

The League Shows Its Teeth

(Literary Digest)

"International Disorderly Conduct," to quote an Eastern editor, is the verdict of the League of Nations special inquiry commission against Greece as a result of the recent Greco-Bulgarian border "war." But this is not all; Greece must pay a fine of \$146,000 for material losses and damages suffered by Bulgarian civilians, and an additional indemnity of \$73,000 to the Bulgarian Government. Here, several papers remind us, we have first the prompt action of the League in stopping a border strife which might eventually have cost thousands of lives; the dispatch of a commission to fix the responsibility and devise means to prevent similar outbreaks in future, and—most amazing of all—the acceptance by both Greece and Bulgaria of the League's decision. As a result, says Edwin L. James, Paris correspondent of the New York Times, "the prestige of the League now stands at the highest mark in its existence," and the Boston Herald agrees that the Geneva body "gains in prestige through its prompt action in stamping out a little Balkan fire and ordering the incendiary to pay reparations." "But it also proposes measures to make future collisions remote," notes the New York World. As these are described by Mr. James in one of his dispatches: "After considering the political circumstances in the conflict, the commission expresses the view that the two countries must get rid of two causes of discontent. First, the carrying out of the convention concerning a voluntary exchange of the Greco-Bulgarian populations should be hastened. Second, the Greek Government should compensate Bulgarians of Greek origin whose property has been disposed of to refugees from Asia Minor, because, although these people have the right under the minorities treaties to return to Greece, Greece is no longer able to receive them."

There is good reason for Europe to rejoice in the League's findings, agrees the Boston Globe. But—"The real lesson from this quarrel will be lost if the matter is allowed to rest here. It has not been settled. The causes have not been removed. Until they are, the Balkans are faced by innumerable threats of uproar. The way to remove them is to summon a conference of all parties and proceed along the lines laid down at Locarno."

In other editorials, however, we find League enthusiasm conspicuous by its absence. "France is engaged in two wars—one in Syria and the other in Morocco—either of which is ten times as important as the Balkan incident," points out the Philadelphia Public Ledger. "England, involved in a dispute with Turkey over Mosul, allows it to be distinctly understood that war will follow a decision against her." If these problems had been placed in the League's hands for solution, this paper remarks, the words of the French and British foreign ministers as to the League's prestige would have more weight. "Has the League's action in the Balkan case furnished a real test of its power?" asks the Minneapolis Journal, and it goes on: "We think not. The League, in this instance, was fairly certain of the sincere backing of all its powerful members. The real test of the League of Nations, and of the Locarno pacts, too, will come when a dispute arises between two really great Powers."

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"Now, bunny boy," exclaimed the old gentleman rabbit, "I'm thinking we should take a ride in the Snowmobile."

"Hurrah!" shouted the bunny boy, delighted at the suggestion. You see, the wheels of the Luckymobile had been replaced with four little red sleds for the winter. Wheels don't go so well in snow, especially in Rabbitland where the winters are long and the snow deep.

"Put on your fur cap and mittens, while I slip on my big overcoat," advised dear, careful Uncle Lucky. "Jack Frost shan't nip our toes, nor your little pink nose," and with a happy laugh Uncle Lucky hopped out to the hall and into his coat in less than a jiffy. Then telling Little Miss Mouse that they were going for a sleigh ride, he and the little rabbit hopped out to the garage.

"Tuck the buffalo robe about us," said the old gentleman bunny boy, as the old Red Rooster looked out of the barn. "It's a cold day. But, thanks to Mr. Merry Sun, it's pleasant." Then giving the horn a honk or two away the good swift Snowmobile flew. Beg pardon, I should have said "glided," for it couldn't fly, although it often went as fast as an airship.

Down Lettuce Avenue went the two happy bunnies, and as they passed the kind Policeman Dog at Lettuce Square Uncle Lucky waved his paw. Nice old gentleman rabbit, isn't he? Always polite and cheery. That's the way to be, Little Reader.

