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### The World.

The latest advices, as we are preparing for press, are that a large force of Servians, with King Milan at their head, have crossed the Bulgarian frontier from Nissa, and that a detachment of the Turkish army is ordered to march in the direction of Nissa. Thus a conflict is imminent, and in affairs connected with the Eastern question, the beginning of strife is like tapping the embankment of a reservoir. The ostensible ground of Serbia's movement is alleged inroads into her territory by Bulgarian brigands. The real motive, no doubt, is the desire to turn the Roumelian revolution to some practical account for Serbia. It may be that the efforts of the diplomatists will yet be successful in averting a struggle, but the war cloud is ominously dark just now. The situation is complicated by the uncertainty in regard to the designs and intentions of the great powers most intimately related to the disturbed principalities. No one can tell just what course even Turkey will take, much less Austria and Russia.

Most of those who enjoy the blessings of freedom will sympathise with the impulse which has brought about the Roume-

lian movement. So spontaneous a transition on the part of a whole people has few parallels in history. The Roumelians seem to have been literally all of one mind, and the transfer of authority was effected without a blow. The fact itself is the best justification of the change. On the other hand it would seem that Turkey really loses nothing, save perhaps a little prestige. The eastern part of Bulgaria, under the name of Roumelia, was placed nominally under Turkish suzerainty by the Treaty of Berlin, but the arrangement seems to have carried little or no practical supremacy with it. The Sultan of Turkey, we are told, could not appoint a Mussulman Governor of Eastern Roumelia, nor could he levy tribute or recruit his army in that province. If, as seems probable, united Bulgaria is willing still to recognize the nominal suzerainty of the Sultan, not even prestige need be lost. Still, in spite of great national decadence, the Moslem spirit is intensely haughty and warlike, and it is quite possible that the Porte may choose to risk the issues of a great conflict rather than meekly submit to have even her nominal authority set at naught.

The struggle between the civil authorities and Mormonism is still being carried on vigorously in Utah. One of the most important trials yet held was that which resulted in the sentencing of Bishop Clawson to a term of imprisonment for polygamy. The Bishop eloquently pleaded that after having lived in his present marriage relations for over thirty years he should not be now asked to renounce those ties which he believed, and still believes, to be right and to inure to his benefit in the life to come. But the court was inexorable, Judge Zane replying that polygamy was as unlawful thirty years ago, when the Bishop entered into those polygamous relations, as it is now, and that Bishop Clawson, like every other citizen, was bound to know the law and respect it. Meanwhile it is said that the importation of Mormon converts from Europe is being vigorously carried on, and that the number thus brought in far exceeds the number of converts from Mormonism by all the Protestant missions put together.

### The School.

It was once said by a great and good man. "He that makes a little child happier for a single hour is a co-worker with God." What abundant opportunities are enjoyed by the public school teacher of earning this great distinction!

The West Bruce Teachers' Association holds its Autumn meeting in Kincardine on the 22nd and 23rd inst. Durham Teachers' Association holds its half-yearly meeting at Port Hope on the 23rd and 24th inst., and that of North York at Newmarket on the 29th and 30th inst. All publish full programmes.