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—Browning.

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An Immoral European Compact.

Late cablegrams show that the theater of action in the troubles which have arisen over Turkish misrule in the Island of Crete may soon be removed from that island to the mainland, and that hostilities may result from the condition of affairs on the borders of Greece and the western limits of the Sultan's domains. The great Powers are apparently determined that if Greece is eventually given control of Crete, it must be accomplished in a very roundabout way.

They assert that it is their intention to give Crete autonomy, so that the people may manage their local affairs independently of Turkey. The Sultan is given to understand that he will still be suzerain of the island, but so strongly is western public opinion in favor of the emancipation of the Cretans that in Great Britain the Government definitely asserts that never again will the islanders be placed under the sway of the Turk. This disposal of the question is held by Lord Salisbury to be the only course that can be pursued, in view of the opposition of the Continental Powers. It remains to be seen how far the plucky Greeks will succumb to the influence of the masters of Europe.

It is now asserted that there would have been little trouble in handing over Crete to the control of Greece but for the opposition of Russia. And now comes the declaration by the usually well-informed M. Blowitz, the Paris correspondent of the London Times, that Russia is determined at all hazards to guarantee the continuance of the Ottoman Empire in Europe. The obligations consist in defending integrity not only by its influence, by its diplomacy, by moral suasion, but also by force, by its land and sea power. "The rights" consist, in its taking, in case this integrity were menaced, or compromised, eventual strategic or even preventive measures, in occupying points judged to be strategically necessary on land and sea in assuring itself certain compensations, all the more menacing as they are quite unknown. This is confirmation of certain information which has been already sent out from European capitals. It is a new role for the Russian Czar to assume. In the past the Emperors of Russia have again and again been quite contented to see Turkey partitioned between itself, Great Britain and other powers. It was a proposition of this kind which caused the Crimean war, and, twenty years later, when Russia whipped Turkey, there was a prompt collection of payment in the shape of territorial advantages as well as coin. We may be sure that if the Czar's advisers lead in the attempt to preserve the rotten Turkish autocracy, they have an ulterior object in view, and that aim is the eventual seizure of Turkish territory. Indeed, but for the struggle that would take place over the picking of the bones, there is not a doubt that the Turkish Empire would not be defended for an hour by either of the great Powers which now champion the Turk.

The status quo, because of its rottenness, undoubtedly suits Russia. She has longed to control the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, and she is slowly but surely getting that control, by obtaining dominance in the councils of the Sultan, who is a poor, played-out creature, ready to grasp the hand of even his traditional enemy if it will but temporarily restrain the millions of his subjects who have fairly won their freedom.

But, they tell us, if Crete becomes an integral part of Greece, which the

overwhelming proportion of her people desire, and if the Macedonians secure their liberty, there will be a breach of European concert, and a general war! Who asks either of these Powers to go to war about the disposal of these emancipated portions of the Turkish Empire? The decision of the Cretans, by a free and formal plebiscite, to join their fortunes with a people of the same race and religion, should not compel any of these nations to fly at one another's throat. A determination on the part of the Macedonians to shake off Turkish misrule should not move any European Power to break the common peace. Is it not outrageous that because there is no unity of sentiment among the Powers as to how the remains of the Turk in Europe is to be handled, the final disposal of the festering carcass should be indefinitely postponed? Will the people of Great Britain consent to the sacrifice of the lives of their sons, and the waste of their money, to secure the observation of a compact so immoral, so absolutely indefensible, from the point of view of fair play? They may, but we doubt it. The oppressed Christian peoples of Turkey deserve a better fate than the Powers assert must be theirs. If a general war should arise because of the determination of the oppressed peoples to secure freedom and justice, and the failure of the Powers to maintain a concert intended to prevent them from obtaining their rights as free men, it need surprise no one.

Gladstone's arraignment of the Powers, and of the two young gentlemen who seem to have the chief say in the present compact, printed in another column, in view of all the facts is none too severe.

The Marquis of Bute has donated a handsome sum to aid poor girls in getting married. No doubt the Marquis is regarded as a "Bute" by the grateful young women.

