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King Milan of Servia has suddenly added himself to the long list of monarchs retired from business, and has handed over the crown to his only son, Alexander, a boy of twelve, who will be assisted by three Regents. The event was entirely unexpected, even in Servia —tosay nothing of Europe generally—although it is not long sines Milan uttered a threat of abdication when in presence of a Ministerial difficulty. The King of this ambitious little State, which has been semi-independent for nearly a century, and attained the dignity of a full-grown Monarchy seven years ago, has not found his lot an easy one. He lost much popurality when Servia was defeated by Prince Alexander of Bulgaria; and latterly his troubles with an intriguing and strong-minded wile have led him to seek a divorce, which the Church probably granted under strong pressure. Moreover, the bitterness of faction has reached deplorable extremes, and the geographical position of Servia is such that her monarch, while too weak to stand alone, could not lean on one of his two powerful neighbours without alienating the other. Possibly King Milan recognised that his old enemy, Alexander, is more happy, now that he is free from cares of State and has taken to himself a peasant bride, than he was when his palace was full of conspirators, ready to kidnap if not to murder him. It is an old story—" Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown, although men are always to be found ready to "wade through slaughter to a throne." The abdication has excited some disappointment and uneasiness in Vienna, for it must be regarded as an advantage gained by Russia. This Power, when it ceases to threaten, is all the more active in its intrigues, and the factious spirit which prevails in the Balkan States soulid draw closer together for mutual support, and in time unito in a strong confederacy but servi and Bulgaria are intensely jealous of each other, because each wants to obtain the lions share of the sick man's inheritance when the opportunity arises. Al of her powerful ally at Berlin.

GOING FROM BAD TO WORSE.

It would seem that the Metropolitan Board of Works is determined to deserve the execution of London ratepayers. Three times at the last meeting of the County Council was it the last meeting of the County Council was it the last meeting of the County Council was it the last meeting of the County Council was it theoked—as regards the Coal Dues, the building line of the Marylebone-road, and the revision of salaries. Yet this moribund body, which has only three weeks longer to live, spends its last hours in accepting the resignation of many of its officers, and appointing them liberal pensions. The suddon failure of the Board amounts almost to an epidemic. Last Friday one was ponsioned, and five others also applied for retiring allowances. Lord Magherumorne asserted that some of these gentlemen were in a particularly sad condition; and ultimately their letters were referred to the General Purposes Committee to be reported upon. This probably means that their prayer will be granted. It may very well be that men who have grown old in the service of the Board, and become used to its rather "slip-slop" fashion of doing business, rogard with dread the advent of a new power, full of life and vigour; but that is no reason for foisting them on the ratepayers as pensioners for life. As Captain Winborn well said, "No pension is given to workmen earning from 25s, to 30s, a week," and it is unjust to crant allowances in the case of men who have been the recipients of large salaries. One member contronded that the Board had no discretion in the matter: that they were morally bound. It is strunge that those who serve public bodies should consider thay have a claim for maintenance after they have eased to work; but so it is. The whole principle is had, and gentlemen who vote away ratequayers' and taxpayers' movey with a light heart, would urobably be the first to oblect to nound. It is strainge that those who sery public bodies should consider they have a claim for maintenance after they have ceased to work; but so it is. The whole principle is bad, and gentlemen who vote away ratepayers' and taxpayers' money with a light heart, would probably be the first to object to such a course in their own private undertakings. The system ought to be abolished in overy branch of the public service, unless in very special cases. The County Council have an opportunity of creating a new departure. Their very existence is a protest capainst the old order of things, and they may now make it clearly understood that, when adequately large salaries are paid, all claim to pensions and retiring allowances must be abandoned. Annuitants are proverbially long lived—there still romain several "opersons attendants of the late Queon Charlotte," wife lived—there still remain several "personal attendants of the late Queen Charlotte," wife of George III, who have been on the Givil List ever since her death in 1818—and it is probable that far into the next century the ratopayers will be burdened by some of those "whose sad state of health" requires their immediate release from public service,

