

POPULATION OF NISH, SERBIA, JUMPS TO OVER 100,000 BECAUSE OF WAR

Thousands of Refugees From Belgrade Offer Grave Problem to Municipal Authorities—Streets Are Crowded Like Broadway in Rush Hours.

Nish, Serbia, Feb. 23.—Nish, normally a town of some twenty thousand, has been transformed by the war into a city of more than one hundred thousand souls. The stranger within the city gates wonders where all the people seen on the streets sleep at night. The small public park, as well as the two principal shopping streets are as crowded during the daylight hours, as Broadway and Fifth avenue on a late afternoon. The problem of caring for the thousands who fled here from Belgrade and the northern communities of the country when war was declared has been a difficult one.

Every house within the town was commandeered by the government but even this action failed to provide shelter for hundreds of fugitives from the battle districts. In the dilemma in which the Serbian people found themselves the American Red Cross mission came as a veritable God-send. Everywhere the Associated Press correspondent has traced he has encountered evidences of good work done by American citizens and has everywhere found grateful appreciation on the part of the Serbian people. This appreciation was officially expressed by Milosh Petronievitch, one of the administrators of the diplomatic press bureau, who speaks English perfectly.

"Our constitution," said Mr. Petronievitch, "and all of our institutions are really modeled from those of the United States of America, and some day we hope to be really an American state here at the end of Europe and the beginning of Asia. That, as well as the sympathy and aid for our wounded sent us by the American Red Cross during all three of our recent wars, accounts for the very warm welcome we shall always give to any American who cares to come out and study us at closer range."

"We are not so hospitable to all foreigners," Serbia is more accustomed to having enemies than friends. From the time the Serbian empire came under the Turks in the fourteenth century, until its liberation in the early part of the nineteenth century, Serbia was cut off as a state from all the rest of the world. Her Turkish tyrants had but one idea, to destroy the soul of the race, the memory of its glorious past, and of its aristocratic traditions and of its racial unity with the other Slav peoples. Its chivalry perished in the great battle of Kosovo in 1389. Kosovo is a vast plain about 100 miles southwest of Nish, where the battle of Turkish conquest between the forces of the Sultan Murad I. and the Serbian Emperor Lazar was fought in 1389. This great battle ended with the complete overthrow of the Serbian empire and the five hundred year domination of the whole of southwest Europe by the Turks. This domination included all the peoples now comprising the Balkan States. All the sons of the noble Serbian families were carried off to Constantinople to form the famous guard of the sultan. They were reared in complete ignorance of their parents, and with but one ideal, the Sultan. A certain number of the great Serbian families escaped into Russia, Austria and Montenegro. From these and subsequent emigrations have sprung

the members of the race who are today outside the kingdom of Serbia, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Dalmatia are integrally a part of the kingdom, though detached from it by European politics at the congress of Berlin.

Mr. Petronievitch pointed to a large map which hung in his office, showing the ancient confines of the Serbian empire as well as the marvellous line of the frontiers of that Greater Serbia, the creation of which is in some quarters regarded as the cause of the war. He said that it may, it will certainly be one of the most important changes in the map of Europe if Serbia and her powerful Allies are successful against the Germans and the Austrians.

"You can see," continued Mr. Petronievitch, "how difficult has been the position of Serbia, with the Turks on the one hand longing to conquer what they lost; the Austrians on the other hand, urged by the German, whose own expansion could only take place by pushing the Austrians into possession of all the Slav kingdoms of the Balkans, thus leaving the German provinces of Austria for Germany. There is no doubt to our mind that Germany has had the idea of absorbing the dual monarchy of Austria-Hungary, thus dreaming of a kingdom extending from the shores of the North Sea to the Aegean at Salonika, the Bosphorus and the Sea of Manora at Constantinople, and reaching out to a supreme control of the Mediterranean and even the Black Sea. No one who has not lived on the shores of the Danube has any real conception of the fanaticism with which Austria has worked to achieve the end, not of designing care with which Germany has ever promoted her designs. A part of the plan always has been to keep the states of the Balkans from any federation or coalition among themselves. This might have been more difficult had not several of the states had German princes for rulers. Serbia and Montenegro, you know, with the exception of Rumania, are only states of Europe that have rulers of their own blood and faith.

"Bulgaria, closely allied to Serbia in feudal times, and whose liberation from Turkey was effected by Rumania, has ever been the working ground of that Austro-German diplomacy which has been so active at Constantinople. The Bulgarian war of last year, as well as Turkey's participation in the present war, was the outcome of this diplomacy and intrigue. Serbia has been wiser than Bulgaria or Turkey. We have not been any of those strangers. Too many of those who have come in the guise of friends have turned out to be Austrian spies. There never was a country so beset by spies and mischief-makers of all kinds as Serbia has been during the past fifteen years, or since the German emperor made up his mind that a European war would be the only means of acquiring new territory for Germany.

