BULGARIA MOVED BY HATRED OF THE TURK

STROKE FOR LIBERTY LONG PLANNED

For Centuries the Domination of the Sultan Has Galled Proud Little Nation Now Determined, with Arms If Necessary, to Throw Off the Yoke-Dreams of Past Greatness Revived-Large and Superbly Equipped Army in Readiness for Eventualities.

ONDON .- For those who know the Balkan peninsula was turned into is not hard to understand what proudest boasts of the Bulgars that Prince Ferdinand's proclamation for more than four centuries they country means to his people. It is the the Mohammedan armies, and that

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craity, never-swerving effort, always fighting to the last. directed to the one purpose, by the minds of statesmen who were not But in the cycles that came after afraid to match their wits with those Kosovo the Bulgar race degenerated of the prime ministers of the great sadly. It became a race of stolid peaswestern powers and whose rewards ants, heavy, stupid, uneducated, and were occasional victories. It is the so it remained until the wave of insurconsummation, too, of the prayers and rection swept over Europe in the first hopes of the 4,090,000 people of Bul- half of the nineteenth century. garia over since the treaty of Berlin, San Stefano made Bulgaria nominaldictated by Disraell, deprived them of Iy free from Turkey. She was to have the advantages secured for them by almost the whole of what is now

the Bulgar's hatred for the Turk. It youd the Rhodopes. But this did not ts the relic of centuries of slavery, suit Disraeli. He summoned the conduring the time when Europe was gress of Berlin and British battleawaking from the sleep of the middle ships proved too much for Russian

GEN. NIKIPHAROFF OF BULGARIA.



Bulgaria and the Bulgarians It a second Asia Minor. It is one of the of the independence of the were the bulwark of Europe against consummation of 30 years of patient, when they did fall they fell gloriously.

Then Came Degeneration.

Russia in the treaty of San Stefano. known as Macedonia, with a seacoast A westerner can hardly appreciate on the Aegean, besides the country beages, and it is hatred that knows no diplomacy. Bulgaria was hacked, cut down, amputated into a tuppenny-ba'penny principality, a vassal state of Turkey, bound to pay a fixed annual tribute, to be determined later.

> And the Bulgarians were not discouraged, even though disappointed. They began their uphill fight at once. They ignored the clauses of the treaty binding them to vassalage; they ignored the tribute to Turkey, and, when the time came, in 1885, they annexed Eastern Rumella, a Turkish province having about the same status as Bulgaria proper, and over which the prince of Bulgaria was governor-general. Turkey was afraid to fight Bulgarla then, but Servia, jealous at such an important acquisition by her younger neighbor, declared war and was whipped at Slivnitza.

> Since then Bulgaria has been devoting her efforts to educating her people, to building up the most efficient fighting machine owned by a small power in Europe, and to skillfully carrying on a propaganda in Macedonia calculated to advance her interests in that country.

At the same time the Bulgarian stateamen have been watching and waiting an opportunity to proclaim the country's independence. Actually, they have always been free; nominally, the sultan has been their suzerain. In stan plans had been could be

the bull rolling, rather than run the Eastern Rumelia (since its union risk of bringing down upon her own with Bulgaria, also known as Southhead the wrath of the great powers. | ern Bulgaria) was created by the

Bulgarian statesmen and army offi- treaty of Berlin. Signed July 13, 1878. then there is not much chance of claimed.

Can Put Big Army in Field.

That Bulgaria is prepared for war whole principality was ascertained to none who has had an intimate view of the country can doubt. Bulgaria's of Eastern Rumelia (1.099,984). At army on a peace footing consists of the census of Jauary 1, 1900, it was

CZAR ALEXANDER'S MONUMENT IN SOFIA, BULGARIA

cers have repeatedly declared that all It was to remain under the direct po-Bulgaria wanted before declaring war litical and military authority of the sulagainst Turkey was the moral and tan, under conditions of administrative inancial-particularly the latter- autonomy, with a governor general backing of one of the great powers, nominated by the porte. On Septem-Apparently Bulgaria has that now in her 18, 1885, the government was over-Austria. If Italy, Russia and Germany thrown by a revolution and the union can be induced to keep their hands off of the province with Bulgaria pro-France and England, who, after all, The estimated area of the principal

have few interests at stake, interfer- ity of Bulgaria proper is 24,380 Eng ing. That at least appears to be the lish square miles, and of South Bul argument of the Bulgarian govern- garia (or Eastern Rumelia) 13,700 square miles. By a census taken in January, 1900, the population of the

women. There are a few cheerful exceptions,

of course, Take Monday evening for example. Seorge Riggaby dealt, and I being

next, passed. Then we waited while Maude said to Peaches, "Oh! yes, I think a bodice trimmed with moire antique and with white chiffon over the corsage is perfectly stunning, but I want to get a house dress of green slik with lace insertion-oh, did you see Mrs. Wilson's new automobile coat? If she isn't a perfect fright; well, I hope-"

