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Fears New War in Balkans Bulgarian Minister Speaks

STEPHEN PANARETOFF, Bulgarian minister to the United States, who is attending the Institute of Politics at Williamstown, Mass., expressed in an interview recently the fear of a new war in the Balkans in consequence of the disturbance reported recently.

"Recent dispatches in the press represent the political situation in the Balkan peninsula, especially in Bulgaria, as very unstable and disquieting," said Mr. Panaretoff. "It is said that the Communists in Bulgaria, supported by the Agrarian party of Stamboulsky, are meditating another uprising like that of September last year, whereby to upset the present government and establish a Bolshevik regime.

According to a cable from Vienna, latest reports from 'private channels' represent the menace of a conflict in the Balkans as getting daily so serious that the Greek army is said to be ready to march into Bulgaria, while similar preparations are being made in Jugoslavia.

"Although I have no official confirmation of these reports from 'private channels,' I can easily believe that the Bulgarian Communists may be planning another attempt to upset the present government, or, by organizing small bands along the frontiers, to provoke a conflict between Bulgaria and her neighbors. An incident provoked by such a band took place about the beginning of last June on the Rumanian-Bulgarian frontier, in which a Rumanian soldier lost his life. This insignificant incident, which at other times might have passed unnoticed, was exaggerated by interested parties to a 'bloody aggression' that has cost the lives of five Rumanian soldiers.

Says Army Is Inadequate "The Communists of Bulgaria and their instigators and supporters from Moscow would not dare to undertake any revolution in Bulgaria if it were not for the fact that the country has no adequate army to defend and maintain internal order and quiet.

"The 20,000 volunteers which are allowed to Bulgaria by the treaty of Neuilly are hardly sufficient for the purpose, the larger part of the population being farmers who own their own land and are averse to entering the army. Hence the government has been unable to raise even this small military force. The demands of the government to be allowed to recruit it by conscription have been steadily refused, although it is evident that a Bulgarian army of 20,000 men can be no menace to the peace of the Balkans or to the safety of the neighbors of Bulgaria who are not limited in their military forces and armaments.

"The refusal to allow Bulgaria to maintain an army strong enough to cope with any internal troubles can be of no service to the future peace of the Balkans, but may be of interest to those who would like to fish in troubled waters.

"However, I believe that in case of an emergency the government of Bulgaria, supported by the small army it has under its disposal and backed by the large majority of the people which is not possessed by Bolshevik insanity, will be able to curb the mad attempts of those who wish to plunge the country into a civil war."

Lansing's Legal Eyes, Mind The Career of Frank Polk

IT is generally believed that Frank L. Polk, formerly under-secretary of state in the Wilson administration, will be secretary to John W. Davis, should the Democratic presidential nominee be returned the victor at the polls this fall.

Polk, a warm personal friend of Davis, will play a leading part in the latter's campaign as assistant secretary of the campaign and Davis' personal aide.

Polk acquired his first experience in official Washington circles when he was named counsellor to the state department in 1915 by President Wilson. Four years later he was named under-secretary of state. While counsellor Polk drew the title of "Lansing's legal eyes and mind," because of his invaluable aid to the then secretary of state.

For a period of six months he served as acting secretary of state. He was head of the American peace delegation to Paris in 1919.

Polk comes of fighting stock. His grandfather, Leonidas Polk, fought in the Civil War, as did Davis' father. The grandfather was known as "the fighting bishop," he having left the Protestant Episcopal bishopric in Louisiana to accept a commission in Jefferson Davis' army. He rose to the rank of lieutenant general before meeting his death at Pine Mountain. Polk is a native of New York city, and was born September 13, 1871.

BAD ACCIDENT

The owner of a hunting lodge in Scotland presented his gamekeeper with a fur cap of the sort having ear flaps. When at the lodge the following year the gentleman asked the gamekeeper how he liked the cap. The old man shook his head dolefully.

"I've nae worn it since the accident." "What accident was that?" his employer demanded. "I've heard of none." "A mon offered me a dram, and I heard naething of it."

Observation Is Education

How Is Your Word Wealth?

By CLARK KINNARD

OBSERVATION is education. Observation, as Arnold Bennett observed, endows our day and our street with the romantic charm of history, and stimulates charity—not the charity which signs cheques, but the more precious charity which puts itself to the trouble of understanding.

"One is curious about one's fellow creatures; therefore one watches them. And generally the more intelligent one is, the more curious one is, and the more he observes," Bennett writes.

"The mere satisfaction of this curiosity is itself a worthy end, and would alone justify the business of systemized observation. But the aim of observation may, and should, be expressed in terms more grandiose.

"Human curiosity counts among the highest social virtues (as indifference counts among the basest defects), because it leads to a disclosure of the causes of character and temperament and thereby to a better understanding of the springs of human conduct.

"Observation is not practiced directly with this high end in view (save by prigs and other futile souls); nevertheless it is a moral act and must inevitably promote kindness—whether we like it or not.

"It also sharpens the sense of beauty. An ugly deed—such as an act of cruelty—takes on artistic beauty when its origin and hence its fitness in the general scheme begin to be comprehended.

"In the perspective of history we can derive esthetic pleasure from the tranquil scrutiny of all kinds of conduct—as well, for example, of a Renaissance pope as of a Savonarola.

"The condition is that the observer must never lose sight of the fact that what he is to see is life, the woman next door, is the man in the train—and not a concourse of abstractions.

"To appreciate all this is the first inspiring preliminary to observation."

ELEGANCE of language may not be in the power of all of us, but simplicity and straightforwardness are. The advice given most often to those who would speak and write good English is to be simple, unaffected, honest.

