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Constantinople, Aug. 28.—War between Turkey and Bulgaria is regarded as inevitable unless some way speedily is found to arrest the reciprocal slaughter and destruction in Macedonia.

The Turks are stirred to a high pitch of excitement by the stories told by Greek and Moslem refugees who have reached the shores of the Bosphorus from the annihilated villages in the districts where the insurgents are operating. These persons allege that the Bulgarian forces in Eastern Macedonia are killing men, women and children indiscriminately and setting fire to everything combustible. They say that armed bands descend upon the villages in broad daylight and carry out

Their Dreadful Work
with remorseless rigor. Several foreign diplomats who visit the refugees in their camps have returned with a gloomier view than ever of the prospects of war between Turkey and Bulgaria. They cannot see how a general outbreak of Moslem fury can much longer be averted. Austria and Russia are still supported by all the powers and they persist in their endeavor to localize the struggle pending the issue of new negotiations with Turkey, which, it is understood here, are about to be inaugurated.

Effective Diplomacy or War.
Vienna, Aug. 28.—It is in high quarters that unless the events in Macedonia are highly exaggerated in the reports sent out from there diplomacy must shortly discover a more effective way of meeting the situation or else it must give place to war. Happily thus far there is no breach in the unity of the powers. It is certain that come what may in the Balkan peninsula the European governments will do their utmost to confine the conflict to that region.

War of Extermination.
London, Aug. 28.—According to a Sofia telegram to the Times the Turkish repressive measures in Macedonia had reached the utmost limits of barbarism, and it is evident that it is the intention to accomplish by degrees the total extirpation of the Bulgarian population.

Within the last few days, says the Times correspondent, twelve more Christian villages have been handed over to fire and sword, and the women and children and the aged have been massacred indiscriminately. Convoy of prisoners dispatched to Monastir have been murdered by their escorts on the way.

A private letter from a foreign resident in Monastir says that even the local Turks are disgusted, and meditate assassinating the consuls in order to provoke European intervention.

The insurgents are doubtless taking a terrible revenge, and are executing the revolutionary program to the letter.

More Troops Called Out.
Constantinople, Aug. 28.—The government has decided to call to the colors all the remaining European reserves belonging to the Second and Third army corps, and a number of other reserves which will bring the total of the Turkish soldiers in Macedonia up to 350 battalions or almost double the force utilized in the Turkish-Greek war. The enrollment of such large bodies of troops indicates the seriousness with which Turkey views the situation and her determination to use all the means at her disposal to suppress the rebellion.

REIGN OF TERROR IN SERBIA.

King Peter Is in the Hands of the Recent Regicides.

London, Aug. 28.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Belgrade says King Peter is determined to suppress the military malcontents with an iron hand. On Tuesday three army colonels, two captains and a newspaper editor were condemned to death for participation in a plot which was discovered and rendered abortive. Despite this, says the correspondent, the king is obviously in the hands of the recent regicides, who are causing a veritable reign of terror.

Gorman's Son in Politics.
Baltimore, Aug. 28.—Col. A. P. Gorman, Jr., the only son of United States Senator A. P. Gorman, was nominated yesterday for the state senate by the Democrats of Howard county. Col. Gorman is thirty years of age.

Farmhand Under Arrest.
Sioux City, Iowa, Aug. 28.—Mark Reuter, a farmhand forty-two years old, is under arrest at Remsen, Iowa, on the charge of abusing the five-year-old daughter of Peter Mueller, a farmer.

CLEANLINESS AS A VICE.

Young Matron Criticizes Methods of Her Mother-in-Law.

"Cleanliness is next to godliness, I know," said the young matron whose mother-in-law lives with her, "but there is such a thing as carrying it too far, I think. Now, my husband's mother is fearfully and wonderfully neat. In fact, at times I feel that to live in a paragon would be a relief. From morning till night there is nothing but clean, clean, clean. Bits of carpet are laid in the places most likely to trip you up. These are intended to keep the floor underneath free from stain and then the carpets are taken up and the floor underneath scrubbed as carefully as if it had not been protected all the time. You cannot imagine just how trying it is. But the other day she reached the limit. She came in, took off her shoes, carefully washed them and set them out to dry! Think of it! It's a wonder she did not wash her hat."

