

British Peace Effort in Balkans Nullified

Gave List of Macedonian Agitators to Bulgars, but Their Arrest Was Balked

Early in January the British Foreign Office, at the request, it is said, of the Council of the League of Nations, ordered its Ministers at Belgrade and Sofia to co-operate to lessen the tension between Yugoslavia and Bulgaria on account of the manoeuvres of the Interior Macedonian Revolutionary Organization, which is fighting for political autonomy in Serb and Greek Macedonia.

On receiving this order, it is heard on high authority from Sofia, the British Legation at Belgrade undertook to transmit to the Sofia Legation a list prepared by the Belgrade Government showing certain members of the Macedonian organization who were suspected of intending to cross from Bulgaria into Yugoslavia to commit acts of violence. This list the British Minister presented without comment, it is said, to the Bulgarian Foreign Minister, who in turn passed it on to the Ministry of the Interior.

In due time the Sofia Foreign Office notified the British Minister at Sofia that its Government had already interned at places in the Interior anumber of suspected persons from the frontier Province of Petrich, and added that although it considered that the Yugoslav fears in some cases were not entirely justified, it would, nevertheless, direct all the persons on the list to withdraw into the Interior and put them under police surveillance.

"This shows," says the Sofia correspondent of The London Times in a dispatch dated Jan. 27, "how effective has been the British demarche in Belgrade and Sofia for the purpose of removing the causes of friction between Bulgaria and Yugoslavia."

But this is not the end of the story. This list was about to be handed over to the police to attend to the persons mentioned thereon when the Bulgarian Premier, who is himself a Macedonian, received a secret communication from the head of the Macedonian organization, dated from its headquarters in the mountains of Serb Macedonia, saying that the list did not contain the names of persons living in Bulgaria but the names of suspected persons dwelling in Serb Macedonia whom the Belgrade authorities were anxious to put in prison. Hitherto evidence had been lacking against them.

If the list was made known by the efforts of the Bulgarian police to find those named in it, the Yugoslav authorities would themselves make the arrests on their side of the frontier on the ground that the mere fact that the revolutionists mentioned had been proscribed by the Bulgarian Government was sufficient evidence against them. The Yugoslav Government would then express regrets that it would be obliged to deal summarily with the delinquents as they had been caught in Yugoslavia.

For these reasons, it is reported from Sofia, the list was not made use of by the Bulgarian Government, and the British Minister there has written to Downing Street a note discouraging all such intervention in the future. Meanwhile the Macedonian organization is said to be preparing a manifesto to the League which, while exposing the affair and again claiming protection under the minority clauses of the Treaty of Neuilly, will again assert its right to fight till death for the liberation of Macedonia.

Curling Stones Not In Rate Schedules So Scotsman Won't Pay

London.—The Scotsman, even in Switzerland, does not lose his thrifty habits.

One day recently a train on a mountain railway above Lake Geneva was held up for ten minutes because an angry Scot was taking six pairs of curling stones and a number of brooms to a bonspiel at a neighboring resort objected to paying carriage on them.

Piles of musty documents were produced from the station archives, but in none of them could any mention of curling stones be found.

Advice was sought by telephone from stationmasters of other railways but nobody had ever even heard of such a thing as a curling stone. One official suggested that carriage should be paid for at least part of the journey, but this the Scot just as obstinately refused. "Show me anything in the regulations entitling you to charge carriage on curling stones and I will pay," he retorted angrily.

By this time the passengers were getting restless, so the stones were taken from the van and placed on the platform.

While the officials were still wondering how to get out of the quandary the Scot called a porter and had his precious charges removed to a taxi-cab.

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The reception differed from the welcome extended to Royalties before the war, in that there was no German Emperor to greet the visiting ruler and no gaudy state coaches to bear the Afghans to their quarters. Instead, a new ceremony was worked out by the Foreign Office in which President von Hindenburg was the principal actor.

The Oriental guests, after passing through streets replete with Republican emblems, found generations of Hohenzollerns gazing down upon them from paintings and etchings in the various palace rooms.