Serbia is trying to demonstrate to the world that her civilization is on as high a plane as that of England and Austria, even though her resources and facilities are not greater than those of some of the American states one hundred years ago. It was the history of the American Revolutionary War, read by Kara George, grandfather of our present king, which inspired him with a desire to lead his people in the uprising against the Turks in 1804."



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BLIZZARD CHECKS COMMUNICATION IN WESTERN STATES

Chicago, Feb. 23.—A wind, snow and sleet storm prostrated telephone and telegraph wires in Iowa, Western Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota, according to advices received to-day by the telegraph companies. Telegraph service out of Chicago to the west was badly hampered early to-day and the companies said there was little prospect of improvement for at least 24 hours.

In South Dakota traffic was delayed on all railroads and on several branch lines drifting snow stopped all trains.

WOMEN VOTING IN CHICAGO PRIMARIES

Chicago, Feb. 23.—A cold, drizzling rain was expected to lessen the interest in to-day's mayoralty primaries, the first in which women were allowed to vote for all officers. Leaders were of the opinion that the ballots cast by the women would decide the issue. Candidates for mayor, city clerk, judge of the municipal court and alderman in each ward were to be named.

AQUILANO MEANT NO INSULT TO PRESIDENT

Baldo Aquilano, the Italian-speaking orator, who was quoted yesterday, as declaring President Woodrow Wilson an "ignoramus," and the American people a "lot of robbers," denied the statements attributed to him by some of his audience.

He declares President Wilson is one of the best executives the country ever had. He said he was "grossly and badly" misquoted. The statements attributed to him, he said, are misunderstandings on the part of his hearers.

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION BEGINS ANNUAL CONVENTION

Cincinnati, Feb. 23.—Six minor bodies of the National Education Association began their sessions here to-day preliminary to the opening of the main convention, that of the Superintendents. Three organizations affiliated with the association held their open meetings last night.

The organizations which began their sessions to-day were the Society of College Teachers; State High School Inspectors' Association; National Association of Supervisors and Inspectors of Rural Schools; International Kindergarten Union; Educational Press Association of America and the Association of State Superintendents.

PRIEST SAYING MASS IS STRUCK BY SHELL

Hazebroucke, Feb. 23.—A soldier priest was saying mass yesterday in a church at Elverdinge when a German shell exploded over the building. A portion of the missile came through the roof and struck the priest on the head. Although his condition is serious, there are hopes for his recovery.

A Colonial social was held last night in the rooms of the People's Presbyterian church. Costumes of the early days of the Republic were worn by the guests.

Dr. C. N. Haakell has recovered from an attack of the grip, which has lasted two weeks.

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ATTENDS HIS LODGE FOR FIRST TIME IN NEARLY FORTY YEARS

Veteran of Samuel H. Harris Lodge On Visit Here Has Pleasant Reunion.

Leverett T. Pitcher of Norwich visited a meeting of Harris Lodge, I. O. O. F., last night for the first time in 38 years. He is a member of the Bridgeport lodge, which he joined in September, 1877, just before he went to Norwich.

Pitcher came to this city yesterday to attend the annual meeting of the Veterans' Association of the Odd Fellows of the jurisdiction of Connecticut, which was held beginning at noon. In the evening he visited the meeting of the lodge, with which he entered the order. He saw five candidates initiated.

Pitcher was elected president of the Veterans' association at the day meeting. Sidney Challenger of this city was appointed to the executive committee. David Boyd of Shelton was elected vice chief veteran; Frank R. Upton, Southington, secretary and John Judson, New Haven, treasurer.

Everybody met everybody else at the meeting. After the meeting was called to order the 850 members present, were lined along the walls of the Odd Fellows hall, and starting with the man on the left end, every body went "down the line" and shook hands with the other members. Veterans of 50 years and more in age, were present.

POULTRYMEN OPEN ANNUAL MEETING

Hartford, Feb. 23.—The ninth annual meeting of the Connecticut Poultry Association opened in this city today for a two days' session. President A. Benjamin Brundage, of Danbury, presided. The most interesting feature of today's gathering was an address by Prof. A. F. Blakoskie, of the agricultural college on the ear lobe in relation to egg production. In a series of charts the speaker showed that a hen which had a peachy white ear lobe was almost certainly laying while a hen with over thirty per cent. yellow was certainly not laying. The yellow ear lobes the longer since she laid her last egg.

Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes and Rhode Island Reds do not have yellow ear lobes but the speaker had charts to show that in such breeds the color of the legs and beak formed nearly as good a test as the color of the ear lobe as to whether the hen was laying or not.

Invitations for breeders, the speaker suggested picking out only those that were pale in ear lobes, legs and beak.

