

STORIES OF HEROISM

Character of the Bulgarian Soldier Is Revealed.

One Man Tells of Victory Over Turks Won by Privates Disobeying an Order to Retreat - Soldiers Devoted to Their Officers.

Sofia, Bulgaria.—In order to explain the phenomenal exploits of the Bulgarian armies in their battles against the Turk in Adrianople and Macedonia one must become familiar with the character of the Bulgarian soldier, says a correspondent. It is but a short time since the Balkan war began, yet many are the incidents that have come to light which enable one to judge as to the caliber of "the man behind the gun."

As I was passing the postoffice one day I met some twenty men in worn-out uniforms. Several had their arms in slings, one had his head bandaged and a couple of them limped a little. I joined them the moment I had ascertained that they were wounded soldiers apparently cured and just discharged from the hospital. The men were very cheerful, but this is a striking characteristic of nearly all those who have received injuries in the recent great battles.

I asked if they were all wounded. "Yes, all of us, of course," answered three of them at the same time. "Would we have left the battlefield otherwise?" I found out upon inquiry that several had received severe bullet wounds. Two showed me the very bullets that had been taken from their bodies.

"They ordered us to go home," one of them said, "but we are good enough for another trial with the Turk if the king wants us!"

In one of the hospitals I have a friend who belonged to one of the first regiments that took part in the engagements south of Lozograd (Kirk-Kiliseh). Here is a little story which he told me that is typical of the Bulgarian warrior:

"Our regiment went too far into the enemy's intrenchments when suddenly we saw ourselves nearly surrounded. Our commander gave the order to retreat. For the first time since I have been a soldier I heard an order from a superior that was not obeyed. The order was repeated by other officers, but the men showed no inclination to obey it. Suddenly a deafening cry of 'Oorah!' was raised and then a platoon of reserves led by lieutenant dashed ahead and shouted: 'Forward, boys! A Bulgarian soldier knows no retreat. Na voje [charge bayonets]. Oorah!'

"In a moment the blades on the Mameluke sword glared in the light as the men rushed at their opponents, who for an instant were stupefied at the unexpectedness of the attack. We were pretty sure we were going to be killed, for we were too few in number. But God was good to us. The Turks, though bloodthirsty and fierce with the knife, are exceedingly afraid of it; at any rate, they were afraid of our 'Na voje' charge. Their right flank gave way before our attack and after leaving a third of our men dead in the field, mostly killed by the Turkish rapid fire, thus remaining intrenched themselves in an evacuated Turkish fortification.

"I never believed I could be so brutal with the knife. One does not think of it when engaged in battle. A man never thinks of death under these circumstances. Our disobedience to the orders was a very grave one, indeed, but there is always an exception to the rule. Had we obeyed the command to retreat our comrades back of us would have thought we were cowards and we would have caused demoralization among our own men."

The other day I met a wounded officer. Greatly interested in the war, I requested him to tell me something about his experience. "The only thing I can tell you is this: That we officers fall far below our soldiers in point of courage and bravery. The men would often stand in front of us or would pile their knapsacks in order to protect us from the bullets. Our hearts melted at this touching tenderness on the part of our subordinates."

SCORNS REWARD FOR SKIN

College Youth Will Be One of Trio Ready for Operation to Save Child's Life.

New York.—Prompted by humanitarian impulse, and not by reward of \$25, a young college graduate begged Dr. Abraham A. Levi of 69 Third street to permit him to submit to a skin-grafting operation which might save the life of four-year-old Bertha Wuecher of 535 Fifth street.

About three months ago the child was scalded by some soup. Only a portion of the blistered section of her back healed. After a consultation with Dr. Benjamin Tilton of St. Mark's hospital, Doctor Levi decided to offer a reward of \$25 for a subject for the operation. Many suitable men volunteered and were rejected.

Finally three men were considered. One was the college man. Another an unfortunate actor, and the other an East side mechanic. The three were instructed to appear at the hospital.

Mourners Hit by Lightning. Johannesburg, South Africa.—Lightning struck down 17 mourners while they were standing at a graveside in Germiston in Rhodesia. One of them was killed and five others were injured so severely that they may die.