STRENGTH OF MEN AND OXEN.

Bulk for Bulk, the Former Are the Stronger.

Few people know that a man, bulk for bulk, is stronger than an ox, but it appears that such is the case. The matter was tested not long since at a fair in America, one of the attractions of which was a contest of a yoke of oxen against an equal weight of men. A drag was loaded with granite blocks, weighing in the aggregate 4,950 pounds. The yoke of oxen that made the trial weighed 3,220 pounds, and twenty men, allowing 160 pounds to the man, were set against them. The men took hold of the drag first, and easily walked off with it, covering a distance of 95 feet in the space of two minutes. The oxen at their trial moved only eighty-five feet in the same length of time, and the men were accordingly declared winners.—Pearson's Weekly.

Governor Saves Boy's Life.

It is fortunate for one Georgia youth that Gov. Garvin of Rhode Island is a physician and surgeon of standing. The governor and a number of northern friends were at Andersonville to attend the dedication of a monument in memory of Rhode Island soldiers who died in Andersonville prison. While the exercises were in progress a carriage team took fright, ran away and upset the vehicle. Edwin Callaway, one of the occupants, had his leg broken, the jagged bone severing an artery. Gov. Garvin, on hearing of the boy's plight, hurried to his help, tied the severed artery and cut the broken bone, just in time to save the sufferer from bleeding to death.

Bank's Burglar Trap Didn't Work.

In its account of the recent bank burglary at Allen, the Emporia (Kan.) Gazette explains that the trap set by the bank for robbers did not work. The trap in question is unique enough to be interesting. "Above the vault," says the Gazette, "was a thin ceiling and about a ton of sand above it. This was there in case crooks should attempt to blow open the safe, when the ceiling would burst at the explosion and the sand fill the vault, making it impossible to get at the safe. However, the ceiling did not burst and the sand remains undisturbed."—Kansas City (Mo.) Journal.

Chorus Girls of Wealth.

Among the twenty girls who took part in an amateur comic opera performance in Philadelphia the other evening were fifteen whose fathers are millionaires. It is said that the girls in question represented some \$40,000,000. The affair was the biggest event among the Hebrews of Philadelphia for twenty years. A trainload of wealthy New Yorkers went over specially to take part in or witness the performance, which was given under the auspices of the Mercantile club.

Brave Sailor Soon Forgotten.

Discouragingly tardy progress is being made with the proposed monument to Rear Admiral James E. Jorrett. It was thought that the gallant conduct and wide popularity of the admiral would have called forth generous response to the committee's appeal, but that expectation has not been realized. The headquarters of the association are in Washington and Rear Admiral A. E. K. Benham is chairman of a committee having the matter in immediate charge.

The Ones That Suffered.

An aged Scotch minister, who was very boastful, says ex-Speaker Joseph L. Barbour of the Connecticut legislature, once said to his good friend, "Think of it! I preached two hours and twenty minutes last Sunday!" "Didn't it weary you very much?" inquired the other solicitously. "Oh, no," said the minister. "But you should have seen the congregation!"—New York Times.

One Point of View.

"I am very much afraid that you do not appreciate the spirit of a free country." "Oh, yes I do," answered the man who had recently landed in New York, in a dialect which it is needless to reproduce. "What do you understand by a free country?" "It is a place where you are free to do as you choose if you manage to get on the police force."

Had Had Opportunity.

Two society buds at the Waldorf-Astoria were commenting upon the marriage of Mrs. Lewis Rutherford to William K. Vanderbilt. "It's a fine match," said one; "the bride certainly belongs to the Upper Ten." "She ought to," was the tart answer, "she's married three of them!"—New York Times.

