

THE ACADIAN.

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Editorial Notes.

The war spirit which has long been smouldering in Europe has taken definite shape. Following the declaration of Austria-Hungary against Serbia, Germany has declared war on Russia and France, and has summarily rejected the request made by the British government that the neutrality of Belgium should be respected. Having done all in its power to prevent a European conflict the British government has declared to Germany that a state of war exists between the two countries from 11 o'clock p. m. on August 4th. The war which is now actually in progress will be the most gigantic struggle in the history of the world, and comes home to the people of Canada with unusual interest. One cannot but be agast at the immensity of the struggle and its consequent horrors and its destruction of life and property. Upon Germany rests the responsibility and it should meet with disaster, as she seems very likely to do, there will not be many tears shed.

We understand that Messrs. Panet and White, of the Militia Department, will likely be in Kings county to distribute cheques to the Penton Raid veterans at the end of next week. THE ACADIAN has endeavored to get some authentic information for its readers, but has not been able. We understand the Commission will meet at Kentville and likely at Aylsford, and that it will be necessary for veterans of their legal representatives to present themselves to the commission to receive the cheques. The cheques which the veterans will receive are all payable at par at any chartered bank in Canada.

On the first page of THE ACADIAN this week will be found an article from the Weekly Witness, of Montreal, on the dismissal of Mr. E. M. Beckwith, which will be of interest to our readers. The writer is in error in saying that the finding of the magistrate in the case referred to was reversed. The conviction was quashed on the strength of the affidavits referred to.

'War Is Hell.'

The American general who said 'war is hell' coined the best three-word description of man-killing that the world has known.

In this great country of peace, one is inclined to feel, upon reading the manifestos of kings and emperors, that the world is still full of fanaticism, narrowness and incongruities. The aged Emperor of Austria invokes the Divine blessing on the carnage just begun because of a recent tragic incident in neighboring country, and in itself, a helpless nation. He says:

"In this solemn hour, I am fully conscious of the whole significance of my resolve and my responsibility before the Almighty."

"I trust in Austria-Hungary's brave and devoted forces and in the Almighty to give victory to my arms."

Then the Czar comes along and addressing the students of a naval school says:

"During your service as officers, do not forget what I say to you: Trust in God and have faith in the glory and greatness of our mighty country."

And King Peter is also invoking the aid of the Almighty. Others are to follow.

War is, according to history, ancient and modern, hell let loose. It is a time when the devil and all his legions are in their glory.

There is reason to be grateful and thankful that the statements of British have been doing their best to prevent bloodshed. The action of Sir Edward Grey stands out in bold relief in one of the blackest pictures presented to the gaze of humanity in many years.

Pencilings.

The supply of whales is said to be rapidly diminishing. However, the supply of sharks is just as great as ever.

While Sunday is given as a day of rest a good many spend it in such a way that they have to get their rest during the week instead.

Aristotle described politics as applied honesty, but Aristotle was paganism who knew not of Christianity and the methods of Canadian politicians.

An exchange says that, "owing to the scarcity of good rain midland counties are suffering from drought," which when carefully considered, seems to be a pretty good reason.

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A Nova Scotia boy has received honorable mention in the newspaper for his honesty in returning a sum of money which he found. Soon honesty will become so popular that everybody will be trying it.

One reason why the parcel post business does not grow as fast as it should is that it does not advertise. People do not yet know the uses to which the service can be put, and until they do know, business will not greatly increase. Postmasters are not, like the agents of express companies, actively engaged in working up trade.

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The 'Eastern Question.'

To understand the relations between Russia, Austria and Serbia it is necessary to go back to the period prior to the Russo-Turkish war and the treaty of Berlin, and to consider also the effect of race and religious sympathy upon political affairs.

While Russia had great territorial ambitions and sought to secure an outlet for her fleet in the Mediterranean, she was also interested in the welfare of those peoples of Slavonic origin in the Balkan Peninsula, who were also members of the Orthodox Greek church. The people of Bulgaria, Serbia, Bosnia and some other portions of what was formerly the Turkish Empire in Europe belonged to the Orthodox Church and also claimed a national kinship with the Russian people. In Hungary, on the other hand, the Magyars, who formed the ruling race in that part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, have always been more in sympathy with the Turk than with the Serbian, Bulgarian or Russian. Freeman tells us that the geographical position of the Magyars has been to keep the two great groups of Slavonic nations apart, and to his coming more than to any other cause we may attribute the great historical gap which separates the Slav of the Baltic from his southern kinsfolk in the Balkans.