"Pass! Pass! Pass!" I yelled. Then Mrs. Lorrenz, paying no attention to us, unburdened herself to same time. Peaches: "And do you know, our new cook lost one of my handsome silver spoons that's been in our family for generations, and I didn't dare say anything to her about it, because she'd leave, and I know what trouble I had last time finding a cook. But a handsome silver spoon-"

"What do you do?" I shrieked at Peaches, who sat next to me. "What do I do? What do you

mean? What do I do!" "Do you pass, or do you open it?" "Oh! I pass. You needn't yell so, I'm sure. Do you know, Mrs. Lorrenz, the same thing happened to us, only ours was a fork; yes, a silver fork, one of a set that Aunt Martha gave us for a wedding present, and don't you know, when-

Then all of a sudden Maude yelled, 'Oh, I open it. No, I don't-I thought I had an ace-darnaluck!"

Whereupon Mrs. Lorrenz laid her hand down and began to count her chips, declaring that a white one was missing.

After looking over the table and under the table and on the mantelpiece and all around the room, she finally found the white chip under the hand she had laid down.

When peace was restored George Riggaby said, "I'll open it for ten!" Whereupon Mrs. | Lorrenz screamed, 'No, you won't. I'll open it, for five!' "But you said you passed."

"I didn't!"

"Pardon, me, I thought you did!" "Pardon, me, I thought 1 didn't!" "Cards?" asked George, resignedly. "Gi'me three," I said.

"Three," said Peaches. "No, two, no, three-walt a minute! Gl'me one -no, wait; that's a diamond. Give me two-no, no; give me three cards!"

"That's the way with me," said Maude to Peaches; "I get so confused



BY GEO, V. HOBART, ("HUGH M'HUGH."

Dear Bunch: Say, Bunch, I don't | drew cards, but judged solely on her think women have any business play- skill as a pokerine she is what the ing poker, anyway-that is most ancient Greeks would call a Patricia Bolivar.

Well, anyway, Bunch, to make a long story lose its cunning, Peaches waved farewell after losing four dollars, which was all in the family anyway; but Mrs. Lorrenz bit her lip and trailed.

Yes, sir, she trailed with all the danger signals set until she had sent seven of her good dollars to the Bad Lands, then she called me.

When I laid down four typewriters she called me again-but I'd hate to tell you what.

Never before, Bunch, in the history of the game did one woman get mad in so many different places at the

You see, Bunch, she had four deuces all the time, and after the first bet. she began to buy a new dress.

After the second bet she selected the trimmings.

After the third bet she changed the material and took something more expensive,

After the fourth bet she decided to pick out an imported dressmaker on



She Called Me Again-But I'd Hate to Tell You What.

Fifth avenue, and after the fifth bet she felt wealthy enough to go there in a cab.

Soon came the awful awakening. and she had to put the dress back in the store.

I don't think Mrs. Lorrenz will ever quite recover from the shock.

She will be a saddened woman all her life unless a rich relative dies somewhere and leaves her seven dollars.

And to make matters more like a life insurance investigation, about ten minutes later George Riggaby stung Uncle Gregory for \$5.75, which caused ncle to go up in the air. After bouncing between the floor and the ceiling for five minutes he had an internal fit, which nearly became epidemic all over his system. And thus it happened, Bunch, that these two members in good standing in the ancient order of the Companions of the Cold Feet had to sit there all evening and play them close. trying to get their money back, which they didn't. The mills of the gods grind slowly, Bunch, but once in a while they grind out something worth while. Play poker if you must, Bunch, but always keep your rubbers on. This goes for the neck as well as the feet. Yours to the finish, JOHN. (Copyright, 1908, by G. W. Dillingham Co.)



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over 50,000 men of ail arms. Accord | 3,783,189, the population of Eastern ing to Capt. Mischicoff of the general Rumelia being 998,431. Germany's Game.

A short time ago Germany was the tool at hand. He is vain, ambitious the Macedonian frontier is the machine ago Germany was the isolated power of Europe. England, the Macedonian frontier in two weeks. France and Russia were banded to-

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bounds, no modifications, that is undying and impossible of mitigation. Bulgarians have never forgotten that in the olden days, when western Europe was for the most part sunk in dominated the entire Balkan peninsula, and the Bulgarian church was a treasury of learning and art.