LAWYER MADE AN APOLOGY.

Revised the Opinion as to the Intellect of the Court.

Some years ago there was an old judge on the bench in Berks county, Pa., whose decisions, in consequence of numerous reversals did not always command universal respect. One day, in a case in which he was sitting, one of the lawyers lost patience at his inability to see things in a certain light, and in the heat of the moment remarked that the intellect of the court was so dark a flash of lightning could not penetrate it. For this contempt the judge showed a disposition to be very severe with the offender, and it was only after much persuasion by friends of the latter that he yielded and decided to accept a public apology. The following day the lawyer, accordingly, appeared before his honor and made amends by saying, "I regret very much that I said the intellect of the court was so dark lightning could not penetrate it. I guess it could. It is a very penetrating thing."

HAD HAD LONGER PRACTICE.

Small Boy's Distinction Between Appetite and Patriotism.

Gen. O. O. Howard occasionally addresses juvenile patriotic clubs. An organization of this type entertained the veteran at a sociable and dinner. A little chap near the general displayed a good appetite. "You eat well, my son," said the old soldier. "Yes, sir." "Now, if you love your flag as well as your dinner, you'll make a good patriot." Gen. Howard's eyes beamed on the boy. "Yes, sir; but I've been practicing eating twelve years and I ain't owned a gun but six months," was the laconic reply.—New York Times.

Most Expensive Tree in World.

Probably the most expensive tree in the world is in the city of London, on the corner of Cheapside and Wood street, about midway between the Bank of England and St. Paul's. It is an enormous oak and is said to be 100 years old. It is protected by a clause in the deed of the property which forbids destruction of tree or branches. Architects were compelled to plan a rather peculiar building to avoid the branches. There it stands in the corner of one of the busiest streets in London, occupying ground of enormous value—and positively the only tree in the city of London outside of the parks.

Development of the Electron.

Dr. Kaufmann of Germany, in a recent lecture, traced the history of the development of the electron. The roots of the idea go back about twenty-five years. The growth of the stem has taken place within the last ten years, and now we have a flourishing plant and a large literature on the subject. Broadly speaking, the latest theory accounts for inertia, suggests a cause for gravitation, explains the leading phenomena of the spectra of hot gases and co-ordinates hypothetically a host of minor phenomena that seem at first sight to have no discernible mutual relationship, says Electrical World.

How Snakes Decoy Birds.

That the rattlesnake uses his tail to decoy birds has been observed a number of times by a correspondent of the Scientific American, who says: "The snake hides himself in the tall grass and imitates the buzzing of a bee. The insectivorous birds, such as the phoebe and kingbird, are attracted by the sound, and become an easy prey for his snakeship. I have seen rattlesnakes concealed in the dense foliage of trees twenty feet from the ground practicing the same deception on the birds and getting the bird every time."

Queen Victoria Paid a Debt.

King Edward's appointment of Sir Evelyn Wood to be a field marshal has brought out the interesting fact that the family of the king was once deeply indebted to the grandfather of Gen. Wood, Matthew Wood, a London merchant. It was through the generosity of the old merchant that the duke of Kent was able to come to England from Germany so that the future Queen Victoria could be born on British soil. The first baronetcy bestowed by Queen Victoria upon her accession was on Matthew Wood.

Microbes Hard to Kill.

That the microbes which cause disease cannot be killed by firing them out of a gun has been proved in official government experiments. Microbes of malignant pustule, of abscesses and of the intestine were smeared upon the face of the gun wad, put next the powder and fired into sterile gelatin nad agar-agar. In each case the microbes developed, each after its kind, in the medium receiving the wad.

Rather Mixed.

One of the janitors of a public building, who has more politeness than book learning, was stationed in the hallway of the structure to guide the crowd which was pressing into one of the rooms to see an exhibition of artistic work. "Ladies and gentlemen," said the janitor, "will you please make your exit through this door and go out of the other."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Sad Outlook.

