

RUMANIA FREE OF PAN-SLAVISM THROUGH ISOLATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—Rumania, one of those outlying European countries of uncertain military intent these days, whose entrance into the great war is being freely predicted and who would bring into the struggle an army and resources of much greater significance than is commonly understood, is portrayed in a study of the National Geographic society, prepared by Frederick Moore, in which considerable historic and economic light is thrown upon the motives behind this little kingdom's foreign policies.

Rumania, the writer shows, has no strong ties of international friendship. It lies directly across the path of Russian progress southward, and, moreover, has consistently refused to commit itself to the protection of "Russian influence." It remained aloof from the Balkan alliance which pushed the Turk further back toward his Asiatic source. While, Mr. Moore explains, since the days of the Russo-Turkish War of 1877, when Rumanians crossed the Danube and aided the Russians in driving the Turks out of the province of Bulgaria, there has been peace, there has not been much good feeling between the Rumanians and the Bulgarians. And recently even this thin peace was broken.

Intensely Nationalistic

These countries have a long stretch of mutual border. They are both filled with a spirit of intense nationalism—a spirit general in the Balkans, newly awakened and newly become ambitious. It so follows that each land is as suspicious as it is jealous of the other. Moreover, Mr. Moore points out, a general fever for territorial expansion has burned wildly through the Balkan countries, and Rumania has contracted this fever along with her neighbors.

So it happens that Rumania is isolated with its ambitions, the more isolated, the writer explains, as its people do not feel themselves to be of common blood with their fellow peoples on the peninsula, but love to think of themselves as heritors of pure Latin blood and of the glorious traditions of Old Rome. The Rumanians are the children of the Romans who conquered the ancient Dacians, inter-married with them, and gave them the Latin language, which has continued, with few variations, to this day. So the Rumanians have no place in the light bonds of Pan-Slavism which maintain a decree of cousinly sympathy between Russia and the Balkan Slavs.

German on Throne

Bulgaria has memories of its province, Silistria, newly lost to Rumania to keep its enmity alive and watchful. When Bulgaria fell out with her former allies, Serbia and Greece, at the conclusion of the war with the Ottoman, Rumania added her armies to the scales, and, at little cost in blood and money, was able to demand the rich province for her own. The friendship between Rumania and Greece has never been warm, while, to make its diplomatic position still less one to be easily foreseen in the present question, its king is a member of a princely German family, Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen.

THOMPSON STRONG FOR NEW JUDGES

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 5.—President W. Lair Thompson introduced a bill today to create a new judicial district out of Lake county. It will be Fourteenth judicial district.

The significance of the bill, according to those who have been watching developments in connection with Thompson's bill to revise the judicial system of the state and create eight new circuit judgeships, is the indication that Thompson has given up all hope of getting his judicial bill through, and will now be content if he can get through a bill to make his home county a separate judicial district.

JUSTICE COURT APPEAL BILL SIGNED

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 5.—Governor James Withycombe today signed a bill introduced by Senator Edward E. Kiddle, which provides that no justice court case, tried before a jury by request of those concerned in the action, shall be appealed excepting when the judgment amounts to \$20 or over, or a 10-day jail sentence.

BOTH HOUSES PASS MANY MEASURES ALTERING LAWS

SALEM, Feb. 5.—The senate also passed a bill providing that officials leaving the state on business must first file a statement of estimated expenses with the governor and obtain the governor's approval.

Other bills passed by the senate included:

House bill by Huston authorizing the governor to fill any vacancy in the office of United States senator by appointment.

House bills by house printing committee providing that certain departments shall pay for their printing out of their own funds.

House bill by Vawter relating to inheritance taxes and extending the statute of limitations on estates of person living without the state.

Work of the House

The house passed an even dozen bills and referred two.

With no debate, and not a single dissenting voice, the house passed substitute senate bill allowing women employed in canneries to work overtime during rush seasons.

