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The Serbian Campaign.

In examining the Serbian campaign it is essential to bear in mind three distinct details. The prime purpose of German strategy is defensive. The first object of the campaign is to relieve the Turks defending the Straits, whose ammunition is beginning to fail.

The second purpose is to dispose of all possible peril in the Balkans. Rumania and Greece have greater material as well as sentimental reasons for favoring the Allies than they have for favoring the Austro-Germans.

Finally, and this should always be remembered, Germany is now striving for peace. Her numbers and her resources are failing. She cannot hope to keep pace in the future with her enemies in men, money or munitions.

A triumphant progress to Constantinople is the cheapest way now in which Germany can impress the imagination of her own people and of neutral nations alike.

Turning to the Serbian situation, it will be seen that Germany has already opened the Danube to munition transports. Barely a hundred miles of Serbian territory, the northeast corner of the country facing Rumania, touch the river.

Turkey's necessities, then, are about to be disposed of. This seals the fate of the British expedition on Gallipoli Peninsula; it may be able to stick, it certainly will not be able to advance.

It is then necessary to reopen rail connection between Austria-Hungary and Constantinople through Serbia. This the Austro-German forces are steadily doing by pushing along the Orient Railway from Belgrade and Semendria toward Nish.

The main Serbian army facing north has been driven south along the railroad for nearly forty miles. The Bulgarian army coming north has captured Pirot, a third of the distance from Bulgarian territory to Nish, and is now about fifteen miles from this town, the temporary capital of Serbia.

Within a few weeks, perhaps even more quickly, the Germans and Bulgars may be expected to meet about Nish. The Serbs, for their part, will be driven west out of the Morava Valley through which the Orient Railway passes, into the hills which separate the former Serbian Kingdom from the old Turkish Sanjak of Novibazar.

At the same time the Serbs will be exposed to an attack coming east out of Serbia, which will follow the valley of the Serbian Morava, that joins the main Morava stream north of Nish.

This threefold attack is the main Serbian phase. It has already opened the Danube. It is rapidly pushing the Serbs to the point where they will have to leave the Orient Railway and give the Austro-Germans a clear rail route from Berlin to Byzantium.

To understand this Macedonian campaign it is simplest to think of the Serbian Kingdom as resembling an hourglass, one half made up by the older kingdom of the period before the Balkan wars, the other by the Macedonian territories acquired by the two campaigns of 1912 and 1913.

to Uskub, which, it is easy to see, is the key to the whole problem. Accepting the fact, generally recognized now, that the Serbians will be crushed and driven away from the Orient Railway, their natural line of retreat would be south along the Nish-Salonica branch of the Orient Railway, along which the Anglo-French forces are advancing, and over the Mitrovitza-Uskub line, south of Novibazar.

As it now stands the Serb army is threatened, not only with defeat and the loss of the Orient Railway, which is the chief objective of the Germans, but with annihilation and annihilation by the four armies which are attacking it and have cut it off from its Allies.

It is idle to imagine that the Anglo-French forces can prevent German success in the matter of the railroad. The time has passed for this. The most they can hope to do is to retake Uskub, drive off the Bulgars who are holding the neck of the hourglass and let the Serbs retire to the lower half.

What is now to be looked for is the escape or destruction of the Serb army. German success is already assured on the Orient Railway and achieved on the Danube. By an odd turn of fate, while the Germans are attacking the Serbs the French and British are spending their whole effort against the Bulgars.

Secretary Redfield can hardly expect to square himself with the President or the country by repudiating the views which he has been expressing as to the proper way to protect American producers from the competition of dumped foreign goods.

That article was extremely candid and explicit. It developed ideas which Mr. Redfield had already tried on the public. Since the Tribune of October 7 contained an editorial criticizing as fantastic the Secretary's reported project of prosecuting "ethically" American citizens or aliens resident here who might buy or sell dumped goods, instead of asking Congress to impose a tariff duty which would automatically make the cost of dumping prohibitive.

Mr. Redfield's programme could not easily have been misunderstood by the President or anybody else. He wrote in the Tribune: "My own preference is not to deal with the matter as an economic one; not as a hurtful business transaction, to be restrained [by tariff legislation affecting everybody equally], but rather as an attempted wrong, to be forbidden [through the hit-or-miss activities of Department of Commerce sleuths and special agents]."

The Secretary then suggested that the Clayton anti-trust law be amended so as to create the crime of buying or selling foreign goods, legally admitted through our custom houses, if the prices at which such articles are bought and sold "substantially restrict competition on the part of American producers of similar or allied articles."

Put it is not at all essential to subscribe to Colonel Moore's code to regret his passing or to realize that he and those of his kind, fast dwindling, have served as an excellent antidote to the poison which our silver-tongued soldier of the Platte represents. We are in sad want of more Colonel Moores to maintain the balance which spells sanity, to pair with the sort whom bearded Germans are impelled to kiss.

One headline contained all this: "Inevitable Nation, Edison's View. In Two Years United States Can Buy World, He Says—Inventor Takes Ten-Minute Nap." One is inclined to wonder whether his remarks came before, during or after his sleep.

The Prince of Wales is referred to quite unconsciously in an evening paper as the "Crown Prince." Can this be considered prophetic?