PENNSYLVANIA HAS ITS FIRST ELECTROCUTION

Rockview, Pa., Feb. 23.—The first execution in Pennsylvania under the new law substituting the electric chair for the gallows took place in the western penitentiary here to-day when John Talap, a friendless foreigner, paid the extreme penalty for wife murder.

ELIN LEDEBERG

Murray Elin, of this city and New York and Miss Estelle Lederer, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lederer of this city, were married Sunday. They are now on their way to Jacksonville, Fla., in which vicinity they will spend their honeymoon.

The wedding ceremony was celebrated in New York. Rev. E. Rosen married the couple. The bride was attired in a robe of white satin, artistically ornamented with ropes of pearls. An entertainment and wedding breakfast were provided after the ceremony and the guests enjoyed dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Elin have been active in social affairs in this city. Miss Lederer was formerly a manicure, employed in the Arcade. The groom is well known in the clubs of the city. He was formerly employed by the Otto Wissner company in this firm, but ceased connection with that city when he became ill with typhoid fever several months ago. Since then he has engaged in the cigar business and is making a success as a salesman for Cohn & Co. of New York.

After April 1, the couple will be at home to their friends at their home, 1421 Madison avenue, New York.

We promised to notify our customers through The Farmer when we would have to discontinue our semi-annual sixteen dollar custom suit and overcoat sale. It will end this week Saturday night. So leave your order this week at Lyford Bros., 621 East Washington avenue, 1533 State St., Store open every evening to accommodate you.

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Scotland Yard Gets New Spanish Swindle

London, Feb. 23.—Scotland Yard was the scene of a new public swindle of the old Spanish prisoner swindle. This time it is not a Spaniard who has hidden a war chest of the Carlites in an accessible mountain area, but a man who has hidden a chest of contents in return for furnishing him with ball money. In the new version of the swindle it is a Belgian, not a Spaniard, who has hidden the chest in the siege of Liege, fled with 20,000 pounds in Bank of England notes. He is now in trouble in Spain and will part with half of the notes to any one helping him out of the scrape with a little ready cash.

A large number of these swindling letters have been sent to England, and Scotland Yard men suspect the same is also being worked in the United States.

SHAPIRO WILL OFFER ALIBI AS DEFENSE FOR ALLEGED SLAYER

Charles H. Shapiro, appointed attorney for Isaac N. Williams, of this city, accused of complicity in the murder of Hubert B. Case, county commissioner of Litchfield county, at his store in Barkhamsted, November last, yesterday announced that the defense of Williams will be an alibi. Attorney Shapiro feels confident from the information received that he will be able to acquit the prisoner.

NEW ORLEANS

The first settlement at New Orleans was founded by Jean Baptiste de Moine de Bienville, a Frenchman of Canadian birth, who was born in Montreal 23 years ago today, Feb. 23, 1699. He was one of the eleven sons of Charles de Moine, a native of Normandy, who settled in Canada and became commander of Montreal. Seven of the sons became prominent in the history of the French conquest of North America. Bienville, with his brother Iberville, founded the French empire on the Lower Mississippi and the Gulf of Mexico, and the city of New Orleans is a monument to Bienville's lasting glory. It was in 1718 that he laid the foundation of the future metropolis of the south. The Crescent City soon assumed a considerable importance, and within a few years its population was augmented by the arrival of a company of Germans, who had preceded him on the Arkansas. The most welcome addition to Bienville's town, however, was a party of eighty girls from a Paris house of correction, who arrived in charge of three nuns, and speedily found husbands. Another cargo of girls arrived from France in 1723, and becoming wives and mothers, helped to win for New Orleans its proud place as the metropolis of the gulf coast.

Farmer Wants Ads. One Cent a Word.

INTRACHT BALL AT CASINO TOMORROW BIGGER THAN EVER

Royal Hungarian Gypsy Band Will Give Concert—Mayor Expected.

The fifteenth annual ball of the Intracht Sick Benefit society will be held at the State street Casino tomorrow evening, and according to members, this year's affair will be better than ever.

City officials will attend. If he returns from Hartford in time, Mayor Washburn will open the proceedings, at 8 o'clock. The Royal Hungarian Gypsy band will give a concert.

The Intracht society was organized 15 years ago by merchants of this city for mutual benefit in trade and social affairs. It is a flourishing organization, with a Ladies' auxiliary.

PERSONAL MENTION

Ray E. Wootton of 108 Stillman St. was one of the Party of Scouts who motored to Hartford, for the Scout Rally, on Washington's Birthday.

Frank Malatesta of 876 Noble avenue, spent Washington's birthday with A. Stewart of 234 Taylor avenue, Norwalk, Conn.

Howard Place, John Malatesta, Joe Nolan and Harry Monroe, spent Washington's birthday with H. W. Curtis of Newtown, Conn.