It is a far cry from Stephen Dushan, last of the Balkan czars, to Fer- nizing that he is an able ruler, and dinand, czar of the Bulgars, and, in- let it go at that. deed, the Bourbon blood of Ferdinand contains not one drop of the fluid that about by the Young Turks party, Bulflowed in the veins of the medieval garia saw the opportunity she had Japanese regiments, a triffe more than hero, but to the Bulgars the proclama awaited so long. In fact, some ex- 2,000 men. tion of Tirnova represents a return to tremists may be prone to believe that the old estate.

On the fatal field of Kosovo, "the tion of the Young Turks. plain of the blackbirds," so called from the bordes of scavengers that descended on the slain, June 15, 1389, Austria, trembling over the safety of Sultan Amurath dealt the final blow to her tenure of Herzegovina and Bosnia. the Servian and Bulgarian armies com- was anxious for any plan that would manded by King Lazarus. From that undermine the treaty of Berlin. Very day until the last century the Ottoman likely Austria was only too happy to empire dominated eastern Europe and have a small nation like Bulgaria start

and equally crafty. As a statesman he has proved himself no mean antagouist during the 20 years of his reign, and he has been willing to sacrifice anything for the privilege of calling himself king.

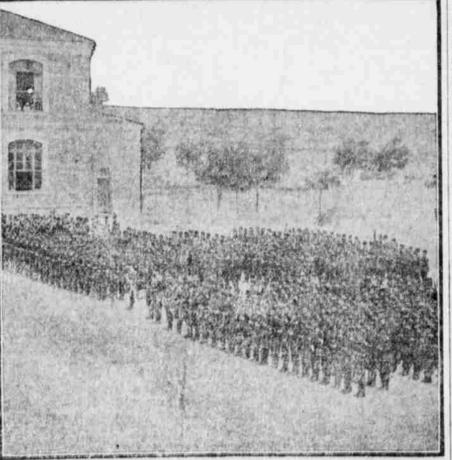
Prince Tolerated for His Brains.

So Europe has had the curious spectacle of a ruler; selfish and bound to able-bodied male population of the barbarism, the czar of all the Bulgars his own ends, working hand in glove with his people for the same result. It is indifferent to his subjects what Ferdinand of Bulgaria calls himself. They | quarters of a division which, on a war despise him personally, while recog-

In the Turkish revolution, brought Bulgaria had a hand in the organiza-

Ferdinand saw instinctively the best way to accomplish what he wanted.

BULGARIAN ARMY DRILL.



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In another two weeks two more armins gether to hold her in curb. Austria on a war footing.

Military service is compulsory, two whole or part from the other dreiyears being the minimum term, and a bund. man stays 18 years in the reserve after he has completed his time with the colors. ' Consequently, the whole

country has been trained in arms. The army is divided into nine military districts, each of them the head-

footing, would become an army corps. Similarly the entire army is organized on a skeleton basis. The regiments. whose peace footing is 800 men, would be increased to the strength of the

Drilled on American System.

Bulgaria's cavalry has been drilled on the American system. Shock tactics are never used, and the men are taught to make themselves of use in reconnoitering and scouting. Possibly the total force of the cavalry corps would be 7,000 sabers. So far as mounts go, it has the best Hungarian or Russian horses that money can buy, quite up to those in the American service;

The artillery has recently been equipped with 80 brand-new six-gun field batteries of the Creusot make, and, all told, probably has about 600 quick-firing guns, not counting machine guns and heavy slege pleces. The infantry, which is splendid fighting material, carries the Mannlicher five-shot rifle and knife bayonet, and is largely officered by men who have been under fire in the Macedonian revolt. It was a favorite trick, while the revolution lasted, for officers to be given leave of absence for an indefinite length of time, to visit their friends. They went across the frontier with the insurgent chetas.

Perhaps the greatest military advantage Bulgaria possesses lies in the fact that both her personnel and equipment are at a maximum of efficiency This is based on statements by officers of her general staff.

Provisions of the Treaty.

