

ed. The whole taxes of Montenegro amount to only \$15,000, and this sum added to what is received for duties on salt and dry meat, the monopoly of tobacco, the land rent of several convents, and the amount contributed by Russia for the public expenditure of Montenegro, make an annual revenue of nearly \$40,000. The religion is that of the Greek Church, though there are a few Roman Catholics. The secular and spiritual power was united in a prince-bishop until the year 1852. A very fine dialect of the Slavic, not corrupted by admixture with foreign words, is the language of the country. It would be tedious to attempt even an outline of the history of Montenegro, since it formed part of Illyricum, and afterward was a part of the old kingdom of Servia. For many centuries war has been maintained intermittently with Turkey, because the latter country insisted that Montenegro forms a part of the pashalik of Scutari. Sometimes conquered and at other times victorious, the Montenegrins have always been ready for war, generally receiving pecuniary assistance from Russia, in return for which they helped the Czar in his struggles against the Porte. In 1796 a most decisive victory was gained, in which 30,000 Turks perished, and the moral effect of that struggle continues to this day. In 1820, 1832, and for some years after each of those dates, war was carried on against Turkey, and at one time the Montenegrins assisted Russia against France. Previous to 1840 hostilities were also undertaken against Austria. In 1853, and in 1858, fresh collisions with Turkey occurred; and in 1860—the country being in an unsettled state—the Prince Danilo was assassinated. Nicolò Petrovitch, a young man of good education, succeeded him. The war which is now anticipated is but a continuation of the series of hostilities that have followed in quick succession for many hundreds of years. No particular effect will be produced by the contest unless other and more powerful nations are induced to interfere on behalf of the Montenegrins against the Turks.—*Evening Advertiser*
