Amusements

LONDON. July 26.—The men who pursues him to the portals of the shape the destinies of the British Em- | chamber with cries of: "What price pire are not thinking much about the empire, or about civil war in Ulster. or the curates who will be reduced to selling mechanical jumping mice in the Strand, when the moneys of the church in Wales are utilized for building museums and public washhouses. The great, overwhelming, and absorbing problem is when this session is going to end. Mr. Asquith, rosy and debonair, wants it to end on Aug. 15. The quidnuncs say it cannot be done.

Leicester has received as much advertisement during the last few weeks as a fashicnable spa. A doctor has only to write that the waters of Leicester are a cure for lumbago, sciatica, dizziness, and general debility for its

MacDonald's Move.

Some people believe that Mr. Hewart would never have been returned if if had not beer for the cultured and sterling "independent" Socialist, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald giving it forth that if the democrats who love him. that if the democrats, who love him did not forsake the Socialist candidate and vote for the Liberal candidate, he would have nothing more to do with them, You see that Mr. MacDonald is dependent on the Liberal vote of Leicester for his own return, and, being a shrewd Scot he is not going to kick away the ladder on which he stood. A charming little gentleman who makes socks at Leicester. Sir Maurice Levy, did a noble thing by Maurice Levy, did a noble thing by telephoning that Ramsay would remove the light of his countenance from that excellent town if the Socialists did not chuck the Socialist and vote Liberal. They did. Hence Mr. Hewart. Then when it was all over, Mr. MacDonald, who had been tongue-tied, suddenly broke loose and denounced as a lie that Sir Maurice had any authority for

crats of Leicester had not feared the frown of their darling Ramsay. So, Lord Wolmer, heir of the Earl of Selborne, son of the Countess of Sel-borne, daughter of the late Marquis of Salisbury, shocked to the marrow at the untruths which fog the air at election times, boldly stood up in the house of commons to introduce a bill providing that it should be a corrupt practice for anyone to tell a deliberate lie for the purpose of effecting the return of any candidate. All men felt there had been some lying at Leicester; but by whom they were too courteous

even to guess. house echoed with salvos of mirth when this pale, but self-possessed youth of the anstocracy propounded democracy would be impossible if eleventh-hour lies were allowed to interfere with the honest verdict of

Opposition To Bill.

A convulsive roat of hilarit ysound-ed when Sir Maurice Levy sprang to "It's non-political," said Major Henhis feet with the announcement that he opposed the bill. At first this was interpreted that he was going to defend the eleventh hour lie. Not at all Like.

The Speaker: "It seems quite ungetting the necessary funds to mobilize the eleventh-hour lie. Not at all. Like all good Liberals, he hates lies. One could see that his soul was bubbling with passionate desire to cast into dark dungeons all politicians who departed one hair's breadth from strict fact. The joy of his life would have been to support what he called a comparative corrupt practice hill but he prehensive corrupt practice bill, but he was not going to help Lord Wolmer, whom he, innocent man, suspected of insincerity. Members, bent on funyelled indignantly at such an aspersion on the nephew of Lord Hugh Cecil ion on the nephew of Lord Hugh Cecil. He bange i at Lord Wolmer for having made a vuigar taunt about a "forged telegram," when Sir Maurice was introducing the choice of Leicester to the house last Monday. Lord Wolmer stretched his hands to the speaker for guardianship from such insult. The guardianship from such insult. The speaker knocked Lord Wolmer back by saying it was not for nim to complain. Sir Maurice Levy, ever gallant, attempted a sneer at Lady Selborne, but before he could throw the shaft it was knocked off his hand.

Just a Joke.

Now the bill, to make election lies a legal offence, was a joke intended to tickle Sir Maurice Levy and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald into a kind of parliamentary cockfight. Liberals, of course, were virtuous, and, therefore,

course were virtuous, and therefore, very resentful at the conduct of the young lord. They, the Labor men, and the Nationalists, could have kicked it on one side by soing into the lobby against the bill. But wretched Tory spouters and hireling Tory scribes would, therefore, have informed the world that the Liberals were favorable to lying at election times. They able to lying at election times. They had to face this, or be parties to the introduction of Lord Wolmer's bill. They were parties. They were as glum as old glue when Lord Wolmer with the stride of a grenadier, marched with his bill to the table. The Unionists laughed till their eyes were full of tears. Sir Maurice Levy and Ramsay MacDonald—ah, what woebegone, drop-in-the-sharemarket countenances they had!