Auntie—"Do you let your husband have a room to himself?" Mrs. McBridge—"Oh, yes; of course; he must have a place to smoke in." Auntie—"You poor dear, I see your future through a rain of tears. He'll sneak off there and lock himself in whenever you want to talk to him seriously. You mark my words."—Life.

THE NEW ARMY RIFLE.

It is Practically Certain to Be the Best in the World.

The new United States army rifle is a remarkable evolution in small arms since the old Springfield single-loader had its day. Practically twelve years cover the period of the development, although the experience of the Spanish and Philippine wars has naturally made the progress more rapid since 1898 than before that time. When the Krag was made the basis of the army magazine rifle there was more or less criticism, but it was poorly conceived. The Ordnance department has never regarded any model as necessarily a finality, but has ever been bent on improvements. Consequently modifications have been numerous and steady, and there is no reason why, with this constant application of experience and inventive genius the United States service magazine rifle should not be equal to any in the world.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

BOY WAS TOO PREVIOUS.

Came Near Causing Physician to Lose a Patient.

A doctor tells a good story in connection with a lad who until recently was in his employ. It was part of this youngster's daily duty to answer the surgeon's bell, and usher the prospective patients into the consulting room. One morning there presented himself at the surgery entrance a mechanic, with whom Buttons was on speaking terms. "Hullo, Jackson!" he remarked, "what's the matter with you?" "Oh, I just want to see the doctor," replied the visitor. "Have you brought yer symptoms with yer?" inquired Buttons, "cos that's the first thing he'll ask yer about. If yer ain't got 'em yer'd better pop back an' get 'em." "And would you believe it?" adds the doctor, "that fellow was actually about to act on the boy's advice when I entered the surgery!"—Pearson's Weekly.

Take a Look at Venus.

Young man, when you have finished your dinner to-night, go up to the roof or out in the street or yard by your home and take a good, long look at the star of the evening. She will do you much good. In the first place, the mere fact of your having thought enough to spend the time to do this will aid your mental development. In the second place you will have to lift your eyes and chin from the mire of the street about you to clean glory of Omnipotence. In the third place, you cannot look for five minutes at Venus or at any other planet or star without absorbing into yourself some of the calm, silent power which wheels this universe along its unbroken track, with never a slip of the tire or jostling of the axle.—New York News.

Charity in England.

Some idea of the charitable disposition of the British people is found in the report of the charity commissioners, just issued. The total value of investments held by the official trustees of charitable funds at the close of last year was £22,314,735, divided into 22,798 separate grants. The aggregate income from stocks, securities and annuities aggregated £646,517 in 1902. During the three-quarters ending Dec. 31, 1901, 1,670 new charities founded by will or deed came to the notice of the commissioners, involving a capital of £6,500,000 and upward.

Differing Views on Providence.

A recent traveler in Macedonia writes: "The views on Providence entertained by Turks and Jews respectively and the extent to which belief influences the conduct of each are well illustrated by the following anecdote: A Turk and a Jew were one day in a boat. Suddenly the weather changed and a fierce squall arose. The Jew proposed that they should turn back on that. The Turk was for going on. 'Fear not, my friend; Allah is great,' he said, 'Allah is great,' retorted the Jew, 'but our boat is small.'"

Wrong Foot Out of Bed.

About half the world puts the wrong foot out of bed in the morning. But which is the wrong foot? It is a superstition as old as the hills that if the left foot touches the floor first you will have bad luck that day. Probably many men avoid this by sleeping on the right side of the bed, so that in rising the right foot naturally comes first in contact with the floor. It is said to be a fact that most people lie on their right side because of the prevalent notion that the heart has freer action.—New York Press.

What We're Coming To.

As we have already transmitted fairly recognizable pictures of individuals by wire we may be able, before long, to do the same thing without wires. Why not? And then for the wireless polychromotelephantophonoscope by which we can see everybody, hear everybody, talk to everybody, wherever and whenever we please without cost, anywhere on the surface of the globe. And then, hurrah for a short trip to Mars just to inflate our chests and show off!—Magazine of Humor.

