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## THE KING'S VETO

A correspondent in the United States writes to the Times:

"What is the procedure in the event of the king's wishing to veto a measure passed by the House? Has he the power to veto any such bill, or has he not? I wish to settle a discussion as to the extent of the power of such matters of a king of England."

In theory the king has veto power, but in practice it is not absolute. Perhaps our correspondent can best be answered by quotation from the Encyclopedia Britannica, which says:

"Along with this movement (the division into two political parties) went the withdrawal of the personal action of the monarch from politics. No king has attempted to veto a bill since the Scotch militia bill was vetoed by Queen Anne (in 1707). No ministry has been dismissed by the sovereign since 1834. Whatever the power of the monarch may be, it is unquestionably limited to his personal influence over his ministers. And it must be remembered that ministers are responsible ultimately, not to parliament, but to the House of Commons. Apart, therefore, from the democratic changes of 1832 and 1867, we find that the House of Commons, as a body, has gradually made itself the centre of government."

The Encyclopedia Britannica goes further and points out that England is not a democratic than the United States. It says:

"The real strength of popular government in England lies in the ultimate supremacy of the House of Commons. That supremacy has been acquired, perhaps to the full extent, before the extension of the suffrage made the constituencies democratic. Foreign imitators, it may be observed, have been ready to accept a wide basis of representation than to confer real power on the representative body. In all the monarchical countries of Europe, however unrestricted the right of suffrage may be, the real victory of constitutional government has yet to be won. Where the suffrage means little or nothing, there is little or no reason for guarding it against abuse. The independence of the executive in the United States brings that country, from one point of view, more near to the Continental than to the English state system. The people make a more complete surrender of power to the government than is done in England."

It will be remembered that a few months ago there was considerable questioning as to the possibility of King George exercising the veto power, and the Unionist party would have rejoiced thereat; but in all the discussion there was no suggestion that such veto would do more than delay the accomplishment of the expressed will of the people.

## IN THE BALKANS

The dispatches state that an important battle between the Turks and Bulgarians is expected to take place near Adrianople. The opposing armies have moved with caution. Each will strain every nerve to win the first great engagement. Capt. J. Reid, R. E., writing in the Montreal Witness, says:

"The general impression from London is that the terrain of the Adrianople district will be the scene of the fiercest fighting. Since the Sultan, Abdul Hamid's, removal from Yildiz Kiosk in 1908, the general staff of the Turkish army, with an absolutely free hand, has been busy fortifying in secret these lines of military approach on Constantinople from Bulgaria through this Adrianople district, and during the four years which have elapsed since then we may assume that the details are completed. Plevna, with its red hillsides and its heroic, yet fatal associations for the Turks, is not far away."

The same writer expresses the view that the result of the conflict depends on what the Turk can do in strategic and tactical initiative. Thus:

"In my belief, Turkey's success depends merely on the adaptability of the Turkish soldier to present day conditions of warfare. He is ignorant and uneducated, and if he is rounded up and driven into the ranks early in the campaign, the day of his people in Europe will end before the year is out. If he shows intelligence and initiative, then—I had sooner draw with unguided hand an angry hunted badger from his hole."

Meanwhile the kings of Bulgaria and Montenegro and Serbia have replied to the king of Greece, proclaiming the cause of the four foes of Turkey to be the cause of faith and liberty, an assertion made with equal fervor from a different viewpoint by the Turks. The great powers are watching the situation in the Balkans and also watching each other with perhaps less thought of faith and liberty than of a possible international grab-game of some proportions.

## THE PEOPLE AND ROADS

The Ottawa Free Press is interested in the effort of the New Brunswick press to figure out the cost to the province of the poor roads, which it says seem to be as bad as those near Ottawa. Commenting on the subject the Free Press says:

"A poor road means that a farmer is only able to haul one-third of the total possible load that he could take along to market were the roads good. Thus, when prices of food are high, and farmers want to rush their supplies to market, poor roads prevent them getting there. Moreover, the absence of these supplies, which otherwise would be ready in at times when supplies are scarce and which would

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A MATTER OF MENTALITY

"Do you think fishing is a congenial recreation for really brainy men?" "Undoubtedly. It takes a pretty smart person to think up any really new stories to tell when he gets home."—Washington Star.

TOO APPROPRIATE.

Binks—I'm getting along fine, doctor. You need not have stopped in this morning. Doctor—Oh, I was over to see Jones, and thought I'd just drop in and kill two birds with one stone.—Judge.

TRUE.

Romantic Husband—Ah, how I'd like to be back again on the old farm. Prosac Wife—Huh! But I notice you had no desire to be back until you knew the harvest work was done. —Chicago News.

WORKING IT OUT.

"What's the matter? Heard bad news?" "No. I was just thinking. I discovered that the last time I heard of my share of stock in the corporation that holds the mortgage on my automobile."

A FATAL GIFT.

"I suppose you use the new telephone your husband bought you a great deal, don't you?" "Oh, yes; I bought twenty other things the first day with it."

RAIM TO THE SUFRAGETTE.

The social worker stopped a small girl who was carrying a baby. "Isn't he a fine, big boy?" she began, ingratiatingly. "What's his name?" The child waxed indignant. "It ain't a boy! Everybody thinks it's a boy."

"The grain commission of Canada received representations that the dominion government should have a grain elevator in Vancouver. The commissioners have informally considered the matter, but have scarcely made up their minds. We do, however, feel that the future will justify an elevator in Vancouver of say, three-quarters of a million bushels capacity. One of the chief objections to shipping grain via Vancouver and the Panama canal is the moisture in the wheat from the prairies is from 11 to 13 per cent. moisture, while in the grain from the prairies is from 11 to 13 per cent. "It strikes me that the proper thing for Vancouver to do is to encourage the millers of grain here. The amount of moisture would not make much difference, provided the grain was ground into flour. The mills could dry the product, so that the flour would carry through very hot climates."

## Wanderer Dies in Gagetown

Late on Wednesday evening a man named William Cook, having no fixed abode, apparently, called at George McKays in Gagetown for a night's lodging. On going to bed, Cook appeared to be in his usual health, but on Thursday morning Mr. McKays found great difficulty in awakening him and thought it advisable to send Dr. Caswell, who on his arrival, did all that was possible for the poor fellow, but without avail, for Cook died on Thursday evening without regaining consciousness.

The students at the Cleveland Normal school were examined recently as to their knowledge of common things and the results have quite dismayed the teachers. The examination consisted of the names of a class of 100 were unable to identify a potato plant with the potatoes attached, and eighty-one in the same class could not identify a beet. Dozens, it is said, were unable to identify articles that they see every day, or eat almost in natural state.

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