Poor Ramsay MacDonald! There is not a back-bench Unionist. does not make fun of him. He has talked so much about his "independence." a word which he must most cordially hate, that a new meaning has been given to the word. The other night we had another glimpse of Labor party "independence." We are going to have two new judges of appeal, Mr. Martin, the native of British Columbia. British Columbia, who represents St. Pancras, led the revolt of money-saving Liberals against £12,000 a being spent on these two new judges. They said £10,000 a year was quite enough, and the Labor men, just to show they were not bossed by the government, voted with the revolters. They were defeated. They knew they would be defeated. The government then proposed that the sum should be £12,000. The revolters, staunen to their principles, intended to vote against this sum. The Unionists decided to vote against it, ciso. A cold shiver ran thru the Labor ranks. Tories, Labor men, and Liberal revolters combined might "down" the government. The prospect was black tragedy. So the Labor men set their lips and voted for £12,000. Poor Mr. Ramsay MacDonald! How pained he must be when Mr. Stanley Wilson

your independence?

to do at present in providing young-sters with more education, he has been given charge of the plural voting Several evenings during the week have been spent on the committee stage of this measure. The committee stage, as is known, is when line by line is taken to see if any improvements can be made. It is alfriendliest way, said, of course, honorable gentlemen opposite could propose what amendments they like, but the government did not intend to accept any. Parliamentarians were well aware that this attitude was taken up to avoid what is called the re-port stage—that is, when various alterations have been concluded, a last look round to see that everything is all right. When no amendments have been introduced in committee, no report stage is considered necessary Thus a day would be saved, and the holidays would begin earlier.

But, bless your soul! Mr. Pease is a well-intentioned man. He did what no Liberal minister ought to allow himself to do. He was influenced opposition arguments. He accepted an amendment. Then he said there was a good deal in some other suggestion, and he would carefully about it. This was too much for Lib-eral back-benchers. Led by Sir Henry Dalziel, they rose and trounced unfortunate Jack Pease truckling to the opposition. They in-timated that if he made any more sending any such communications sending any such communication. Sir Maurice retaliated by Leicester. Sir Maurice retaliated by Leicester. Sir Maurice retaliated by saying he was informed by the Labor whip knew what was going to be done with them to keep calm; all would be right, for no concessions would be that it was quite unofficial, mere gosting, and that he is a grossly injured sip, and that he is a grossly injured man.

Hewart is now M. P. Hewart is now M. P. There were altogether 25 divisions, which means that over 25 divisions, which means that over four of the seventeen and a half hours of the all-night sitting (which ended a few minutes before 8 o'clock on Thursday morning) were spent in walking the division lobbles. Altogether some 300 members saw the sit-

Three for Slaughter.

disendowment bill, and the plural voting bill, and in three nights, with three blows, that august assembly will knock them out of the ring for this session.

the treasury, by the speaker during a discussion on Thursday evening, on a point of the Insurance Act. Mr. Masterman condemned the action of interfere with the honest verdict of the electorate without dire and drastic punishment being inflicted. Sir Maurice Levy did not laugh. Mr. Ramsay MacDona'd did not laugh. They seemed to have some idea that the noble lord was "getting at them." Everybody eise laughed till he quivered.

Tory organization," he was met with said to be such follows the Berkshire Farmers' League, which took up an attitude hostile to the act, which took angry protests and requests to "with-

necessary to drag in a party reference. The hon gentleman (Major Henderson) who spoke first did not bring in the question of party."
Loud cries of "Withdraw."

I will gladly withdraw; but I think it is largely a question of politics."

The Speaker (sharply): "The right hon. gentleman made a most provocative statement, considering the very moderate speech addressed to him. It

opposition cheers.
There were renewed cries of "Withdraw!" but Mr. Masterman said doggedly: "I was not asked to withdraw, and I shall not withdraw. If the

was not unparliamentary, and there-fore he could not ask him to with-

Denmark has passed a widow's

Plural Voting.

Everybody likes Mr. J. A. Pease—familiarly known as Jack Pease—minister of education. As he has nothing bill, the purpose of which, he admits, is to deprive Tories who happen to possess property of the right to vote in more than one constituency. ways the opposition which suggests mprovements. Mr. Pease, in the

Later on the house of lords will eceive the home rule bill, the Welsh

A sharp rebuke was administered to Mr. Masterman, financial secretary to

The Speaker: "It seems quite un- getting the necessary funds to mobilize Mr. Masterman: "If you think, Mr. Speaker, that I am out of order,

was out of order, and quite unneces-

speaker requests me to withdraw, I will do so.

The speaker said the expression

pension law.

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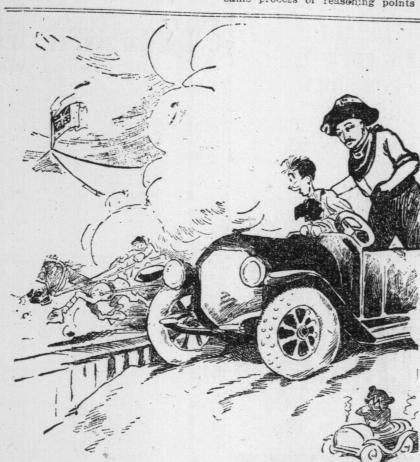
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Tory organization," he was met with garia, Servia and Greece, in the death grapple for the territory wrested from the fast waning power of Turkey, in against Bulgaria. Where is Roumania an army of 500.000 men to throw into the field to aid the Serbs and Greeks against the Bulgars? It is obvious that these nations are not rich enough to carry on such a conflict, especially since each is already heavily in debt as a result of the war with Turkey. Back of all this confusion and bloodshed in the propulsions are shed in the mountainous regions of south-eastern Europe stand Russia and Austria.

