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The Veil Lifted From the Balkans

Almost universal sympathy has been extended to the Montenegrins in their brave struggle extending over the last seven months, but a touch of pathos has been added to this sympathy recently at the spectacle of the heroic King bowing to the inevitable and yielding the keys of Shutar, won at such terrific cost, to the combined representatives of the European Powers.

"Why such injustice?" has been the question on all tongues. Why such injustice at the hands of the European Powers who declared their neutrality at the beginning of the struggle? It was at first thought that the Powers had ignominiously yielded to Austria's bluff, but it is now known that it was Italy's bluff as well, and the motive behind it all was religion; at least what is called religion—the church.

A secret agreement between Italy

and Austria Hungary that neither should occupy Albania alone has just come to light and the recent movement on the part of Esad Pasha to make himself King, at the same time promising liberty of worship to all Greek Catholics, was seen to be in line with the wishes of Russia, and to lead ultimately to a fifth, and that a Greek Catholic power in the Balkan confederacy and all five of which, it was thought, would be in a way under the influence of Russia. Hence the plan on the part of Austria and Italy, Roman Catholic powers, Austria mobilizing her troops in the North, Italy having a large army ready to sail from Brindisse on the South.

At this juncture the Powers intervene and King Nicholas sacrifices every personal and national ambition for his church and for the things gained by the other allies.

Such is war and diplomacy.

ATTRACTIVE MATTER

Scattered thruout The Citizen, this week, will be found some attractive memorial day matter. We especially call attention to the illustrated poem on our 8th page, and other pictures and poems.

KENTUCKY'S LOSS

On page 7, we are running a short description of the great library of Col. R. F. Darrett of Louisville, which has recently been secured by Chicago University.

Those interested in library collections should read this article. We regret exceedingly that this great collection could not be secured by some Kentucky institution.

THE SUFFRAGE QUESTION

The dilemma into which many of the best women of the country find themselves is fittingly described in an article under the caption "A Woman on The Fence," on page 7. Every woman should read this setting of the problem that confronts her sex.

SHOWING THE FARMER

The farm article on page 7, this week, is interesting as illustrating the attitude of many farmers which has to be overcome before there is any advance in scientific agriculture. Its title is "Persuading the Old Man."

LINCOLN INSTITUTE'S FIRST COMMENCEMENT

Wednesday June 11, 1913, 9:30 a. m.

Exercises and demonstrations by students in the various departments. Inspiring music by students and others.

Commencement address by Rev. H. H. Proctor, D.D., of Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Proctor is one of the most able colored men in America. He is pastor of the First Congregational Church in Atlanta, and has recently erected a fine church edifice, planned and equipped for institutional work. He is a member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and has served as Assistant Moderator of the Triennial National Congregational Council. He will give an address worthy of the occasion.

All L. and N. trains on the Shelbyville branch stop on signal at "Lincoln Institute," Louisville and Interurban (electric) cars stop at "Lincoln." Both stations are on our grounds. Those coming by the Southern Ry. take the electric line at Shelbyville. We expect a great crowd. All should bring lunch baskets.

Please spread the news as widely as possible.

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ASKED TO EXPLAIN

The "Manufacturers' Record" of Baltimore, quoting from the Courier Journal a paragraph from a recent editorial in The Citizen entitled, "Development or Exploitation," asks that the editor of The Citizen explain what he means by conservation of state resources and what he means by development or exploitation. But not waiting for a reply, attempts to close the subject by ridiculing the idea of conservation, stating that those who put forth such ideas have not yet developed their mental ability to the point where they can think.

The Citizen would say to the Manufacturers' Record, in the first place, that neither ridicule nor dogmatism is argument or evidence of sound thinking on the part of one who presumes to sit in judgment upon other people's mental processes. But THE CITIZEN does not wish to be accused of using the methods of its critic.

In the second place, if more than a paragraph from our editorial had been quoted or read, our position would have been more easily understood. A second editorial on the same subject closely following the one quoted was sufficiently explicit to give little room for misunderstanding or misinterpretation.

That we were not more explicit in our definition of conservation in the editorial in question was due to the fact that after seven years of the Roosevelt administration and the work of Gifford Pinchot and the long drawn out Ballinger controversy during the Taft administration, we concluded that any reader of THE CITIZEN of ordinary intelligence knew what we meant; and especially the editors of technical trade journals. And our ground for favoring a policy of conservation for the state as well as for the nation was the same as our reason for favoring preventive as well as curative medicine.