The following lines, which are taken from "Poets of America," were written by the lady who painted the two line pictures, "The Gathering Storm," and "If I Only Had a Hook," now on exhibition at the London Public Library. Miss Mountcastle's verse, is, like her painting, intensely realistic, and will go straight to the heart of many of the toilers of earth. The poem is entitled "My Sister and I," it is here given in full:

"The years roll on, youth flies apace,
And she overtakes us in the race,
While poverty runs neck and neck,
And little doth the oppressor lack
That oft sets his iron heel
Upon the corn we secretly seek.
He goes us onward over the ground,
And lacerates each half-healed wound.
More slowly moves the tide of life,
As thus we meet the unequal strife;
A weight seems clinging to our feet;
The tired hearts forget to beat.
The spirits faint, the strength is gone,
Yet weary limbs are toiling on.
Along the path that leads to thee,
Thou vast, unknown eternity."

After the Weeping.

The South Brest election protest may come to nothing. But if the contest were to be fought over again, what a funny position the much-defeated Mr. Henry would be in! He was elected on June 23 by a majority of 91, attributable solely to corrupt influences, as confessed in court. Before the trial he spent weeks, and filled dozens of pocket-handkerchiefs with tears, while weeping over the unneighborliness of political opponents who would be so mean as to contest a petition against a man with a majority as large as was recorded for him. Now he is the petitioner against a victor with a majority of 321. The chickens have gone home to roost in Mr. Henry's political barnyard much sooner than is comfortable for a man of his lachrymose tendencies.

The announcement that the European Powers have agreed to do something will hardly be credited until something is done.

To make the degrading spectacle complete, Mrs. Corbett and Mrs. Fitzsimmons should now fight it out.

Mr. Bayard.

Mr. Bayard, the United States ambassador to Great Britain, is retiring from the post of which he has been so distinguished an ornament. The Republic has been singularly happy in the selection of its representatives to St. James, beginning with the illustrious Irving. They have been all acceptable to the British people, and have reflected the highest credit upon their own country, but no one has done so much to promote international amity as Mr. Bayard. An amiable and accomplished gentleman, a scholar and an orator, he was peculiarly qualified to be a missionary of peace and goodwill. On every possible occasion he has declared for closer connection between the two great English-speaking peoples. He was fond of pointing out their affinity in blood, in language, in spirit, in their principles of government, and in their aspirations. His extraordinary popularity and his frank

admiration for British institutions made him the object of jingo attacks at home, and he has been childishly accused of servility to the British. The latter, however, appreciated him at his true worth. They would be the first to resent fulsome flattery and the absence of national pride; and Mr. Bayard was guilty of neither.

The Republic suffers by the retirement into private life of so able and broad-minded a servant. In Col. John Hay, there is reason to believe, Mr. Bayard will have a worthy successor. Col. Hay is cultured and experienced, and the associations of St. James' are calculated to bring out the best qualities of a public man.

Emperor William is reported to be showing signs of insanity. The news is sad, though not surprising. This bumptious young man undertook to run the Government, direct the foreign and domestic policy of the nation, command the army and navy, write the press, chastise the Socialists, write poetry, compose music, and be the father of his country generally. With so many wheels whirling at once in his head, a breakage of the mental machinery would be natural.

The enactment of the McKinley law was followed by an enormous decrease in the United States revenue. Our neighbors may find that the Dingley gun will kick just as hard when they fire it.

"Where are you going to, my pretty maid?"

"Going to the drygoods store," she said.

"What are you going for, my pretty maid?"

"I'm only going shopping, good sir," she said.

"And what will you buy there, my pretty maid?"

"Why, nothing," I'm shopping, good sir," she said.

—Printers' Ink.

The publishers of the Atlantic announce that the third edition of the March issue of the magazine is now ready. The unusual demand for this number has already completely exhausted two editions, and the third is now ready for delivery. The wide-spread interest in public affairs in this country is well illustrated by the large sale of the March issue of the Atlantic, which contains John Fiske on the Arbitration Treaty and Woodrow Wilson on President Cleveland's means for the settlement of the subject by John Fiske makes the intricacies of this treaty wonderfully plain, and shows it in all its broad significance.

