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HOW EUROPEAN ALLIANCES GREW. The present grouping of the great powers of Europe into two alliances which are about to clash in the greatest war of modern times sprang originally from the determination of Ger- danger many to maintain the dominance she proved by the annexation of Bosnia had gained in 1870 and to isolate and by the threat of war to prevent France, and from the determination of Russia and Austria to thwart each other's ambitions in the Balkan pen-The triple alliance of Gerinsula. many, Austria and Italy came first, of Russia, and the triple entente France and England was formed as a counterweight in maintaining the balance of power.

After the defeat of France in 1870 she was isolated. The newly established republic was expected soon to fall, and was considered by the other powers only a stop gap to continue until the French chose a ruler among the several monarchist claimants. Germany was expecting a war of revenge and schemed to continue this isolation. There existed an understanding among the three Emperors of Germany, Austria and Russia to new lines marked on it in blood. keep the peace of Europe, and the slightest move for military preparation on the part of the republic caused Bismarck to bristle up. Germany and Russia soon began to draw apart and a war scare in 1875 provoked by Bismarck caused the Czar to promise France moral support in case of German aggression, and led the Russian Chancellor, Gortchskoff, to style the Czar defender of France and the obstacle to German ambitions.

The Berlin Congress of 1878 caused the Czar to withdraw from the league of the three Kaisers in resentment against the support Germany had given to the anti-Russian policy of England and Austria. The vital conflict of Russian and Austrian interests in the Balkans had also been brought into strong relief. Germany needed Austria's aid against either Russia or or both combined. Austria France. needed German ald in her schemes of expansion to the southeast and in preventing Russian aggrandizement in that quarter. This combination at that time, too, kept England in good humor, for her government was then bitterly hostile to Russia.

Austria's support was not sufficient for Germany, and after much flirtation Bismarck drew Italy into the pay. league. The latter country had never forgiven France for exacting the cession of Savoy and Nice as the price of aid in the war of independence or for

France gave England a free hand in feeding the maws of battle until the perial government found them valua-Egypt in exchange for support of French control of Morocco. Russia's defeat by Japan France began to lean more heavily on England. and that country proved her sincerity by standing squarely with France when the Agadir incident in Morocco brought France and Germany to the erge of war.

S.S. Mar.

British relations with Russia tinued hostile until the close of the war between the latter country and Japan. They were at the breaking point after the Doggerbank affair and the Anglo-Japanese alliance was taken to be almed at Russia. But M. Del-

casse, the French Foreign Minister, strove assiduously to relieve this friction, and with such good success that first. in 1907 a treaty was signed for the

amicable settlement of all questions pending and for the division of Persia into spheres of influence. King Edward visited the Czar in 1908 and thereby drew closer the bonds which united the three powers. England's fears for India were calmed, her interests were recognized to be served by the building of independent states in place of decadent Turkey as a block to Austrian expansion, and she began to contemplate calmly the prospect

that Russian warships would pass Constantinople into the Mediterranean, though the jingoes thirty years earlier would have fought to prevent such a concession. That Austrian aggression was a real

to the triple entente was sponded. Servian annexation of Albania, Hence Russia's readiness to prevent the chastisement of Servia and her allies' readtion; but he would rigidly enforce the iness to back her. That Russia is fast prohibition law, if enacted. recovering from the wounds inflicted by Japan is evident, hence the willingness of the triple alliance to strike forcement. before she grows still stronger. That the Austrian empire must crush Slav didate, replies as follows: separatist agitation or be dissolved and cease to be a factor in the alliance was apparent. Hence she struck "ith Germany's consent, France sees her opportunity for revenge and England sees hers to end the German menace to her naval and colonial supremacy. The great powers seem bent on seizing the present occasion to clean up all old scores. When they have finished the map of Europe Asia and Africa is likely to have many

WHO PAYS FOR WAR? War was once a state of nature; now it is the great crime of civilization. It is wholly useless; it is horrible waste; it is awful cruelty; it is organized murder. It would seem that the costly and terrible experiences of many thousand years would have taught all mankind that nothing is to be gained by war, and every thing is to be lost. But each generation must learn for itself what war

is and war does. The man dies, the woman suffers, the children starve. The fields are desolated, the home broken, the fam-The drums beat, the ily ruined. trumpets blow, the flags fly, the erowd applauds, as the soldier marches away; but the silent tomb hears no music, and dumb voices only become the mourning fireside.

