

Although the bylaw providing for a grant to the police was the subject of Sunday's meeting of the Forum, it was again brought up by Mr. W. V. G. Hunt. The present time is far too small to accommodate the large number of people who would need attention and as the Dominion government explicitly states that each city shall have a suitable home for the care of its delinquent children, it is apparent that sooner or later this grant will have to be made. The police are the backbone of the important institutions of a municipality as it cares for the young and prevents crime. It is the only force that is drifting into crime which would eventually cost the city or government a great deal more for their care as criminals than if they were prevented from becoming good citizens by means of an institution of this kind.

The police also spoke out for the Publicity bylaw which calls for \$12,000. This bylaw was voted down the last time it came up but as it was designed as a reception bylaw it was probably misunderstood by a good many people. This bylaw is to provide for the publicity of the police throughout the Dominion and in other ways attract the attention of the people of other parts of the continent to Calgary.

philo how many traces now exist of her defeat by Japan? On the other hand her victories are never very far from the eye. No one has as yet asserted that the result of the Russo-Turkish war of 1877 was a signal triumph for her arms. Certainly she has not been able to recover what she lost. She has not even what the allied Balkan states here now secured in the present war her own independence of territory seems miserably inadequate. She has not even, like just the same, unaffected, either by reverse or success, and as a result of the Russo-Turkish war, 1877, extending both in Europe and in Asia. This explains why Germany regarded the Politification—if one may use the word—of the Balkan states as a growing alarm; why Austria adopts a rather cold and severe policy towards her; why she has not been able to get out of her empire; why the Magyars in Hungary adopt so bitter a line with regard to all the other Slav races in the Balkans; why the Roumanians so associates herself with Austria in opposing the Serbian demand for a million square miles of territory in the Balkans; why Servia is like Bulgaria, a Slav community. Indeed the sole state in the Balkan District with German sympathies. It is not surprising, therefore, that she explains why in its controversy with Bulgaria it obtains the support of the Transylvanian as well as Russian empires.

Why should France have been since France has no interest one way or another, in Slav developments? France is so because of her antagonism to Russia. She has been so since the war of 1870. She allies herself with Russia because in the first place she has no other ally against the three other nations and in the second place because she

Kansas City, Mo., April 20.—(Cleveland) Brown, an actor who has been donning the skin of a lion in a sketched founded "The Beauty and the Beast," narrowly escaped death last night at Kansas City, Kan.

Shown in his animal makeup he is replaced on the stage by a real lion, the change being made by a trick shift in the animal's head. He had been in the lion's skin when he was thrown from the stage and Brown was tumbled to the stage with the lion.

The real lion seized the intruder. Out of the lion's head, a safety net was thrown, and Brown, not until he was severely injured by the animal's claws. Brown will not be able to assume his role for some time.

ROOSEVELT'S GENIUS.

Was Steele who wrote, in the character of a disappointed man, that all his life he had been disappointed in the world and won nothing but his ridicule? How nearly such a fate has beenfalling upon the writer of this book? Gray's mischievous saying that "the world is a great humbug" is a book by chance, if he will only tell us that he is a humbug. The "veracity," and Macaulay's ill-natured sneer, which established in the heart of the general public the notion that Gray was a humbug, Carlyle, despite critics such as Leslie Stephen and Mr. Percy Fitzgerald, has asserted that Boswell was a genius. The art of the biographer is to set forth the life of his subject as it really stands. Therefore Boswell and Plutarch are preserved from the charge of being humbugs, and the reason alone is that he has made biography the means of realization of self. Boswell's life of Johnson, which has hindered the type of recognition of the true significance of this. Many who have read Boswell's life of Johnson have been drawn for the intimacy of their personal revelations, have denounced Boswell as a humbug, and have been assured that Boswell was a humbug by the *Illustrated Hall*, in the Westminster Review.



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London, April 20.—In his recently published book of reminiscences, the Hon. Stephen Coleridge writes of the closing years of Henry Irving's life as follows:

"His creditors were about him. He toured the country; all he earned was used upon and an allowance doled out to him."

Irving's younger son, Lawrence, has protested against the suggestion that his father died in a condition of mean and abject poverty, and The Era, the leading English theatrical paper, now devotes an editorial to the consideration of these "insults to Irving."

Irving's period of disaster, says The Era, began in February, 1898, when his scenery for forty-four plays was destroyed by a fire on the stage of the Lyceum theatre, Southwark. There were 200 scenes, many of them elaborate; 100 pieces of scenery and 100 costumes, valued at \$20,000, were lost, amounting to \$30,000. The most serious part of the misfortune was that it simply ruined the business of the theatre for the season. Had the fire not occurred he could have gone on playing repertory for the season.

The statement that Irving's earnings in tour were "seized upon" is probably suggested by the terms of his contract with the Lyceum, which provided that by which he agreed to hand over to them one-fourth of all the profits he made by acting elsewhere than at the Lyceum. The Lyceum, however, took but four months each year. He therefore will draw three-fourths of his earnings in the Lyceum season.

He had a year of financial prosperity in 1898. In the fifteen weeks' season at the Lyceum, gross receipts were \$220,000. Five per cent in the provinces made over \$11,000, and the profits' tour in America made the huge sum of \$100,000. Irving did not leave the Lyceum until the end of the season.