TROUBLESOME SIGNATURES.

Debate in Legislature.

Mr. Hardy—A great many men can barely write their names. It is protested that he could not ascertain the names of Col. Gibson or his deputy from their signature. The worst lot of writers were lawyers and medical men.

MINE CRAZY.

A correspondent, writing from the British Columbia mining regions, says: "It's mines, mines, mines! It's money, money, money! It's shavers, shavers, shavers! It's a tunnel, a cross-cut, a drift, stopping, drilling, hoisting, pumping, sorting, hauling, concentrating, shipping, sampling, smelting. A well defined vein between cyanide and porphyry, galena carrying silver, pyritic quartz with free gold, hematite, blende, magnetite, chalcocite, silbrite, malachite, cassiterite, and all the others it's a mine, a mine, a mine! One can't meet a man—and I doubt if a woman or child—but has small samples of ore in his pocket and a half ton more at home, from one or a group of claims in which he is interested; and he'll go into any store, butcher shop, lawyer's or insurance office, laundry or any place, even a church, and not find some kind of mineralized rock lying about, would be a dead-sea sign that that place was either haunted or hoodooed."

CURED.

Chicago Record.

"I've cured our next-door neighbor of borrowing our lawn mower."
"How did you arrange it?"
"Every time he did I sent over and borrowed his bicycle."

TASTE.

Chicago Daily Tribune.

"Who is that young woman near the other end of the table who has been talking about correct taste in art?"
"Which young woman? There are several."
"The one with the wooden toothpick in her mouth."

KEEPING LENT.

Cleveland Leader.

Dorothea—"Did you go to the party last evening?"
Mildred—"Oh, dear, no! I'm keeping Lent. I stayed home and played solitaire and ate marshmallows all night. It was just lovely!"

SUBURBAN DEFICIENCIES.

Chicago Record.

"Why don't you keep chickens, Cross-lots?"
"My neighbors are lacking in amiability."

Telegraphic Brevities.

Martin Burke, a farmer, was found frozen to death near Carman, Minn., yesterday.

The Eastern Crisis.

Characteristic Letter from Mr. Gladstone.

He Reviews the Eastern Situation Past and Present.

The Time Come to Speak With Freedom—Greece "A David Facing Six Goliaths."

London, March 19.—There is published today, by John Murray, a 10-page pamphlet in the form of a letter from the Right Hon. Wm. E. Gladstone, dated Cannes, March 13, to the Duke of Westminster. It furnishes remarkable evidence of Mr. Gladstone's mental activity and interest in the political situation. The letter begins by saying: "My ambition is for rest and peace alone, but every grain of sand is part of the sea shore, and connected as I have been for nearly half a century with the Eastern question, I feel that inclination does not suffice to justify silence."

The letter proceeds to say: "Events in crowds have been occurring in the East at short intervals for the past two years, and the more we stir our common humanity to its innermost recesses and to lodge an appeal to the conscience of the world, the more we are forced to recognize the fact that the Eastern situation is a serious one. Until the most recent dates these transactions have seemed to awaken no echo save in England, but now light has flashed upon western Europe, and an uneasy conscience that nations, as well as Cabinets are concerned, has taken a strong hold upon the public mind. Later massacres in Armenia have occurred upon a scale of intensity and in a diversity of their wickedness beyond all modern, if not all historical experiences. All this has been done under the eye of the six great powers, who are represented at the Porte by ambassadors who thought their people would be a sufficient counterpoise of instruments of death, shame and torture, providing that in framing it they all chimed in with one another."

The letter then goes on to review the Eastern question since 1880. Mr. Gladstone says that his Ministry in 1880 organized a European concert to procure the fulfillment of the treaty of 1830 in regard to Montenegro and Greece. The forces of moral suasion had been exhausted, and a squadron of warships of the six powers assembled on the Montenegrin or Albanian coast. It was soon found that to several powers of the six powers assembly on the Montenegrin or Albanian coast. It was soon found that to several powers of the six powers assembly on the Montenegrin or Albanian coast.

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