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The London Discessan Conference has just been discussing and denouncing the Sunday amusements of the rich. It is somewhat a relief to find attention diverted from the faults and follies of the poor, if for no other reason

than that it proves that all ranks are dominated by the same human instincts. "Surday smoking concorts, jugglery entertainments, parades of drags or four-in-hands, dinner parties, dances, and picnies up the river "may appear very terrible ovils to many well-ordered minds; but they probably are only the natural rebound of an artificial high-pressure existence craving after relaxation, which is intunated to the standard of the standard and the standard the standard that the standard the standard that the artistocracy of the Regency were guilty of Sathath-breaking in even more objectionable ways than now prevail. Think of the dreary Sundays than a constraint of the standard than the standard that the standard than the "should be sent once a month to these members of the upper classes who were known to mark the Day of Rest by devoting it almost entirely to secular pleasure." Is it possible to imagine a more futile and ineffective device? The Bishop of London is about to address a pastoral to the diccess on the subject; but it is not likely to produce any great effect. Could it be suggested to these reverend and excellent gentlemen that something might be done to render the atmosphere of Sunday more bright and cheerful? The success attenting Sunday operations at the People's Palace affords abundant proof that at the East-and affords abundant proof that at the East-and affords abundant proof cical improvement as ing Sunday operations at the People's Palace affords abundant proof that at the East-end the opportunity of social improvement a highly appreciated. Thousands would glady visit our picture galleries and museums, it they were open, and from among them would probably be created new congregations for our half-deserted churches. The neglect of Sunday boxervances by the rich may be only a passing craze; but it is not likely to be checked until the clergy render their services more attractive, not merely to the senses, but to the intelligence of their auditors.

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SUNDAY CLOSING WORSE THAN A
FAILURE.

A heavy blow has fallen upon the good, but mistaken, individuals who look to legislation for the cure of every moral and social evil. No better field for the trial of a Sunday Closing Act could have been suggested than Wales, with its earnest, industrious, and thriving population. But experience shows compulsion to be a failure there, as it has been everywhere olse. A largo number of bogus clubs and shebeens have been established, with the necessary result of a positive increase in Sunday drunkenness. The facts are admitted in the following letter, addressed by Lord Aberdars to the Western Mail, of Cardiff:—
"I am bound to admit that you have made out your case, both as to the increase of Sunday drinking over large, populous, and fairly representative districts, and have demonstrated the moral mischief in our should be a sunday of the continuous districts, and have demonstrated the moral mischief in the sunday of the continuous districts, and have demonstrated the moral mischief in the sunday of the week of the continuous has been conforced, but have encouraged a could not fail to lower the morality of the population. The effect, in fine, on my mind is such, this were a bill introduced into Parliament for the repaid of the Welsh Sunday Closing Act. I could not, unless evidence was produced of better effects produced to be better effects produced.

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LOSSES AT SEA.

While the House of Commons is attending to the requirements of the Navy, we wish it would also listen to the voice of Mr. Samual Plimsoll, raised on behalf of the mercantile marine. In a current review he shows that marine. In a current review he shows that £12,000,000 are yearly wasted at sea, entirely owing to the operation of the existing mode of marine insurance. This enormous less of property is unnecessary, and it falls solely upon the consumers of produce—that is, the nation at large. Mr. Plimsofl's chief reform—that underwriting by individuals ought to leablished—is well worthy of consideration, alike on the grounds of humanity and comony, for a loss of twelve millions of property at sea is always accompanied by a lamentable destruction of human life. alike on the groun nomy, for a loss of to at sea is always accordestruction of huma

THE QUEER'S GIFF TO THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF UUSIC.—The Queen has just presented to the Bryd ollege of Music the magnificent library of music y the old masters formerly belonging to the Society

is 80th year, place on Thursday, at many place on Thursday, at more on the party of the party of