EARL ASKS AN INTRODUCTION

Reporters Induce Him, However, to Tell Whether He Wished to Catch Heiress.

"Oh, I say now, you haven't been presented to me. Really, old top, you can't expect me to talk to you without an introduction," declared the earl of Levan and Melville when he was discovered hiding behind a ventilator on the steamship Carmania as it was about to sail.

"Why, your elegance," said a reporter, "we don't need an introduction. We're willing to take you for what you're worth. We'll introduce ourselves."

"But that's all bally rot, you know," declared the frightened earl. "Why, in England the press men wouldn't dare to do such a thing, don't you know. The press men here are unique; absolutely, don't you know. You know too much. I've read all about you fellows, don't you know. You are unique; you are inventive."

His grace is a Scot. He stands six feet three and is twenty-three years old. He had been shooting in this country three months, he said, and was going home.

"Shooting what, rattlesnakes?" inquired one reporter.

"Oh, no," replied the earl. "I shot the bull moose, don't you know. Haw, haw, haw! I say, pretty good, what?"

The nobleman has sandy hair that grows all over his face. His trousers were baggy and his overcoat looked as if he had slept in it. Asked if he had selected an American heiress he became indignant and refused to talk. He didn't like this "bally country," anyway.

DAUGHTER ASKS BUT \$19,000

Woman Declares She Saved Father, Who Left \$102,000, From Bigamy Arrest.

New York.—Mrs. Emily M. Gibbon filed suit in the supreme court to recover \$19,903 from the estate of her father, John J. Murphy, who died in 1907, alleging that he had promised to leave her part of his estate for her good offices with her mother in preventing the prosecution of her father for bigamy.

Murphy was married three times. His second wife was the mother of the plaintiff. Mrs. Gibbon and her mother went to Ireland to await the coming of the husband and father. He did not go to Ireland, so Mrs. Murphy and her daughter returned here to find that in their absence Murphy had married Carrie M. Keating.

Murphy pleaded with his wife not to prosecute him for bigamy, promising to support her and their daughter. But it required the influence of Mrs. Gibbon, she says, to dissuade her mother from bringing proceedings, in return for which her father promised to name her in his will. He left \$102,951, but Mrs. Gibbon received nothing.

HUSBAND PRAYS TOO MUCH

His Wife Has to Urge Other Grounds for Divorce—Given Decree on Non-Support Charge.

Stockton, Cal.—Frequent indulgence in prayer by a pious husband, even if it causes him to neglect his family, does not constitute cruelty in a legal sense, and, therefore, does not warrant a wife in bringing a divorce suit, according to a decision rendered by Superior Judge J. A. Plummer.

"I realize," said the court, with a smile lurking around his mouth, "that prayer may seem cruel to attorneys who don't indulge often."

The case at bar was that of Mrs. Pearl E. Rollins of this city against William A. Rollins of San Mateo. She testified that her spouse had a habit of putting aside the sordid things of secular life and allowing his mind's eye to dwell on things celestial, during which time she went hungry. Happily for the wife, she also alleged failure to provide, and this won the decree.

DUMB CHILD CAN SPEAK NOW

Surgeon Removes Bone Pressing on Speech Center of Brooklyn Girl.

New York.—The surgeon's knife has given the power of speech to a child who has been dumb since birth. It is the second operation of its kind in a fortnight by Dr. William Chapman at the Swedish hospital, Brooklyn, and was performed on Pearl Thompson, eight years of age. Her vain efforts to speak were pitiable. A bone the size of a dime pressing on what is known as the speech center was removed. After the little girl came out from the influence of ether her mother who was sitting at her side asked her how she felt.

"Fine." The mother sprang from her chair, amazed and overjoyed. "That is the first word she has ever spoken," exclaimed Mrs. Thompson.

Woman's Will Is Valid

Geneva.—The federal tribunal, the supreme court of Switzerland, has upheld the will of a wealthy Swiss woman who for the last twenty years has been an inmate of a lunatic asylum. The sum involved was over \$150,000, and all the madwoman's relatives contested the will, but the court refused to admit that absence of will and privation of reason, the two conditions of incapacity provided by law, applied to the case, and declared the will valid.

