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DELCASSE SETS EUROPE ABLAZE

Minister Referred to as a Little Firebrand.

CAREER EXTRAORDINARY

Began as Tutor in One of The Provincial Schools and Rose Rapidly. By the Marquis de Castellane.

(By Cable to The Times)

Paris, March 7.—Was the abominable murder of the Portuguese king due to an anti-monarchic conspiracy? There seems to be no doubt about it. An attack of our Embassy in Lisbon who has just reached Paris has given me an explanation of the events which led up to that national crime.

For a number of years, he explained, King Carlos has been dipping freely and lawlessly into the public treasury. Indeed at the time of his death he had illegally appropriated \$16,000,000 of the public funds. The Portuguese Parliament for a long time was deceived by the honeyed words of the king and ministers who were his accomplices in this speculation. Finally the eyes of parliament were opened.

Two years ago a governmental crisis nearly took place over the purchase of a new royal yacht. The Portuguese State had advanced the half million dollars needed to pay for this royal whim. Now King Carlos for some reason or other was not satisfied with the yacht. He decided to sell it and, since he could find no purchaser, it occurred to him that it

would be an excellent thing to make the state—which had already paid for it once—buy it back from him. This piece of double dealing almost brought his throne to the ground two years ago.

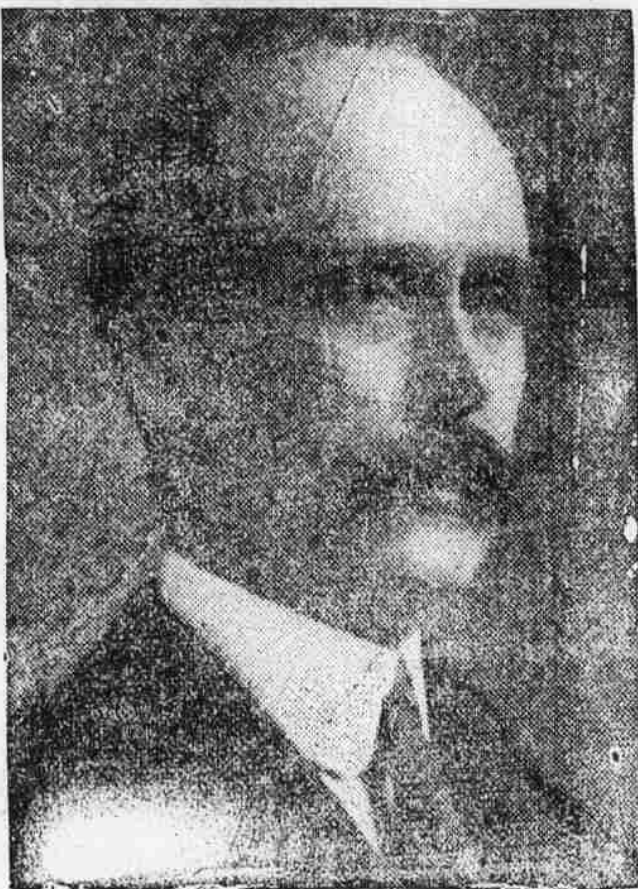
This was a lesson. King Carlos decided to go in for more devious finance. He called to his aide Senior Franco, who set to work immediately. But instead of beginning at the source of the trouble—the King's squandering of the public funds—Franco attacked a lot of little officials who were robbing the state in minor ways. To use your expressive American phrase, he attacked the little "grafters" but did not interfere with the "main high up." The result you can imagine. Among office holders and employees who had long been helping to the public money there was an outbreak of discontent. A vast conspiracy was formed which aimed at establishing a republic.

This fact is absolutely beyond all doubt. It is so true that when the unfortunate Queen Amelia, passing over her son to shield him with her body, cried out: "Not all! Oh, not all! a voice from the crowd about the carriage shouted back, Yes, yes! death to all of them—all, all!"

And in Lisbon no one doubts that only the first act of the drama has been played; in a few weeks or a few months the Portuguese monarchy is doomed to disappear. This new Portuguese republic founded in blood will be a gloomy menace to all the great European empires.

For a moment, at all events, there is a coolness between France and Russia. An indication of it is the change France has made in her Ambassadorial representative, Monsieur Bompard had the impudence to demand that this boasted alliance should really amount to something. If the war with Japan had not been interrupted by this time established more active commercial relations between the two countries. Perhaps the Russian government wearied of his tire-

Supt. Insurance Otto Kelsey.



Superintendent of Insurance Otto Kelsey has up to this time been successful in resisting all efforts of Governor Hughes to have him removed from office. The State Senate at Albany by a decisive vote refused to remove Mr. Kelsey from office, in spite of the adverse report of the expert appointed by the Governor to investigate the nineteen specific charges of neglect and incompetence.

less efforts in favor of our commerce and industry. In any case they determined to get rid of this too energetic man.

A diplomatic incident, resulting in his recall, was easily created. And Germany, and Germany alone, will profit by M. Bompard's return. It is

in Germany that Russia will place very shortly an order for cruisers and cannons. Monsieur Bompard, our business ambassador," as he has been called, is no longer there to prevent it. His successor, Admiral Touchard, is wholly a man of war. The warmth of the Russian welcome

for him shows clearly enough that Russia intends to take all she can get from her alliance with us in the way of useful military collaboration, but that she has no intention of repaying the obligation in business coin. And I ask you what do you think an alliance like this is worth?

And France, too, has her firebrand. I refer to M. Delcasse, our minister of foreign affairs. This little man, by his imprudent loquacity, has almost set fire to Europe. He is convinced, and he has resolved to convince a number of other men who call themselves politicians, that he had virtually placed Germany in a position where she was at our mercy when parliament put him out of office.

He began as tutor in a provincial school. He wrote a five-act tragedy in verse which no one except a proof-reader, has ever read. Then he turned journalist. By a lucky chance he became secretary to a deputy—sent up to Paris from his native town—a good old man named Madsen. Madame Madsen was very rich. In a few years M. Delcasse had not only ousted the good old man from his seat in parliament and taken his place, he also married the good old man's extremely rich wife.

After a thousand intrigues Monsieur Delcasse got himself made minister of foreign affairs. And for a long time he really shone in the world of diplomacy, for he had the knack of organizing royal journeys and impressing public opinion.

His one political project was to isolate Germany. In his attempt to carry it out he brought us within a hairbreadth of war. And then his house of cards fell to pieces. Suddenly—after seven years during which it was thought his power was permanent—the government realized the extraordinary danger of permitting this little man to play with fire in this old Europe of ours which is mined—and charged with gunpowder. Monsieur Delcasse was shown to the door.

TO ESTABLISH A REPUBLIC

Province of Moresnet Chosen as Place of Operation

AMIKEJO IS TO BE NAME

Government to be Headed by President, Who Probably Will be Prof. Gustav Roy.

(Special Cable to The Times)

Paris, March 7.—An Esperanto republic is the ambitious scheme of Professor Gustav Roy, professor of living languages at the St. Girons College, who is an enthusiast about the new "universal language."

His proposal is to convert the derelict province of Moresnet, where the frontiers of Holland, Belgium, and Germany meet, into a little independent state inhabited and governed by Esperantists, where Esperanto shall be the "native tongue." The present inhabitants—half Germans, half Belgians—number, in all, about three thousand.

The name suggested for this new Utopia is Amikejo, the Esperanto for "friendship." There will be no taxes in Amikejo, the revenue being derived from subscriptions from Esperantists in all parts of the world, and from a proposed casino to be established there. There will be an Esperanto College, a chamber for the protection of Esperantist interests, an Esperanto theatre, and an Esperanto newspaper.

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