

**THE COUNT DE MORNY, FRENCH AMBASSADOR
EXTRAORDINARY AT THE RUSSIAN CORONATION.**

THE Count de Morny was born on the 23rd of October, 1811: he is the son of Queen Hortense, and half-brother of the Emperor Napoleon. The Count de Morny was placed at school with M. Muron, and also made one of the classes

of the College Bourbon. He received private lessons in Greek, and commenced at once the study of English, which he speaks and understands perfectly. He was early introduced into society, where he made himself conspicuous for his amiability of character, and for the possession of talents, which were heightened to the utmost by a brilliant education. He was taken very often to see Prince Talleyrand, with whom he was favourite, and who predicted



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that he would one day become Minister. The Count joined the army in Africa, and took part in the expedition to Mascara, and in the siege of Constantine. All the world knows his devotion to Napoleon III., at the time when the parliamentary power struggled against executive power; and when at length a coup d'état was resolved on M. de Morny was the Prince's first confidant. All was prepared, and on the night of the 1st of December, there being a reception at the Palace of the Elysée, the Count passed the evening

at the Opéra Comique, in order not to awaken suspicion. There he found Generals Cavaignac and Lamoricière, whom he was to arrest on the following morning. Their only talk was of coups d'état, but principally of the one which was to be made by the Assembly against the President.

As a statesman M. de Morny has exhibited the highest qualities; and Prince Talleyrand would, if he had lived, have seen his prediction amply verified in beholding his "petit bonhomme" President of the Corps Legislatif.