

The speech was applauded by the Centre and Left, while the Right preserved silence and occasionally protested out loud. The sitting was then interrupted for an hour. On its resumption, the Finance Minister replied. He said that the classification of the expenditure was not fixed by any one law, but could be altered. With regard to M. Kuttler's remarks as to the omission from the Budget of the civil list of the Empress Marie, that department had its own sources of income and did not belong to the general Budget. M. Kuttler's remarks as to antiquated laws went for nothing, for, as long as those laws existed, they must be obeyed. M. Kuttler's estimate that 1,300 millions of the State revenue was derived from the poorer classes was true, but Russia had few property-owning classes and many poor; for that there was no remedy. He refuted M. Kuttler's charges against the various departments, remarking that he had not left one single department unscathed. In reply to a direct question of M. Kuttler, with reference to short term obligations, the loan was taken up, not in December but in October 1906, when the Government could not foresee the surplus of 120 millions shown by the last three months of that year.

This second speech of the Finance Minister also made a great impression, especially the passage in which he replied to the remarks of M. Kuttler with reference to the high rate of interest paid by Russia to her foreign creditors. He pointed out that internal disturbances were the sole cause of the enormous interest, but showed that both France and England had had to pay more after the crises occasioned by war; and if Russia had a debt for which she paid 381 millions of roubles interest, that was less than France, which had a population of only 40 millions, paid.

The Prime Minister then spoke and controverted the assertions of M. Kuttler with reference to the increase of the outlay on the Press department. Speakers on the extreme Left attacked the Budget in violent language. The House adjourned at 6 p. m.

THE CRISIS IN MOROCCO.

Tangier, April 2.

A Frenchman named Gentil was stopped today while on his return journey from Marakesh to Mazagan by some of the Dakala tribe of natives who made him pay toll before they would allow him to proceed. M. Gentil says the situation in Marakesh is very serious, and disturbances are to be feared unless energetic measures are taken at once.

Continual unrest prevails in Marakesh. The Governor, in answer to a general petition of the Europeans, has replied that it was not to be concluded from one single incident that anarchy was breaking out; but armed posts had been placed in the streets.

It is further announced from Marakesh that a native who assisted Gentil in his surveying work has been murdered. The Pasha of Mazagan has had the observatory which Gentil had built on the roof of his house and which served him for his work, pulled down.

According to the latest news from Marakesh, the Europeans do not yet dare to leave their houses, and are in a very unsettled condition. The Governor is doing his utmost to secure their safety, although the means at his disposal are extremely limited.

The cruiser "Lalande" arrived at Tangier with the body of M. Mauchamp on Sunday night. A short funeral service will be held, and the body will then be conveyed to Marseilles.

MANY WATERS CANNOT QUENCH LOVE.

Mr. Harden Workman and Miss Bessie Morrison, of East Lynn, West Virginia, were married recently by a clergyman who was separated from them by a raging torrent.

Just before the wedding day a great rainstorm broke and soon swelled the modest Twelve Pole River into a raging torrent that could hardly be crossed in a boat without danger to life. To put the climax on this mishap, the bridge that crosses the river near the Morrison mansion was swept away the night before the wedding.

The Rev. W. S. Napier, the favourite clergyman of both families, solved the problem.

"I will marry you across the river," he shouted. "You get a megaphone and I will do the same."

The clergyman spoke the words of the marriage service slowly and distinctly through his megaphone. Fortunately for him the wind was blowing toward the wedding party. The bride and bridegroom made their responses in the same way. Everything was done properly and in order according to the prescribed ritual.

"This ceremony," he said, "is perfectly proper, legal and valid in every sense. I could not inflict such a bitter disappointment on these young people as I should have done by going away without marrying them, for 'Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.'"

Then he took off his surplice, mounted his buggy and drove regretfully away, for he was exceedingly sorry that he could not take part in the marriage festivities.

GENERAL NEWS.

(From our London correspondent.)

A romantic engagement is reported from New York. Mrs. Gelshehen, widow of the president of the Garfield Bank, has announced her engagement to Mr. H. J. Baker, a wealthy merchant. By her late husband's will she forfeits £2,000,000 if she marries again. Mr. Baker is only moderately well off.

The house in which Daniel Defoe wrote "Robinson Crusoe" is doomed to demolition. This is the old manor house standing back from the road facing Tooting Junction, and surrounded by an old-world garden. Many Americans stop to see it on their way to view Merton and what is left there relating to Nelson.

Nine was a fateful number in the life of the late Mrs. Sarah Harriet Selwyn, widow of the first Bishop of New Zealand, afterwards Bishop of Lichfield. She was born in 1809, married in 1839, was 39 years a wife, 29 years a widow, and she died at 9 o'clock in her 98th year.

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King Edward is making the most of his last few days in Biarritz. On Saturday he motored to Pau, and lunched with the Earl and Countess of Londesborough at the Grand Hotel, returning to Biarritz at half past six. On Sunday his Majesty attended Divine service and then lunched with Sir Edward Cassel. In the evening the King gave a dinner party to thirty guests, one of those invited being Mr. Whitelaw Reid, the American Ambassador.

All has been got in readiness for the arrival of King Edward on Saturday at Toulon where he will at once board the Royal yacht "Victoria and Albert" to meet Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria.

According to latest advices the Princess Royal, the Duke of Fife and the Princesses Alexandra and Maud were to leave Gibraltar immediately after the Easter holidays for England, so that they will not join the King and Queen on their cruise.