The Development of Mexico.

Facts in regard to the commercial annexation of Mexico are given in the National Magazine. Twenty-eight millions of United States capital is now invested in that country, and forty Mexican investment companies in Chicago are sending in a million dollars a month. In the city of Monterey alone \$10,000,000 was recently invested in one plant. The Standard Oil company has invested \$18,000,000 in Mexican mines within two years, and will put in \$40,000,000 more.

SHE DID NOT DRINK.

And Consequently Did Not Need First Floor Rooms.

American pushfulness is an unlimited quantity. The women are as irrepressible in society as the men in commerce. A certain visitor to the Riviera found this out recently. He was occupying first floor rooms at a well-known hotel. All of a sudden, without any introduction or preliminary, a note was brought to him signed by the wife of a well-known American millionaire. It asked him whether he would object to giving up his rooms to her niece. He was much amazed, but wrote back inquiring whether the niece drank. Mrs. wrote in reply, in surprise and indignation, winding up with an emphatic statement that her niece did not drink. Lord X—concluded with the following note: "Lord X—regrets that he cannot give up his first floor rooms to Mrs. —'s niece, for he is convinced that, as the young lady does not drink, it is very much easier for her to get up stairs than it is for Lord X—."—London Tatler.

A NEW BOILED DINNER.

Little One's Astonishment Natural Under the Circumstances.

"I have a little niece," said the raconteur of the Sewing Circle, "who is never so happy as when she is allowed to visit the kitchen and watch the servants at work. Fortunately, her mother has good-natured servants who rather enjoy having the child around, so many are the charmed hours which Jessie spends downstairs making little pies under the cook's superintendence, and pretending she is 'grown up.' 'The other day she descended to the laundry to oversee the family wash in her busy little way. She gave one look of utter astonishment as Mary put on the clothes to boil, and then fairly flew upstairs to her mother, exclaiming: 'Oh, mamma! What do you think? Mary's cooking the clothes for dinner!'"—New York Times.

Cheerfulness Counts.

The Cosmopolitan says the longevity of the medical man is materially less than that of workers of other professions. Only those with a sound physique, other things being equal, can win in a struggle for success. The sick look with confidence to the well. They demand the hearty dogmatism that comes from the overflowing of animal spirits. They enjoy the cheerful optimism that comes from a good digestion. They lean upon the doctor in their weakness and yield willing obedience to his kindly influence. Much of the power possessed for good may be outside of pills or potions, correct theories or sound deductions.—American Medicine.

Bait!

A class in a Sunday school was listening to a lesson on patience. The topic had been carefully explained, and as an aid to understanding the teacher had given each pupil a card bearing the picture of a boy fishing. "Even pleasure," said she, "requires the exercise of patience. Look at the boy fishing! He must sit and wait and wait. He must be patient." Having treated the subject very fully, she began with the simplest, most practical question: "And now can any little boy tell me what we need most when we go fishing?" With one voice was the answer shouted—"bait!"

Evicted Kaffirs.

The correspondent of a London paper, writing from British South Africa, says the Kaffirs are bound to increase in population more rapidly than the whites, whom they already greatly outnumber, and being barred from work in many cases by the importation of cheap labor from India and forced to leave their land holdings, which they retain only under lease from the Boers, to whom it has been allotted, and under liability of eviction, a serious uprising of the natives is not beyond the possibilities of the near future.

Losses by Drought in Australia.

The wheat harvest of 1902 in New South Wales is only one-tenth of the harvest of 1901, and this represents a loss to the wheat growers of over £2,000,000. The losses in grain, hay and vegetables are at least as great in the aggregate, while the disasters of the pastoral industry are on a yet more tragical scale. In the flocks and herds of the state there is a decrease of 47,401 horses, 319,461 cattle and 15,669,632 sheep! Taken at low rates, these represent an immediate cash loss of something like £8,000,000.

