

THE STAR, ST. JOHN N. B. TUESDAY, MAY 11 1909

## PEN PICTURES OF THE CAPITAL OF SERBIA

High above the valley of the Danube looms the crumbling red-brick citadel of Belgrade, a beacon ready to set the Balkan flames. Flanked by the Danube and the Sava, it is thrust into Austria's territory like the toe of an aggressive boot, a challenge to the army that waited so long beyond the Hungarian shore.

Behind this picturesque souvenir of Turkish occupation, lies Belgrade. It is a huddled together on a ridge like a camel's hump with the heart of the town perched on the summit and the by-streets sprawling down to the valleys on either side. It is a capital of lust, modern, yet primitive, full of curious contradictions. Eastern yet Western—a little bit of Paris, a little bit of Calcutta, all blended in a semi-Oriental atmosphere that is likewise a relic of the days of the pashas who held their authority from Constantinople.

You are deposited at a dusty railway station, built amid caspools on the river bank and fortified with strange ordnance, and driven in a decrepit musty pair-horse vehicle—I know not how many agonising journey west of Pald-up steep, crooked streets paved with cobblestones, past one-story cottages that recall the west of Ireland, to the main part of the town.

The arrival fills you with utterable melancholy which increases as the days of Prince Michael, and his first words were of Serbia's misfortune and her demands. His granddaughter, a pretty girl of 15, who is being educated in Paris, dazed me by her intimate knowledge of the now notorious Sandak of Novi-Bar.

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**EXTRANEUS MEET.**

Then the ancient carter swings into a thoroughfare gay with crowded cafes, blinding with electric light, and filled with officers in brilliant uniforms. An orchestra is playing in the restaurants; newsmen are calling the edition of seven daily afternoon papers; French fashions and French talk compass you. You are comforted.

It is in truth the very threshold of the Balkans where the extremes of extremes meet—where Directorate dresses crash from Paris and the picturesque costumes of genial brigands just in from the hills combine in the strange medley. Half the difference between Europe can be heard in one narrow street during a fifteen-minute promenade, intermingled with all the dialects that are current between Constantinople and Trieste.

Belgrade's compact little capital. The stranger who walks down the principal street, past the King's palace, through Kalmegedj Park to the fortress at its tip of the promontory feels inclined to balance himself carefully lest he slip down one side into the Sava or down the other into the Danube.

From the Semlin shore, the citadel, with its massive bastions and elaborate defences crawling up the height, looks very formidable. But it is a venerable fraud. Of the artillery contained there two of the most efficient guns were presented by George III, the then ruler of the Ottoman Empire. So now it is a playground for children, and a headquarters for officers, and the townspeople go there to gaze with pride at the splendid panorama unfolded to their feet. It is the glory of Belgrade, this view from the ramparts, with the yellow Sava sweeping down to meet the Danube, and the Danube itself, groping its way through marsh-land and insular islands towards the sea. So wide, indeed, is the Danube at Belgrade that it is like a broad, silver lake, and the many little villages seen mere groups of whitewashed roofs.

**LAZY LOUNGERS.**

The terrace is always crowded with soldiers and civilians strolling at random along the river, and Kalmegedj Park, just behind, which is no larger than two Bloomsbury squares, always has its quota of loungers of all classes at all times. A welcome breeze sweeps through the budding trees, and the occupants of the iron benches, who are complacently sunning themselves, look as though they did not have a care in the world.

Officers, muffled in military great-coats, despite the scorching heat, pursue their strolls with their children, and schoolboys—you can see them all in the park, doing in the sun, or sipping food drinks at ornamental tables on the brow of the hill, or idly watching the barges and the ferry-boats below.

## MANY DON'T KNOW HEART AFFECTION.

More People than Aware of It Have Heart Disease.

"If examinations were made of every one, people would be surprised at the number of persons walking about suffering from heart disease."

This startling statement was made by a doctor at a recent inquest. "I should not like to say that heart disease is as common as this would imply," said the expert, "but I am sure that the number of persons going about with weak hearts must be very large."

"Hundreds of people go about their daily work on the verge of death, and yet do not know it. It is only when the shock comes that kills them that the unsuspected weakness of the heart is made apparent."

"But undoubtedly heart weakness, not disease, is more prevalent nowadays. I should think that the stress of living, the wear and rush of modern business life, have a lot to do with heart trouble."

