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THE BALKAN EMBROGLIO.

Out of the maze of contradictions
sent out from the Near East one thing
only is very clear, events in the Bal-
kans are hastening to a crisis. The
people of Greece are largely on the
side of the Allies, but they fear, as do
the diplomats of London, Paris and
Rome, that the King proposes to use
the army to insure the success of the
German and Bulgarian. The firm pres-
sure which the Allied Powers are now
exerting toward Greece, however, may
persuade both King Constantine and
his ministers that it would be most
unwise to refuse the demands of the
Allies, or openly consort with the Ger-
man powers. It is certainly exas-
perating to the Allies that they may
have to fight the Greek people because
of the treason of Constantine to Hel-
lenism and his alliance with the Turk,
who has slain and enslaved the Greeks
for five hundred years. The Allied
army in the valley of the Vardar,
north of Salonika, is marking time un-
til some decision is reached at Athens.
There are probably enough Allied
troops in and around Salonika to over-
awe and disarm the Greek army there,
while in the harbor there are enough
war vessels to blow the town to pieces
were a bombardment to become nec-
essary. War against Greece, or rather
against the autocrat who has usurped
supreme power in Greece, is no
longer impossible. Such a conflict
would be a catastrophe for the Hel-
lenic kingdom, and would at the same
time impose fresh burdens upon the
Allied nations. It would be largely a
naval conflict, for most of the Greek
centres of population are within reach
of the guns of the Allied fleets. The
moment hostilities began, the German
submarines in the Mediterranean
would be provided with bases in Greek
ports and would become the most for-
midable factors in Greek defence. The
Allies have a tremendous naval su-
periority, however, and could seal up
the Greek ports by the use of destroy-
ers and light cruisers, without putting
any of their own battleships in peril.
Bombardments undertaken would be
against military points of importance,
as at Delevalch, in Bulgaria, recently.
With the fall of Monastir, actual or
imminent, and the Greek border closed,
the Serb southwest army is confront-
ed with the vital problem of selecting
a suitable point to which retirement
can be made. Despatches speak of a
retreat now being in progress to Lake
Ochrida, which is on the Albanian bor-
der about 35 miles west of Monastir.
Here the small Serb force could make
a temporary stand should the enemy's
pressure become too great. The port
of Avlona is less than 70 miles east,
and here some assistance could be ob-
tained from the Italian force which is
believed to be holding the harbor.
Monastir was one of the most prized
acquisitions made by the Serbs after
the war of 1912 between the Balkan
League and the Ottoman Empire. It
is to the Serbian ambition what the
port of Salonika is to the Greeks.
Monastir is one of the most important
strategic points in the Balkans, and
when under Turkish rule, it was made
a base of military defence and offence
of the same rank as Adrianople. The

roads from Salonika, on the Aegean
Sea, from the port of Durazzo, on the
Adriatic Sea, from Nish and from
Adrianople meet and cross here.

The Serbians had strengthened the
defence works of the city after their
occupation, and up to the recent in-
vasion by the Bulgars it was an im-
portant factor in the keeping of ways
open between Serbia and Greece and
Serbia and Albania. The city nestles
in a bowl scooped out of the mountain
side at an altitude of 2,000 feet. To
the west the mountains rise to a
height of more than 8,000 feet. All
the mountain country is heavily wood-
ed. The port of Salonika is but 85
miles distant in the southeast. Con-
stantinople is 400 miles to the east,
Belgrade 260 miles to the north and
Nish 155 miles.

In the northwest the Teuton ring is
slowly drawing tighter around the
Serb army. Berlin claims to have
reached Dren, a small village ten miles
east of Novi Bazar, and 30 miles from
the Montenegrin border. Between
Novi Bazar and Mitrovitz runs a 25-
mile wide valley, through which the
Serb army must pass on its retire-
ment west, if they elect not to hold
the heights. With the Bulgars press-
ing up steadily from the southeast,
and the Austro-Germans drawing in
from the north, it is probable that the
Serbs will fall back on their ally's
border. Their armies are still intact,
and the Teuton campaign has entirely
failed to crush their efficiency or
their fighting spirit.

AMERICAN WAR OPINION.

