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KING NICHOLAS TO ABDICATE

Our wire despatches yesterday stated that Nicholas, King of Montenegro, will abdicate if the Powers continue to insist that Scutari shall not be the capital of his kingdom, and that Montenegro will cease to be an independent state to become incorporated in Serbia.

But there is a pathetic side to all this. It was Nicholas who precipitated hostilities in the Balkans by being the first to declare war against Turkey. It will be a strange irony of fate if the end of the war shall be a victory for the allies, and his own abdication and the extinction of his kingdom.

Montenegro is a very little country, its area being only 3,486 square miles. Its population is 225,000. It consists chiefly of a series of rugged mountain ridges with here and there a lofty peak. In places it is heavily wooded. The people are a hardy race, every man of them fit to bear arms in defence of his country.

The proposal that Montenegro, the little kingdom, shall

be incorporated into Serbia seems to present some difficulties. The two countries are separated by what has been the Turkish province of Novi Bazar, and hitherto Austria has strongly protested against the inclusion of this area in Serbia.

HOW PREMIER BORDEN BOXED THE COMPASS

Mr. Borden, Hansard, March 29, 1909: I do desire to emphasize, as far as in my power, the importance to Canada of some attempt at naval defence; of the defence of our seaports and the protection of our commerce. Let us look at the question from another aspect. How many cities and towns are there in Canada which would be open to the raids of a second or third class cruiser?

Mr. Borden, Hansard, February 27, 1913: What will be the purpose of the navy which my honorable friends propose to create when it is created? They propose to have one fleet unit on the Atlantic and one fleet unit on the Pacific. For what purpose will they be placed there, and to what extent will they be effective? I say that the defence of Canada will be by the united naval forces of the whole empire, and I further maintain that it would be impossible for a single fleet unit on the Atlantic or a single fleet unit on the Pacific to defend the shores or coast line of Canada against such an attack as might be expected if an attack were to take place.

ADVICE TO PREMIER BORDEN.

Mr. Borden, sit and listen; I am wisdom's chosen guy, And you need a guy to guide you, so let me have a try— To all these silly points they raise, there's one complete reply— Say—Bah!

When they tell you that your navy bill is not at all the kind They expected in the program of your government to find, Not what, three years or so ago, you seemed to have in mind— Say—Bah!

When they say that giving empty ships will not be giving aid, And that building them in England will not help Canadian trade, While it's shabby to hire British tars because they're lower paid— Say—Bah!

When they urge that there's a fundamental principle at stake, That autonomy's endangered in the step you mean to take; That, in fact, the bonds of Empire it may dangerously shake— Say—Bah!

When they point out that your measure is a somersault complete From self-government and nationhood to the rule, of Downing street, There's just one cogent answer this argument to meet— Say—Bah!

When they jibe and jeer and flout you for your cowardice supine Before your Nationalist masters —don't show the slightest sign That you feel the bitter truth of it; reserve your proper line— Say—Bah!

Of course you can't take the advice unless you break away From the policy of silence you have stuck to day by day, But the word is just a little one—and I think it's good Malay— Say—Bah!

Now, Borden, on your very life don't enter on debate, This is no time for reason—you'd simply seal your fate— Put on the lid! To all their jaw, and argument, and prate— Say—Bah!

ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP THE BANK OF ENGLAND

Mechanical Bomb, Attributed to Militant Suffragettes, Found Inside Railing.

London, April 14.—A milk can filled with gunpowder and connected with an electric fuse was found, this afternoon, inside the railing surrounding the Bank of England. It was removed by the police.

Smoke was issuing from the can when a policeman found it. He plunged it into a fountain in the vicinity. When the can was examined a clockwork arrangement was found inside. The attempt on the bank in some quarters is attributed to the militant suffragettes.

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READY TO STAMPEDE

Great Interest Displayed All Along Coast in Reports from New Teslin District.

George Coffey, a pioneer of Yukon since the fall of '97 and who has been in the country every year since, being now one of the head men of the Yukon Gold Company at Dawson, when here on his way north said that thousands of people all along the Pacific Coast the entire distance from San Francisco to Skagway are ready to start for the Teslin country within twenty-four hours after news is received confirming reported strikes of placer gold in that country. Mr. Coffey says the entire country is ripe for a stampede on the slightest justification. Seattle is especially enthusiastic but interest is keen all along the coast.

Travel broadens some, but others can remain at home and get fat.

THUMB PRINTS NOT NEEDED IN HIS CASE

Thumbs Being Three, They Revealed a Lost Youngster.

New York, April 12.—As three thumbs adorn Harry Rosen, 5 years, of 1581 East New York avenue, Brooklyn, it was easy to find him after he had got lost. His elder sister had taken him to the Bronx and while she was visiting friends he wandered from the house. Henry Brown found him crying at Willis avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and took him to the Alexander avenue police station. When sister missed Harry she went to the station.

"I'm looking for my little brother," she said. "He is easy to identify, for he has three thumbs, one on his left hand and two on his right."

Harry was trotted out of a rear room and a policeman counted his thumbs.

"Three," said the lieutenant. "Take him away. He's yours."

Two Rotors to "Rot"

Because a Liberal speaker was recently interrupted in the House of Commons by the cry of "Rot!" some newspapers have referred to the occasion when Hon. William Paterson was interrupted in a speech by the same cry. "If it's rot," said Hon. Mr. Paterson, "why does the honorable gentleman drink so much of it?" Hon. Mr. Paterson's retort was a good one, but not so apt as one by Sir John A. Macdonald. "Rot!" cried out a Liberal party member when Sir John A. was speaking. "No doubt," said Sir John A., "the honorable gentleman says what is in his mind!"

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