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THE SITUATION IN THE BALKANS MAY LEAD TO A GENERAL EUROPEAN WAR.



Street scene in Monastir.



Sir Edward Grey - England's Foreign Minister

A Band of Macedonians on the March



Macedonians bringing in Horses for Military Purposes



London, Feb. 29. The situation in the Balkans at the present moment is one of grave danger to the peace of Europe.

The question of the building of the Sandjak railway line by Austria, a scheme to which France and Russia are bitterly opposed, has developed into an important international affair.

In St. Petersburg especially it is much resented.

The publication of the German ambassador's proposal to postpone the joint note to Austria, and the emphasis laid by Baron Von Aehrenthal on Austria's friendship for Germany have had the effect of pouring oil on the flames of the political fire in the Russian capital.

The journal concludes with the affirmation that Turkey may have added Macedonia to Austria, but the slaves will take heed that the war is never delivered.

The first secretary of the Austrian embassy assured Russian pressmen today that Austria had a perfect right to obtain a concession for the Mitrovitz railway without the cognizance of Russia.

Advices from Vienna indicate that the utterances of the Russian press against the Austro-Hungarian railway project in the Sandjak of Mitrovitz, and especially the attacks of the Paris press, form the chief subject of discussion here.

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The campaign in the French press against the plan which fails to touch in any manner French interests, and does not disturb the relations between our monarchy and Russia, gives the impression of an intrigue. It appears that the Chauvinistic party in Russia is again moving, and has won over part of the French press as its allies.

It is also semi-officially stated in Vienna that a commission composed of six European and Turkish engineers will soon arrive at Mitrovitz to commence the preparatory work for the railway. It must, therefore, be recognized that the Austro-Hungarian government is determined upon the realization of its plans, even at the risk of seeing the Balkan agreement with Russia collapse.

It appears that the Russian government has also just demanded a concession from the Sultan for building a railway from the Danube to the Adriatic. This line is intended to run from the Serbian coast to the Montenegrin coast at Antivari or Dubligno, on the Adriatic. Some of the papers state that this Russian project will strangle the Sandjak line by diverting to the southwest the traffic for which Austria is striving.

In this fight Germany is behind Austria, and will give her every aid in return for Austria's friendship during the conference on Morocco.

In the House of Commons on Wednesday night Sir Edward Grey, secretary of foreign affairs, gave what was practically a warning of trouble ahead in the Balkans.

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The one bright spot in the situation is that the powers display less readiness than formerly to minimize the dangers of the Macedonian question.

With regard to the Austrian project for building a branch railroad line through Turkish territory to connect Vienna with Salonica, the treaty of Berlin gives Austria the right to occupy and build such a road, and it is therefore, in an exaggeration to say that the concert of Europe has been permanently broken because Austria wishes to take advantage of her rights.

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ANNA CHANCE.

With Charley Grapevine, in "The Awakening of Mr. Pipp," at the Grand, on Wednesday, March 11th.

DOING IN STAGELAND

ABOUT PLAYS, PLAYERS AND PLAYHOUSES.

Ben Greet's New Plays—New Play By J. M. Barrie—Margaret Anglin to Rejoin Henry Miller.

Plans are under way for Lillian Russell to go to London for a singing and summer engagement in "Wildfire," seen here recently.

Charles Frohman has arranged with Seymour Hicks and Edaline Terriss to visit America next season in the musical play, "The Gay Gordons."

A report that Viola Tree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Beerbaum Tree, is engaged to marry the young Marquis of Granby, was denied by Mrs. Tree last week.

Margaret Anglin is to rejoin Henry Miller in "The Great Divide," in two weeks, and remain with this play until shortly before the time of her sailing for Australia.

Sarah Bernhardt is now rehearsing a new Faust drama by Henry Bataille, and also has on hand another Faust play by Edmond Rostand, ordered some years ago.

Henry Arthur Jones is at work on a new comedy for Charles Frohman. Mr. Frohman will produce the new play at the Hudson theatre, New York, on August 28th.

Guy Standing and Theodore Roberts will continue together as co-stars next season, with a new play to replace "The Right of Way," which had its premiere in Montreal last autumn.

Iola Conquest, seen here a few seasons ago, has been engaged by Lieber and company as leading woman, with Walker Whiteside in "The Beloved Vagabond," opening in Cincinnati this week.

It is on the cards that Virginia Earle, who was in the first week's bill of Bennett's theatre last summer, is to be married very shortly and retire from the stage. All her stage wardrobe was sold at auction last week.