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**FLUTTERING OF THE HEART.**

Mrs. G. M. White, Williamsport, N.B., writes: "I was troubled with weak and fluttering of the heart. I was so bad I could scarcely lead my life. I procured a box of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills and they helped me so much I got another box and I have made a final cure. I cannot speak too highly of them. I think they are worth their weight in gold."

This atmosphere of lazy contentment, a semi-Oriental indifference to the worries of every-day life pervades Belgrade. Even the ragged, picturesque, unclean, half-savages, protesting at the street corners, blink and yawn at the passing trams with the profound conviction that nothing matters. The cafes—and Belgrade spends most of its time in cafes—are filled all day long with the same placid, life crowd, smoking, chattering over coffee-cups, or playing draughts.

**MANY POLITICIANS.**

At the height of the war scare all was different. One felt the air charged with electricity, and the prevailing tension was reflected in nearly every face. But when the fever ran its course and Serbia took a turn for the better, the capital slipped back into the same careless, indolent life.

There is one all-absorbing topic—politics. People think of nothing else. The aged choose an undertaker who adheres to their principles; children are born into factions instead of families. The hotel boots will burst into fervid anti-Bulgarian oratory if you so much as whisper an encouraging word. The cabmen, when they are not repairing their cabs, discourse on the Near Eastern question with appalling frenzy.

I was taken to see a pair of chairs yesterday who has participated in many of the stirring events in Serbia since the days of Prince Michael, and his first words were of Serbia's misfortune and her demands. His granddaughter, a pretty girl of 15, who is being educated in Paris, dazed me by her intimate knowledge of the now notorious Sandak of Novi-Bar.

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## RELIEF AND AID SOCIETY'S MEETING

At the annual meeting of the Relief and Aid Society held yesterday afternoon, S. S. Hall was chosen president and the customary reports were adopted without discussion.

The meeting was held in the society's office on Dock street.

Through H. D. Everett, the report of the secretary, Charles A. Everett, was submitted to the meeting. The report was as follows:

St. John, N.B., May 10, 1909.

Your Board of Directors respectfully report that the business of the society has been carried on in the usual manner during the year that has just closed.

Four of those who have been receiving assistance from the society have been called away through death.

During the year we made periodical and special grants. The financial statement is as follows:

Special grants	\$2,917.00
Office rent and expenses	118.78
At the close of the year, May, 1908, we had a balance on hand of	\$15,997.94
Interest earned during the year	868.36
Premium on Bonds sold	146.25
Total	\$17,013.15
Expended during year	\$2,041.78
Leaving a balance of	\$14,971.37

Consisting of:

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## ORPHAN ASYLUM'S ANNUAL MEETING

The reception of the reports and election of directors occupied the business at the annual meeting of the St. John Protestant Orphan Asylum, held in the office of Mayor Bullock yesterday morning. There was a large attendance. T. H. Estabrooks occupied the chair.

The election of the board of directors resulted as follows:

Theo. Estabrooks, Geo. E. Fairweather, H. C. Rankine, W. S. Morrison, M. D., James Manchester, Joseph Allison, C. N. Skinner, J. King Kelley, Hon. Mr. Justice Forbes, Geo. A. Kimball, Struan Robertson, H. Peters, W. S. Fisher, O. H. Warwick and R. G. Haley.

The only change from last year in the election of T. H. Haley to succeed the late T. S. Simms.

## Unsolved Mysteries.



**PROTESTS IN FRANCE AGAINST USELESS NAVY**

Condition in Service far More Grave and Humiliating Than Public Believe

PARIS, May 10.—Every day brings with it pages of protest in the French press against the inadequacy of the French navy.

A parliamentary inquiry is pending at Toulon and Brest, and there is no doubt whatever that the state of the French navy is even worse than it is believed to be. A large proportion of the vessels are faulty in some essential or other. Here is a comparison:

Vessels Fit for Service	15
Cruisers	11
Coastguards	5
Armored cruisers	1
Torpedo boats	17
Submarines	162

The engineer-in-chief of the navy, M. Ferron, said in print not long ago: "We need everything." Admiral Germinet was published some months since for pointing out that the navy had not been properly provisioned with ammunition for fifteen years.

