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BALKANS IN CRISIS

ANNUAL WAR CLOUD COMES MONTHS AHEAD OF TIME.

Paris Hears that Prince Ferdinand Will Issue Proclamation of Independence, Which It Is Feared Will Bring War with Turkey.

The French government is absorbed in the Balkan crisis. Official advices which have been received at Paris lead the Temps to announce that at Tiernova Prince Ferdinand, the reigning prince of Bulgaria, will proclaim the independence of Bulgaria and will assume the title of "czar of the Bulgars."

"Rumelia will be included in the proclamation," says the Temps, "but probably Turkey will not acquiesce and a Turko-Bulgarian war is therefore likely. The only thing to interfere with this program is Prince Ferdinand's possible hesitation at the last moment, but his resolution appeared to be definite."

The Temps adds that Austria is ready to compensate Turkey for the definite seizure of the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina by the retrocession of San Jak of Noviporaz, which is under partial military occupation by Austria-Hungary in virtue of a convention between that country and Turkey.

President Paderes, Prime Minister Clemenceau and Foreign Minister Pinchon held a conference Sunday relative to a letter from Emperor Francis Joseph, which was transmitted to the president Saturday by Count Khevenhuller-Metsch, the Austrian ambassador, and which is understood to be identical with letters which have been transmitted to other chiefs of state notifying them of Austria's intention, in view of the change in the situation in the Balkans, "to tighten the bonds" which unite Bosnia and Herzegovina to Austria.

France is disposed to act cautiously in this matter. If the treaty of Berlin is to be torn up the main fear is that this will be followed by a scramble for "compensation," Greece claiming Crete, Italy asking for Albania and other powers seeking similar acquisitions.

PERISH IN FIRE.

Several Persons Burned to Death in New York Tenement.

Several persons were burned to death and many were injured, one fatally, in a fire in a crowded tenement house on Mulberry street, New York, Monday morning. Several tenants jumped from windows and fire escapes when flames cut off their retreat.

The fire started on the first floor in a dry goods store and spread rapidly. There is a fire escape on the front of the building, but it was of little use, as the persons in the building lost their heads, and children were thrown to the street. Fortunately nearly all of the children were caught by persons on the side walk.

At 2:15 o'clock Monday morning the police reported eight persons dead in the fire. Four bodies had been removed from the building, those of two men, one woman and a little girl.

MOB SLAUGHTERS FAMILY.

Kentucky Negro, Wife and Babies Are Shot to Death.

Dave Walker, a negro, his 5-year-old daughter and his baby child were killed outright, the mother, who was holding the babe in her arms, was fatally shot and three other children will probably die as a result of a mob's visit to the Walker home, near Hickman, Ky., Saturday night.

In addition the oldest son is missing and is supposed to have been burned with the negro's cabin, which was fired by the mob.

Walker had cursed a white woman and threatened a white man with a pistol. When the mob of about fifty ordered him to come from his house he replied with a shot. The torch was then applied to the house, and as the occupants came out they were shot down.

Cab Strikers in Riot.

Two hundred men, most of whom are thought to have been cab drivers who went on strike earlier in the day, lined up between Forty-seventh and Sixtieth streets and Broadway in New York, Saturday night and attacked passing cabs with the result that many people were hurt. The police dispersed the rioters and arrested six men.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Beeves, \$3.00 @ 3.50. Top hogs, \$6.70.

Heavy Mail from London.

An enormous quantity of American mail was brought out from Euston station, London, Saturday afternoon to meet the Lusitania at Queenstown, being a portion of the first penny mail to the United States. Business firms are taking advantage of the cheap postal rate to send out masses of advertising.

MAYOR FIRES UPON HAZERS.

Students of Illinois University in Wild Riot.

Wild with rage Mayor Blaine, of Champaign, Ill., early Friday morning pulled his revolver and fired at a University of Illinois student with whom the mayor had been having a hand to hand combat. The executive's aim was poor and the student, one of a large party engaged in hazing freshmen, escaped unscratched. "I will shoot to kill the next time," said Blaine. "The militia ought to be called out."

