

WAR TALK.

The Situation in Europe and What the Russians Have Accomplished.

The *Baltimore American* sums up the situation in the following language: European war scares have not materialized this summer with the same ease and frequency as in former years, but there may be all the more reason for apprehension. Heretofore it has been to the interest of certain European statesmen to fill the air with rumors of pressing perils that they might control a parliament and accomplish a bit of domestic legislation to which the people were not partial, and it has been shrewdly suspected that most of the panics were originated and engineered by these wily public functionaries with no more serious designs; but now the situation is altered. Bismark himself lays the greatest stress on the pacific intentions of Germany, and assures the world, with an energy that makes the wish appear to be father of the thought, that there is no danger of complications for several years to come, anyhow. No doubt Bismark is, and has been a potent factor in the preservation of peace, but there is always present to the mind his dogmatic assertion that the triple alliance composed of Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy is the stable guarantee of the status quo—a fair inference at the time it was made, but not so self-evident to-day. The Russians have been working like beavers since then to involve some sort of system out of the chaos in which their military was foundering, with the result that they have concentrated an army of 700,000 men on the German and Austrian frontiers, and have provided themselves with a supply of money for any contingency that may arise. But this is not all accomplished by the Russians since the triple alliance was formed. The Roumanian government, which can put in the field 150,000 troops, has severed completely round, and from being the strongest of Austria's allies, is now in thorough sympathy with the czar. Servia has compelled her king to abdicate, as much on account of Austrian leanings as for any other reason, and there is a possibility that the dormant Russian sympathies of the Bulgarians may be aroused, and Ferdinand forced to pronounce for the czar or leave the country. A union of the Balkan provinces against Turkey and Austria means serious work. A splendid army could be quickly mobilized on the Hungarian frontier, which would release the main body of the Russians to operate against Germany, and while France could divide her forces, holding the Italians in check with one detachment, and making a vigorous campaign against Austria, England with the other. Bismark, if he were to express his real sentiments now, would probably say the maintenance of peace or war rests with the czar and not with the triple alliance. The czar, to all appearances, has outgeneraled the sagacious chancellor. Of equal significance is the hold of Crispin upon the Italian government. He has already been forced to recede from the agreement made upon joining the triple alliance, and it begins to look as though this were not enough for the Italians, but that he would be driven from power altogether, with the result that Italy would once again throw herself into the arms of France. The withdrawal of Italy from the alliance would destroy the formidable character of the alliance at once and compel Germany to seek other friendships or run the imminent risk of a general hostile combination against the Empire. The young German emperor may find a worthy outlet for his feverish activity before the summer wanes.

Persons and Things.

Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria is soon to marry the Princess Marguerite of Bourbon, second daughter of the Duc de Chartres.

Secretary Windom is said to be the hardest working member in the cabinet. "It is a condition, not a theory" that confronts him.

There has been no explosion at the Samoan conference at Berlin. The nearest approach to it has been W. W. Phelps's bang.

L. Q. C. Lamar, Jr., a son of Justice Lamar, was a department clerk under Cleveland. He is now a drummer for a Rochester boot and shoe house.

A correspondent writes that President Harrison has been laying in a supply of spring ties. Heretofore he has devoted much of his attention to family ties.

Charles P. Hitch has been United States Marshal for the southern district of Illinois. This is not the only hitch in the presidential appointments, however.

President Carnot of France is a greater believer in capital punishment than was M. Grevy. The guillotine is much more active in Paris than it was some years ago.

David Christie Murray, the English novelist, will sail for Australia next month. He will spend six months on the lecture stage in that country. He may visit America afterwards.

The Rev. T. De Witt Talmage said in Washington a few days ago: "I might have asked the president for the appointment as minister to Brooklyn, but I got that place some years ago."

Harriet Beecher Stowe is in much better health than she was a year ago. This is conclusively proved by the fact that she has been strong enough to read "Robert Elsmere" "end to end."

Prince Bismark now devotes a great deal of his time to playing solitaire. This was a favorite game with Napoleon I., who turned out in time to be the most solitary sovereign of the world.