The penalties of war are not alone in tears, in pain and in death. The financial cost is great, very great. The great Civit War in America cost \$3,000,000,000, and the colossal amount of \$4,000,000,000 has since colossal been paid in pensions. " The survivors inherit the debts of war. They must

resses to delay and destroy the in-Europe has long been an armed vaders. The nations have each prefast friend of the Servians ever since camp. pared for conflict with great armies their successful revolt from Turkey and mighty fleets. It was always in 1815, but it is by no means certain desertion before Italy's liberation was inevitable that they be used. The that the Czar can effectually help great powder house needed spark for the explosion. But how trivial the ostensible cause. The real in leash, and long anxious to be at the others' throats, have been released because of a savage desire to destroy. Bitter national rivalry, unconquerable race hatred, are the main factors. Servia offends Austria; Austria attacks Servia; Russia prepares to protect Servia and chastise Austria; Germany sides with Austria and makes war on Russia; France and Great Britain are ready to selze the longdesired opportunity to destroy Germany. The row of bricks goes down because the first is upset. The United States is, of course, distressed onlooker at the world's tragedy. It is pitiable that it must merely watch and wait, but it must

After other weakens. Human life is counted ble allies. Russia sent an army to help along the fight against freedom at little in such a struggle.

and the rebellious Magyars were crushed. Naturally, the Austrian gov-German's whole energies, of course ernment then turned its hand agains can not be directed at once against the Russian advance. There are other its foolish Servian allies. The Berlin and important considerations. treaty of 1878 laid upon Austria's Prewilling shoulders the duty of "pacifycautions must be taken against possiing" Bosnia and Herzegovina, two

ble French aggression. A sufficient army must be held to spring at the Serb principalities immediately west French throat should the necessity of Servia. This brought the Austrian frontier up to Servia as far south as Montenegro and opened the way for The German fleet, in th arise. meantime, must patrol the Baltic. those perpetual intrigues which VI-German squadrons have appeared al enna knows so well how to practice. ready as far north as the Gulf of Milosh Obrenovitch and his family But a naval clash does not Finland. cupled the Servian throne until appear either expedient or imminent. 1842. In that year a so-called national The armies must assert themselves assembly caused Milosh's second son,

Michael, to abdicate and elected in == his place Alexander Karageorgeovitch, WHERE THEY STAND.

a scion of an old Servian family, but a weak character. He tottered along The Pacific Patriot, a prohibition

organ, appears to be out of harmony until 1858, when another national aswith the plan to neutralize the pro sembly deposed him and restored, not hibition campaign and it has been Michael, but his octogenarian father, busy on its own account in an effort who did his best to reign under a conascertain some things of interest stitution, though Austria opposed him at least to the Patriot. Recently, the viciously. He died in 1860 and was editor, Curtis P. Coe, addressed a succeeded by his son Michael, the forter to the various candidates for Govmer Prince, who reigned until he was ernor inquiring where they stood assassinated in 1868. With pleasing the subject of the Oregon dry amendalternations of murder and constitument and on the matter of rigid ention-making things drifted along until forcement of liquor laws, as well as other laws," and offering them "reas-1900, when Alexander, of the Milosh dynasty, married Draga Lounyevitza. onable space" for reply She was an unpoular woman, and to James Withycombe, the Republican show their disapproval of the union ing yourself?

candidate, appears not to have rethe Servian nobles broke into the pal-The reason doubtless is that ace and shot both the King and his recently made a public statement consort. This event brought back to that he would decline to answer any the throne the Karageorgeovitches, question as to whether he would who still reign. would not personally vote for prohibi-

BASEBALL AS AN ADVERTISEMENT.

If we were asked to make a gues F. M. Gill, the Progressive nominee, declares for prohibition and law enwhy professional baseball had gone bankrupt in a given city of 15,000 or Dr. C. J. Smith, the Democratic can-20,000 inhabitants we would hesitate between several conflicting speculations. Perhaps the city was so busy in commercial and industrial pursuits that few had time to attend the games. Perhaps business was so dull that hardly anybody could afford the price

of admission. Perhaps the manage ment attempted to maintain too expensive a team for the possible at-

tendance. Perhaps the management maintained so poor a team that every. body lost heart. Perhaps the town was naturally prosy and did not care the Danube lies directly in the way for sports.