We will illustrate: The national government and, just recently, the state of Kentucky are buying up large tracts of deforested and abandoned lands, and beginning the process of reforestation. This is curative medicine. It is an admission on the part of the government that there has been devastation and in some cases exploitation. And along with this policy of rebuilding it has inaugurated another policy of preventing the necessity of rebuilding—conservation; that is, the conservation of present unused resources, the using of these resources under certain regulations.

To be still more specific, a year ago the editor was passing through a district in Kentucky where mining had been carried on for a good many years, and was told by a friend, who knew the locality perfectly, that there was the dearest town in the state, and the conditions among the country population ten-fold worse than when the mines were opened. Asking why, the answer came that the coal was all gone and the timber was gone and the few farmers left, having sold their mineral and timber rights for a song in the beginning and hired themselves out as miners or wagoners as long as they could get employment, were now left to subsist as best they could on the regions left destitute by the capitalists who had gone with their boardings from the state.

The operations in this very district were heralded a few years ago as "development" just as the operations of the multi-million dollar coal corporations in Eastern Kentucky are now heralded. And all THE CITIZEN was doing was to express the fear that like conditions would prevail in these regions.

Let us ask, for instance, what the Elkhorn Fuel Company, reputed to control absolutely three hundred thousand acres of land in Letcher and Pike Counties, proposes to do for the development of that district? Is it going to practice scientific forestry, removing just such timber and only such as should be removed each year because it has reached its limit of growth or has been injured by storms? And will it seek to restock its land in timber each year as fast as the timber is used? Of course the mountains cannot be restocked with coal, but does it propose to regulate the output, or what is more important still, is it willing that the state shall share justly with it in its income by taxation? The activity of the lobby of the coal barons at Frankfort a year ago or more, which killed a proposed bill placing a tonnage tax on coal, is an answer to the last question.

Furthermore, when the coal is gone and there is no more timber on the hills, what does the company propose to do with its land? Will it hold it and control it as the land barons of England do, reducing every occupant to the position of a tenant and not a free holder?

The Manufacturers' Record surely will hardly endorse such a policy as this, but this, in fact, is just what the company is now reported to be doing. No employee within the whole three hundred thousand acres can own a foot of land. And ultimately this land, devoid of its chief value, must revert to the chance purchaser who is left to a worse state than at the beginning, fall into the hands of the government for rebuilding, or be held in perpetuity by the corporation. The latter alternative not even the Manufacturers' Record could presume to think at all possible.

And this is not all. We shall have more to say soon.

WORLD NEWS

Japanese Emperor Sick—A Royal Wedding—Asquith to Quit—King George Committed to Peace—Steamer Strikes Mine and Sinks—Vesuvius Threatening.

JAPANESE EMPEROR SICK

Emperor Yoshihito of Japan was taken seriously ill, last week, and is reported to be suffering from pneumonia. For a few days his condition was considered serious but he is now thought to be out of danger.

The sickness of the Emperor had the effect of putting in the background the vexed California Alien Land Law question for the time being.

A ROYAL WEDDING

The only daughter of Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, was married, Saturday, to Prince Ernest August, the youngest son of the Duke of Cumberland.

The wedding was the most brilliant royal occasion that Europe has known for more than a decade, the Kaiser boasting that he would make it a red letter day in the history of his reign. All the crowned heads of Europe were present in person or by chosen courtiers.

KING GEORGE COMMITTED TO PEACE

King George of England, who was a visitor at Berlin, last week, to attend the royal wedding, declared in his speech that it would be his chief aim in life, as it was that of his father, to keep the dove of peace in flight.

ASQUITH TO QUIT

It is creditably reported in Parliamentary circles in London that Premier Asquith is tired of political life and will seek an early opportunity to lay down the burdens of state.

STEAMER STRIKES MINE

The steamer Nevada with two hundred passengers on board, struck three mines in succession, Sunday, in the Gulf of Smyrna and sank, only 40 of the passengers and crew numbering two hundred were saved.

VESUVIUS AGAIN THREATENS

The great central fissure in Vesuvius, the volcano in Italy that has been more or less active for over two thousand years, has opened again and there are mutterings and indications of serious eruptions.

KING CONSTANTINE



King Constantine succeeded his father as king of Greece when the latter was murdered at Salonika.

The crowning fact, the kindest act of freedom in the freeman's vote. —Whitner.

They are slaves who dare not be in the right with two or three. —Lowell.

The Sleep of the Heroes



UNDER the summer sun and stars
And under the winter snow
Our heroes sleep, unvexed by wars,
While the seasons come and go.
Kissed by the dew and gentle showers
And arched by the blue above,
They sleep today 'neath a world of flowers,
Left there by a nation's love.

—Denver News.