A tally of the Yale Seniors shows that their favorite actor is Edwin Booth and their favorite actress Mary Anderson of London. Both preferences indicate a partial failure of the college education.

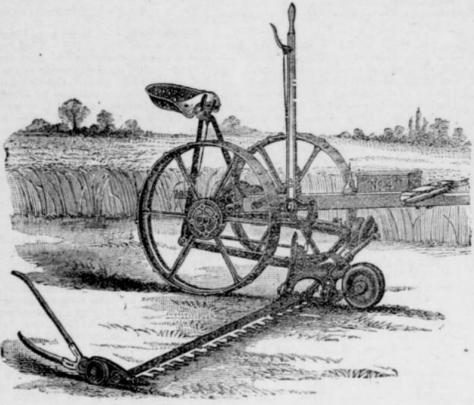
King Humbert, of Italy, is learning the meaning of the word "razzle-dazzle" in German. His digestive apparatus leaves much to be desired so far as strength is concerned, and his physicians fear that the young Hohenzollern will lead the Italian potentate too lively a dance. Humbert is a billions-looking little man, accustomed to a life of great regularity and he is always very particular about his diet.

Sarah Bernhardt has a new fad. She now has a habit of arising at 4 o'clock in the morning, dressing herself as a man and prowling about the remote streets and byways of Paris until 7 or 8. Then she returns to her home, undresses and goes to bed. She recently remarked that she had thought she was too old to learn anything new about Paris, but she has been taught a great many facts hitherto unknown to her by her nocturnal wanderings. Sarah will be quite a wise woman yet.

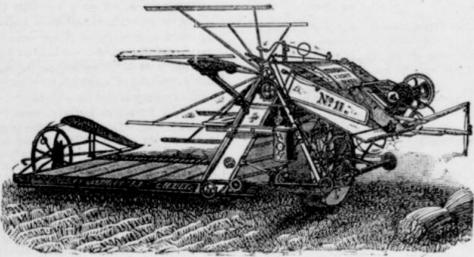
Degrading to True Veterans.

It has been decided by the pension department that a soldier about to be mustered out, who was slightly injured in the leg by an empty demijohn, which was being playfully tossed about the camp, is entitled to a pension. This would seem to mean that all soldiers hit by demijohns, whether full or empty, are also entitled to pensions; and that no distinction can be made on the "roll of honor" between a soldier hit by a bullet in front of the enemy and one hit by a demijohn in front of friends. Messrs. Bossey and Tanner would have the law regard both as battle-scarred veterans equally deserving of the government bounty. This is what a surplus revenue bill, do in the way of upsetting the official—*Springfield Republican.*

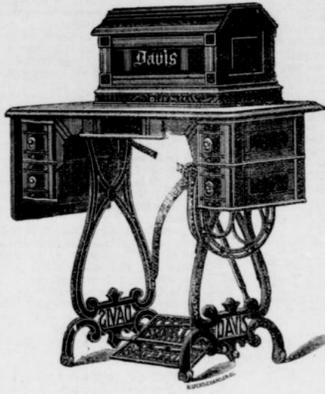
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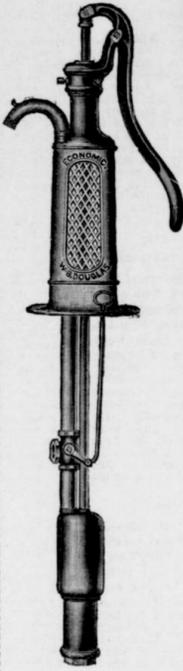


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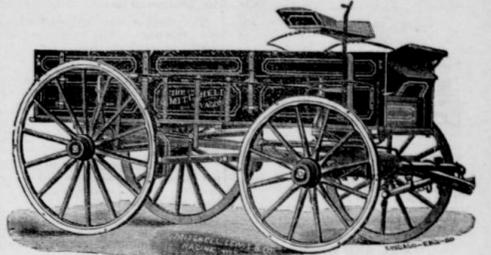
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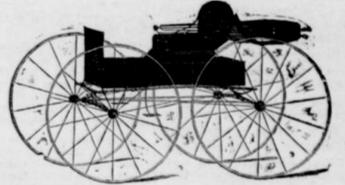
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