The gun play was one of the features of a melee between the sophomore band and the local police, resulting in the arrest of five students, L. B. Smith, E. M. Benton, E. A. Stroud, H. A. Tupper and G. Wilcox, who were fined in the Champaign police court by Magistrate Rogers after they had entered pleas of guilty to disorderly conduct and resisting officers.

The mayor, censured by some, says that President James asked the authorities to arrest all students misconducting themselves at all. Wednesday Congressman Nick Longworth, addressing the students, put himself on record as approving mild forms of hazing, and related incidents in his college days at Harvard before the admiring students. University authorities are inclined to regret that the president's son-in-law expressed himself, in view of Friday morning's melee. It is hinted that Longworth's words might have been a spur. Friday morning many first year men were "ducked" in a stream, a custom always rigorously and sternly banned by the faculty. Masked, the "sophs" pursued their occupation until the mayor and police descended on them.

THINNING RANKS OF BLUE.

34,333 Deaths Among Civil War Veterans Last Fiscal Year.

The report of the commissioner of pensions for the fiscal year ending June 30 shows that in the year there were 34,333 deaths among survivors of the civil war who were on the pension roll. This falling off was equal to about 5 per cent of the total and left 628,084 survivors on the roll.

The total number of pensioners at the end of the fiscal year was 951,687. The statement shows that 188,445 widows of soldiers already have taken advantage of the law of the last session of congress increasing to \$12 a month the pensions to widows.

CITY IS ONE VAST GRAVE.

Disaster in Indian Capital Becomes Appalling.

A correspondent of a Bombay, India, newspaper who has reached Hyderabad, the capital of the flooded district, describes that city as a vast grave. The streets and bazaars have been transformed into a grewsome mass of stone, mud and decomposed flesh. It is impossible accurately to estimate the death toll in the stricken region, the correspondent declares, but some natives put it as high as 50,000.

HAZERS' VICTIM MAY BE DEAD.

Kentucky Student Locked in Car and Shipped Away.

Through a sensational story told at Lexington, Ky., by a small boy, it is regarded as certain Willie G. Smith, who disappeared from the state university Tuesday night, last week, was overpowered, bound and gagged, during the course of hazing at the university, placed in a Queen and Crescent car, the door closed, and Smith shipped away. The car was shipped out of the yards, but no trace of it can be found.

Shoots Woman and Himself.

Drew Marshall, of Cairo, Ill., shot Mrs. Frank Bechtel twice and then turned the gun on himself. He died instantly and Mrs. Bechtel is now lying in a dangerous condition at the city hospital. Marshall was angered by the refusal of Mrs. Bechtel to leave her husband and two small children and elope with him.

Uniform Bill of Lading.

The traffic bulletin Friday printed a letter from Chairman Martin A. Knapp, of the interstate commerce commission, to C. C. McCain, chairman of the uniform bill of lading committee, approving of the draft of the new uniform bill of lading which is to go into effect Nov. 1.

"Teddy" Puts on Overalls.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., began work at Thomsonville, Conn., in learning carpetmaking, when Friday morning he donned overalls and went into the wool room of the Hartford Carpet corporation's plant to take his place at the wool washing machine. He will go through the other plants in turn.

Great Horror in India.

Latest reports from the flooded districts in India, which resulted from unprecedented rains, place the death list at 10,000. One village with 1,000 houses was entirely engulfed in mud.

Wins the Marathon Race.

J. W. O'Mara, of North Cambridge, Friday won the Marathon race from Boston to Brockton, Mass. Time (unofficial), 2 hours, 31 minutes and 20 seconds.

Doesn't Go to Capital.

National Chairman Hitchcock did not go to Washington Friday to meet Roosevelt. He said he expected to go to Washington at an early day on a matter purely personal.

A BIG DEMAND FOR COIN.

Government Supply is Low, and Purchase of Silver is Resumed.

Director of the Mint Leach has announced that he would this week resume the purchase of silver for subsidiary coinage. He stated that he expected to purchase about 125,000 ounces each week for an indefinite period.