"I think maybe we'll have an adventure," after a while said the old gentleman rabbit. "But I hope it will be a pleasant one. At any rate, Danny Fox is in jail, where he ought to be. That's one comfort. However, Mr. Wicked Wolf might be prowling about. We'll keep a sharp lookout."

By and by, after a while and a bump and a smile, and more than a mile, they reached the bridge that spanned the River Slippi between Rabbitville and Bunnybridge. Of course it now was frozen over. Indeed, the Snowmobile could have glided over the ice perfectly safely but careful

menacing to dig away the snow with his fore foot. But no answer came to the old bear's ears, although he bent over to listen. "Dear, Oh dear," he cried, "I'm sure I saw the snowmobile. Poor Uncle Lucky!" And in the next story you shall hear what happened after that.



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NOT A SINGLE BRITISH APPLICANT.

Speaking at a Royal Society of Arts lecture on "The Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad," Sir Edward Dawson, whose family has for generations been associated with the produce industries of British Guiana, told of his efforts to find a man of about 30 to fill a post on his firm's sugar estates. The commencing salary was £800 a year, and the post had good prospects.

To his great disappointment he had not a single application from a British subject who could fulfil the conditions, while from the United States he had numerous applications from men with the necessary qualifications.

Professor H. E. Armstrong, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry, City and Guilds College, South Kensington, said that Britain's tropical Empire had been won by young men of courage and individuality, and the present system of education, with its too great dependence on examinations, was educating all the courage and individuality out of the younger generation.

Vitamine "A" is Caught in Japan

RESEARCHES OF BIO-CHEMISTS
RESULT IN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Work on vitamins, the mysterious substances which seem indispensable to healthy growth in animals and man, has assumed an entirely new and remarkable aspect if the claims put forward by four Japanese bio-chemists are substantiated.

Some of the best scientific brains in all countries have during the last years been intensively occupied with the study of vitamins, the detection of their presence or absence in food-stuffs, and the consequent effect of diets rich or deficient in them on human and animal organisms. Several of these vitamins have already been located, but until now they had not been obtainable in a pure state from the substances containing them.

It is known, even to the lay public, that cod-liver oil contains two vitamins, "A" and "D," in large amounts. Vitamine "D" it has recently been established here and in America, is replaceable by ultra-violet light. Absence of this vitamin or of sufficient light, or of both, causes rickets. The absence of vitamine "A" causes a certain eye disease in infants, which may lead to blindness, and increases the susceptibility of all beings to many diseases.

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The eye disease caused by the want of vitamine "A" is particularly prevalent in Japan. It can therefore be appreciated how important to that country is the work which has been done at the Tokyo Institute of Physical and Chemical Research, and which has led to the isolation of this vitamine from cod-liver oil, and also from green leaves. The team which

carried out the researches consisted of Messrs. K. Takahashi, Z. Nakamiya, H. Kawakami, and T. Kitasato.

The discoverers of the substance have named it "Blosterin," because it is absolutely essential to life, and has the chemical properties of a group of waxes known as sterols. It is a reddish yellow oil, of which one pound was obtained by various chemical methods from two tons of cod-liver oil. It is also present in spinach and other vegetable matter, and, on submitting dried green leaves to an appropriate process, another half-ounce of it was obtained.

Effects of Too Much Vitamine. It will be seen that the amount of blosterin thus isolated comes to 14,000th part of the cod-liver oil used. But, although this quantity is not great, blosterin, like all vitamins, is only needed in human and animal food in minute traces. From experiments on rats it was possible to determine that a rat requires less than 1,200th of a milligram of blosterin daily to keep in health, or one-millionth of its daily food ration. The same proportionate quantity for a human being would work out at about one-quarter of a gramme per year, or less than an ounce in a whole life-time. It will be easily apprehended, therefore, that a pound of it would go a long way.

Too much of this vitamine in the rat's diet had disastrous effects on its health. When two thousand times the minimum ration was given, the animal died, after developing marked symptoms, such as baldness, eye trouble, emaciation and, finally paralysis of the hind limbs. It may very well follow, therefore, that just as a deficiency of vitamins leads to disease in human beings, other ailments may be due to an excess of them in the diet.

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