We therefore, at this distance, canof her neighbor's progress toward Sa-lonica and the Aegean Sea. An open not pretend to say why baseball has path to the Aegean would put Austria failed in North Yakima, but the reasons that may have caused its in the way of becoming a naval power, which is naturally among her ambifailure are so numerous that there is tions. At present her sea coast is reno cause for the newspapers of that stricted to a short line along the Adricity to repine because of fancied bad atic, where at every point she collides advertisement. Nobody will attempt to judge North Yakima on that basis. unpleasantly with Italy. In the sec-Maintenance of a professional base ond place, Austria possesses a numerous Serb population which, if it were ball team is very often encouraged in liberty to follow its natural proa community as a business advertise clivities, would unite with its Balkan ment. But it has not that quality kinsmen. Should Servia ever develop No industry and very little population into a strong power the Austrian Serbs were ever attracted to a community would almost inevitably gravitate in because a baseball team carried its that direction, which would be very name in some professional league. disagreeable to the imperial house at We do not say that baseball is not an advantage to a city but the return Hence Austria uses every Vienna. trick in her Cabinet to keep Servia is not in a commercial or industrial down until the happy day arrives way. Baseball provides a wholesom when she can swallow the little counrecreation. It invites men to come try whole. No doubt Vienna believes out of close offices and fill their lungs that the happy day, so long looked for in the fresh air. It promotes health has at last arrived

and happiness and if the home team Unless her armies should be stayed is winning it encourages local pride by some other great European power Baseball is a mighty good thing but it seems hardly possible that Servia can resist them. They will probably as a strictly business investment it is, or ought to be, attractive only overwhelm her forces by sheer numthose who expect to profit directly bers, though, like the Swiss, they may from the gate receipts. take advantage of the natural fort-

NEW PROCESS OF LEGISLATION.

President Wilson exercises more influence over the majority in Congress He puts legislation on certain subjects

remember that the hearth came first tration of the wishes of men who have Charles Lamb tells scientifically enough in his essay on "Roast Pig" influence with the President. It makes possible what the President in his "New Freedom" calls "that un-Amerhow the art of cookery must have ican set of conditions which enables originated. Mr. Robinson has a small number of men who control to add to the speculations of the great humorist. A piece of raw flesh fell the Government to get favors from the Government." Not that we sus- upon the coals by accident. pect he would use his power with any woman, ever economical, snatched it out. It burned her fingers and to purpose but to serve the public good. ease the pain she put them to but the methods described are not the Thus roast meat was tasted best ways of serving the public; they mouth. for the first time in the history of the are not in accordance with the Constitution; they are neither Democratic world and the noble art of cookery nor Republican, but savor of dictatorbegan. ship. His practice is not in accord

with his declaration in the same bool that, "I conceive it to be one of the needs of the hour to restore the processes of common counsel and to subson's Corners, in which everybody stitute them for the processes of pritakes part from the half-witted son of vate arrangement." the town drunkard to the daughter of the Episcopal clergyman. If

UNPLEASANT DUTIES,

"If you believe in it (hanging) to in the Caillaux case his name has kill another man would you be willing to have it in the public square and you yourself spring the trap? If not, why not?" asks Paul Turner in the official pamphlet.

It is grand argument, but it might be applied with equal force to causes other than the abolishment of capital punishment.

If you believe in meat-eating would you he willing to have the abattoir in the Plaza blocks and do the pig-stick-

If you believe that your wife should do all her housework would you be willing to wash dishes in public at Fifth and Washington streets?

If you are one of those male philosophers who decry "race suicide" would you be willing to "change" ance, and his fellows have not been bables all day in the park blocks?

Capital punishment imposes an un pleasant duty on some one, but so do many other policies, customs and activities which must be preserved for the benefit of society. If capital punishment is abolished it will certainly be upon some other ground than sympathy for the warden of the penitentiary.

FIRE AND CIVILIZATION.