M. Chaurat, one of the commission of inquiry, declares today: "The situation is alarming," and M. Picard, minister of marine, said in the chamber yesterday: "Unless new warships are built our situation will be a humiliating one."

There are dissensions among the men in charge, and during his surprise visit to Cherbourg yesterday, where he arrived yesterday, he did not find the 340 men who should have been on duty in the coastguard force, only 120 were there. There is complete disorganization in the coast defense.

There is complete disorganization in the arsenals.

Six armored cruisers of 18,000 tons are being built. They are not built on a fixed plan, and changes in their construction are constant during the building. The commission of inquiry finds that there have been 180 changes made in the 250 paragraphs of the original order. It stands to reason that warships altered constantly in this manner while they are being built must be defective.

Broadly speaking, the French navy needs money and honest hard work to rectify it. The hospitals are without stores, the arsenals have insufficient ammunition, the guns are not all on the ships, the ships themselves are faulty, and the crews are poorly trained. France to be involved in a war tomorrow her navy would be almost useless.

## FREED FROM THE CHARGE OF KILLING A SEAMAN

DULUTH, Minn., May 11.—F. R. Goodnow, captain of the steamer Berlin, and Fred Reno and Lester Elmer, special police officers, were released last night by a coroner's jury in Superior, Wis. The men were charged with complicity in the killing of James O'Rourke, a union seaman, on board the Berlin, when the latter arrived in port Saturday night with coal.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was that O'Rourke came to his death at the hands of persons unknown.

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The sighting is done in the usual way, and a range finder is used. Should the fire control station in the foretop be disabled the guns can be fired by gun layers, as now. It is understood that the experiments were successful, but they were secret and details cannot be obtained.

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**JAPANESE STUDENTS ACQUIRE STRIKE HABIT**

Leave School After Burning One of the Buildings When Gov't Refuses Their Request.

TOKYO, May 11.—Fifteen hundred students of the Commercial High School today held the last mass meeting at which resolutions were passed declaring they would no longer attend the school. Then they formed a line in front of the building, sang the school song, said farewell, removed their school insignia and at length dispersed.

The trouble in the Commercial High School commenced some time ago when the students petitioned the government to raise it to the rank of a university. The request was not granted, but the Minister of Education sought to effect a compromise by establishing a new commercial course in the college of law at the University of Tokyo. The trouble culminated last week in a fire which nearly destroyed the building. It was suspected that the fire was the work of enraged students.

**M. STOLYPIN WINS, TSAR ENDS CRISIS**

Confirmation of the Sovereign Makes a Law of the Admiralty Staff Bill.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 10.—The emperor last night confirmed the resolution providing for the reorganization of the Russian admiralty staff. The Duma and the Council of the Empire, thus all reason for diplomatic conflict ends. M. Stolypin will remain at his post and the intrigues of the members of the Right in the Duma therefore are unsuccessful. On the contrary they have strengthened the position of the prime minister.

**ONE MAN TO FIRE ALL GUNS**

And Aim Them Too, on Warships—England Trying Admiral Scott's Device.

LONDON, May 11.—The newspapers record the conclusion of the trials of an important invention by Rear Admiral Sir Percy Scott, which, it is stated, will revolutionize naval gunnery. It abolishes gun laying by men in the barbettes and establishes absolute control of a gun or series of guns from a fire control station by one man.

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**THE TARIFF DEBATE**

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Votes on the duty on white lead and other products of lead will be taken in the Senate today, it being the full power of Senator Aldrich and others of the Republican majority that all of the recommendations of the committee on finance will be upheld. From today it is expected that more rapid progress will be made disposing of the various schedules of the tariff bill than has been the case up to this date.

**CONTRACT FOR NEW ORGAN NOT YET AWARDED**

Chatham Church Still Corresponding With Carnegie—Their First Spring Weather.

CHATHAM, N.B., May 11.—Miss Elizabeth Copping, who has been in Hotel Dieu for the past year with paralysis, suffered another stroke yesterday morning, and is not expected to live. She is a sister of Thompson and Isaac Copping of this town, and Mrs. Kay, wife of Magistrate Kay of Moncton.

The committee in charge of the new organ of St. Andrews church together with the elders and trustees, had a meeting tonight to award the tender, but no decision was arrived at and further correspondence will be had with Mr. Carnegie, who gave a subscription of \$1,200.