DESERTS SHOW GIRL

Son of Ohio Millionaire Finds Ranch Life Too Slow.

Former Member of the "Floradora" Sextet Left Alone on Texas Farm by Son of Harry M. Daugherty—Was Husband's Manager.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Dessa Gibson, show girl, who two years ago married Draper Daugherty, son of the millionaire politician of Columbus, O., is alone in her ranch house, and confesses she failed in the task of making a farmer out of the former Broadway favorite. Daugherty has gone back to New York.

The young woman, backed by two powerful motives, worked bravely to make a staid business man and husband out of the millionaire's son, whose business experience has been limited to the purchase of cigarettes, wine, taxicabs, theater tickets and Broadway friends.

The motives could not have been improved upon. They were her love for Daugherty and the promise of the father's millions. Today she has lost both, unless the elder Daugherty or the courts give her a few hundred thousand dollars.

Mrs. Daugherty accepted the commission two years ago. She had married Draper after he had followed her from Columbus, O., where his father is a millionaire politician, to Buffalo, N. Y. Harry M. Daugherty promptly had cut off his son's allowance and Dessa had returned to the stage to keep her husband in cork tips and things.

Daugherty pere, however, investigated the young woman and found that she had been a real good girl. The meanest thing he heard about her was that there were 599 others who had been in the original "Floradora" sextet.

So in February, 1910, he relented and decided to put the pair on stern probation. Knowing Draper and knowing that he would not be likely to submit to leading by a show girl with the same grace that he had displayed in following her kind, Father Daugherty made his daughter-in-law general business manager of his son. Also he made her treasurer and auditor.

KING PUNISHES A DRIVER

Monarch of Spain Boxes Man's Ears for Beating Exhausted Horse.

Paris.—An interesting anecdote of the king of Spain is now going the rounds of Paris. The other day, it is said, a man was driving up a steep hill just outside of Madrid a heavily laden cart drawn by two miserable horses, both of which looked to be at the end of the tether.

One of them, dead beat, fell exhausted, and was unable to arise, in spite of the blows showered on the unfortunate beast by the driver, with the butt end of his whip.

At this point a large automobile came into view over the brow of the hill, driven by a young man, with a lady at his side. The motorist took in the situation at a glance and at once stopped.

Getting down, he skillfully raised the wretched horse to its legs, and then proceeded to box the ears of the driver soundly.

"Now," he said, starting his automobile, "you can, if you like, go and complain to the king of Spain."

The chivalrous motorist was Alfonso himself, with Queen Victoria.

DYING, ADMITS OLD MURDER

Oregon Man Confesses Crime of Thirty-four Years Ago and Now May Face Trial.

Colorado Springs, Col.—Whether justice will be defeated by death in the case of John Peter Davis, aged seventy, of Peoria, Ore., who, believing that he is on his death bed, has confessed to the murder of William Atcheson, at Castle Rock, thirty-six years ago, will be determined within the next few days.

District Attorney Purcell of Colorado Springs said he has taken cognizance of the man's alleged confession, and is waiting the outcome of his illness. If he recovers, Davis will be brought back to Colorado to stand trial for the crime.

A letter, giving what purports to be the sick man's confession, was written by a Doctor Graham of Peoria to Sheriff Anderson of Castle Rock, Colo. This has been turned over to a brother of the murdered man, Dr. George Atcheson of Denver.

HUNTER LASSOES A GRIZZLY

Bruin Escapes Bullets of Party of Hunters, but Falls Under the Lariat.

Downville, Cal.—George Bynom, who was out with a party of hunters two days ago, roped a young grizzly bear. The party sighted the bear near the Yuba river, and fired several shots without effect.

Seeing that the quarry was about to escape, Bynom, an experienced cowboy, unfurled his lasso and chased the animal with his trained range horse.

Overtaking the bear after a mile chase through scrub brush, Bynom placed his line upon it and held it until his companions arrived. The grizzly was then securely tied and brought to Downville.

