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FAMOUS PEACE TREATIES

By H. IRVING KING

CONGRESS OF BERLIN, 1878.

A Peace Congress That Helped to Settle the Balkan Situation

Some one somewhere remarked that the western question would perhaps be settled by the day of Judgment. Those fragments of nations which were the Balkan peninsula are such a goodly host that they shall side by side in a state of constant discord and bitter warfare, no one being able to wipe the other's wrongs from the earth while neither acts, but which is in a constant state of rebellion.

In 1875 the idea of pan-Slavism had become a strong sentiment in Russia. The Pan-Slavic movement was fostered by a revival of pan-Islamism in Turkey. Russian agents were everywhere in the peninsula stirring up the Christian populations and the Mussulman reaction and the harassed remnants of the petty still further excited the peoples already stirred by pan-Slavist dreams.

Forces hereafter Serbia declared war on Turkey. Montenegro and Albania flew at each other's throats; the powers intervened and there were conferences, protests and negotiations, while the Turks put down the uprisings and defeated the Serbians and Montenegrins with great slaughter. The uprising in Bulgaria was put down by the Turks with such energy that the Bulgarian massacre stirred all Europe. Turkey remained deaf to the proposals of the "concert of Europe."

Declared War Against Turkey. The balance of the year was uneventful, on April 24, 1877, he gave orders for his armies to cross the Turkish frontier and declared war against Turkey. He had previously concluded an alliance with Roumania by which the Russian armies had the right of passage through that country and the Roumanian army was to cooperate with the army of Russia. The land had compassed in the Russian move, provided the czar did not occupy Constantinople or the Bosphorus. For Egypt alone and recognized the neutrality of the Suez canal. Austria had been appeased by a secret pact with regard to Bosnia and Herzegovina and by the Austro-Serbian agreement for an outlet on the coast to the Adriatic sea at Saloniki. The ostensible object of the war was to force the pasha to put into operation their European superintendence his proposed reform which would remove the autonomy of the subject states.

The Russians crossed the Danube in

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Causus Belli.

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MARINES SURELY MADE HIT

But Not Altogether to the Extent That One Doughboy "Over There" Imagined.

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Therefore, when he walked along the streets reading the signs his eyes began to open wide and wider. Here was the Brasserie de la Marine, here the Cartisserie de la Marine, the Cafe de la Marine and everything else that possibly could carry the affix "de la marine." "Long the 'devil dog' looked. This he scratched his head. "The 'devil dog'?" he murmured. "I always know the marines were good, but I never had any idea they'd make such a big hit as this. By golly, they've named their base named town after 'em."

True.

"Is he a lot of money?"

"But he has the next best thing," "What is that?"

"The ability to make people think he's rich."

Not Ear Drums.

Spout—What instruments make foot notes?

Schmmeister. Show horns, of course.

TREATY OF ADRIANOPLE, 1829.

Independence of Greece Recognized by Turkey and Russia.

The modern kingdom of Greece came into being by a treaty signed at Adrianople in 1829 between Russia and Turkey by which the Greek empire of 200 years was created. Most of this time Greece was subject to Turkey, but not always. During the latter Middle Ages the Venetians and other foreign rulers temporarily established their power there. In 1712, the Turks drove out the Venetians, who had established themselves on the Greek peninsula 28 years before, and ruled independently until the beginning of the Greek revolution in 1821. The city of Athens rose and compelled the Turks to take refuge in the Acropolis; a constitution was proclaimed on the first day of the next year. All Pasha, the Turkish general, was defeated and killed by the revolutionists; the Turks took the revolted island of Saida with horrible cruelties; the Greeks killed Major-General Romanos. A large part of Greece fell into the hands of the revolutionists.

The war continued with the Greeks generally successful, until 1825. The intervention of England had been stirred by the idea of a revival of a nation that was the ancient home of arts and letters, and Byron had lent his money and his name to the Greek cause. At Missolonghi, in the Greek service, Russia was ready to interfere, but the governments of the western powers had no idea of making war for sentimental reasons.

Western Powers Take Notice. Early in 1825 Melouhi Ali, the great viceroy of Egypt, who had an eye on the throne of Constantinople, had 17,000 men in the Morea under his adopted son Ibrahim, who captured Navarino and the island of Sphacteria, which lies before it. Early the next year Ibrahim was seized by a Turkish army under Hussein, Pasha and Missolonghi was taken after a six-months' siege. All that part of Greece not occupied then by Turks and Egyptians was now under the influence of England, a mere Russian agent. The western powers began to "let up on the take notice." It looked as if the czar and the sultan were about to divide Greece between them. The Greek question, from being one of sentiment had become one of practical politics.

Troops of Russian, France and England met in London and, on July 27, 1827, signed a convention which established, on paper, a kingdom of Greece. In August the fleets of England, France and Russia included the Euro-Egyptian fleet of over 300 men-of-war, lying in the harbor of Navarino. On October 26 the allied fleets entered the harbor, and after a battle of five hours, totally destroyed

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