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BULLYING A LITTLE NEIGHBOR

What is Europe going to do with little Montenegro?

This is the question that is agitating European chancelleries, and it is more or less interesting to Americans.

The cynical disregard of equity which Europe has shown in its dealings with the Balkan nations comes strongly to the fore in this question of Montenegro. Every other of the Balkan group has seized and is holding a particular share in the spoils of war. Montenegro has only this city of Scutari, which the powers say must be awarded to the new independent kingdom of Albania.

The only excuse for the making of this new kingdom is the desire of Europe to truckle to Austria. That country wishes to drive a wedge between Serbia, and incidentally Montenegro, and the sea. Austria long has looked for an outlet on the Aegean. If the strong young Balkan confederacy owned that part of Turkey known as Albania this ambition must be given up forever. With this as an independent kingdom however, it is possible that in years to come Austrian influence may worm its way to a protectorate.

Montenegro, however, wishes a city that Austria has decided shall go to the new country. Montenegro, it is said, intends to make Scutari its capital instead of Cetinje, now exposed to Austrian attack. The little country defied the orders of the combined European powers, and ignored a fleet sent to make it submit in order to secure the coveted prize for a week and more.

Now Austria says that if Europe will not unite to oust Montenegro, it will undertake the task alone. Already troops are under way. If force should be used against the Montenegrins, it is very unlikely that Russia, Montenegro's old time friend, would stand by and see it crushed. In this fact lies the danger of the situation. Europe is alarmed for fear the present crisis should precipitate the long expected general war.

Will the powers be able to agree as to what shall be done with Montenegro? If they do agree, will they act in concert? Will the Balkan nations submit to the coercion of one of their number? These are questions that the next few days will answer.

Two on Motorcycle Hurt.

San Francisco, May 12.—Helen Campbell is dead, G. R. Hall and Ruth Mulryan injured, and Hall probably fatally, as the result of a collision of a motorcycle and automobile. Hall was riding the rear seat of a motorcycle driven by Miss Campbell when it was struck by Miss Mulryan's automobile.

Militants Continue Arson.

London, May 12.—The Nottingham boat clubhouse was destroyed by fire early today at a loss of ten thousand. Suffragette literature was scattered on the ruins. Dublin dispatches say the suffragettes stoned the home of John Dillon, a Nationalist member of parliament and broke every window. Dillon voted against the Dickinson bill to give franchise to women.

Children Escape Fire.

San Francisco, May 12.—The lives of two hundred school children were jeopardized by a fire which threatened to destroy the Harrison primary school today. Mrs. Marian Foran, the principal quietly notified the teachers of the danger, and the children marched out in safety. The blaze was confined to the roof.

Milton Wheat Grower Here.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Osborn of Milton are here from Milton, visiting Mr. Putnam, proprietor of the Hill drug store. Mr. Osborn is a wheat grower.

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No Minnesota Decision.

Washington, May 12.—The supreme court recessed today until May 26, without handing down a decision in the big Minnesota rate case.

Notice of Call of Improvement Bonds.

Notice is hereby given that the city of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, Improvement Bonds, numbered from 31 to 50 inclusive, are called for redemption, June 1st, 1913.

RAY. W. LOGAN, City Treasurer of La Grande, Oreon.

WANTED—At once three demonstrators. Call at 2006 3rd St., between 7 and 8 p. m. Phone Black 1202. Cave and Spacks, Mgrs. 5-12-3t

PERSONALS.

E. Stoffel, formerly with the La Grande National bank, leaves tonight for Davenport, Iowa.

A. A. Smith and Fred H. Atkinson of Baker are at the land office today on legal business.

Mrs. A. B. Huelat arrived in La Grande last night.

Dan Callahan returned home from Hot Lake this morning.

E. C. Skiles, the well known Stewart & Holmes Drug Co., man, is stopping at the Sommer.

SIRES AND SONS.

Gregory Rasputin, spiritualist medium, is said still to control Emperor Nicholas of Russia.

Lord Knollys, confidant of the English royal house for forty-five years, is about to retire. He has served three monarchs and has been described as "the most tactful man in Europe."

Alfred H. Smith, recently made senior vice president of the New York Central railroad system, though out ranked by only two men in this \$550,000,000 chain of railroads, began life as an errand boy.

Zue Sun Hien, recently appointed assistant secretary of state of the new Chinese republic, is thoroughly Americanized. He was graduated last June from Brown university, where he made a good record as a student.

Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson, who began delving in coal mines at the age of eight, is a charter member of the miners' union, father of nine children and dabbles in poetry when politics becomes tiresome.

Jules de Payer, who will command a French expedition next June to Franz Josef Land for scientific purposes, is following in the footsteps of his father the explorer who discovered the archipelago in 1873. He is an Austrian by birth, and will go prepared to remain for a year and a half.