Mrs. W. Harless, Beatrice and Reginald Harless and Robert Abercrombie, Jr. of Irvington, N. Y., motored to Bridgeport on Sunday. They were the guests of Mrs. T. L. Abercrombie of 1050 Putnam street.

ADVANCED DANCING CLASSES

All of the latest steps and variations of the Hestiation, One Step, and Fox Trot are taught in the advanced classes which meet every Thursday and Friday evenings at Quilly's School of Dancing at the Colonial Ball Room in Fairfield avenue. The instruction includes the Operetta, Hestiation and the Lulu Fado, as well as the more advanced figures in the Fox Trot and other new dances. All are given in the standardized form as adopted by the Masters of the Operetta and as they are taught in the schools of all members of that association. Admission is at a modern figure. Friday evening classes are private.

Fire in the center of the business district in East St. Louis, Ill., caused damage estimated at \$500,000.

THE NEXT DIRECTORY WILL GO TO PRESS FEB. 28th

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Have You a Telephone in Your Home?

A Pretty Experiment.
How quickly the body eliminates waste matter may be seen by the following simple and pretty experiment:
Eat a tablet of Lithium citrate. Then take a clean platinum wire, hold it in a colorless flame of a Bunsen burner and note that it gives no coloration to the flame. Now cool the wire and pass it along the skin of the forehead, or after rinsing the hand in distilled water draw the wire across the palm and again hold it to the colorless Bunsen flame. Note the beautiful yellow color, due to the presence of the sodium. Next take blue glass and observe the yellow flame through this. The cobalt glass absorbs the yellow sodium rays, and the lilac flame of potassium now shows. About a half hour after taking the lithia tablet make the same test as above with a clean platinum wire. The vivid red flame of lithium is now obtained. In one short half hour the lithium entering at the mouth has been absorbed into the blood and carried to all parts of the body and is being excreted through the skin.—New York World.

Bell Tents.
The interior of a bell tent is full of surprises for the new hand. He begins by expecting it to be the airiest of lodgings; it is really the stuffiest. Unless the flaps at the entrance are left open or the apron around the foot lifted it soon becomes insufferable if there are many men sleeping in it, and it is possible to sleep ten or a dozen men or more in a bell tent, with feet to the pole, of course, and heads to the canvas. Another surprise is that there is nowhere to hang anything up. It is contrary to regulations to drive nails into the tent pole. The official way is a ring with hooks on it to be clamped around the pole, but old campaigners say that the supply of these is never anything like equal to the number of tents and that only the lucky ones get them. With all this a bell tent is the cheapest and most comfortable of temporary homes for a party of three or four once they get used to its little ways and cease to mussy things in its featureless circularity.—Liverpool Mercury.

A Story of Dickens.
M. Anatole France has an amusing reminiscence of Dickens—of whom he is a great admirer—in his "Vie Littéraire." One wonders whether it is autobiographical. "A Frenchman who made the journey to London," he writes, "went one day to see the great Charles Dickens. He was admitted and expressed his admiration as an excuse for thus trespassing on the precious time of such a being. 'Your father,' he added, 'and the universal sympathy you inspire doubtless expose you to innumerable intrusions. Your door always is besieged. You must be visited every day by princes, statesmen, scholars, writers, artists and even madmen.' 'Yes, madmen, madmen!' cried Dickens, carried away by the agitation which toward the end of his life often moved him. 'Madmen! They alone amuse me.' And he pushed his astonished visitor out by the shoulders."

His Last Look.
A church in the north of Scotland requiring a pastor had a headie who took an active interest in all that concerned the church. One of the candidates after the last service for the day was over stepped into the vestry to

put off his gown. He thought he would have a look at the church and, meeting the worthy beadle putting things to rights, said:
"I was just taking a look at the church."
"Are, tak' a guid look at it," said the beadle, "for it's no likely ye'll ever see't again."—Dundee Advertiser.

Immunity of Children.
Professor Armbruster asserts that the reason very young children are relatively immune to infectious diseases is that their hearts beat so much more rapidly than those of older persons that the blood flows swiftly through the arteries, and this swiftness of flow makes it difficult for micro-organisms to gain a foothold in the blood stream.—New York World.

These Quiser Girls.
He—When you accepted Mr. Muchgold did you mention our engagement to him?
She—Of course not. We promised each other to keep it secret, didn't we?—Chicago Tribune.

Musical Note.
"How do you sell your music?" asked the prospective customer.
"It depends on the kind you want," replied the smart clerk. "We sell piano music by the pound and organ music by the choir."

Musical Note.
"Say, Hiram, what do they mean by a Stradivarius?"
"Oh, a Stradivarius is the Latin name for a fiddle."—Musical Courier.

Common Course.
El—What course is Sarah studying at that boarding school? Si—I can't remember, but I think it's cosmetics.—Stamford Chaparral.

The only failure a man ought to fear is failure in clearing to the purpose he sees to be best.—George Eliot.