KING'S LETTERS ARE FOUND

State Papers Believed to Have Been Destroyed by George IV. Discovered in Residence.

London.—A discovery of English royal documents, extraordinarily valuable and interesting especially from an American standpoint, has just been made. It comprises all state papers, private letters and general correspondence of Kings George III. and George IV., which have been missing from the crown papers.

It was supposed that when George IV. ascended the throne he destroyed his father's papers and afterward his own. Their loss always has been deplored, for they covered an immensely interesting period, including the American war of independence, on the inside history of which, from the British side these documents could shed invaluable light.

All these missing papers have just been found in the cellars of Apsley house, residence of the duke of Wellington, whose grandfather, the great duke, was one of George IV's trustees. They have lain in the cellars 100 years.

Their character was discovered by accident, when some repairs were being carried out. Three van loads of them have been removed to Windsor, where the royal librarian has been entrusted by the king with the task of arranging them and selecting parts of them for publication.

FLOWER TO BOY FOR LUCK

Countess Hoyos, Who Married Cincinnati Man, Gives Wedding Decorations to London Hospitals.

London.—After the wedding of Countess Hoyos and C. W. Short of Cincinnati, the usual crowd had assembled in front of their hotel, and as the bride got out of the carriage a ragged little boy exclaimed at the beauty of the bride's flowers. She stopped, smiled, took off a sprig of orange flowers and gave it to the child. When asked by her astonished bridegroom why she did it, she answered:

"Oh, merely for luck—and other things."

The day before her marriage she went out with her mother and bought quantities of flowers which she sent to the children's hospitals, in which she always has been interested, and all the flowers used for the decoration of the reception were for the same purpose. She was a beautiful bride in a dress made almost entirely of old lace, ivory-tinted with age and lined with silvery satin.

One of her jewels, the gift of Mrs. Harry Higgins, was a weird eastern jewel representing a sun god, made up of diamonds and paste emeralds and set in old beaten gold. It is said to have belonged to one of the rulers of ancient Egypt and to bring good luck to the wearer.

SCIENCE HITS LIVING COST

Doctors of Carnegie Institute Seek to Learn How Much Food is Needed by Man.

New York.—Medical science is applying itself to the solution of the problem of the high cost of living through experiments to determine the heating properties of various foods. The work is going on in the Carnegie laboratory of the university and Bellevue Hospital medical colleges.

Dr. Herman Rusch of Cornell University Medical College and Mr. Eugene Dubois of Bellevue are conducting the work. The apparatus they are using is known as a respiration calorimeter.

One man with whom they are experimenting has been shut up in the calorimeter nearly three days, receiving instructions by telephone from doctors outside. The air he breathes is fed into the room by a device that will admit it fresh. When the man exercises a delicate thermometer tells the story of the rising temperature of his body. It is said that if he should become angry or highly excited from any cause the mercury would probably break its containing bulb. Food is passed within through a sectional tube, with four gates to free the food of all influences of the outer air.

TRIPLETS BORN AFTER DEATH

Posthumous Babes Are Healthy and Physicians Are of the Opinion That They Will Live.

Altoona, Pa.—Posthumous triplets were born to Mrs. Mary Gordon of Tateville, Bedford county, at the hospital at Roaring Springs, and the doctor believes they will live, although the mother died an hour before their birth.

They are lusty babes, two girls and a boy. The boy weighs 5 1/2 pounds, one girl 4 pounds, the other 5 1/2 pounds, or 14 1/2 pounds all told.

Some months ago the father died and last week Mrs. Gordon's son, Arlington, a brakeman, was killed in the Pennsylvania yards here. Deeply depressed by the double bereavement, her life hung in the balance. Ten children were previously born to her.

"Model Man" Sent to Prison

New York.—Frank Henry of 222 McDougal street, Brooklyn, who, detectives say, has perpetrated over 1,000 robberies in the last 25 years, but who was considered by his neighbors a model man and devout church worker, was found guilty of burglary in Methuen, N. J., and sentenced to not less than seven nor more than 14 years.

BEWARE THE BEDBUG

It Follows Man Everywhere and Transmits Disease.