C. H. Robinson has written a little book called "Longhead," in which he gives his theory of the beginnings of substance there is in most of our pro- leaguecivilization. It is a book for boys, fessed beliefs. Of course, he was right perhaps, rather than adults, but it in the courtroom and flagrantly happens to be one of those fortunate works which turn out to be interesting to people of all ages. We notice to people of all ages. We notice with apostasy, but we are proud to pleasure that it seems no longer neceswith him. Literature is not life," and sary for those who write "boys' books" it is brazenly hypocritical when it preto describe nothing but foolish adventends to be. At its best literature is tures without aim or purpose. Science is creeping into these volumes a trimmed and silvered image of life. and occasionally they admit a little At its worst it is a distorted and black history, with side glances here and ened image, but it is never any more there at art. Boys, and even girls, than an image and very often a great would read sensible books if they had deal less. A writer like Zola, professed to cut sections out of human an opportunity. But there seems to have been an obstinate belief that existence and transfer them all driptruth of any kind would be bad for ping with gore to his pages, only suc ceeds in smearing on the gore with a the little dears. So we must stuff their goodly mixture of filth. heads with fictitious nonsense. Mr. capes while he is making the section. Robinson has thought it best to throw his remarks into the form of a loose The truest literature can only tell story, much as kind mothers surus what has happened. round pills with jelly, and perhaps he predict what is going to happen. Life what it is by virture of the conis wise. He makes the origin of civilization depend upon the discovery and tinual surprises it brings forth. use of fire, a point upon which the old moment we can reduce it to rule and traditions of the world agree with measure and prophesy what it will do

The Greeks represented mankind as death. Literature and all the other wandering forlorn and despicable in arts subsist by fixed laws. Now and months back. then rebels like the cubists try to esa cruel world until Prometheus stole fire from heaven and bestowed it upon cape from law, but they never can As soon as they begin to work in their They then began to master them. their surroundings. Prometheus was imaginary freedom they feel punished for his kindness by Zeus, chains pressing upon their hands, But life wears no chains and that is the who chained him to "the cold rocks reason why it is so infinitely different of Mount Caucasus,", where an eagle devoured his liver every day. It grew from literature or sculpture or paintagain every night, so that the bird ing. They can whisper to us feebly of than any recent holder of his office. was miraculously provided with food, what life was yesterday, but never of while the rebellious Titan suffered in- what it will be tomorrow. ment. Such was the re

Gleams Through the Mist By Dean Collins.

MORNING SONGS.

little

The

In childhood's happy happy days. (And here I shed a tear). any little creature's lays l lent a willing ear; loved to wake and hear the trill Of birdles in those times, The only song that makes me ill Is the woodsaw's morning chimes. "Br-r-raing! Br-r-r-sang" I wake to hear, And sorrow fills my cup, As I remember childhood dear. When bird songs woke me up

LITERATURE AND LIFE. An important murder trial in Paris

sage from one of his own books. Im-

ness. But they do such things

M. Bourget admitted shamelessly

erary and artistic bigots are fully as

active and relentless as the medieval

theologians when they have a chance

to show out their real disposition.

the stake if the law permitted.

imagine.

In dewy morn I used to wake (Ah, those were happy days)) To hear a thousand birdlings m is like a neighborhood row in Simp-A thousand kinds of lays. low in a hallroom do I dwell Amid the city's rear, And wake to hear the woodsaw's yell Outside my humble door, "Br-r-raing! Br-r-r-zang!" With raucous

Frenchmen of note missed testifying All o'er the neighborhood, Each morn I rouse up with a groan And hear it sawing wood. escaped us for the moment. Among

the rest was Paul Bourget, the novelist, who said something which led the Loud trilled the lark unto the sun, lawyers to confront him with a pas-

Those mornings long ago, And from the meadows, one by one I heard the answers flow; The jolly cricket tuned his shanks And fiddled houd, and sang, agine a love story being introduced in an American court to impeach a wit-But now 'mid whirling cams and cranks, Paris, and the consequences do not I hear the woodsaw's clang. "Br-r-r-ging! Br-r-r-gang!" In tones more seem to be so subversive as one might TRW