"Between this year and 1899," says The Era, "Irving was undoubtedly in financial difficulties. But these were emulsions on a large scale, not

Shanghai, April 20.—The Rev. Timothy Richard, D.D., Litt. D., read an interesting paper entitled: "Introduction to Dramatic Personae, and the Quotations from, 'A Chinese Epic of Religious Allegory' by Chin Chang-chun," before a public meeting of the North China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society. The substance of the paper was drawn from a well known Chinese epic story telling of the incidents of the seven hundred miles journey of a generation of men to the West (Heaven) to obtain the sacred book for moral and spiritual regeneration of China. Chin Chang-chun, the author of this stirring philosophical allegory, was born in 1148 A. D., long before "Faery Queen" of Edmond Spenser, or the "Paradise Lost" of John Milton were written.

The book was a most unique one. It was not like Homer's *Epic*, yet it abounded in vivid descriptions and narratives of a marvellous journey to hell. It was not a look of cosmogony, of theocracy, of magic, of astrology, of the "Pilgrim's Progress," of anthropology or of science,

London, April 26—Why are the nations of Europe arming on such a large scale? Is there any real likelihood of war, and why? And what, in that case, will happen?

The gravity of the international situation is not due to any minor fluctuations of international policy. It is the result of a deepening process, which, save so far as this might serve as a pretext for more serious trouble, For the same reason, it is only indirectly connected with what is known in general terms as the "new" eastern situation. It has nothing to do with the struggle of the powers to enrich themselves in Africa or Asia.

the Slavs and the German, a hostility which may be complicated by side issues, and must exist between the more or less interested nations, but which in the crudest form is explained by the predominance of these two in the great racial races.

Around the hostility of these two races is formed the grouping of the European nations, each according to their own, anticipate trouble, and either wish to safeguard their own interests. On the one hand, the protagonists of the German people, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Italy, and France, although composed of heterogeneous people, is German in sympathy and instinct, so far as its government and its people are concerned. On the other is joined Italy, a Latin people with no interest in the coming struggle other than the domination of the whole of the eastern Levant, where Italian influence and commerce play such a large part. On the third side, Russia understands the Slav champion, Russia, which, is quite capable, judged on the basis of the record of the last national single handed. No nation in the world's history has ever really made such a sacrifice of its national interests as to come to her often, but this has never affected her national prosperity or development. The Russian invasion of Poland, the Russian occupation of the Crimean war, left her unaffected

German aspirations and claims, but the latter has proved an insuperable obstacle to the consideration of racial sympathies.

Given these factors above mentioned it is quite certain that sooner or later the international war must arrive to decide the European question. The warring races. Any war can be avoided except a racial war, and there is nothing that will prevent this. In that case the European war will be the first. The Alliance will find itself faced by France and Russia. What would be our position? Is it conceivable to imagine that British public approving of such a war? It is not conceivable. The issue which, even if successful, in any case would be of relatively little advantage to us, and which under no circumstances would be profitable to the world.

It may therefore be presumed that we shall be neutral, but if we were not, we should be liable to remain neutral throughout, otherwise our intervention as a peace-maker would be so bitterly resented by Germany that we should be liable to the struggle probably against our own will. On the other hand, if we do not intervene, we shall be liable to lose the confidence of the other powers in the entente, and more particularly of the United States. It is therefore of the day, whoever be may be has therefore to ask himself whether it is better to revert to the policy of non-intervention, or to make ourselves solid with the continental powers.

WILL GAMBLE IN MID-AIR.

Berlin, April 20.—Owing to the increased stringency of the German anti-gambling laws some enterprising managers of the Casino de Monte-Carlo have launched a novel idea, which frees the gambling side of any police domestic interference.

A company has been formed by the enterprising gentlemen and an old Zepelin dirigible balloon is to be purchased for the purpose of carrying a gondola of the airship a gambling room will be arranged, and gambling will be carried on at several thousand feet in the air.

GOIN' TO MAKE US JOURNALISTS'!

Alas! Illinois Wants to License the Poor Newspaper Man.

Chicago, April 20.—Lieutenant Governor Chicago will introduce in the state senate a bill to license newspaper editors, providing for the creation of a state board of newspaper editors, and for the regulation of editorial work, both upon newspapers and magazines.

The bill is to be composed of three members, who are to hold examinations and award licenses to newspaper editors. It is to be known officially hereafter as "journalists." The measure is not to affect editors already licensed by the state, but successfully applicants would be considered as "cubs" before they can properly qualify as full fledged members of the profession. The bill also provides for the old, good provisions of the bill.

newspaper nor magazine will be permitted to publish any article or editorial which has not taken out a license. And a fine of from five to twenty dollars will be imposed upon any person who violates a provision of the law.

It is provided that licenses may be annulled if the licensee is guilty of the following causes:

1. Criminal violation of confidence, with intent to misrepresentation and criminal libel.

2. Failure to pay license fee.

3. Failure to pay license fee to the lieutenant-governor, who is the formal agent of the state, and the standard of the newspaper profession.

MALLOYD GEORGE NOT GOING TO THE UNITED STATES.

London, April 20.—Mr. Malloyd, second in command of the Archipelago, according to a newspaper statement, finds it impossible to visit the United States during the coming summer.

Malloyd, who received an invitation last September to attend the International Elatedgrod at Pittsburgh, Pa., is replying that, owing to the fact that it would be impossible to accept that invitation owing to parliamentary arrangements, he is unable to accept the same.

He is, however, saying that there is any possibility of fixing a more convenient date he would take the matter under consideration.

Killed a Boy Who Annoyed Him.

Cleveland, O., April 20.—Frank Besshek, 15 years old, who shot and killed a boy named Ben Benge, 12 years old, who says that the lad annoyed him by making faces at him, was charged with manslaughter by Judge Rendome after a charge of homicide.

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