Result of Experiments Made With Insects Applied to Plague Infected Guinea Pigs—Plan is Declared Less a Menace.

New York.—To the brilliant chemist Verbitski's demonstration that bedbugs transmit horse disease, Dr. Jacobus Van Vliet Manning refers in a medical paper as "the most revolutionary discovery since Pasteur announced the etiology of anthrax," observes Current Literature. For this illuminating view of the bedbug lightens the path along which science has sounded in search of the common mode of transmission of acute epidemic disease, like the plague, with which we are threatened.

The fact that the bedbug, cimex lectularius, is an agent of transmission of bubonic plague was not known to the English speaking world until Nertal Quick, professor of biology in the University of Cambridge, published in the special plague number of the Journal of Hygiene a translation of the experiments of D. Y. Verbitski, a Russian, engaged in research in the laboratory of the Imperial Institute of Experimental Medicine, at St. Petersburg. Verbitski's results were definite, proving that bedbugs fed on animals dying of plague communicated the plague to guinea pigs for five days afterward; then fed on animals dying of plague communicated the plague to other animals for three days. Verbitski says in his report:

"These experiments were conducted with guinea pigs. The plague culture was enhanced in virulence by passing through several guinea pigs. The bugs used were cimex lectularius, which is the usual domestic parasite. The strong irritation occasioned by its bite is caused by the action of the saliva which is injected into the wound. A bug never inflicts but one bite, and does not leave the place until it has filled itself with blood. Its body under these conditions acquires an egg-shaped form. The bedbugs, in series of 50, were applied to an area of skin under the thigh which had previously been shaved. The results definitely proved that the bedbug transmits plague, and that as an agent of such transmission the bedbug is more to be feared than the much dreaded flea of man and animal."

Clothing and bed clothes which are soiled with material from infected insects, obtained either by crushing them or from their feces, can serve during a long time as a source of infection. The clothing of people who live in dirty unhygienic surroundings is generally covered with spots from crushed bugs and their feces. For malarial fever is a poor insecticide, especially for bugs.

ONE TAIL OF TWO GOATS

Mrs. Ryswyk's "Gets" Mr. McCracken's and a Neighborhood Quarrel is the Result.

Chicago.—Mrs. Minnie Ryswyk has a goat. Henry McCracken has a goat. Mrs. Ryswyk's goat is a hollow horned ruminant mammal, genus Capra, of the family Bovidae. Mr. McCracken's goat was a signet of the imagination. Which is sufficient preface for chronicling the fact that Mrs. Ryswyk's goat got Mr. McCracken's goat. For Mr. McCracken, who lives at 18359 Lowe avenue, had a pear tree, a rose bush and several other small but highly decorative trees and shrubs in his back yard.

Mrs. Ryswyk's lives across the alley from Mr. McCracken, at 18351 Wallace street. When Mrs. Ryswyk's goat broke into the McCracken yard and ate the rose bush, mangled the pear tree and mangled the other trees and shrubs, Mr. McCracken's "goat" departed for pastures new. The irate owner of the ruined herbaceous dashed into the alley and upbraided Mr. Ryswyk and his wife.

"He punched me in the face and I hit him with a stick," Mrs. Ryswyk explained to Municipal Judge Scully in the Hyde Park court yesterday. "He got my goat."

"Your honor, that isn't true. Her goat got my goat. I may have been a little hasty, but I had lots of provocation."

Judge Scully put McCracken under peace bonds of \$500. "If you are brought in here again, McCracken," said the court, "you may get my goat, and if you do it will get pretty hard with you."

SHE SQUEEZES WRONG MAN

Wife Mistakes Ledger for Husband—Blunder Action in Court Follows.

New York.—Mrs. Jennie Wilson of Duane Vista avenue, Yonkers, had her husbandly, Mrs. Nellie Peterson, in the Yonkers police court charged with slander.

An affair Mrs. Wilson alleged Mrs. Peterson exaggerated occurred the night Frederick Schoonmaker, who lived in the same tenement, was killed. The women, shocked by the news, gathered in Mrs. Wilson's room. Mrs. Wilson heard a man coming up the stairs she took to be her husband. Rushing to greet him she put her arms around him, and was embarrassed when she discovered he was another lodger. Judge Beall dismissed the complaint.