Than these of Chinese gong. s I awake, I hear with awe The woodsaw's morning song. that his testimony in the pending trial

did not agree fully with the scene described in the novel, and he had the Oh, some the city's life may boast, hardihood to explain the discrepancy (Again a tear I shed.). But I am atrong for childhooit's room, Where Nature sings, instead Of some darmed whiching dies of steel All round the neighborhood. by asserting that "literature was not life." Being a famous realist, M. Bourget was guilty of a frightful lapse from his literary creed by this utter-

that breaks my stumber on its wheelslow to bring him to book for it. Lit-

The woodsaw, sawing wood, "Br-r-right Br-r-reang!" As I awaks, I hear it joud and strong. Making my heart and eardruins ache-The woodsaw's morning song,

"Sir," said the courteous office boy, doubt we should all be glad to burn "baseball don't get ahead fast in Eng-

most of our friends and neighbors at land, does it? "How so?" said I with interest. "Literature is not life," cried M. Bourget unblushingly, while through-"Well," said the C. O. B., "the society editor slipped me a copy of a book out his distinguished career he has been proclaiming morning, noon and by Aif. Tennyson, and the first thing night that literature is life. His lapse I found him yawping about was half

on the witness stand shows how much a league, half a league, half a But I had him by the throat before

he could get further. When a wheeze has to have an elab-

orate stage setting as well as a diagram. I won't stand for it, even from the C. O. B. . . .

Passing It On.

Some day he'll meet a bliter fair, He'll never get my praise;

1 caught him giving me short weight; He'd better mend his weight

- -Courier Journal
- The weighs by which he robbeth me With anger make me amoke, And of a truth, they seem to me
- A rather scaley joke.

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It never can

Reflections of N. Nitts.

After all them European newspapers has said about our Mexican hornets' nest. I somehow feels a sort of gratification temperin' my, sympathy for them in their present crisis.

"Present crisis," by the way, I 'low is going to be almost as popular in tomorrow, then it is no longer life, but print for the next month or so as "tango" and "Huerta" was n few

All that Sherman said war is, and all that preachers says about what Sherman says war is, don't seem to deter people none from rushing into either. . . .

tremble, when the fire of way Throughout the whole of Europe flames, And clutch my stlas, sighter, for I've got to learn so many names

SERVIA. There are two excellent reasons for Austria's enmity to Servia. In the first place the little country south of

My position on this question is so well understood that I believe it will not be necessary for me to accept it (the invita-tion to reply through the Patrict) Perhaps later in the campaign I may avail myself of the privilege you offer. Well understood? Understood by whom?

completed. French sup Pope's temporal power had been a continual source of irritation, and after the French troops were withdrawn from Rome in 1870 French poicy continued friendly to papal claims When France seized Tunis in 1881 Italy flamed with indignation, having regarded control of that country as to her predominance in the Central Mediterranean. England was held to have connived at the French move, Italy found herself isolated and joined the central powers in the triple alliance, which was signed on May 20, 1882. It was originally for five years, but has been renewed from time to time, the last renewal expiring with

the year 1914. The exact terms of the treaty have never been published, but it is known to pledge the three powers to join in resisting attack on the territory of any one of them and to specify the disposition of their forces in case of attack by France or Russia, or both. simultaneously. Originally it required frontier and a third into Germany to man army into motion. What other fighting power is the blind devotion the changes so important that, having Italy to send two armies to her French to set the splendidly organized Geroperate against either France or Rus- orders were given when the Germans sin. Austria was to guard the Adriat- cast themselves at the throat of their ic on land and sea and to help Germany against Russia on land. general terms of the treaty are be- magnificently appointed regular army of his historic ally, even without a unfair competition, is reputed to have lieved to have remained unchanged, to strike a succession of staggering penny in his treasury. After her sucalthough details may have been al- blows against the Russian advance. tered with each renewal.