Thomas Carlyle always told those who came to him: "Be honest if you would be believed. Let a man but speak forth with genuine earnestness the thought, the emotion, the actual condition of his own heart; and other men, so strangely are we all knit together by the tie of sympathy, must and will give heed to him.

"In culture, in extent of view, we may stand above the speaker, or below him; but in either case, his words, if they are earnest and sincere, will find some response within us; for in spite of all casual varieties in outward rank or inward, as face answers to face, so does the heart of man to man."

If one is to speak good English, it is necessary constantly to broaden the vocabulary.

Edward Harlan Webster gives this excellent advice on how to do this:

Practice is the first aid. Actually get held of new words and use them. You will perceive that you will not startle others so much as yourself. Gradually the words will begin to assume a standing in your vocabulary, and before long they will seem like old friends.

To obtain these words; various practical methods are possible. Here are a few:

- 1—Find synonyms for words you have a tendency to overuse. 2—Record words with which you are familiar but you never use—and then "work" them. 3—Make a list of important unfamiliar words which you hear, or discover in your reading. 4—Listen carefully to the conversation or addresses of educated persons. 5—If possible, try to translate from a foreign language. In this way a fine perception of shades of meaning, almost unattainable by any other method, is acquired. 6—Get interested in the dictionary, where you can trace the life history of words.

Rose Steadily in the Navy Now Commands British Fleet

IT was recently announced by the British admiralty that Admiral Sir Charles Edward Madden had been placed in command of the British grand fleet.

His rise to first in command has been steady since 1910, when he became fourth sea lord of the admiralty. In 1911 he was made rear-admiral in the home fleet. In the early years of the war he was elevated to vice-admiral and served in the battle of Jutland Bank. In 1917 he was again promoted and became second in command of the grand fleet.

Admiral Madden has been frequently decorated. Among his many medals are the French Croix de Guerre with the Palm, Grand Officer of Leopold (Belgium), Japanese Order of the Rising Sun, Italian Order of Savoy, and Russian Order of St. Anne. He is also a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor.

A Rose Will Fade

By DORA SIGERSON SHORTER

You were always a dreamer, Rose—red Rose, As you swung on your perfumed spray, Swinging, and all the world was true, Swaying, what did it trouble you?

A rose will bloom in a day, And all the world went mad for you, All the world it knelt, to woo, A rose will fade in a day.

Why did you smile to his face, red Rose, As he whistled across your way?

I gather your petals, Rose—red Rose, The petals he threw away, And all the world derided you; Ah! the world, how well it knew A rose will fade in a day!

HOW'S YOUR HEALTH?

By Dr. W. F. Thompson

If your temple's turning grey And your pressure's two fifteen, You can't eat three squares a day And throw lunches in between.

And another form of extravagance is wasting a million dollars' worth of mother love on a four-dollar pup.

A first-aid kit is more important than a Maltese cat.

And this is the maiden, all afraid, Who trimmed her corn with a razor blade;

And this is the mound the sexton made, All on account of the razor blade.

Where there is no fifth there are no flies.

Inability to swim well may cost your own or another's life.

We provide the strongest swimmers

To act as life guards at the beach;

But in waters there are dangers Which the life guards never reach.

A friend says his window is a work of art. Fine! Keep the good work up.

We can't expect to supply children with candy between meals and a proper diet at meals.

Says Doctor McCurdy: "Just nobody knows Why people will gamble With microbe foes. They'll drink when they're thirsty From any old pump, Then yell for the doctor To come on the jump."

The way to a man's heart may be through his stomach, but the way to his kidney is through the bootlegger.

The mother who used to be expert with the flat-iron now has a daughter who is expert with the mid-iron.

With the possible exception of cancer and overeating, venereal

diseases now constitute the chief menace to the greatest number.

Where hundreds are bathing, Pollution's the rule In the unchanged water Of the swimming pool.

And now we have Davis to bless us and save us.

If you pull down your windows you'll turn up your toes.

In mansion grand or modest flat, If you're thin it makes you fat; If you're fat it makes you thin— Nine holes out and nine holes in.

Appropriate sign for street crossing: Leap—Look—Listen.

Normal boys and normal dogs resent being washed by their mothers' maids.

"The state of your temper," Said the man in the flivver, "Depends altogether On the state of your liver; For when a man's 'bilious' He's poisoned with food, Which no doubt accounts For his unhappy mood."

Purely from a standpoint of economy, it costs less to prevent a disease than it does to die with it.

The fellow who does not insure his income against physical incapacity, and his life against death, is treading on thin ice.

STILL CONSCIOUS

Jane was not exactly pleased when nurse informed her of the arrival of a rival in the form of a baby brother, and at first she refused altogether to have anything to do with him. This rather pained her mother, and she determined to give the small girl little jobs to do for baby now and then in order that Jane should feel that she was not in any way ousted by his advent.

"Jane," said mother one morning, "watch baby brother fall asleep. I'll be back in a few minutes."

Before a few minutes were up a resounding roar startled the mother. As she hurried toward the sound Jane came running to meet her, and her tone was not altogether one of grief as she panted: "Mamma, he falled all right, but he wasn't asleep."

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It was my first day in Torrance. The noon hour had arrived and I felt that void that comes when life makes another demand on us humans—to again appease the appetite. New to the town, I turned to a passerby for the information that should guide me to a place where good food is uppermost. "Go to the Golden West, you can't make any mistake in that choice," said my informant. So to the Golden West I went, and I'm here to tell you that said passerby knew what he was talking about.

Eating is no trifling matter. If you think so, try to forget it for a few days, and then learn something of the importance of staying on friendly terms with your stomach. The partaking of food should be treated as more than a mere matter of feeding; we should be eternally concerned with the quality and preparation of those things we eat—to the wholesome restaurant should go our trade. Wholesome foods, correctly cooked and served without turmoil or untidiness—that is the key to good eating.

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