Russia has never forgiven Austria-Hungary and Germany for their attitude when the treaty of Berlin was formed in 1878, at the close of the Russo-Turkish war. Russia had entered upon this war partly, no doubt, to enlarge her own territory, but also to emancipate Bulgaria and Serbia, and to set up in the Balkans buffer states which would regard Russia as their friend, and whose people were akin to her own in race and religion. After her victorious armies had arrived at the very gates of Constantinople, and were in a position to dictate the terms of peace, the other great powers intervened, and refused to ratify the treaty of San Stefano. By the terms of that treaty Turkey would have been compelled to recognize the independence of Roumania, Serbia, and Montenegro, all of which were to be increased in size, and there was also to be established the autonomous tributary principality of Bulgaria, extending from the Black Sea to Albania, and from the Danube in the north to the Aegean in the south. This would have practically blotted out Turkey as a European power. Bosnia and Herzegovina were to be granted extensive reforms.

England and Austria-Hungary refused to recognize the treaty of San Stefano, and gained the support of Germany, France and Italy. The Congress of Berlin was therefore called, and after a month of deliberations the Treaty of Berlin was signed, modifying and making such changes in the treaty of San Stefano that Russia, while not entirely satisfied, was obliged to accept it. It has never been overcome. Six years later the latter had always opposed her movement toward the Dardanelles, but she did expect something from Austria-Hungary, and much from Germany. We are told that as the congress progressed, and the treatment of the Slav cause at the hands of the Germans and Magyars became more apparent, an intensely angry feeling sprang up in Russia, and so violent became the manifestations of the feeling against Germany and Austria-Hungary that Bismarck deemed it prudent to form an alliance with the latter power. This alliance was joined by Italy three years later.

By the Treaty of Berlin the area of Bulgaria was reduced by more than one-half. Bosnia and Herzegovina were placed under the control of Austria-Hungary, along with the Sanjak of Novi-Bazar, and while Serbia and Montenegro were recognized as independent principalities they only received slight concessions of territory.

There have been many changes in the Balkans since 1878, and Turkey has been shorn of more and more of her power. Austria-Hungary, however, has continued to be jealous of the growing power of Serbia, while the Serbians, perhaps encouraged by their consciousness of Russian sympathy, have been quick to resent any real or fancied grievance. The tension between the two countries has been all the greater because Bosnia and Herzegovina, which were handed over to Austria by the Treaty of Berlin, are inclined to be Serbian in sympathy, as many of the people are in race and religion. Indeed, millions of Austrian subjects are of the Serb race, and Austria's ambition has been to absorb more and more of the territory to the south.

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unfortunate selection of the locality in which it is spent. The term 'vacation typhoid,' coined because of the frequent appearance of this disease amongst those just completing or recently returned from a holiday trip, indicates but one of the dangers to which the summer health seeker is exposed. As the infection of typhoid is most commonly conveyed through water, or milk, or the various products of milk (including ice cream), one cannot be too careful about assuring one's self of the purity of these articles of diet.

One of the pleasantest as well as one of the most rational of holidays is that spent in camping, in a locality where fish and game give a special emphasis to the call of the red god. But the camper must not forget a duty to those whose health may be prejudiced by any carelessness in which he may indulge. Much camping is done on the shores of lakes and streams from which the water supplies of cities and towns are derived. Every care should be taken to prevent the pollution of such waters by any undesirable material.

It is known, for instance, that on an average, four per cent. of those who have had typhoid fever continue to harbor the germs of that disease, and to discharge such germs for a considerable period. A case is recorded of an epidemic of four hundred cases of typhoid which was traced to the infection of milk by a man who had had the disease forty years previously. During all these years he had been a 'carrier' of the infection, and quite probably had been the unwitting cause of infecting many other people. Moreover, numerous instances have been reported of typhoid 'carriers' who were unaware that they ever had typhoid. Such persons doubtless had the disease in so mild a form that it was not recognized.

The typhoid germ escapes from the stool and urine. If such discharges are so placed that drainage from them may find its way to a source of water supply, it can be readily seen that a whole community is thus subjected to infection of typhoid. Campers should therefore use every precaution against so disastrous a hazard to their holiday. Every permanent camp should be provided with a suitable chemical closet, which should receive the most conscientious care.

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