

RUSSIA'S BORDER LAND.

An Interesting Letter from the Pen of David Kea. [Special Correspondence.] NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—There appeared lately in a Russian weekly...

This Amelie Rives combination of the quick and the dead is the only sense in which the term "quick" can be applied to the trains that crawl over the vast dusty plain forming the border line between Russia, Persia and Asiatic Turkey.

Nor does the surrounding landscape do much to atone for this delay. The railway to Tiflis from the Black sea port of Batoum, indeed—passing as it does right through the shaggy gorges and frowning precipices of the Southern Caucasus—has a savage picturesqueness which no words can convey; but as for the scenery between Tiflis and Baku on the Caspian sea, the best way to imagine it is to multiply a billiard board by five millions and subtract the cushions.

Moreover, the frequent baths for "refreshments" are merely a hollow mockery, the said refreshment consisting chiefly of "black bread," much blacker than it is painted, tea, so weak that it can hardly get out of the teapot without help, and so called "cabbage soup," that is really warm water, into which a stale cabbage leaf seems to have fallen by some accident.

But even this dreary flat is precious to Russia. Firstly, as the great storehouse of mineral oil, which, through its present sources are said to be showing signs of exhaustion, is believed to contain many more springs which are quite untouched, and secondly, as the natural starting point of the fresh advance which she is undoubtedly meditating against the already half-devoured dominions of the sultan and the shah.

Not many years have passed since it belonged to Persia instead of Russia, and to this day the Caspian ports of Baku and Lenkoran, as well as the outlying villages of both districts, are just as quaintly Persian as ever in architecture, speech and population.

When the time comes for Russia to strike another blow at her two neighbors, she will be at no loss for a pretext. Unhappily, there are always cases enough of outrage perpetrated by Turkish masters upon Armenian vassals to give Russia an ever ready excuse for "protecting her fellow Christians" by arguments pointed with bayonets, and remonstrances uttered through the mouths of rifled cannon.

Among our companions on the Baku train was a young Russian lady who told us quite coolly that less than a year ago, while staying at a country house in the southern Caucasus, she had been awakened at midnight by finding the bloody hand of a gigantic brigand twisted in her hair, while the sword that had just cut down the trusty servant, who lay writhing at her feet, was brandished with horrible threats before her very eyes.

That the shah of Persia himself would gladly hang all Persian brigands to-morrow if he could, makes no difference whatever, for when a strong state is determined to attack a weaker one causes of quarrel are never wanting, and a mention of "outrages upon Russian subjects by Persian robbers" would look very well in an official declaration of war.

It was late, but the young man still sat uneasily on the edge of his chair trying to summon courage to say the words the young woman was waiting to hear. With a mighty convulsion he swallowed something like an ostrich egg that had risen unexpectedly in his throat.

"Well, I won't be a setter any longer, Miss McGinnis. Not in this house!" thundered the young man, as he grabbed his hat and left her presence forever. Miss Feisty McGinnis had carried his figure of speech a little too far.—Chicago Tribune.

He Hedged. "Isn't it glorious weather?" he said to the man on his left on the street car platform. "I will look into the matter and see," was the quiet reply.

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A Negro Who Has Handled Billions. Few if any persons in this country have handled more money and checks, bonds and other representatives of money than "Uncle" Henry Logan, the messenger of the register of the treasury.

The Song of the Talker. Sweeter than Eolias breathings on the tense and trembling wire, Made by flower-burdened zephyrs from the perfume-rooking south;

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Wanted by His Mother. Tommy—Come out 'n' play, Johnny. Johnny—Can't. Tommy—Whatyer gotter stay home for?

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Effect of Tea Drinking. Dr. Cyrus Edson, of the New York board of health, says: "By the consumption of a certain quality of tea the body may be made to economize food, for tea prevents the vital organs from wasting food. In the aged it serves another purpose. An old, worn out stomach no longer digests enough food to make up for bodily waste. Tea, by preventing this waste, arrests the falling powers of life. We do not wonder, therefore, that tea should be a favorite with the poor, who are unable to purchase sufficient food, and with the aged, whose digestion and vigor have begun to fail.

Wiley Matthews Found. Reliable news has again reached Ozark that Wiley Matthews, the condemned Bald Knobber who escaped the gallows by breaking jail here on the night of Dec. 28 last, is now living in Madison county, Ark. This is in the vicinity where Thomas Yearry, an ex-citizen of Christian county, Mo., and a playmate of the Matthews boys when they lived on Bull creek, near the scene of the Edens-Green murder, saw the fugitive last June.

Should Wiley be caught now he would certainly share the fate of John and the two Walkers, and this makes the majority of the people of Christian county rather inclined to the hope that he may not fall into the hands of the authorities, as the law has already been so thoroughly vindicated and the Bald Knobber organization completely broken up.

Chose Between Father and Lover. Mr. Charles Hayes, a young business man at Chama, accompanied by his bride, a blonde of most prepossessing appearance, have been guests at a hotel here for several days.

The Blind Postmaster. Henry Fawcett, the blind English postmaster general, who died in 1884, was a greater man by half after the unfortunate accident which deprived him of sight, than he ever was before.

A Type of Young America. A lady entered a Sixth avenue elevated car at Chambers street yesterday afternoon accompanied by a 5-year-old boy dressed in a jaunty sailor suit.

He "Whieed." As a lady entered a Grant avenue car in front of the opera house yesterday, a man who sat on the right hand side had his feet stretched across the aisle. She stopped, looked down upon him for a few seconds, and then sharply queried: "Which side of the car are you trying to sit on anyhow?"

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ODDS AND ENDS. South Carolina has this season sent 3,000,000 watermelons to the northern markets. The phases of the moon are caused by the different direction of the sun's rays with respect to the moon's surface.

Three generations of one family are now serving in the royal engineers. They are Gen. Sir Alexander Cunningham, Col. Cunningham and Second Lieut. Cunningham. Gen. Cunningham was gazzeted in 1881.

Liverpool is probably the most densely populated city in the world—it is beyond doubt the most densely populated in the United Kingdom. In the year 1887 its population was 560,000, or 113.5 per square acre; while Manchester stood next with 87.9, and Glasgow with 85.8, and London with 56.

It only good John Bunyan could reappear in this world, how he would enjoy the enduring fame of his "Pilgrim's Progress." It has been translated into eighty-three languages or distinct dialects, the latest being the Chinese dialect of Amoy.

The value of Scotland of the opportunities for sports is very large. The deer forests, of which there are 100, covering 3,000 square miles of land useless for agriculture, rent for £100,000 annually; £12,500 of this goes to the local taxes. If any forest fails to be rented, the whole neighborhood feels it greatly in the diminished amount of money expended there.

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