Director Leach said he was confident purchases would be made as long as there was an active demand for coin. The mint now has on hand only 5,000,000 ounces of fine silver and this supply would soon be exhausted at the present rate of demand. For several months prior to the late financial stringency the demand for subsidiary coins was so active as to necessitate the operation of the mints to their full capacity, but the demand fell off until there was an accumulation in the treasury in April last of about \$27,000,000 in subsidiary coins. Early in the summer the call for silver dollars became more active and soon the supply was practically exhausted. Attention was then directed to halves and other subsidiary coins with the result that there is only about \$21,000,000 available, notwithstanding the fact that in September \$634,000 in silver subsidiary was coined and added to the stock on hand.

Leach expects a still stronger demand when the cotton crop begins to move and the decision to purchase more silver is in anticipation of this demand.

BANKERS STAND PAT.

Oppose Both Guaranty and Postal Savings Plans.

The thirty-fourth annual convention of the American Bankers' association came to an end at Denver, Colo., Thursday afternoon with the election of George M. Reynolds, of Chicago, president, and Lewis E. Pierson, of New York, first vice president. Thirty-eight new members were announced and a vice president representing each of the states having representatives in the association was named.

The convention also placed itself squarely on record as against both the proposition to guarantee bank deposits and to establish postal savings banks. A lively discussion occurred over the report of the federal legislative committee opposing both the guarantee of bank deposits and the establishment of postal savings banks. The resolution offered by the committee contained a condemnation of the guarantee only, making no mention of the postal savings banks.

SAY LEPER IS CURED.

Experiment in Honolulu Said to Have Been Successful.

Drs. W. P. Brinckerhoff and J. T. Wayson have notified the Honolulu board of health that they believe they have succeeded in curing a leper by the Nasta treatment.

The Nasta treatment for leprosy, which Drs. Brinckerhoff and Wayson, of Honolulu, believe has resulted in the cure of a leper consists in the use of a preparation discovered by Dr. Deycke Pasha, director of the Imperial Medical school at Constantinople, and Reschad Bey, senior physician of the same institution. Its composition and the method of treatment followed in connection with the remedy have not been made public.

Health of King Charles.

It was learned at Eparchest, Roumania, that King Charles, who is at Sinta, in the Carpathian mountains, recently suffered a serious fainting fit which lasted for three hours. This was the origin of the alarming reports regarding his majesty's condition. It was officially declared that the general health of the king was much improved.

Many Scientists Are Heard.

With only two more days for section work in the minute study of every phase of the tuberculosis problem, the seven sections of the international tuberculosis congress convened Thursday at Washington. Addresses were made by scientists from all parts of the world on the many new questions which have arisen in the universal campaign.

Bars Voting Machines.

The supreme court of Michigan Thursday directed the rejection of the vote in one precinct of Spaulding township, Menominee county, at the recent republican primaries for governor because voting machines were used. The court ruled the machines allowed no means to keep the ballots of each party separate.

To Contest Carter, Will.

Leslie Dudley Carter, son of the actress, Mrs. Leslie Carter Payne, who makes his home with his mother and stepfather at Tarrytown, announced that he will contest the will of his father, Leslie Carter, of Chicago, who died last Friday, and whose will cuts his son off without a penny.

Tribesmen in Rebellion.

The natives of Angola, a Portuguese possession in western Africa, revolted and attacked the fort at Don Luise recently. After a sharp fight they were repulsed by the garrison, but two Portuguese were killed and several were wounded.

More Fighting in Persia.

A telegram from the Turkish consul at Tabriz, Persia, says indiscriminate bombardment of that town continues.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

DAVIS IS HELD FOR MURDER.

Bound Over to District Court on Charge of Killing Dr. Rustin.

Charles E. Davis, Omaha for fifty years, brother of Fred H. Davis, vice president of the First National bank, was bound over to the district court on a bond of \$10,000 Tuesday afternoon on the charge of murdering Dr. Frederick T. Rustin early on the morning of Sept. 2, by Judge Bryce Crawford, of the police court, after a preliminary hearing which lasted four days.

