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A man might as well be dead as to make no use of his time.

The Great Fight for Control of the Republican Organization and Philadelphia

The honest and efficient conduct of the government of Philadelphia is the last thing considered by the leaders who are talking about a "harmony" candidate for Mayor, if they think of it at all.

The Penrose-McNichol faction, on the one hand, is fighting for its life. The Vares faction, on the other hand, is seeking, under the shrewd advice of the Attorney General, assisted by the moral force of the Governor, to supersede the Penrose-McNichol faction as the dominating force in State Republicanism.

Whoever doubts this is unable to read the signs of the times. The open confession of it by the leaders is not necessary. All the events of the last six months have been pointing to it.

The real baby parade—ask any father or mother—does not, however, come but once a year, differing therein from Christmas. But the real baby parade brings good cheer, and there it resembles Christmas deeply.

All this and more has been done because it is evident that there was never a more favorable time to make war upon the Penrose State machine. The Democrats are in power in Washington and the senior Senator has no Federal patronage at his disposal.

Not only do these men propose to seize control of the State organization, but they are generally supposed to be planning to loot the Penrose ammunition chest for carrying the city in the coming campaign. It must be demonstrated to the nation that Philadelphia believes in protection.

The fans are hoping that Cincinnati will do better in Boston than it did in Philadelphia.

Vare files nomination papers, anticipating a "widespread demand for his candidacy," no doubt.

It would be a good thing to get rid of Penrose; but why put Philadelphia in pawn four years to do it?

Philadelphia is too big to be a pawn in any factional fight in the State, and it can be used as such an insignificant thing only through the supineness of its voters.

substituting them for Penrose would be worth the candle?

The fate of this city is within its own hands. Its ability to get its share of the vast business that is to be done in America during the next few years depends in large measure on the broad-mindedness and constructive commercial statesmanship of its local government.

The American Mars Rampant

IT WOULD be a real kindness to Mr. Roosevelt if one of his many friends would tell him that he no longer is President of the United States.

Two days ago, "clad in full khaki uniform, similar to that worn by him in the Spanish war," Mr. Roosevelt went to Plattsburg to deliver a speech of 2500 words.

If the Administration had displayed one-tenth the spirit and energy in holding Germany and Mexico to account for the murder of American men, women and children that it is now displaying in the endeavor to prevent our people from being taught the need of preparation to prevent the repetition of such murders in the future it would be rendering a service to the people of this country.

If the President of the United States had spoken so of a predecessor who was making himself obnoxious to a Government harassed by a thousand legitimate difficulties, it would have been deplorable enough.

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The Sick Man of the East seemed suddenly galvanized. German and Austrian statesmen supported Turkish rule, or rather misrule, in Macedonia. The chaos there was prolonged, with the very deliberate intent that it should one day yield to Austro-German order.

It was true, and the Turks realized it, that what Germany aimed at was ultimate conquest, but in the meantime her purpose was identical with that of the Osmanli; she was interested in keeping Turkey intact, because she purposed to rule it, and Russia and France had their eyes fixed on Constantinople and Syria.

As for Germany, such an expansion struck at France and England. Controlling the Sultan she would control the spiritual commander of most of the 300,000,000 Mahomedans, not alone those subject to the Turks, but also the subjects of Great Britain, of France, of Russia.

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BERLIN TO BAGDAD—A DREAM OF EMPIRE

The Larger and Neglected Meaning of the Fall of Constantinople. The Quebec of Germany's Colonial Ambitions

By FRANK H. SIMONDS

IT IS natural, it was inevitable, that a world with its attention fixed upon the European battlefields should see in the fight for the Dardanelles, for Constantinople, one phase of the struggle to defeat the immediate German ends and aims.

The value of Constantinople in the terms of the strategy of war has been pretty clearly grasped by the ordinary observer. Yet this is only a minor angle of the greater problem.

Achieving her unity only in 1871, Germany came too late into the field to share in the partition of the better portions of the globe available for colonization.