Today Chatham had its first real spring weather and it was gladly welcomed. Farmers say this spring is three weeks later than average, and owing to the cold weather have not been able to do any amount of seeding.

**"SPEAKEASY" BOSS IS OUSTED FROM STATE**

Washington County Judge Gives Convicted Man Week to Get Out.

WASHINGTON, Pa., May 10.—"I sentence the prisoner to pay costs in this case and leave the State of Pennsylvania within one week from this date," was the penalty imposed today upon Russo James, of California, this county, who was convicted of selling liquor illegally.

When James appeared for sentence Judge J. W. Burleigh, of California, asked leave to address the court. He stated that the defendant had been arrested by a "speakeasy" and that repeated fines and prison sentences failed to halt him.

"I ask this court," said Burleigh, "that the prisoner be banished from the State."

"Will some one escort this man to the State line and give him a boot?" queried Judge Burleigh.

Receiving no response, the Judge ruled that the request was a novel one, but that it applied to him. He then imposed sentence, but stated he did not intend to establish a precedent. James said he was satisfied with the sentence as he intended, and will remove to West Virginia.

**A WHOLE DAY LOST**

By Stop Made by Mail Steamers at Queensdown.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The Cunard Line has been making an investigation with a view to showing the government officials just what time is lost by the steamers Mauretania and Lusitania having to stop at Queensdown on each outward trip from Liverpool. If the investigation was made in connection with the last westward voyage of the Mauretania, the steamer left Liverpool about 5 p.m. on Saturday, and came to anchor at Queensdown at 3 o'clock the next morning. As she did not get away from there until 10:30 a.m. there was a loss of seven hours, and because of this she reached Sandy Hook so late on Thursday night that she anchored until the next morning.

Had she passed Queensdown instead of stopping, she would have landed her passengers on Thursday night, and her mails could have been despatched to the north and west. The saving is a day by the dropping off of Queensdown as a westward port of call. The line's officials say this would also help the passenger business, for many would journey from Paris to travel by the Grand Line for the sake of the day saved.

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## HARBOR MATTER WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE

First Meeting of Newly Formed Harbor Committee Held—Proposal Made to Increase Harbor Tolls.

Considerable business of a routine nature was transacted at the first meeting of the newly formed harbor board held yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was called to order at 3.30 o'clock, with McDougall in the chair.

His Worship the Mayor submitted the correspondence between the Hon. Minister of Public Works and the now defunct harbor facilities committee in the matter of harbor commission.

The letters had to do with the boats upon which the government would be willing to take over the harbor. A somewhat lengthy discussion followed, it being finally decided to allow the matter to remain in abeyance pending the receipt of further word from Dr. Pugsley.

The director submitted plans of the West Side.

Several members thought that it might be well to increase the harbor tolls in an effort to make the harbor a paying proposition and although the matter was debated at some length, there was no definite action taken in the matter.

The director submitted plans of the West Side shore front concerned in the transfer of foreshore rights to the C. P. R. For the benefit of the new members an excursion to Sand Point was planned for next Saturday afternoon.

A communication was read from J. K. Scammell asking for permission to use the basin at Sand Point. The matter was referred to the harbor master for a report.

Canon Knox and Rev. H. Thorne claimed that a fair share of the business was not being directed to Walker's wharf by the harbor master, Capt. Fleming explained that on account of the spring freshets and because of the wharf interference with the course of the ferryboat he had discriminated against the facility. Ald. Baxter, Beland and the harbor master were appointed a committee to look into and report upon the matter.

The committee thereupon adjourned.

## MINISTER GOES BACK TO FACE CHARGES MADE

Canon Hanson Preached to the People Who Wanted Him, in Spite of the Church's Order.

NEW YORK, May 11.—A special to the Tribune from New Haven, says: "The Rev. H. Herbert Hanson, Canon of Westminster, and Rector of St. Gabriel's, London, left yesterday for Boston to sail hurriedly to England to face charges preferred by Bishop Gore of the Church of England, who accuses him of having violated ecclesiastical law by occupying a non-confirmit pulpit in a workmen's institute in Birmingham, England. Canon Hanson is known in the religious world as a broad churchman and he preached to the non-confirmit after the local Church of England authorities had refused their permit. The trial of the Canon is expected to prove the test case."

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