The relations of France and Russia became constantly more friendly, and managed to get a score of field armies hud Russia not been her advocate in the answer to the triple alliance was on the border between Germany and the congress of the powers. at first an understanding reached in Austria Hungary, but with the speed potent intervention of the Czar's rep-the early 80s, which relieved each of a rocket the Germans will be into an alliance in 1891, which, in the the breech, concentrating from Berlin, language of the French Premier, se- Leipzig, Dresden and Konigsberg imcured for France "the support of mense armies to crush the Russian other strong fortresses, but the Ser-Russia for the maintenance of the advance. It is entirely possible that vians won for their ruler Milosh equilibrium in Europe." Russia ob- the Germans were in action within Obrenovitch, the leader of their retained funds in France, a loan being half a dozen hours after the die was volt, and eleven years later Turkey subscribed twelve times over in 1891, cast. Perhaps nothing more than allowed them to pass openly under a while France obtained renewed pres- clashes between covering detachments Russian protectorate. From that time tige and security against German ag- have occurred so far, but stubborn alliance as a pledge of Russian aid in woods and swales of the frontier may war to recover Alsace and Lorraine, be running red with the blood of their eagerness to obtain this illusory but Russia made known that its pur- Teuton and Slav. pose was defensive, not offensive.

At that time both France and Rus-That Military efficience, modern implements sia were hostlie to England. ountry opposed Russian policy in the of destruction and that primitive Balkans and Manchuria and suspected savagery of racial hatred which seizes Russia of designs on India. It had human beings when the veneer rubs ingered France by the occupation of off in bitter war, will serve to make Fgypt, by its opposition to French the initial contests a seething indes colonial adventure in Africa and by of combat. Upon the outcome of offensive comment on the Dreyfus af- these first clashes will depend the fair. France retaliated by criticism strategy of the immediate future and Boer war. But enmity was fix the theater of operations for the of the meanwhile growing intense between first desperate stage of what threat-England and France's hereditary foe, ens to become the greatest war the Germany. The latter country entered human race has engaged in. If sucupon a policy of naval, colonial and cess attends that much vaunted Gercommercial expansion which brought man fighting machine the German her into rivalry with England all over objective may become Warsaw, even If the sullen, stubborn the world and aroused England's jeal- Moscow. An Slavs brush aside the first Teuton ousy for her naval supremacy. exchange of visits between King Ed-blows the Russians may hold the ward and the French President in German hosts at bay on the German 1903 caused their people to forget subjects of temporary irritation and Hungary. This issue, once launched. 1848, when the Magyars of Hungary to dwell on their more substantial will not be determined in a few days common interests. In 1904 an agree- of fighting. Line after line may be

THE GERMAN ADVANCE.

Mobilize. The one word was enough Ger- Slavonic formen remains to be seen, Ger- but later reports doubtless will show of unexpected turns in the game of that it dangerously centralized credit. The Russians had the advantage of Servia would probably

The first engagements will represent the last word in modern warfare. from their princes, either by force or

nation to diversify the tale, but nothflew to arms against Austria, the Hun-

them now. His foreign and domestic on his progr troubles are; as usual, pressing, while, like every other European monarch. motive is that the dogs of war, long like every other European monarch, he is hampered by lack of funds. If supposition is that the learned, stuany of these individuals were comaway on the tariff, the currency, the London in his description of prehispelled to face his debts like a private person he would be bankrupt. No with his Cabinet and the Congress European country really expects ever leaders until he has framed a bill in at night above the reach of predatory

year, has become an intolerable burden to some of them. Russia owes passed without change in any material Our primitive ancestors were glad to dishonor their principles. one of the heaviest national debts in point.

Russla has been the stead-

This supposition is not borne out by the world. Her borrowing capacity was nearly exhausted at the time of the war with Japan and she has not Transcript's Washington correspondyet entirely recovered from that dis- ent. would accept no amendments to the raw and swallowed astrous conflict. An attempt to obcurrency bill as it passed the House, tain money now from the great princes of finance in order to fight the President approved the bill as rad-

ically amended by the Senate, yet fos-Austria would probably encounter harsh conditions, if not an actual retered the impression that no material fusal. If Russia joins in the war on changes had been made. Representative Lindbergh, of Minnesota, who behalf of Servia she will probably first flushed the money trust in the have to depend upon her domestic recoverts of Wall street and who has

sources to finance the enterprise. hunted it without mercy, considered Russia's greatest dependence as of her people to the Czar and the church. This is an incalculable faccessful revolt from the Turk in 1815 three days of mobilization activity and forced back under the heathen yoke Turks retained Belgrade with some volt, and eleven years later Turkey to this the Servians have been ob-

internal troubles have arisen through bulwark for their liberties. More than one constitution has been obtained