A Strange Tale

Toad Alive After 31 Years Sealed in Texas Cornerstone

Eastland, Texas.—A horned toad, sealed alive in the cornerstone of the court house here thirty-one years ago, was alive when the stone was removed recently, according to County Judge Edward S. Pritchard. The old court house is being razed.

It is a West Texas tradition that a horned toad can exist a century without food or water. A skeptical newspaper man had the judge verify the report that the toad was alive when taken from its long entombment.

After the cornerstone was removed the toad appeared lifeless for some time, but in a little while it opened its eyes. In about twenty minutes it began to breathe. The mouth, however, appeared to have grown together.

Efforts will be made to induce the toad to take food and, of necessity, the mouth will be opened by an operation. The toad is now on exhibition.

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AMUSING INCIDENT ON BOUNDARY SURVEY

Cook Dispatches Marauding Bear With a Boulder—Exciting Experiences Common

So inseparably a part of the day's work have become the accidents and trials of the surveyor or engineer in Canada's great unexplored regions that the recording of exciting incidents in forest or on stream seldom occurs to these forerunners of settlement and development. An encounter with wild animals or a mishap on a turbulent river is as commonplace to him as the narrow escape from collision with a speeding auto is to a city dweller—an exciting and sometimes exasperating incident at the moment but one hardly worth recording.

And so it is that many interesting events in the field experience of Canadian surveyors and engineers never come to light. The following incident, which occurred during the triangulation by geodetic engineers of a section of the International Boundary line along the 49th parallel, is typical of what is encountered by many survey parties during a season's operations.

The party in question consisted of the usual engineers, rod-men, laborers, and cook. The latter was a Chinaman and around him this incident centred. The work of surveying and monumenting had been completed on one portion of the line and the camp was moved forward seven miles to continue it. The cook was hustled off to make ready the noon meal and on his way he encountered a black bear. A spaniel, the cook's pet, was accompanying him at the time and it immediately rushed at the bear. The cook also attacked the forest denizen, assuming the best defensive action to be the offensive.

There were no firearms handy and the cook had to resort to primitive methods. Frying pans and other cooking utensils were brought into play, while the spaniel annoyed the bear incessantly. The cook retreated to the top of a ten-foot cliff where boulders abounded. The bear baited below and endeavored to beat off the attacks of the dog, and taken off his guard, Bruin was laid low with a well-directed boulder. The surveyors reached the scene in time to mercifully dispatch the fatally injured bear.

Many and varied are the experiences of Dominion Government surveyors and engineers during their months of work and travel in the newer parts of Canada and not always are they as amusing as the one related above. The loss of complete camp equipment in running rapids, the breaking of caches by animals, and other such misfortunes of the trail have been reported, but these and many others are all considered just part of the day's work.

A dissatisfied galleryite boomed loudly at the end of the pantomime. The rest of the gallery, who liked the play, objected to his noise, and a scuffle took place. "Chuck him over the rails," someone suggested. Whereupon a mild little woman in the stalls below stood up and cried excitedly, "Oh, please, please don't throw him over the rails. Kill him where he is."

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The United States and Mexico are new on capital terms, with Mexico needing the capital.—Weston (Ore.) Leader.

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Mussolini Aims Drive On Sardinian Bandits

Plans to Clear Up That Island Now That Mafia Has Been Chastened in Sicily

Rome.—Premier Mussolini has decided to pursue vigorous a cleaning-up process in Sardinia now that Sicily has been chastened by recent anti-Mafia prosecutions and convictions.

The decision was announced recently by officers of the Carabinieri force and appears to have been the outcome of the Premier's intensive study of crime statistics for both those islands.

The latest official figures, those of 1924, show that in that year the number of crimes per 100,000 inhabitants was only 1.523 in Sicily, while Sardinia's rate was 3.172. Sicily led Sardinia in murders, 24.1 per 100,000, to 16.2, but the smaller sister isle quite outdid her in thefts, the rate being 914 per 100,000 for Sardinia to 353 for Sicily. The crown prosecutors obtained 45,897 convictions in Sicily in 1924 and a total of 16,964 for Sardinia, the latter figure being commensurate in view of the smaller population.