Representative Barrows' bill providing that any drunken chauffeur who hits a pedestrian shall be punished by manslaughter was passed by a narrow margin.

Representative Huston secured the passage of two more of his "proof reading" bills correcting errors in the existing code.

To Purchase Bonds

Other bills passed were:

House bill empowering the state to purchase bonds of irrigation districts.

House bill giving fines from game law violations to the counties.

House bill by Porter allowing workmen's liens upon orchard and irrigation lands.

VAWTER'S INSURANCE BILL BRINGS PROTEST

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 5.—Portland insurance men yesterday protested against some of the provisions of the Vawter bill. The measure would remove all warranties from insurance contracts and make the insurance companies liable to the full extent of their policies unless they could prove fraud.

SCENE FROM THE YELLOW TICKET AT PAGE THEATRE FEB. 9TH



GERMAN AID FOR HUNGARIANS

VENICE, via London, Feb. 5.—Dispatches from Vienna state that 20,000 German troops have arrived in Hungary on the way to Korosmezo, in the Carpathians, to assist Hungarian forces said to be threatened with envelopment by the Russians.

Austrian forces, dispatches say, have attacked the Russian left flank at Jacobeni, in southern Bukovina, forcing the Russians to retreat toward Radatz.

It is stated also that an Austrian advance guard has been annihilated in Uzok Pass.

Confirmation is given the report that 200,000 German troops are being sent from Poland to assist in attempting the relief of Przemyel.

ONLY THIRTY TWO SHIPS IN PAST YEAR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—There were 32 sailing, steam and unrigged vessels of 12,258 gross tons built in the United States in January, according to the bureau of navigation. The largest vessel was the Northern Pacific at Philadelphia.

FEDERAL PROBE OF BREAD SITUATION

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Federal investigation in Chicago of food prices was directed today to the bread situation.

Charles F. Clynne, United States district attorney, planned to confer with leading bakers in an attempt to learn the causes back of the increase from 5 to 6 cents in the price of small loaves of bread.

Statements have been made that many of the large baking concerns have a supply of flour on hand bought several months ago at the lower prices then prevailing. The bakers will be asked to show their books and records in order that the government may obtain correct figures on the subject.

AUSTRIANS RESUME ATTACK ON SIBERIA

GENEVA, via Paris, Feb. 5.—Hostilities against Serbia have been resumed by the Austrians, according to reports received here from sources which usually have been well informed.

VAWTER'S BILL TO SECURE PAVING SISKIYOU SECTION

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 5.—House bill No. 390, introduced by W. I. Vawter, and read first time January 29, reads as follows:

A bill for an act to authorize the highway commission to complete the Pacific highway over the Siskiyou mountains in Jackson county, to connect with the Pacific highway under construction in Siskiyou county, California, to the Oregon state line, and authorizing the highway commission to use funds belonging to the state road fund for such purpose.

Whereas, Jackson county has expended approximately the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, under the direction of the state highway commission, in partially building and constructing a road and highway on the line of the Pacific highway to connect with the Pacific highway under construction in California, and

Whereas, it will require approximately the additional sum of one hundred seventy five thousand to two hundred thousand dollars to complete said stretch of road, and

Whereas, said road is a part of the highway in process of construction connecting the highways between California, on the south, and Washington, on the north, now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the people of the state of Oregon: That the state highway commission be, and is hereby authorized and directed to aid Jackson county in completing the Pacific highway over the Siskiyou mountains, said highway commission to expend from "state road fund" in any one year not to exceed twenty per centum of the amount raised under chapter No. 339 of the general laws of Oregon for 1913, or any other law or act passed in lieu or substitution thereof, and providing for funds for highway construction in the state, the amount however, to be expended on said highway over the Siskiyou mountains not to exceed in the aggregate the amount expended thereon by Jackson county.

NOTICE

The farmers in and about Medford will hold a meeting at the library at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, to elect a committeeman to represent them on the irrigation committee.

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