The annual revenue of Bulgaria is scarcely \$38,000,000 a year, and her subjects are taxed to the utmost to raise even this small amount, small as national incomes go. Yet Bulgaria has a fighting force of 300.000 men in has a fighting force of 300.000 men in the field. Greece and Servia are in the same position as Bulgaria. These men must be supplied with food arms, ammunition and the thousand and one things necessary to a fighting force. While the male populace is fighting in the field, agricultural and industrial conditions maturally suffer. History al conditions naturally suffer. History shows that war is the costliest proposi-tion in which any nation can engage. How then can these nations whose aggregate incomes total less than \$150,-000,000 a year, be carrying on a con-flict which will cost that much in a couple of months, after the tremendous expenditures incurred in fighting Turkey? Cold reason shows that powers are furnishing the Balkan na-tions with the sinews of war, and the same process of reasoning points to



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Russia and Austria as those outside The Players,

The Balkan nations are merely counters on the checkerboard at which Rus sia and Austria are playing a game of gigantic proportion. The constant fear of Austria is a growing Slavic power on her eastern frontier. Servia and her allies are Slavs, closely related to Russia. Austria, then would go to an extreme to keep Servia and her sister nations from annexing more territory or spreading their influence in the

On the other hand Russia feels that she must have a seaport free from ice during the entire year. By the Slavic control of the Balkan sea coast Russia would get what she wishes. These two ambitions, conflicting as they do, form the basis on which rests Austria's aid of Bulgaria, and Russia's assistance to the Greeks and

The harrible massacre of Bulgaria Christians by the Turks in 1853 gave Russia an opening to attack Turkey. England saw that the Russian control of Constantinople and the mouth of the Black Sea would give the Russians command over the sea route to India. With a Russian fleet in the Mediterranean and an army on the Indian frontier, it would have been but a short step for the czar to terminate British rule in India. As India was a profitable source of revenue, England joined the Turks in an effort to repulse the Russians. With the aid of France and England, the Turks finally triumphed, and the Treaty of Paris in 1856 brought

the Crimean War to a close.

Bulgaria, the bone of contention over which the war began, was made principality under the suzeranity of the sultan. The diplomatic hand of Austria was seen when the Bulgarian as-sembly chose Ferdinand, a second-lleutenant in the Austrian army as

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of affairs bringing bitterness to the Russian heart. Ferdinand realized that the tuture safety of his little that the future safety of his little kingdom lay in absolute friendliness to all the powers, and to appease the rising wrath of Russia he had his son and heir baptised in the Greek Orthodox church with the Greek Ortho church, with the czar as godfather. For a time peace reigned in the Bal-

Trace Understanding. It is comparatively easy to trace an intimate understanding between Ferdinand and Austria when it is re-membered that at the very time Austria annexed the principalities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, both vassals of Turkey, Bulgaria threw off the Turk-ish yoke and became an independent

showed that a strong friend-ship, if not closer relations, existed between Bulgaria and Austria: Russia, to further her interests in the Balkans, turned to Servia, a Slavic nation like herself. With the formation of the Triple Alliance, composed of Germany, Italy and Austria, and the model of Germany is a superscript of the Triple Alliance. Triple Entente, in which England, France and Russia are joined, the keeping of peace in Europe was given into the hands of these six nations.

When necessity joined the Serbs,

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Bulgars, Greeks and the Montenegrin together in a common cause against the Turks, there was nothing for Austria and Russia to do but await developments. It was predicted that eace would once more settle over th Balkans when Turkey succumbed the combined forces of her opponents. It was said that the Balkan countries, already burdened with tremendous war debts, could not afford another conflict. These predictions were probably made without taking into account Russia and Austria, who saw in the division of the territory taken from Turkey an excellent chance to

Montenegro, forced by the powers to give up Scutari, which it had cap-tured, withdrew from the embroilment discouraged. Undoubtedly Austria furnished the funds with which Bulgaria was able to recuperate he fighting force and attack the Greeks. who were in possession of Salonica Undoubtedly Russia extended suffi cient credit to Servia and Greece to resist the Bulgars. It is practically certain that Russian diplomacy and Russian money are backing the Rou-

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At present diplomatic Europe is wondering where the struggle will end. Should Russia and Austria launch themselves at each other throats at the decisive moment, wil each other's it drag all Europe into the conflict?
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