Victor Herbert, the composer, who recently celebrated his fifty-fourth birthday anniversary in New York was born in Dublin, Ireland. At the age of seven he began his musical education in Germany. As he developed he became prominent in concert work in Stuttgart. He came to this country in 1880.

Base Hits.

Joe Tinker has ordered all his Reds to desist from smoking until the end of the 1913 season.

All the members of the Cleveland club will wear shinguards this year and spikes will have no further terrors for them.

George Eastman, the Sioux Indian says he hopes to be the Pirates' shortstop when Hans Wagner finally wears out. Eastman has not said how long he expects to live.

"Germany" Schaller is the first comedian the Detroit Tigers have possessed since "Germany" Schaefer departed—that is, unless Hughie Jennings is rated as one of the funny men.

Wireless Whispers.

Key West, Fla., is the first government wireless station to be opened to commercial messages.

The highest wireless tower in the world is located at Nauhen, Germany. It is nearly a thousand feet high, and it is expected that the company can send messages as far as from Berlin to Chicago.

Combining with an ordinary telephone transmitter a Wheatstone bridge, a source of power and a high tension transformer having a spark gap, three Californians have patented a new system of wireless telephony.

Household Hints.

Be sure to boil soda in the coffee pot once a week.

Dry cut glass with soft tissue paper if you want it to be brilliant.

Before using table oilcloth paste at each corner on the wrong side a square of cotton. This prevents the corners from wearing out as soon as they otherwise would.

Should the knob come off a pan or kettle a screw can be slipped through the hole with the head inside the lid. Screw a cork on to the protruding end. This knob will not get hot and can be replaced.

English Etchings.

Great Britain's business failures were fewer last year than in any similar period since 1888.

England's Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is advocating a government act to make compulsory the stunning of animals before killing.

According to evidence given at the West London court recently, any person arrested within the boundaries of Kensington is entitled to be taken to court in a cab. The reason given is that Kensington is a royal borough.

Flippant Flings.

Save your money while you're young so that you'll be a millionaire when you get an appointment to a foreign ambassadorship.—Atlanta Constitution. It is assumed that the St. Louis baby which surprised its parents by talking fluently at the age of nine months is a girl baby.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Shellac may be food, as the government experts have ruled, but no one has yet been rash enough to claim that the Missouri river is water.—Washington Post.



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MUTUAL IGNORANCE.

Quint Story of Dumas and Scribe, the Playwright.

Sardon had his eyes opened by the plays of Scribe. At that day it was the fashion among the younger literary men to sneer at Scribe—as it is today, by the way, to sneer at Sardon. Scribe was called a "potboiler," a maker of mechanical plays, a man who wrote scenes to fit scenery and a maker of plots rather than of plays. Appalling tales were told of him by unsuccessful playwrights. It was whispered that he sucked the brains of other men, purchased ideas, revamped them and thus acquired the large fortune which he was then enjoying.

How they accounted for the fact that with the ideas of unsuccessful playwrights he made successful plays tradition does not tell. But all were agreed that Scribe was mediocre, that his success was accidental and that he was a miser. Albert Wolf gives these details of the opinions held with regard to Scribe in the fifties and adds this anecdote:

"The only influential man I knew in Paris," said Sardon, "was Dumas the elder. One day I said to him, 'Won't you give me a letter of introduction to Scribe, the playwright?' 'Scribe,' said the great romancer—'who is Scribe? I never heard of him.' I sighed and determined to see Scribe without a letter. So I called at his house that very day and was at once received. 'Pardon my intrusion,' I said, 'but I had expected to bring a letter of introduction to you from M. Alexandre Dumas the celebrated romancer.' 'Dumas?' interrupted Scribe. 'Never heard of him. Who is Dumas?'—From Jerome A. Hart's 'Sardon and the Sardon Plays.'

Mrs. Yeast—Going over to the hall tonight? Mr. Yeast—What's going on? "Oh, Professor Meeks is going to talk."

"He is? Why, is his wife away?"—Yonkers Statesman.



"Freckles" a dramatization of one of the most widely read books in the past decade, by Gene Stratton-Porter, is announced for May 20, at the Stewart.

From literary standards there have been few greater pastoral stories written. That it has been marvelously popular is attested by the fact that over a million persons have read it. When one has read the story, there is always a desire to see it played; to see the characters in real life, and this is undoubtedly the most important reason for the success of "Freckles" as a drama. During its trial performance last season it drew record breaking audiences, and with unanimous acclaim the prophecy went forth that is success as a drama would equal its unqualified success as a novel. On regular tour this season, with a complete scenic equipment and a stronger company of artists, it is playing to capacity audiences everywhere.

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Notice to My Friends.

The report that I am going to quit in the automobile contest is incorrect and without foundation. I am in to stay to the finish and with the assistance of my friends, I hope to be successful.

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