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It is rumoured that the elder daughter of the Princess Royal and the Duke of Fife will this season be included in whichever of the Court functions her parents attend, although she is still very young.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught with Princess Patricia arrived in Egypt on Sunday and were heartily welcomed at Cairo Station by the Khedive, although the reception was quite informal. The Earl of Cromer was prevented through slight indisposition from attending, but the Countess was present and drove with the Duchess and the Princess to the British Agency. A grand review of the British troops was to take place on Tuesday and on Friday the Duke and Duchess of Connaught are to pay a flying visit to Alexandria, and leave for home on Monday next.

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Arrangements have been made for the Dowager Empress of Russia to cross to the Continent on Wednesday morning. The Russian Royal train has been waiting for some time at Calais.

When Horace George Rayner heard of his reprieve last Saturday, he declared that he would rather have died and so ended his troubles, than lead a long life behind the prison bars.

The War Office has sanctioned payment from Army funds of £300 per annum for two years to the Anglo-American Hospital at Cairo.

Mr. Beerbohm Tree will be entertained at a send-off banquet in honour of his forthcoming visit to Berlin, on Sunday next, at the Hotel Cecil. The Lord Mayor will preside. Mr. Tree is purely of German extraction, both his father and mother

having been natives of Germany, and by many persons in the theatrical world Mr. H. Beerbohm Tree himself is considered to have a slight German accent when speaking English.

In the North and Scotland there has been much better sport of late with the salmon fishing now that the weather has become more settled. Captain Barne has been doing well on the Thurso River, as also has Mr. Bernard Maxwell on his brother-in-law's, Lord Lovat's waters on the Beauty.

On the Dee Major Baxter has distinguished himself and on the Woodend beats Captain Quentin Dick is having good sport. On the Glentana water, the Marquis of Bute and his brother Lord Colum Crichton-Stuart, have landed a large number of fish and the Earl of Londoun has also had good sport.

A wise move was made by Mr. Lewis Waller when he revived Messrs. Booth Tarkington and Mr. E. G. Sutherland's very popular comedy "Monsieur Beaucaire" for a short season at the Lyric Theatre. The performance is so perfect that it elicited tremendous applause on the occasion of its revival, and Mr. Lewis Waller excelled himself in the title rôle.

The Canadian Pacific Railway steamer "Empress of Ireland" arrived at Liverpool on Saturday after a record run of five days 22 hours, by the New York route, which is 136 miles longer than the ordinary Canadian route.

Five hundred Canadian school-teachers were on Saturday last received at the White House, Washington, by President Roosevelt who was particularly cordial and told them that he had the very warmest, and strongest feeling for his brothers across the line and the mighty Dominion they represented.

At Singapore on Sunday, the King of Siam arrived on his way to Europe, and he leaves again on Wednesday travelling incognito. The Royal yacht is escorted by two men-of-war and the King's visit to both Paris and London will be of some duration.

Dr. Charles G. Harriss, the well-known Canadian musician, has arrived in London. He has come to represent Canada at the concert to be given in honour of the Colonial Premiers at Queen's Hall on the 16th inst. Dr. Harriss will then conduct his "Coronation" Mass, (written in honour of the crowning of King Edward). The concert will be very interesting, for the London Symphony Orchestra and the Sheffield choir are to take part and the other conductors will be Herr Nikisch, Sir A. Mackenzie and Dr. Coward.

It is hoped by Dr. Harris that some British musicians will be invited to Canada to take part in the colony's big festival in May 1908. Perhaps a tour will be arranged for the London Symphony Orchestra in Canada and America, for next March, possibly under the baton of Herr Nikisch.

During the last few days a small shoal of whales have been observed each day sporting in the Firth of Forth. There is little doubt that they have been attracted by the shoals of herrings now invading the firth.

Ilmenau, where Mr. Haldane is spending his Easter holidays is a nice little town of 10,000 inhabitants, situated in pleasant woods on the northern slopes of the Thuringian hills. Thousands of visitors, more particularly from Berlin, go there for the cure and it is said that Goethe often expressed the view that the surrounding neighbourhood of Ilmenau was one of the most beautiful districts of Germany.

As a portion of the Scotch express from Edinburgh to Euston was being shunted at Crewe on Saturday afternoon, two carriages, with passengers travelling to Bristol and the West of England, ran off the rails. Lines were blocked and traffic was delayed for some time but fortunately no one was injured.

New York is very curiously described by the New York "World" which says "Madness, frenzy, incessant noise and hideousness—such is New York".

Mr. Haldane has informed Mr. Faber, M. P., that he regards with favour the hon. gentleman's proposal for a scheme of old age pensions, to commence with members of the Territorial Army, which might act as a stimulus to recruiting, but that much as he would like to include the proposal in his scheme he fears that at present the difficulties are too unsurmountable.

Official notice has been received in London to the effect that King Edward has been pleased to approve the appointment of Mr. Sydney Olivier, C. M. G., to be Governor of Jamaica, in succession to Sir J. A. Swettenham, K. C. M. G., who has resigned on the ground of age. As Mr. Olivier is already very popular in the island, this appointment will be much approved in Jamaica where he has occupied the position of Colonial Secretary.

In New York the city tax-books, just closed, show that Mrs. Russell Sage succeeds Mr. Carnegie as the largest tax payer of the year.