

THE HOSPODAR OF ROUMANIA.—The turn of affairs in Roumania is renewed evidence that the logic of accomplished facts is daily more prevailing in Europe over political and dynastic traditions of a past era. When Prince CHARLES of Hohenzollern, a few months ago, was unexpectedly selected by one party of Roumania for their Hospodar, and he accepted the election, and suddenly, by an undiscovered flanking tour through Switzerland and Italy, appeared at Bucharest and assumed the throne, all Europe looked at it as a daring adventure which hardly merited any earnest consideration. The Conference, then sitting at Paris, would not even receive the notification of his election and accession to power. Opposed by the Porte, disavowed by the Western Powers, he had no hold even upon his own people, among whom the warfare of party was keeping up distraction. OMAR PACHA stood with an army on the Danube, ready to drive the "usurper" away, and nowhere, except, perhaps, at Berlin, did he meet with the slightest encouragement. Now the aspect is totally changed. He is recognized by all the Powers, even by the Porte, has the full support of his people, and is by all obeyed as their legitimate ruler. His final investiture as Hospodar, under the sovereignty of the Sultan, took place on the 24th of October, at Constantinople, amid all the usual grand State ceremonies. In the speech of the Sultan to the Prince there is one passage worthy of note. He expressed himself highly and sincerely gratified that the Moldo-Wallachians had elected for their ruler a Prince of such high abilities and so near a relative to his old and true friend, the King of Prussia. This sounds as if it were intended for far more than the mere utterance of a courteous phrase, and may probably have been designed as a gentle hint to Austria to change her Eastern policy, by which she has gained favor neither with the Roumanians nor with the Porte.

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