persuasion, but none of them has been of any appreciable benefit to the peo ple. Russia has always supported socalled "popular institutions" in Servia, mainly because it is to her interest to keep the central government feeble. Of course, it is the Czar's ultimate the other Balkan countries, and the lines up the party with them. weaker they are the easier his task has fostered a strong monarchy in grasp on the country. Through it all policy. They have not, however, ap-Servia has never known anything of genuine freedom. There has been an alternation between ollgarchy and their legislative functions and become monarchical despotism, with assassi- rubber stamps for anything he recom-

by the House, he voted against it as nature imperatively required it. Then they were turned adrift to look out many was expected to be sufficiently that Germany sought to take advan-occupied on her own frontiers. The tage of her superior mobility and Czar may feel it safe to go to the aid trade commission bill, which defines wise, knew its own father. The wretched little creatures scarcely to reportsky." knew their own mothers. Man's only protection against beasts of prey was the Senate committee in a most pecuhis superior cunning, but as yet this been llar manner. Senator Hollis and Representative Stevens recommended it to cunning, with all its wonderful potenthe President one morning, and after tialities, had brought forth nothing Clam.

By the they had talked it over he said he whatever. Civilization lay latent in would like it included in the bill. They the convolution The subjection nation of its isolation. This ripened found to have hurled themselves into a good deal of the appearance of sented it to the committee when that forth and start autonomy and some of the reality. The body was on the point of adopting its road. How the report, and within five minutes it had a question that liberty to answe

been adopted. The general dam bill, governing there is no kn water power on navigable streams embodies the ideas of Representative at the crater of a volcano. Others Underwood, which are liberal to de velopers of power. Certain statesmen lava. Perhaps the first fire was kinwho are more enamored of conservagression. The extreme champions of general engagements will not have to a policy of revenge interpreted the wait long and even today the fields, of a paper constitution. Many of their President to withdraw his approval of striking two flints together to amuse acting provisions.

falling on punk in a light draft might very well have smoldered into flame If these examples prove anything and thus revealed the great secret. they prove that the President starts Mr. Robinson thinks lightning did Congress to legislate on a certain the deed. In the progress of a prequestion without any strong convichistoric thunder storm a dead tree was tions as to the exact provisions of the struck and set blazing. One of bill. His judgment is subject to ancestors sheltering near by under a change by the arguments of the last shelving rock happened to see the man who talks to him without refoinspectacle. It pleased his fancy. der from that man's opponents. The stayed gazing at it a long time after the storm had passed. The next day last men who get his ear before a bill intention to swallow up Servia with is reported get his O. K., and that he went back and rekindled the flame from some brands that still smoldered

The people have approved the Presa little in order to enjoy more of the show. While playing around it he will be. Austria, on the other hand, ident's assumption that by virtue of his office he is the leader of his party discovered by accident that the flame Servia with the hope of controling the and that he should be loyally supwould ignite a stick which he held in Prince, and through him fixing her ported as to main questions of party his hand, and thus the marvel was conveyed to the door of his cave.

All the rest was easy. A prehistoric woman wandering past joined in his play with the fire. The heat charmed the poor things, who had never before known a solitary commends. Still less do the people ap-They

the President on the recommendation agreed that the woman should keep garian Serbs opposed them. The Serbs of two men and by a committee at the fire going while the man went out south of the Danube sided with their the President's wish. This is reducing to forage and thus the first family outstanding controversies, by which supports and reserves continually kinsmen to the north, and the im- Congress to a bureau for mere regis- began around the first hearth, but ized.

The way of the politician is hard fully sets to work to draw up and pass ward of "the friend of man," but the and double-dealing does not make it bills on those subjects. The popular human race retained his gift and deany smoother. Mr. U'Ren finds to his sorrow that it is unsafe to play tricks dious, painstaking President mulls tries. Mr. Robinson agrees with Jack upon the Prohibitionists. Strange as it may appear to professional votetrusts or conservation in consultation toric men before fire was used or society formed. They slept in tree tops hunters, these people are in earnest. They object to being lumped in with terest, mounting as it does year after considerable detail, puts his O. K. on beasts and spent the days wandering the safe assets of any officeseeker it and hands it to the leaders to be about in a solitary search for food. and give their loyalty to none who

dine upon almost anything that was

not even a club to strike with.