TO STOP SOCIETY "GRAFT"

Device Plan to Prevent Women From Wearing Gowns and Then Returning Them.

New York.—The latest development of the graft-exposing fraud that is now sweeping through New York life is the revelation that women of wealth and good standing in New York society have joined the ranks of the grafters.

Not only do these women take graft, but they go out and get it, and the situation has now reached a point where the department stores, which have been the worst sufferers, have organized to protect themselves. The women have, of course, been cruelly shocked to hear the right name given to their practice, which was one of the oldest and simplest of gentle grafts.

The woman who feels that none of evening gowns would do for a particularly brilliant occasion would saunter into a store during the early afternoon, look over and try on gowns, till she found the handsomest one that she could wear, and order it sent home immediately "on approval."

Next day she would return the gown, saying that her husband did not like it, or that the color was all changed when she got it in the gas light. The store people, though they knew from the feel of the fabric that the gown had been worn for an evening, could not protest, for a customer, even a bad one, is always in the right, and the store is always in the wrong when it comes to a difference of opinion.

The department stores' cure for the trouble is simple and effective. They now paste a label of flimsy paper on the sleeve or back of each gown in a contrasting color, big enough to be seen three blocks away. A tag or an ordinary sewed cloth label could be removed, but the light paper, stuck on with a preparation that cannot harm the cloth, has to be torn off in scraps. If the label is not in place, the gown is regarded as sold and there's an end to it.

HAS BIG INSIGNIA SCANDAL

Belgian Foreign Office Discovers Trafic in Forged Decorations by Company.

Brussels, Belgium.—A great scandal in connection with foreign decorations was brought to light here. Numerous demands for authorization to wear the grand cordon of the Double Dragon of China had aroused the suspicions of the Belgian foreign office, from which Belgian subjects must obtain permission before they may decorate their buttonholes or breasts with the insignia of a foreign order of chivalry. Lquiries showed that the Chinese legation here had no knowledge of the granting of any such orders to Belgian subjects. The diplomas, however, were found to be genuine, and it developed later that they had been stolen from the Chinese legation in London.

Further investigation revealed that a widespread business in decorations was being carried on by a man named Lazard, whose arrest was ordered. The concern has branches in many countries. The orders usually dealt in were the Lion and Sun of Persia, the Libertador of Venezuela and the Double Dragon of China, and many forged diplomas of these orders of chivalry were found in one of the branch offices.

WILL REMOVE LEE'S BODY

Mrs. Lucy Carnegie Gives Her Consent to Disinterment of Revolutionary Hero.

Brunswick, Ga.—By obtaining the consent of Mrs. Lucy Carnegie, wife of the steel magnate, to removing the remains of "Light Horse Harry" Lee from the burial ground on the Carnegie plantation at Dunwoody, on Cumberland island, where they have lain for a hundred years, to Virginia, what is believed to be the last chapter in the fight of the Georgia division of the Daughters of the American Revolution for the retention of the body is probably closed.

A short time after the report got abroad last year that the Virginia legislature had named a committee and appropriated the sum of \$500 to defray the expenses of removing the body from its present resting place to the Lee burial ground at Lexington, to be reinterred beside the body of his illustrious son, the Georgia Daughters adopted resolutions protesting on the grounds that since the remains had rested on Georgia soil so long, it would be desecration to remove them now.

WILL COMBINE SOCIETIES

Philanthropic Bodies of New York to Work Together to Avoid Duplication.

New York.—Practically all the philanthropic agencies and societies in New York city—nearly 5,000 in number—are to be linked together by a bureau known as the "Social Service Exchange." The aim is to prevent duplication of effort and to make the work of each organization more complete and effective.

Women See Minister's Boy

Hempstead, N. Y.—Many women, all of them church workers, had ring-side seats and cheered lustily when the athletic carnival staged by Rev. Charles H. Snedeker, brought two professional scrappers together in a lively bout. Wrestling exhibitions and tests of strength were also on the bill.