County Attorney English contended that Davis should not be allowed bail, but should be sent to jail as others are when charged with murder in the first degree, but Judge Crawford decided to set the bond at \$10,000 and it was promptly signed by F. H. and Latham Davis, brothers of the accused. Mr. English insisted all through the hearing that the Davis case should be and must be conducted the same as any other case and he fought for this with Attorney W. F. Gurley on the matter of giving a man his liberty on bond, while awaiting trial for murder in the first degree.

HELD FOR POSTAL ROBBERY.

One, an Eighteen-Year-Old Boy, Pleads Guilty.

The hearing of Howard Provo, charged with breaking into the post-office at Walthill on the night of Sept. 2, 1908, was held before United States Commissioner Singhaus at Tekamah. Eight or nine witnesses were examined, after which Singhaus bound him over to appear before the next federal grand jury. Homer Morris, who is but 18 years old, pleaded guilty to the same offense and made an affidavit implicating Provo. Provo denies having seen Morris for a week previous to the robbery, but witnesses testified that they had seen the two together several times and once on the evening of the robbery as late as 11 o'clock. United States Marshal Proctor took Morris to Omaha as he could not secure the \$1,500 bail. Provo gave a bond in the sum of \$500 to appear before the grand jury. The case was in charge of Postoffice Inspector L. A. Thompson.

HEARING IN LUMBER CASE.

Railway Commission to Grant One in Omaha-Lincoln Controversy.

In the matter of the complaint of Omaha lumber companies against rates given by the Union Pacific, Northwestern and Burlington roads to points in Nebraska from Lincoln, Judge A. W. Field, of the Lincoln Commercial club, Tuesday argued a demurrer. He contended that the complaint was insufficient in that it asked for the same cut rates from Omaha to Nebraska points as are given from Lincoln. He said he was ready to submit the case without a hearing if that is the nature of the complaint.

Frank Colpetzer and John A. Kuhn appeared for the complainants, without counsel, and demanded a hearing to bring out the facts. The railway commission decided to require an amended complaint to be filed Oct. 6, with the answer day Oct. 16, and the hearing on the merits of the case Oct. 20.

Treasurer's Monthly Report.

The monthly report of State Treasurer L. G. Brian shows a balance of \$415,017.50 in the treasury. Of that amount \$399,146.65 is in state depository banks and \$15,870.85 is on hand in cash. The permanent trust funds invested aggregate \$8,171,621.98. The investment is in the form of bonds with the exception of \$716,185.76 in Nebraska state warrants.

Ballooning Injured.

The man who was hurt by falling from a balloon at Valentine last week is still in a serious condition, as he is still unable to move. It seems that at some previous time he was all broken up in a railroad wreck and although he did not break any bones in this fall he was not in condition to withstand the shock.

Increase Capital Stock.

The Blue Valley Mercantile company has amended its articles of incorporation to provide for a paid up capital stock of \$40,000 with their total authorized capital stock increased to \$250,000.

Library Find Raised.

Andrew Carnegie has been prevailed upon to increase his library donation for Fairbury from \$10,000 to \$12,000, and the contract for the erection of the building will be let this week.

Robbed Twice Same Week.

The general store of Lou Kropp at Wyoming was robbed again Monday night and clothing and shoes were taken. This store was robbed less than a week ago.

Hog Cholera at York.

If hog cholera keeps spreading in northwest York county and part of Hamilton county, where there were hundreds of herds there will not be a pig left. Owing to the high price of corn many farmers sold out nearly every hog and what were not sold are dying with the cholera.

Saloonkeeper Convicted.

Henry Steel, the Sterling saloonkeeper, has been found guilty of selling intoxicants to minors in the district court at Tecumseh.

ATTACKED BY HOGS.

Child Near Nebraska City Has Narrow Escape.

