opera Company and their relatives who have suffered by the wreck of the "Berlin". Mr. John Coates, who always says he has spent the happiest days of his life singing in opera in Germany, has started a fund with ten guineas and invites subscriptions however small to be sent to the London and South Western Bank, 451, Oxford-street. Mr. Coates will shortly be in Germany and will insure the fund being properly distributed.

The tug "Expert" has towed into Dover the Danish schooner "Thekla" which had been in collision with the Hamburg-American liner "Rosario". The schooner received such damage that when she entered the harbour she had completely heeled over, her keel only being visible from shore.

Lieutenant-General Sir John French who opened a miniature rifle range at Tongham, near Aldershot, said the Secretary for War had unfolded a scheme to provide a great national army, which was to be in close touch with the manhood and life of the nation, and which was to be based upon the principle that it was the absolute bounden duty of every young man to take part in his country's defence.

Instructions have been issued by the London County Council for the architects who have been invited to submit plans for the erection of the New County Hall on the site adjoining Westminster Bridge on the Surrey side of the water. Five hundred thousand feet, or twelve acres or floor space are to be provided.

The lady to whom Capt. Hill (the husband of the late Mrs. Sam Lewis Hill) is now married was Miss Jane Elizabeth Kent, daughter of Mr. Preston Kent, gentleman, of London, and the utmost secrecy was maintained. It will be remembered that the widow of Mr. Sam Lewis the moneylender, who became the wife of Capt. Hill in July 1904, left him £177,000, her yacht, Ailsa, the furniture and fittings of his dressing-room, three horses, two sets of harness, and the mail phaeton and buggy.

It is calculated that the defence in the Thaw case will cost about £80,000. Of this the lawyers will draw £40,000, Mr. Delmas taking £20,000 as his retainer and the rest being divided in accordance with a private agreement.

#### WEATHER FORECAST FOR TODAY

of the Royal Saxon Meteorological Institute.

Moderate southerly winds, more cloudy, mostly dry, somewhat warmer.