The scene of new musical comedy by Paul Rubens and Austin Hurgon, authors of "Miss Hook of Holland," is laid in the Land of the Midnight Sun. "Miss Hook of Holland" this month celebrated its 400th performance in London.

Edith Wynne Mattison will make her first appearance as a star in this country in about three weeks, appearing first in "The Servant in the House," a comedy. George Dalton, Tyrone Power and Walter Hampden will be prominent in her support.

Grace Van Studsdorf has fifteen more weeks of vaudeville to play, making a continuous season of forty-two weeks. At the end of the season she will go to her farm, near St. Louis for a long rest preparatory to beginning rehearsals as the star of a new opera by Smith and De Koven, that will be produced next season.

The long promised new play by J.

M. Barrie is said to be rapidly nearing its final form. America may see its first performance before England, as it will probably be first entrusted to the greatest living interpreter of Barrie plays—Maxwell Anderson.

Charles Frohman recently presented for the first time in America the comedy "Toddles," adapted by Clyde Fitch from the French play having been produced in Paris under the name "Triplepatte," and in London for a long run. As adapted by Mr. Fitch, the story of "Toddles" is a satire, showing the uselessness to society of the "idle rich," the vulgarity of title hunting, and the meanness and viciousness of the marriage of convenience.

Ben Greet has recently added to his repertoire of his company dramatic tales of several of the tales in Hawthorne's "Wonder Book." These include "The Mysterious Box," "The Golden Touch," and "The Miraculous Pitcher," all of which have been received with great favor, especially by the children for whose benefit they are chiefly intended. In Boston, this week, they have attracted overflowing audiences. Mr. Greet's list of comedies this season, includes "The Stoops to Conquer," "The School for Scandal," "The Jealous Wife" and "The Critic." In the Spring he proposes to give "Comus," with Laves music to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Milton. Mr. Greet is a jealous and intelligent laborer in the cause of rational entertainment, and it is pleasant to know that he will be in Canada again before long.

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WILD HUNT FOR HUSBANDS.

Chicago Women Organize Clubs to Help Cupid.

Chicago, March 7.—All over the town, husband catching clubs are being organized. This new soul-mating is done in the open, no mail order business being tolerated.

There is even to be a ban on love letters. Mrs. Kate Buhl, a young widow, is the originator of the new idea. While it is a widows' club, yet it is not. Bachelors, old maids and young maids are as welcome as the widows.

Any unmarried man or woman of good reputation and references can join upon payment of the initiation fee—\$1, women 25c. Clubs would be Mrs. Buhl's flat, with piano and plush upholstered furniture, is to be the Mecca of the mate-seekers.

A preacher living only three doors away has volunteered his services and makes a specialty of emergency cases.

A series of fines will add to the exchequer. Men caught courting two girls, \$5 fine; any woman declining a proposal, \$2.50; man or woman misrepresenting age, color of hair, complexion or financial standing, \$2.50; man caught wearing a wig, \$10.

"Why did I organize the club?" said Mrs. Buhl. "Well, for two reasons, I have a big flat here, with lots of furniture and think it will be, possibly, a means of revenue, and to be sure, I hope to find a husband. I know lots of women in the same predicament as I am, who have a number of meeting eligible men in a social way."

Premature Burial.

Boston Journal. The Massachusetts bill for the prevention of premature burial or "entombment," as the short term puts its purpose, which is said to have the support of two members of the United States supreme court, provides that in every case of apparent death of a human being eleven specified tests for the discovery of life shall be applied to the body before preparations for burial are begun. The tests would be made by two physicians in person, one of them representing the board of health, and the cost of the services would be borne by the town or city in which the death occurred.

This bill has provoked much discussion in Massachusetts, and a substantial sentiment in its favor exists among physicians and surgeons. The possibility of premature burial is recognized as a real danger, and authenticated instances of it are on record in sufficient number to operate powerfully on the popular imagination.

Sixpence An Inch. Melbourne Argus. A lanky countryman from the mines came into the Argus office. "My old guy's dead and I should like a bit of posty or sumthink put in the paper about him."

"All right," says the clerk, "hand it over."

"Can't you fix sumthink up for me?" asks the miser. "He was a right good chap."

"Oh, yes," replies the clerk, "we'll manage that for you; our charge for 'In Memoriam' notices is six-pence an inch."

"Oh, thunder!" exclaimed the mourner. "I can't stand that; my guy was over six feet!"

Good For A Nickel.

Louisville Courier-Journal. "Now, Tommy," said Mrs. Bull, "I want you to be good while I run out."

"I'll be good for a nickel," replied Tommy.

"Tommy," she said, "I want you to remember that you cannot be too good unless you are good for nothing."

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