A young son of Mrs. Graham of Cheyenne, Wyo., who was visiting with relatives at Union, had a most exciting experience. He got out in a hog lot and was attacked by the hogs, being thrown down and his clothing torn from his body. His mother was attracted to the place by the screams of the child and found that the hogs were eating the child alive, and she had a terrible fight to chase them away from their victim. When the child was rescued it was found that he had large pieces of flesh bitten from his arms, legs and body and on top of his head was a large scalp wound made by the hogs' teeth. The child is still in a serious condition and it will be some time before his wounds heal, if no other complications set in. Had the mother been five minutes later the child would have been killed and devoured by the hogs.

BROKEN BOW STORE IS ROBBED.

Thousand Dollars in Cash and Jewelry Taken from Safe.

Some time during Tuesday night burglars entered the jewelry and shoe store belonging to Fred W. Hayes of Broken Bow, taking nearly \$1,000 in cash and valuables from the safe. The thieves gained entrance through a back window, and from the fact of their having little difficulty, apparently, in opening the big safe, must have been old hands at the game. Suspicion points to a couple of queer looking strangers who came in from the west late Saturday night and claimed to be from Billings. The jewelry taken consists of watches and a number of pearl and diamond rings. Sheriff Kennedy is working the wires in all directions. Another theory is that the job was done by local crooks.

TRAINS COLLIDE AT KEARNEY.

Five People Injured, One of Them Seriously.

A special freight train struck accommodation train No. 62 at Kearney Tuesday afternoon and several were injured. The local train was pulling from the sidetrack onto the eastbound main line and the through freight had a clear board. The engine struck the rear coach slantingly and it turned over. There were four passengers in the coach and all were slightly hurt. Mrs. Romaine St. John, of Gibbon, was injured the most, but not seriously. The injured: Mrs. E. Bowker, Kearney, Neb., bruised and cut; Mrs. Hazel Hillon, Amherst, Neb., spine injured; Raymond Fern, brakeman, collar bone broken.

YOUNG MAN ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Gun Is Discharged While a Friend Is Examining It.

Ernest Fritz, a young barber of Hooper, was accidentally killed by a gunshot wound Tuesday morning. He and Boyd Sanders were in the grocery store of Jacob Sanders and were examining a shotgun, when in some manner the shell was exploded and the charge entered the neck of Fritz, killing him instantly. Mr. Fritz was about 28 years of age and has lived there about ten years. He leaves a young widow.

Child Wanders From Home.

The ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Engler, living eight miles northwest of Beatrice, wandered away from home Sunday evening and was not found until the next day. When the searching party found her she was in a pasture about a mile from her home with her pet dog. She had suffered considerably during the night from exposure, but otherwise was all right when found.

Farmers Lose Hogs.

What seems to be a kidney disease has broken out among the hogs in the country near Stanton. A number of farmers have lost their herds. The hog gets sick very suddenly and dies soon afterwards. On opening it up they find the spleen about three times its normal size and very brittle, as if rotten, the large intestines being full of minute worms scarcely visible to the naked eye.

Explosion Wrecks Room.

An explosion of an oil stove caused considerable damage at the home of Henry Bean of Falls City. Mrs. Bean, who is an invalid, was sitting in an invalid's chair near the stove at the time of the explosion and was severely burned, especially about the face. Mr. Bean was badly burned in carrying her to a place of safety.

Delegates to the Waterways.

Governor Sheldon has appointed the following delegates to the lakes to the gulf deep waterway convention to be held in Chicago, October 7 to 9: William Howard, Nebraska City; Charles Sloan, Geneva; Eugene Bradley, Nebraska City; H. T. Clarke, sr., Omaha; James North, Columbus; E. P. Myer, Alliance.

Site for New Postoffice.

A representative of the supervising architect of the treasury department was in Fairbury inspecting the proposed sites for the new postoffice building for which \$70,000 was appropriated at the last session of congress. It is expected the site will be decided upon in about two weeks.

Horse and Buggy Stolen.

A horse and buggy belonging to D. S. Faulder, living in the northeast part of Beatrice, was stolen. There is no clue to the thieves. The officers believe the theft was committed by a gang operating in that section of the state and Kansas.