The principality of Balgaria was on the kalter for support against the created by the treaty of Berlin, rest of Europe and the kaiser hoped signed July 13, 1878. It was ordered to secure great advantages-first in by the treaty that Bulgaria should be the way of railroad concessions and constituted an autonomous and tribu- ultimately in territory in the Tarkish tary principality under the suzerainty regions of Asta. The Young Turk suc of the sultan, with a Christian govern- coss dispelled the German influence ment and a national militia. The and curbed German ambitions. Edprince of Bulgaria should be freely ward of England supplanted William elected by the population and con- as the best friend of the Ottoman govfirmed by the sublime porte, with the ermnent. Anything that might tend consent of the powers, but no member to cause reaction in Turkey, thereof any reigning house of the great fore, could not fail to give satisfaction European powers should be elected, in Berlin,

of 100,000 men each could be placed and Italy will be closely bound to her again and Russia may be detached in

> This is already indicated in the dispatches. The treaty of Berlin, which settled the status alike of Bulgaria and of Bosnia and Herzegovina, being

virtually torn in pieces, the czar's government will naturally demand its share of the benefits. Its eyes will naturally be turned to the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles and a demand will be made for the renewal of the embargo upon the passage of warships through the straits. Thus Russia will hope to gain the naval advantage of her great littoral upon the Black sea instead of having to depend upon the

ports of the Baltic, which are practically ice-bound every winter.

May Split with England. And this is where the split with England may come. The opening of the straits would place Russia in a position to contest at an early day her supremacy in the Levant. With her great interests in Egypt and with the necessity for guarding the Suez route to India against all attack, it would become imperative upon her in the course of a few years to keep a

vastly more powerful and expensive fleet in the Mediterranean than is at present needful. The reward offered to Italy for consenting to the Austrian territorial aggrandisement is no doubt a hand in the colonization of Tripoli, towards which she has long had aspirations. This concession is not unlikely to suit Germany's plans, since it may create suspicion and jealousy on the part of France, aiming as it does to a complete preponderance of influence in

the north of Africa. Germany cannot but be pleased also at the blow to the Young Turk movement, inevitable from the loss of so much territory to the porte, even though the hold on it was little more than nominal. Down to the time of the Young Turk uprising, Germany was the most influential of the powers at Constantinople. The sultan relied

sometimes. I remember one evening we were all playing over at our house, and the baby-'

"Cards?" screamed George, Maudo gave him a withering glance, and Mrs. Lorrenz said, "One card, please!"

George gave his mother-in-law the card, took three himself and laid the deck down.

"Well, I'd like to know where my two cards are?" inquired Maude scathingly

"Well, I thought you stood pat," said George.

"Stood pat; the idea!" snapped



"Pass! Pass! Pass!" I Yelled.

Maude. "I never did such a thing in my life. I'd like two cards, please." "It's too late now," I butted in.

"You'll have to play your hand or drop out. "Drop out, indeed. Well, I guess

not! George Riggaby, you give me two cards!" "Can't do it; against the rules," said

George.

"Against what rules?" "Hoyle."

"Who cares for Hoyle. You gi'me two cards!"

And so to keep peace in the family she was given two cards-and won the pot.

Then Mrs. Lorrenz got mad and wanted her ante back, all of which put us another half hour to the bad.

If I had to play hen poker very often, Bunch, I'd have a roller rink in my pot story.

A little later on that evening I opened a jackpot, and everybody dropped out except Mrs. Lorrenz and Peaches.

You know, such, I like Peaches. She's the only wife I vera had, and the only one I ever wish to have, and so I say it from my heart that she plays poker like a Welsh rabbit, which is without form and full of dark surprises.

From a social point of view Peaches is the best fellow that ever News.

BILL SAW HIS CHANCE.

Willing to Pay Three Dollars to Get Rid of "Old Woman."

Bill, who was employed in the capacity of ostler at a wayside inn, was standing at the yard gates with the inevitable bit of straw in his mouth. wondering if life was worth living.

Before leaving home in the morning he had engaged in a wordy warfare with his wife, and had decidedly come off second best.

In the midst of his meditation a break, filled with ladies on their way to a well-known resort, pulled up to allow the driver to bait his horses.

After seeing to the animals, Bill and the driver adjourned inside to refresh the inner man.

"Not much of a day for a drive," said Bill. "Where's yer going with that lot?'

"O," said the driver, in an offhand manner, "I'm going to Burnham."

After thinking deeply for a few minutes, Bill inquired, "Got room for one?

"Yus," was the reply. "Cost yer two and a half."

Hurriedly Bill clutched the driver by the arm and excitedly whispered. "Do us a favor, mate, and wait ten minutes while I go home and fetch the old woman and I'll give yer three dollars, if you burn 'em good."-Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

Practical Illustration.

Stubb-Who is that in the next yard, Martha?

Mrs. Stubb-Why, that is Brown and his young wife beating the carpet in unison.

Mr. Stubb-Ah, I see. Two hearts that beat as one, eh?-Chicago Dally