It is increasingly evident that the
Washington government's recent note
to Great Britain over the rights of
neutral shipping reflected no popular
feeling in the United States, as did
the protest to Berlin over the Lusitania
outrage. As the Boston News
Bureau says, few Americans have
read more than the headlines and a
few sentences of the note to Great
Britain as published in the newspaper.
Americans scanned every line of
the notes to Germany. The note to
England is everywhere regarded as a
technical state paper dealing with a
rather dry phase of international law
to be taken up after the war.

As regards President Wilson's de-
fence of neutral rights, the Boston
News Bureau says: "The time for the
United States to become the champion
of neutrals was when Germany
invaded Luxembourg and Belgium in
violation of all law and morality. It
was then that Great Britain and her
Allies established an international
moral law, they are seeking
the peace of the world, and there can
be no peace without national morality
and international integrity."

The Bureau concludes: "People who
are looking for peace and the return
to ante-bellum conditions are acting
without full consideration of the de-
mands of the world's progress. Could
a giant hand be laid upon all the bel-
ligerent forces of Europe with a com-
mand 'peace' the war would
again blaze forth the instant the hand
was lifted. It is not fundamentally
arms or armies that are now in con-
flict; it is principles of nationality
and of human rights. Today the
United States is not the world's cham-
pion either of integrity or of neutral
rights. We lost that opportunity when
we raised no voice in protest over the
forceful invasion of Belgium." The
same view was expressed by the Am-
erican author, Mr. Winston Churchill,
before the Canadian Club the other
day.

In a letter to the New York Post, a
man bearing the same name as the
brutal German governor general of
Belgium remonstrates with the Wash-
ington administration. In part he
says: "Germany started this war by
violating vital restrictions placed
upon her by the law of nations and
the laws of humanity, and she has
never hesitated to override the rights
thereby guaranteed when by so do-
ing she seemed to be serving her im-
mediate interests. Should Germany
win, peoples engaged in future wars
may not safely assume that obligations
of international law will be respected.
On the other hand, the Allied peoples
are dying by the hundred thousands,
that the law of nations may live. Our
State Department should not assume
towards the Court of St. James the
attitude of a lawyer sacrificing his
clients' interests to the ultimate collec-
tion of large damages. By such a course
we may increase our opportunity for fu-

The Lighter Side of Life

He Hadn't Heard.
Teacher—Where is the Dead Sea?
Tommy—Don't know, ma'am.
Teacher—Don't know where the
Dead Sea is?
Tommy—No, ma'am, I didn't know
any of the seas were sick, ma'am.

Having Difficulty.
"Who's the man who just kicked
the chair over and threw a pack of
cards into the fireplace?" Inquired
one waiter.
"Oh," replied the other, "he's the
gentleman who tried to rest his
nerves by playing solitaire."

Respect Old Age.
A venerable negro who had lived
through the picture show days,
but whose mind continued clear and
active, despite his age, was brought
before Judge Broyles for locking his
sister up in a corncrib and keeping
her there over night.

"You are entirely too old to be
brought before this court, Uncle
Henry," said his honor, "and I will
take you to the hospital for the aged
that account, but will you explain why
you treated your sister in such a
cruel manner?"

"Judge Bries," returned the an-
cient negro, running his fingers
through his white hair, that "coman
done try for interfer wid me marry-
in my nish wife."

The Perpendicular Sort.

There is a young man who came to
New York but a year ago, who de-
lights to "look" his country relatives
about the sights of the city when
they come to town.
On one occasion he was acting as
tourist for one of these relatives
when the latter, who was gazing at
the summit of the largest skyscraper
in the city, said:
"What are those things sticking
out from the sides?"
"Those? Oh, those are mileposts!"
said the New Yorker.

The Stock Market

(By Special Wire to J. M. Robinson
and Son, Fredericton.)