Thus it was that Germans began many years ago to dream of an empire, an empire which should be founded on the closest commercial alliance between Austria and Germany, the pacific penetration first, then the military control, of Turkey.

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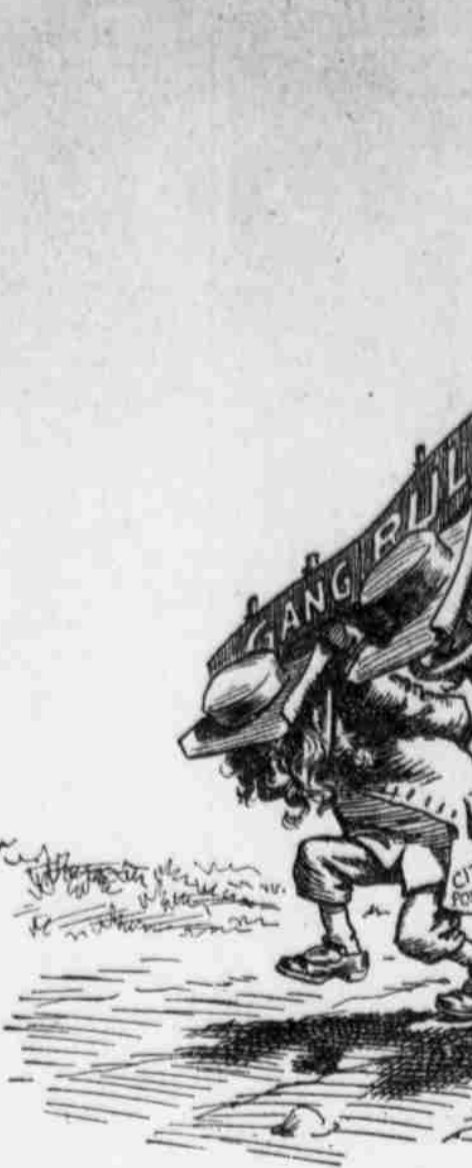
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The idea of limiting the amount of money a man can legally make in the United States appeals to some people. Doubtless they would have liked a law to prevent Abraham Lincoln from doing more good for his country than his assistants did, thus securing for himself a larger place than they could get in human history.

WHEN SCHEMES COME TRUE



hegemony in Asia Minor cannot be overlooked. Recalling the events of recent history in southeast Europe, it is easy to see how much greater are the issues being fought out at the Straits than appear on the surface.

If the Allies shall succeed in bursting open the seaward gate to Constantinople, then Russian possession of the Turkish capital is assured. This would be but an inconsiderable reward for Russian sacrifices, for the long terrible months that lie between the battle of the Carpathians and the fall of Osovetz.

But this is not all. It will then be possible for the Allies to settle the disputes between the Balkan States. The peril to Serbia of a Bulgarian attack will pass when the Bulgarian frontier marches with the Russian and Bulgarian ports are at the mercy of the Russian fleets.

Even Rumania, with no other outlet for her grain than the Straits, will have to make her peace with Russia, and in due course of time become more closely dependent upon Petrograd than upon Vienna and Berlin, even if she does not join in the war and win Transylvania and Bukovina.

So much for the European partition, which will erect a series of strong States interposing between the Russian forts along the Straits and the Austrian frontier, but what of Asia Minor? Certainly no part of it will be left to the Central Powers. France, Great Britain, Russia and Italy will divide the spoils of the Osmanli.

At present there is some prospect that Greece will share in the division. Smyrna is a Greek city; next to Athens and Constantinople it contains more Greeks than any other city in the world.

As for Italy, she has Rhodes and the Dodecanese; she claims the southern shore of Asia Minor to the Gulf of Alexandretta. Here France takes up the work of partition; her sphere of commercial interest goes south through the Lebanon, through Beirut to Palestine.

Yet these can hardly concern Germany. If the Car comes to the Golden Horn it will be the sea Powers, the Mediterranean Powers, which will alone be able to contest for the Turk's estate; the road from Berlin and Vienna will be closed, and closed with many bolts.

