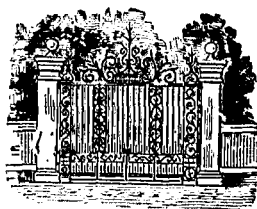


### Outside the Gates.



PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG has been appointed Governor of the Isle of Wight, thus taking the position held by her deceased husband. The appointment is a popular one, and is an important precedent, tending towards the holding by women of Governmental and State positions. Many centuries ago it was by no means uncommon for women to hold Governorships and similar positions, so that, after all, it is only history repeating itself.

The assassin of the Shah of Persia has made a free confession of the deed, and has implicated several persons in the crime. It seems that the murderer, whose name is Muhammed Reza, is a middle-aged man, and has been for some time known to be an "agitator," and a man of somewhat violent views.

On Friday last he was informed by his two nieces, who are domestics in the late Shah's harem, that his Majesty intended to visit the shrine of Shah Abdul Azim on that day. He accordingly proceeded thither, and succeeded in committing the crime, as already known. The prisoner added that he intended to shoot himself afterwards, but was arrested too quickly.

The late Shah, it seems, found that the head on which a crown rests may be a very uneasy one, and he has been for many years in terror of assassination. He was panic-stricken on the occasion of a visit to Paris, when he was invited to enter the lift and go up the Eiffel Tower. He left immediately, and returned to his hotel in a condition of mental and nervous excitement. His second son is to be the successor, and it is anticipated that serious trouble may arise from the claims of the eldest son, who was treated with marked disfavour and mistrust by his late father.

The newspapers of Turkey were prohibited from making any mention whatever of the death of the Shah until Monday last. They have now been authorised to announce the fact, but without stating the cause. The object of the severe restrictions thus imposed by the Censor is to prevent the Mussulman population from hearing of the assassination. One journal, in announcing the Shah's death, states that his Majesty, while out for a walk, felt unwell, and died suddenly. It is even doubted whether the cause of death has been communicated to the Sultan.

The Boer Burghers are expressing their discontent at the assembling of British troops at Mafeking. President Krüger has expressed his surprise that the soldiers are being kept at Mafeking instead of proceeding to Rhodesia. There are unpleasant rumours among the Boers that the troops are preparing for a march on the Transvaal, but this has been officially denied by the British authorities.

Rhodes' column, on its way to Gwelo, was attacked by the natives, but otherwise the Matabele rising seems to be dying of inanition. The British are only waiting for reinforcements, when some vigorous action will be taken. After that we shall probably have no further trouble with the Matabele.

### INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF WOMEN'S WORK AT BERLIN.

AN International Congress of Women's Work is going to be held in Berlin from September 19th to 26th of this year, and the names of many of Germany's most able women are to be found on the Committee, amongst them Frau Lina Morgenstein, Frau Hannah Bieber-Böhm, and Frau Minna Cauer.

The following comprehensive programme has been arranged:—

(1) Evening: Welcoming of the delegates. The names of those present will be taken. Distribution of cards for members of the Congress. The order of procedure for the whole week arranged. The foreign delegates are requested to communicate their wishes to the Local Committee with regard to their reports and lectures. The different Presidents for every day of the week to be elected. Friendly gathering.

1st day, 9—12 a.m.—Introductory address concerning the present state of the woman question. Lecture about Care and Education of Infants. Reports about Day Nurseries, Homes for Children and young People, Societies for the Protection of Children. Discussion. Dinner, 5 p.m. Visit to the Exhibition. Inspection of the Arrangements for the Benefit of the Poor.

2nd day, 9—12 a.m.—Lecture on Board Schools, High Schools and Colleges for Girls. Position of the Lady Teachers in these Establishments. Training Schools. Seminaries for Kindergarten Teachers. Reports. Discussion. Afternoon: Visit to the Exhibition. Inspection of the Model School House and the Arrangements of various kinds of Schools.

3rd day, 9—12 a.m.—Lecture: "The Study of Women at Colleges and Universities." Training of Medical Women, Dentists, Apothecaries, Sick Nurses, Midwives. Present Standard of Education. Statistics. Women at the Head of Hospitals. Sick Nursing in the Colonies. Reports. Discussion. Afternoon: Visit to the Exhibition. Inspection of Model Hospitals. The Laboratory. Ambulances and other Contrivances concerning Hygiene and Sick Nursing.

4th day, 9—12 a.m.—Lecture: "Hygiene, Private and Public." Temperance Societies. The Food for the Poor. Amusements for the People. Cookery and Household Schools. Schools for Gardening and Growing Fruit. Report about Soup-Kitchens. Convalescent Homes. Lying-in-Hospitals. Holiday Resorts. Visit to a Soup-Kitchen and Cookery School in Town. Afternoon: Visit to Marienfelde and the Housekeeping School there.

5th day, 9—12 a.m.—Lecture: "The Working Women and their Wages in Industry, Commerce, and Trade." Arrangements for the Benefit of Female Employés. Organisation of Guilds. The Servants' Question. The question of Impurity Reports. Discussion. Afternoon: Exhibition. Inspection of the Industrial Department and the Arrangements for the Benefit of Working Women.

6th day, 9—12 a.m.—Lecture: "The Position of Women According to Civil Law, &c. Reports from other Countries about Woman's Part in the Relief of the Poor, in the School Board, as Guardian. Discussion. Afternoon: Visit to Public Institutions for the Welfare of the People, or Excursion to the Surroundings of Berlin.

7th day, 9—12 a.m.—Lecture: Woman in Art, Science, Literature. Woman's Part in the Peace

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