Once Sardinia is chastened, as was Sicily—which is likely to be no easy job, since that island produces Italy's hardest soldiers—observers of the Premier's campaign are wondering when he will tackle the region of Calabria, comprising three provinces in the toe of the "boot" of Italy. Calabria in 1924 showed 3,255 crimes per 100,000 the murder rate being 22 and the theft rate 741. The total crimes committed were 35,522, with 19,541 convictions.

Thus Calabria, on the mainland, was ahead of both Sicily and Sardinia on the average crime per given unit, well above Sardinia in average murders and double Sicily in point of thefts.

In discussing the situation with Carabinieri officers, the Premier said:—"Ordinary delinquencies had a rude setback, particularly in Sicily, but there is yet something to be done in Sardinia, particularly in centres where there are remnants of banditry, which must be destroyed at no matter what cost. The Carabinieri already are well trained in this work and will finish it."

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When I Am Dead

A Glasgow university undergraduate recently died of exposure on the Cairngorm Mountains of Inverness-shire, Scotland. The following poem was found in his rooms, written just shortly before, and printed in the London Observer:

When I am dead,
And this strange spark of life that in me lies
Is fled to join the great core of life
That surely flames beyond eternities,
Bury me not, I pray thee,
In the dark earth, where comes not any ray
Of light or warmth or aught that made life dear,
But take my whitened bones far, far away
Out of the hum and turmoil of the town.
Find me a windswept boulder for a bier
And on it lay me down,
Where far beneath drops sheer the rocky ridge
Down to the gloomy valley and the streams
Fall foaming white against black, beeting rocks,
Where the sun's kindly radiance seldom gleams,
Where some tall peak defiant, steadfast, rocks—
The passing gods and all the ways of men forgotten
So may I know
Even in that death that comes to everything,
The swiftly silent swish of hurrying snow,
The lash of rain, the savage howling
Of stags, the bitter keen knife-edge embrace
Of the rushing wind, and still the tremulous dawn
Will touch the eyelids sockets of my face
And I shall see the sunset and anon
Shall know the velvet kindness of the night
And see the stars.
—By Hugh Barrie.

Canada Troubled By Gain in Divorces

At Least 2,000 Were Granted Last Year, Many of Them in U.S. Courts

Ottawa.—Canada's Parliament, engaged now in considering such matters as national trade and commerce, the operation of railroads and diplomatic representation at Paris and Tokio, also must deal with more than 200 divorce cases at the present session. This is because there are no divorce courts in Ontario and Quebec, and applications arising in those Provinces come to Parliament itself, each in the form of a private bill which costs the applicant from a few dollars to many thousands, according to the evidence it is necessary to produce. No decree is issued unless unfaithfulness is proved. Evidence is heard in private by a committee of the Senate, which makes its representation, and the approval of both the Senate and the House of Commons is required before a petitioner is granted freedom.

The other seven Provinces have their divorce courts, and periodical attempts have been made to establish in Ontario the necessary judicial machinery for the severance of marital bonds, but without success. The large Quebec Catholic representation in Parliament which opposes divorce on principle makes it improbable that there will ever be a divorce court in the Province and provides a serious stumbling block for attempts to provide Ontario with more adequate facilities. Those who advocate the establishment of such a tribunal in Ontario are able to quote statistics to prove its necessity. At this time, for instance, 210 petitions for divorce are before Parliament, and 157 of them are from Ontario—116 from the city of Toronto. Quebec's quota is but 23, which reflects the power and influence of the Catholic Church in that large province.

MISTAKES MOTHERS MAKE IN CARE OF LITTLE ONES

Many mothers give their children solid foods at too early an age and say proudly that their babies "eat everything that grown up people do." Such a course is almost certain to bring on indigestion and lay the foundation of much ill-health for the little one.

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