UNITED STATES NEWS IN OUR OWN STATE

To Cement Good Feeling—After Thatcher's Scalp—Tarriff Measure in Danger—Currency Reform—Republicans Active—Big Gun Explodes—How Morgan Escaped—Pier Collapses—Remains in Council—West Virginia Strike—Pugilist Killed.

TO CEMENT GOOD FEELING

Plans are being made for the celebration, next year, of the one hundred years of peace between English speaking peoples. And the felicitations will be signalled, if the arrangement is carried out, by the placing of a statue of Queen Victoria in Washington and one of Lincoln in London.

JAMES AFTER THATCHER

Senator James who holds Kentucky patronage in his fist at Washington, is known to contemplate the recommendation of a Kentucky Democrat to take the place of Gov. Thatcher of the Canal Zone, who is thought to hold too fat a job to be allowed to stay in the zone until the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific meet.

TARIFF MEASURE IN DANGER

The administration's tariff bill, which passed the House without a serious hitch, is facing the breakers in the Senate, the Democratic majority in that body being so small that if four Democratic Senators stand out against certain features of the measure it can not be passed. There are more than that number that have serious qualms of conscience and may break over the caucus rule.

CURRENCY REFORM

What is thought to be the administration's currency reform bill was introduced in the Senate last week, by Senator Owen of Oklahoma. The Senator will not either affirm or deny that his measure meets the approval of the President, but, that it does, is generally conceded.

The committee on banking and currency is being formed and no member will at all be considered who is not pleasing to the president who is filling the role of party boss with grim determination.

REPUBLICANS ACTIVE

Leaders of the Republican party met in Washington, Saturday, and laid plans for the Congressional campaign of 1914. It was also fixed that the National Committee shall meet sixty days after the adjournment of Congress, and an extraordinary national convention will be called a year hence, whose purpose will be to reform the battle lines.

BIG GUN EXPLODES

A 7 inch gun at Fort Moultrie, S. C., exploded, last Thursday, killing

Langley for the Senate—Testing The Primary Law—Boosters Trip Ends—Surgeon's Knife to Stop Thievery—Bold Plot Disclosed—Post Office Primary—Severe Storm.

LANGLEY FOR THE SENATE

Congressman Langley of the 10th District is being spoken of as a candidate for the Senate to succeed Senator Bradley. The Congressman is said to think that the chances for the Republicans to win in 1914 are good.

W. D. Cochran of Maysville is also being mentioned.

TO TEST PRIMARY LAW

Proceedings were instituted in Louisville last week seeking to test the direct primary law, Chas. T. Gardner asking a mandamus to compel the County Court Clerk to place his name on the ballot as a candidate for the Progressive nomination for Representative. The point in the law to be elucidated is that which debar a political party from nominating a candidate who was a voter of some other party the preceding year. The result of the proceedings will be awaited with a good deal of interest.

BOOSTER TRIP ENDS

The Louisville boosters special completed its circuit thru the mountains, last Thursday. They were a tired lot when their train rolled in home, but united in the declaration that the trip was a great success. They found that the people in the mountains believe in reciprocity, as in some places where they solicited trade for Louisville they were met with "Buy our coal," to which the reply was, "Sure, we will."

EXPECTS TO BE GOOD

A patient in the Newport, Ky., Hospital, who is a soldier and confesses to a robbery at Fort Thomas, was operated on a few days ago by the surgeon whose house he had entered. A tumor was taken from his head and he expressed the hope that the inclination to steal will vanish with it.

This method of making people good is not altogether new, it being claimed nowadays that much of the evil in the world is due either to physical ailments of one kind or another or the want of proper entertainment.

BOLD PLOT DISCOVERED

A plot was discovered, last week, on the part of certain convicts in the penitentiary at Frankfort which, if it had been carried out, would have been one of the most bold and sweeping deliveries of convicts in the history of this or any other state. It seems that two life-men were the leaders and the plan was to make a

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Commencement Procession

The Biggest Things

Plan your business, work and household matters so as to be ready to attend these great public exercises—They will do you good.

- May 29, Thursday, Foundation School Graduation 2:30
- " 30, Friday, G. A. R. Memorial Exercises 10:00
- Address to Literary Societies 7:30
- Rev. Jas. W. Turner, D. D., Philadelphia
- " 31, Saturday, Academy Graduation 7:30
- (Saturday there are no school exercises)
- June 1, Sunday, Sermon to graduates 10:45
- Procession from Ladies Hall 10:15
- Address to Religious Societies 7:30
- Rev. Oscar E. Maurer, D.D., New Haven, Ct.
- " 2, 3, Monday, Tuesday, Oral Examinations

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