Such briefly, then, are the issues that are involved in the fate of Constantinople. Napoleon called it the "prize of the world." For it Russia has striven for centuries. For it Austrian and German statesmen have been working for many years.

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If Constantinople falls we shall see the passing of the Osmanli. He is fighting with his back to the wall at the precise point where he entered Europe, at Gallipoli Peninsula, more than five centuries ago.

For the future this will have a very profound meaning. For out of the war all nations will come well-nigh bankrupt, if not actually ruined. But France, Russia and Great Britain will retain their empires, increase them beyond their own frontiers, if Constantinople falls.

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A GEORGIAN'S PRIDE. To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I am writing this in the hope of correcting a few impressions of (late) regarding the South.

HULDA, GULDA, BOO! To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—The counting out rhyme which Mr. W. P. Eaton quoted the other day in the Evening Ledger—the one beginning "Ene, mene, min, mo"—ought never to be quoted without its startling companion, so often heard when properly recited by an Irish "wid" "it will make the person count" with alarm. It runs:

Ene, mene, mene, Hulska, lana, bona, boo! Hulda, gulda, BOO! Out goes you! Latham Park, August 24.

IN FAVOR OF CALLAHAN. To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I most heartily endorse the candidacy of John Callahan for Mayor of Philadelphia.

"BOBS" ADMIRER HAMILTON. When Lord Roberts, not long before his death, was asked whom among the generals of the British army he regarded as the ablest commander in the field, he replied "Ian Hamalton." The judgment was disputable, but not indefensible; and it was founded, not on Hamilton's audacity, but on his knowledge and on his coolness in directing the complex movements of the battlefield.



the artist, and he once confessed, half jesting, but with a certain seriousness, that he had "never gone into battle without being in a blue funk and wondering how on earth he was to get through."—Alfred Gardner, in the Atlantic.

A CREED FOR AMERICANS. I believe in the United States, one and indivisible; in her mission as the champion of humanity, as the friend of the weak and distressed; in the singleness, dignity and inviolability of American citizenship; in the validity of our national traditions; in peace with honor; in friendship with all nations that respect our rights; in entangling alliances with none; in righteous preparations for national defense by sea and land; in striking no man's flag but in our own defense; in the peaceful treasures bequeathed to us by our past; in the necessity of keeping the Western Hemisphere free from the intrusion of European institutions and ambitions; in the capacity of free men for self-government; in the law of home and country, and in the unshinching resolution that government of the people, by the people, by the people shall not perish from the earth.—Chicago Herald.

THE NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW. Isn't it past time to make some of this "potential strength" of the United States actual strength?—Kansas City Star.

To the thinking man the Weather Bureau is fast becoming one of the most prized bureaus of the Government.—Washington Times.

This is a time when Americans are rightly being advised as to the value of preparedness. Let us be prepared not alone in a military sense but in an industrial and commercial sense against dangers that threaten our welfare and security.—Springfield Union.

The first duty of an efficient Government is to provide justice at once; from Mr. Taft and Mr. Root down to the average farmer there is full knowledge that neither the laws nor the lawyers nor the courts furnish the justice which they are supposed to provide.—Florida Times-Union.

Almost Grown Away. Somehow I had not realized that you were grown so tall. Until I found your portrait hung upon my study wall. My gift from you—your offering—your love—inspired surprise. And I stood there the longest time and gazed into the eyes.

I did not know that you were grown—I truly did not know. You've been my baby all the time. Dear heart, when did you grow? How long have you been wearing skirts so almost reach your feet? You were the sweetest baby girl, and now you're more than sweet!

It seems to me a little more and you had gone away. From me, as you have grown away from pick-a-back and play. And just in time it seems to me, your portrait on the wall. Has helped me to catch up with you, my dear-eyed girl and tall. And now we shall walk side by side as far as we two go.

—S. M. Lewis, in Houston Post.