not deadly poison. Bugs, worms, roots Not being able safely to presage the facts, according to the Boston and berries, with an occasional small that there will never be another great animal, composed their unappetizing war the anti-vivisectionist old ladies that, so I don't see any need for you Having given notice that he diet. Of course, everything was eaten and peace advocates now find refuge to butt in on those lines of his eduwithout much in the prediction that if there is fletcherizing. The main purpose was great war it will be the last one.

to fill the stomach, and it mattered It appears that we may have little how the feat was accomplished. We need not specify that these rude face the task of maintaining order in forefathers of ours had no knives and forks. They had no tools of any kind, do just as we have kept order in Mexico.

Nor was there any such thing as Now is the time for European sufmarriage and family life. The sexes met by chance and parted like the rest fragettes to prove their full equality of the animal world. Children were by organizing a few female regiments cared for by their mothers as long as for service on the firing line.

> Ere long the Czar will be receiving some more of those dear little missives from the front, beginning. "I regret

> > With the French mobilizing no doubt we shall hear shortly of our dear old friend Colonel du Paty du 000.

e is nothing the European

ion time, but late himself e making?

September 1 is the new date for adjournment. Congressional teasing 'em along. Andy Carnegie may come to realize

that he has been wasting a lot of time and money.

moment to sell off the remainder of hovering over the entire section. our Navy. But why on earth doesn't Bryan stop it all before it goes any farther! and feeling very, very chesty. He With the lid on it will be a hard game for the war correspondents.

How exciting the account of that championship tennis tourney reads.

Mexico is unable to make itself heard above a whisper.

This is just as close as we be to the muddle.

Italy's back-down reduces the triple alliance to twins.

However, it will be up to us to feed the combatants.

The Swiss navy has not yet mobil-

Educational Uplift.

Dear Sir: I am trying to educate my son for the ministry and am a strong booster for motion-picture censorship and the Boy Scout movement. Therefore, I ask you, please forbear from your efforts to install a course in elementary piracy in the public schools of Portland. I am having a hard enough time to bring that child up in the way

he should go, as it is. Yours truly, ANNIOUS PARENT. P. S .- His father is a plumber, at

. . .

The Panama Pageant.

The time for the opening of the Panama Canal approaches-a time for China. Which, doubtless, we would much pomp and considerable circumstance. In our usual helpful spirit we suggest for the approval of W. J. B. and His Excellency the President the following formation for the great naval parade that will pass through the canal at that time:

Section one-

The British merchant marine, sailing on a broken free tolls plank.

Canadian lumbermen with the con wise traffic eating out of their hands, Grand chorus, "Rule Britannia."

Colombia, sailing in a salve box, wearing a pleased smile and \$25,000,-

Section two-

Still

Secretary W. J. E. on the bridge of the good ship "Piffle," supported by powder haze three Swiss yodelers and wearing a Chautauqua circuit as a life-preserver. The Admiral of the Swiss navy, sall-

ing on a diplomatic blunder, supported by a brigade of Bollvian horse marines and propelled by a gale of international laughter.

Section three-

Secretary Danlels, leading the United States Navy.

Admirals and officers, looking as pleased as possible and singing, sotto voce, "Nobody Knows How Dry I Am." Bluejackets, en ballet, singing "Cold

Water Is the Drink for Me." Outward appearance of harmony

Section four-Grand ensemble of the navies and merchant marine of the world, looking

Section five-

Uncie Sam swimming under water beneath a bunch of concessions.

Section six-The United States merchant marine, invisible, carrying a cargo of dodus' teeth and green cheese from the moon. . . .

Approximate History.

Space hitherto occupied by the Mexican situation in this part of the colyum has been leased for an indefinite term to the European situation, which begins "critical." See next week .- Adv.

Health of the Patient.

Puck, "How is your wife this morning, ncle Henry?" Well, I duono, She's Uncle Henry?" Well, I dunno. She's failin' dretful slow. I do wish she'd get well, or somethin'."

s of the human brain. of fire was to bring it it on the long historic first fire was built is t each savant feels at tr in his own way, since wledge whatever to go a dry stick was kindled	compared with the gun that bids fair to obscure i sup	
	This is	the ideal vacat

Some say point to the trees that take fire and burn along the track of the flowing