Grape Growers Organize.

A grape growers' association is being organized by prominent grape growers of Peru. The object is to promote the growing and shipping of grapes. Experts say that the hillside of this region are admirably adapted to the growing of the vine.

Telephone Displaces Telegraph.

The Burlington railroad has inaugurated the use of the telephone instead of telegraph in dispatching trains on its Lincoln division, from Lincoln to Pacific Junction, Ia.

U.S. COAL MINES TAKE 3,125 LIVES IN A YEAR

Geological Survey Statistics Show 5,314 Persons Were Injured in 1907.

WORST IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Death Rate Among Miners in That State Is 12.35 Per Thousand—Blasts Not Greatest Danger.

Accidents in coal mines of the United States during the last calendar year resulted in the death of 3,125 men and injury to 5,314 more, according to statistics made public by the geological survey.

The death record among the coal miners during the year was greater by 1,033 than in 1906, and is said to have been the worst year in the history of the coal industry. The figures do not represent the full extent of the disasters, as reports were not received from States having no mine inspectors.

West Virginia reported for 1907 the heaviest death rate, 12.35 per thousand employees, and that State also showed the lowest production for each life lost—65,963 tons. New Mexico stood next on the list with a death rate of 11.45 and a production of 77,322 tons for each life lost. Alabama was third, with a death rate of 7.2 per thousand and a production of 92,535 tons for each life lost.

Missouri had the lowest death rate, heading the roll of honor with 35 and 499,742 tons of coal mined for each life lost.

Statistics do not bear out the popular idea that most mine disasters result from explosions. Of the total number reported during the last year 947 deaths and 343 injuries resulted from gas and dust explosions and 201 deaths and 416 injuries were caused by powder explosions.

The chief cause of death among the miners, the report claims, was the falling of mine roofs and coal. Such disasters caused 1,122 deaths and 2,141 injuries.

E. W. Parker, chief statistician of the survey, asserts that much benefit will result from the action of Congress in appropriating \$150,000 to investigate mine disasters and take steps to decrease the number of accidents each year. He says one of the greatest needs of the coal mining industry is the enforcement of military discipline in the operation of the mines.

Care of the Unemployed.

Reports continue to come in from the various charity organizations in American cities telling of a gloomy outlook for the coming winter on account of the vast number of unemployed men and women. As bearing directly on this situation the Bureau of Labor at Washington has just issued a report on the policy of European countries toward the unemployed. Germany has made great strides by introducing public employment bureaus and by taking care of tramps. In Belgium, Netherlands and Denmark the incorrigible idle have been forced largely into work homes, where they are, however, well treated. All the countries of Europe have appointed special commissions to deal with this problem. Colonies for the unemployed are favorite remedies and public relief works are being started in some places.



Castro's refusal to permit the Brazilian charge d'affaires to assume charge of French interests in Venezuela is the latest fuel thrown on the smoldering fire of Venezuela's international complications. Speculation is rife in Caracas as to whether or not Brazil will look upon this action as an insult directed at her and what France will do towards getting representation here for her interests after this rebuke.

The international cotton congress, meeting in Paris, adopted resolutions inviting all confederated associations in the various countries interested in cotton to join in a harmonious curtailment during periods of distress arising from over or under production; another invites the European governments to study and advance the extension of colonial production of cotton; a third instructs the cotton contract commission to place before the exchanges of Europe a recommendation for the substitution of the net weight basis of purchase for the present basis, which allows a shrinkage of 30 pounds in a bale of 500 pounds; and a fourth looking to the introduction into Europe of the mutual mill insurance system in vogue in America.

The funeral of the Baron Speck von Sternberg, German ambassador to the United States, was held at Leipzig, the family estate near Leipzig.

At Nuremberg the German Social Democratic Congress has held its annual congress and the report showed a gain of 10 per cent in the organization. A delegate from the British Social Democratic Federation spoke at length against allowing the governments of the two nations to declare war or peace over the heads of the people. He argued that the socialists of both countries should work together for peace.