Bulgaria's Chief Seaport. Varna, off which a Russian fleet is said to have appeared, though now the principal Bulgarian seaport, is really of Greek origin, and at least a third of the present population are Greeks.

vagaries and has poured cold water over his enthusiasm. Neither Congress nor the country is likely to accept the Redfield theory that the exclusion of dumped goods is a problem of "ethics," and not of ordinary economics and politics.

Some Anti-Suffrage Nonsense.

In an "emergency appeal" for funds recently sent out by B. Aymar Sands, chairman of the finance committee of the New York State Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, the statement is made that woman suffrage, if defeated, "should for many years cease to be a live issue."

This is an excellent example of the "arguments" by which the anti-suffragists seek to postpone the day when there shall be no sex discrimination in the processes of governing this democracy.

Of course, in this connection, we should not fail to reward justly those courageous enough to stake their capital in founding such an industry as the manufacture of coal-tar dyes, nor the scientists and research experts who give their services in a crucial period such as we have experienced since the war began.

Do we consider the sale of American petroleum, motor cars, steel, etc., in foreign markets as "a competition intended to be simply and solely destructive" to the foreign producers? If so, do we cure? Then let us apply the Golden Rule to our customs ports which we will find is simply the natural law underlying universal free trade.

Two Colonels.

The West covers a fairly sizable area, but certainly one not over-large to have contained two journalistic statesmen of such contrasting color as Colonel John C. Moore and Colonel William J. Bryan.

It is unnecessary to characterize our gallant Colonel Bryan, commander of the grape juice artillery, judge advocate general of pacifists. But to those who have not had the pleasure of Colonel Moore's acquaintance it may be necessary to quote the latter's views on duelling, uttered shortly before his death, on Wednesday.

"I have always been a firm believer in the duel," Colonel Moore observed, "and at eighty-four years I believe in it yet. The duel is the only right way in which gentlemen should settle their quarrels."

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The Individual's Fault. To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: In reply to an editorial in your paper on "High School Fraternities and Boy Scouts" I would like to ask you what you think of our pass judgment on high school fraternities just because one man voices his disapproval?

FOLLOW THE FREE TRADE RULE Let American Manufacturers Buy Goods Where They Are Cheapest.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Being a reader of The Tribune from "first to last" page, may I express an adverse opinion on your recent editorial on the coal-tar dyestuff situation, entitled "Great Circle Statecraftship?"

Since The Tribune is a pronounced advocate of truth, and without doubt in my mind forms its opinions out of regard for the benefit of the greatest number of people, I ask: "Why should the American people want their government to set up an arbitrary bar to the entry of German dyestuffs when, according to common knowledge and your own statements, German manufacturers can produce them so cheaply as to undersell our own makers?"

I believe not, and I therefore suggest that we adhere strictly to the natural law, upon which, it seems to me, all trade and commerce should rest—that goods should be produced wherever the adaptation or ability to grow, mine or manufacture most efficiently and cheaply is greatest.

I heartily agree that Mr. Redfield's plan of proceeding against the purchasers of "dumped goods" is wrong and "retrograde," but do you honestly believe that German dyestuffs will be "dumped" here after the war? If so, then believe me, American business men with a keen sense of economy in purchasing may truthfully be called "dump pickers" (pardon the horrible expression) and even a patriotic feeling for American producers will not discourage them from buying what you choose to call "dumped goods."

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History Day by Day.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I was interested in the letter of "An American Teacher" in to-day's issue, under the caption of "Newspaper Reading to Teachers."

But what is the good of publishing your able editorials? Even the protests have ceased which were the administration's only feasible response to the rough violence of reported German attacks and the wanton murders of American citizens.

Not an Uninvited Guest. To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: In your issue of this morning regarding the discussion over the new constitution at the Free Synagogue you stated that "Mr. O'Connell was unexpectedly and interrupted the programme."

Let Us Act! To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: As far as words will go, I desire to express my appreciation of The Tribune's editorial page in its steadfast and wide-viewed outlook on the European war and the American people.

To Be Killed Only. To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I am greatly relieved to hear from the Montclair authorities that your recent news item about stray cats in that town being turned over to be vivisected is not true.

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WATCHFUL WAITING.



"JUST ANOTHER INCIDENT"

To Be Accepted with Due Humility by a Weak Administration.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Your editorial in this morning's edition under the heading "Just Another Incident" will strike a sad chord among thousands of readers who sympathize with its contents, but who feel helpless under a cowardly administration which no lashing of the press can arouse from its abject poltroonery.

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HAVOC OF NEW IDEAS

How the Gary Plan Muddles the Minds of School Men. To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: In the general campaign of misrepresentation which is being waged against the extension of the Gary plan in this city attempts have been made during the last few days to utilize the investigation of the Gary schools made by the school authorities of Elizabeth, N. J.

Keepers of Our Honor. To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: The President calls on us to give thanks that we have preserved "peace with honor." What is his notion of honor?

A Police Clubber. To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I have just read in this morning's Tribune the account of the assault committed by Policeman Michael Moran on Mr. Denice, one of your reporters, and I hope you will keep your readers fully posted on the progress and final outcome of this case.

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