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Unfortunate Roumania.

A comical intermezzo in the bloody drama of the eastern war is presented by the attitude and behavior of Roumania. Placed, as its ill luck would have it, in the very centre of all the conflicting interests and passions that rage around it, the position of this little country reminds one of the celebrated rope dancer Blondin, crossing the Niagara falls. Jammed in between Turkey against which it has revolted, Russia, its big ally whose friendly grip at times bears upon it with an alarming resemblance to a pair of manacles, and Austria, the policy of which power is still unfathomable, and which alternately smiles and scowls upon its lilliputian neighbor--the situation of Roumania is indeed far from comfortable, and its statesmen and diplomatists, if it has any, are called upon to display a considerable amount of subterfuge, cleverness and dissimulation.

At the beginning of the war, prince Charles of Hohenzollern, the Dominator, seems to have indulged in very ambitious dreams as to the future of his realm. It appears from information which reaches us from a responsible diplomatic quarter in Vienna that a combination was proposed by Russia in accordance with which, at the close of the war, Roumania was to be promoted to the rank of a kingdom, and to receive as a reward for its active cooperation with Russia possession of the trans-Danubian province of Bulgaria. This proposition, backed by Germany, met with a most decided opposition on the part of the Austrian government, which naturally did not care to see a new Slavo-Moldo-Wallachian kingdom arise on the Austro-Hungarian borders. Accordingly the idea was dropped, neither of the implicated parties being sufficiently interested in its realization. Thereupon the Roumanian government, seeing that no other advantage was to be derived by it from Russian "friendship" except the blessings of a military occupation, began cautiously and with great hesitation to execute a change of front, keeping one eye benevolently and submissively fixed on St. Petersburg, but winking with the other eye in a knowing way in the direction of Vienna.

But a second bitter disappointment awaited the astute Roumanian diplomatist. Acting upon the supposition that a little scandal about Russia might not be entirely disagreeable to the Austrians, the Roumanian Charge d'Affaires at Vienna was directed to represent in a most cautious way to the Austrian government that Roumania was reluctantly yielding to superior force, and that she was ready to act upon any suggestion the Imperial Austrian government might be inclined to give as to further proceedings.

The manner in which this diplomatic communication was made to and received by Count Andrassy is illustrated by an anecdote which is now current in the highest social circles of Vienna, and which is too good not to be true. In the first days of July the Roumanian Charge d'Affaires made his appearance at Count Andrassy's office with a voluminous file of official documents under his arm. With an astute and suggestive smile he informed the Magyar Count (as Andrassy is nicknamed at Vienna) that he was empowered by his government neither to read nor to leave a copy of these documents, but simply to "forget" them in his arm-chair. Having said this the Roumanian diplomatist took his leave, actually "forgetting" the aforesaid documents. Returning the next day, he asked Count Andrassy if he had taken advantage of his culpable absence of mind.

"No, indeed," replied the impenetrable Count; I, too, forgot all about it. But yesterday, after your visit, the Secretary of the Russian Embassy came to see me, and as I was for the moment engaged I gave him your papers to look over. He pronounced them to be highly entertaining!" The face of the Roumanian Talleyrand may be easily imagined, for these fatal documents contained nothing more nor less than reports from Roumanian officials about the reluctance with which the presence of the Russian troops in the principalities was tolerated by the population!

Thus with all its astute and farsighted policy poor Roumania runs a great risk of sharing the fate of all who play a double game. If Turkey is crushed by Russia Roumania will find itself in imminent danger of being stifled by the surrounding Slavonian races, tending to unite. If Russia is defeated the small principality will fall back into its past insignificance, with the far from comfortable prospects of a possible Turkish revenge in the future. Roumania is but a leaf in the storm, caught by the whirlwind and borne away irresistibly, despite all its desperate efforts to control its own course.

Notes and Comments.

The order of chivalry which contains the greatest number of Jews is the order of the Cross of Christ, of Portugal.

Orioles, blue-birds, cat-birds, wrens and swallows, hitherto not known in the neighborhood of Virginia, Nev., have made their appearance there this summer.

A bottle has been picked up on the beach at Australia which is proven from documents contained in it to have been floating over thirty-five years. The data having been verified, so it is no hoax.

Matt Carpenter thinks he can break the Michigan liquor law, and will be retained to make the attempt by the Detroit saloon-keepers. It ought not to cost much unless he has an unusual thirst.

A Scotch reprobate gives it out that Mr. Barnum has arranged to bring Mr. Gladstone out to this country to give public exhibitions in the art of wood-chopping. He had better bring the trees to be chopped.

Fitzpatrick, the Montreal volunteer who bayoneted and killed a rough who tried to take his rifle from him while he was on guard on the 12th of July, has been presented by the officers of his regiment with \$100.

A young lady at Vassar needlessly set foot upon the cast-off ulster of a banana as she was tripping down the great staircase, and reached the bottom in such a heterogeneous condition that for a while she didn't know if she was a Vassar or a peel.

It is difficult for a man who has carried a letter, given him by his wife to post, about in his pocket for six weeks, to make her believe that its tardy transmission is due to Mr. Haye's bad taste in making an ex-Confederate Postmaster-general.

The Michigan State Millers' association have assessed each run of stone in each flour mill in the state \$3 to fight the Cochran process suits, \$2 to be paid to the National association, the balance to be retained to fight any suit which may be brought to Michigan.

The death of Brigham Young is a marked event in American history. Few men have cut a greater figure in the history of the country during the last quarter of a century than he has. He was a remarkable character, and will be long remembered as the leader of the Mormons.

The Italians are in a sweat again over the mutterings of Vesuvius. If the old grumbler can get up a bigger bust than the United States have been in of late it will have to beat even the memorable one of historic renown. Our "bust" came near swallowing up not a city or two, but the whole government.

Professor David Swing does not believe in boys furtively playing cards in the woodshed, or behind locked doors, but thinks that the father of the family should put up a card table in the sitting room and take a hand at whist with them. "Each homes should have its games as regularly as its food or sleep."

One Boston Bob has been tattooing about a hundred of the ingenious youth of Philadelphia at a charge of twenty-five cents a head--or rather an arm. As the artist chewed tobacco, and had an ulcerated mouth, and mixed his colors with saliva, the consequence was that almost all his customers were inoculated more or less severely with a painful and loathsome disease.

The Oregonian never credits an item from this paper without some contemptible slur. It steals daily without credit. But when its writers know full well that it is apt to be detected, then it says the Astorian "claims" that it has gathered its data from reliable sources. This despicable, upon the part of that fraud upon journalism in Oregon, is beginning to be noticed.

The New York Sun has a strong and just article on the practice growing among army officers of simply signing only their surnames to telegrams. It is, as the Sun justly says, an aping of the manners of the European aristocracy and should not be tolerated by the de facto secretary of war. The Sun does not set forth that the practice is evidence of a desire to erect a fraudulent military aristocracy on the ruins of the American republic, and that the sentinels on the watch towers of freedom should at once sound the tocsin of alarm. That however, is the fact. The Sun is altogether too lenient in simply calling the practice "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman," for which the only punishment is dismissal. The man who deliberately signs his surname only to a dispatch should be torn to pieces by wild buffaloes, though exception might be made in favor of the young and thoughtless who have been led into this vice by the example of their superiors, and not by deliberate villainy, and also of officers who are in a hurry. Reduce the army to two men with wooden legs.

At South Bend, Pacific county, W. T. Aug. 19th, to the wife of Charles Brown, a son--11 pounds.

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