Had Him in Doubt.

"Is your wife a good manager?" "I really don't know." "Don't know!" "No. You see, I always thought I had pretty much my own way in everything, but the other day I got hold of an article on the diplomatic management of husbands, and since reading that I'm not at all sure that my wife hasn't been managing me right along. If that's so, you can put her down as one of the best and cleverest managers that ever lived."

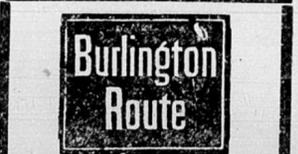
A Mother to the Girl.

The woman who had lost her maid at the moment that she was expecting visitors went to the janitor in her distress, hoping that he might be able to find some one to help her out. He was Hibernian and effusively sympathetic. "Shure an' it's too bad," he assured her, "an' you after bein' a mother to that girl!" As the girl was as black as a negro could be, the woman took the compliment with reservations.

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Why Conductor Thought Women Should Not Have Ballot.

How many-sided and how funny is the life load in a city street car. Not long ago a woman gave the conductor of one a dollar bill. On receiving the change she counted and recounted it. "This is not right," she called after him. "Ain't, eh; there's 95 cents. Don't suppose yer wanta ride free." She made another mental calculation and blushing subsided. As the man reached the rear platform he was heard to grumble: "And them's the things as wants to vote."

Will Loan Money to Poor.

A body of philanthropic New Yorkers have formed themselves into the Personal Protective Loan Association, with the purpose of loaning money to the poor at 6 per cent per annum. The capital of the organization is \$10,000 and the incorporators are Thomas M. Muir, Edward F. Cragin, Rev. Dr. David J. Burrell, Father A. P. Doyle and Robert B. Miller. Individual money lenders never charge less than 30 per cent, and sometimes a great deal more. There are 300 pawnshops in New York.

Had to Pay to Find Out.

At one of the New York theaters they are playing a piece called "A Fool and His Money." A preacher from Wisconsin was visiting Gotham last week and in passing the theater one evening was curious to know if the play conveyed the proverbial lesson suggested by its title. Stepping up to the box office, he inquired regarding the matter. "I think," said the suave party behind the grating, "that the moral of the piece is that the fool and his money gather no moss. It will cost you \$2 to find out exactly." The preacher murmured "Thank you" and withdrew. He tells the story himself.

New Way to Do Time.

Dr. Lillinksjold, of Butte, Mont., is credited with having adapted hypnotism to a novel purpose. The doctor, having been placed under arrest, tried, fined and sentenced to gaol for twenty days for some small infraction of the law, deliberately hypnotized himself, saying he would awaken from his trance at the expiration of twenty days. All efforts to awaken him were unsuccessful till the end of that period. As a mean of "doing" time, or of willing away long intervals, Dr. Lillinksjold's plan is probably unique.

Inspecting American Railroads.

J. T. Tatlow, John Wharton, George Banks, F. T. Dale and H. O'Brien, officials of the Lancashire and Yorkshire railway of England, are in this country and will make extended inspection of American railroads. They have been viewing things in several eastern cities and will shortly visit Chicago. They represent the mechanical, freight and passenger departments of the Lancashire and Yorkshire road.

The Coming Man.

"Mrs. Frisbie is suing her husband for divorce." "Indeed? What is the trouble?" "Well, she says she tried not to mind when Mr. Frisbie used her curling irons, wore her shirt waists and borrowed her collar buttons. But when he began to get through her pockets and extract her small change after she was asleep she felt that patience had ceased to be a virtue."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Costly Skipping-Rope.

A skipping-rope has been presented by a fond Pittsburg millionaire to his six-year-old daughter. The handle are gold, studded with an odd jewel, while the cord, the finest procurable cost more than a dollar per inch. When the child grows a little older she will be able fully to appreciate her father's gift. At present she treats it as if it were an ordinary rope.