New York, Nov. 23.—The stock
market today is repeating yesterday's
performance and such is likely to be
the case during the remainder of the
week. Thursday being the United
States Thanksgiving holiday, the New
York exchange was closed for the day.
Trading was moderate during the
first half hour, fractional advances
taking place in the war issues. South-
ern Pacific was stronger than the
other railroad stocks on account of
expected increase in the October
earnings.
Am. Car and Foundry 82 1/2
Am. Wool 49 1/2
Am. Smelters 97 1/2
Atchafalaya 107 1/2
Balt. and Ohio 94 1/2
C. P. R. 155 1/2
Crestline 76 1/2
Erie 43 1/2
Gt. Northern, Pfd. 126 1/2
Lehigh Valley 82 1/2
Maxwell, Second 99 1/2
Maxwell, Common 74 1/2
N. Y. Central 102 1/2
Reading 83 1/2
St. Paul 94 1/2
Southern Railway 23 1/2
Studebaker 126 1/2
Union Pacific 129 1/2
U. S. Steel 36 1/2
Washington 58 1/2
Sterling 47 1/2

Montreal Market.

Ames Holden 20
Canada Car 99 1/2
Cement 41
Brazilian 64
Dow, Iron and Steel 48
Pulp 153 1/2
Montreal Power 224 1/2
Nova Scotia Steel 97 1/2
Shawinigan 137 1/2

ture profits, but injure our national
self-respect."

The New York Sun publishes a let-
ter from an even more impatient cor-
respondent, who writes: "The soul of
our country is dormant, if not life-
less. We are worshipping of success,
not as a means of life, but as an aim
to live for. The bald truth of the
matter is that we are standing back
from the great conflict in Europe, dol-
ing out aims and hollow sympathy, be-
cause our success, our commercial
prosperity, is more to us than the
foundation principles of our nation,
which our forefathers brought into
being with untold sacrifice: to live
and let live. If we could only become
conscious, truly nationally conscious,
of the meaning of our Declaration of
Independence, we should then be mor-
ally strong enough to take a big man-
dant stand for the truth we are born to,
regardless of the possibility that it
might pitch us neck and crop into the
world arena of war." This journal
has always felt that the great major-
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SOLDIERS RIOT AT LONDON, ONT.

Battle in the Streets for Hours
with the Police—Many on
Both Sides Injured.

London, Ont., Nov. 22.—Eight mem-
bers of the 33rd Overseas Battalion
are in the police station and dozens
of policemen and soldiers were in-
jured as a result of a down-town riot
tonight between members of the bat-
talion and the city police.

The trouble started when a party
of 33rd men attacked a traffic officer
at Richmond and Dundas streets. A
squad of police rushed to the scene,
and there was a melee in a few mo-
ments. Mundana soldiers joined in
the fracas, and the police used
their batons freely, while the soldiers
responded with bricks, stones and
swagger sticks.

Police Sgt. McDonald was badly
cut about the head, while Patrolman
William and Roy Younger were
also hit by stones. Policeman
John Brennan was laid out for a time
as the result of receiving a brick in
the stomach. Dozens of soldiers were
injured by policemen's batons.

Eight soldiers were dragged to the
police station during the riot, and sol-
diers blocked Richmond street, be-
tween Dundas and Carling streets, for
hours, demanding their release. The
troops broke out shortly before eight
o'clock, and it was nearly midnight
before the officers from the camp
were successful in getting the men
marched away.

Bad blood has existed between the
soldiers and policemen here for
months, and tonight's clash was but
one of many similar serious distur-
bances. It is expected that the soldiers
in custody will receive stiff sentences
in police court tomorrow. Police Ma-
jistrate Judd having promised peni-
tentiary terms for all future distur-
bances when he had offenders of this
nature before him last.

ADMITTED TO THE BAR.

Earle R. Macnutt, M. A., LL.B., Sworn
in as a Barrister of the Supreme
Court of Nova Scotia.

(Halifax Chronicle, Monday.)

In the Supreme Court, Saturday, be-
fore the full bench, on motion of J. J.
Power, K. C., vice-president of the
Nova Scotia Barristers' Society,
Mr. Earle Reynolds Macnutt, M. A.,
LL.B., was admitted to the bar of
Nova Scotia and sworn in, after tak-
ing the customary oaths and signing
the roll, and received the congratula-
tions of the court.

Mr. Macnutt is an M. A. of the Uni-
versity of New Brunswick, and LL.B.
of the Dalhousie Law School, where in
the law curriculum he made seventeen
first and three second class marks in
the course of twenty law subjects.

Mr. Macnutt will practice law in
Halifax with the firm of Messrs. Cor-
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