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Servia's Opera Bouffe Army is Spoiling For a Real Fray

FEW TO SPARE, INDEED.

Though Grossly Mismanaged and Inadequate in Numbers, the Pugnacious and Warlike Fighting Force of the Little Balkan State is Itching to Get at the Throat of Her Big Neighbor, Austria-Behind the Official Army, Which Numbers 30,000 in Peace and 160.000 on a War Footing, There is an Unefficial Army, Which Includes Every Man Woman and Child Able to Handle a Gun.

ELGRADE, Jan. 19.-Imagine if you can one of the most absord many officers as men and in which it is wellnigh impossible for the uninitlated outsider to tell who commands and who obeys; and at the same time a body of fighting men which for pure pugnacionsness and perpetual chip-onmider attitude cannot be matched, who despite their own lack of numtackle one of the largest and stronges; mistary countries in Europe; imagice all this, I say, and you have an excellent conception of the Servina army. In Servin all the men, women and children old chough, strong enough and brave enough to handle a gun form what generally is known as the unofficial army. That army is a rabble, pure and simple, without organization without training and without any idea. of modern warfare it is the official army, numbering 30.000 on a peace footing and about 160.000 on a war footing that impresses one inevitably as having been plucked full mown from the min I of a George formard Shaw or trabsported bodily from a Weber and Fields burlesque. one of the largest and stronges;

burlesque.

A glance at the headquarters of the first regiments of the line in Belgrade is enough to show the character of this comic opera army. The building in which this important body transreely upon the unpaved street, which also the rubbish heap for the whole-neighborhood. Their uniforms might neighborhood. Their uniforms might have been dark green, blue or black—they were faded beyond recognition; their high boots, shove whose tops their broad trousers builged in picturesque fashion, loeking as if they had not seen blacking since they were new, though the leather was worn into holes here and there. One of the men had a couple of buttons missing from his tunic and the other a rent in that portion of his nether garments which suggests his having sat down on a nail and got up in a hurry. The weapons, German and up to date, were as badly kept as the men's clothes. Their round astracharl caps, cut in Russian fashlon, were good enough once, probably, but looked as if they had been used for anything and everything besides head coverings.

Despite their disreputable appearance, however, the men were as jolly as sandboys and answered the request to enter the staff quarters with a laugh and a shrug of the shoulders, meant for "Why not?" One jerked his rifle butt toward the two windows

I found on going to see the men at drill that there were indeed few to apove, for no less than 29 officers were opering about a hundred men. It was impossible for me to keep track of the orders, for nobady seemed to do what was wanted of him, an oral sion that elicited a series of shouts and co-miderable swenring from the officers. Even the latter did not appear to be quite sure what they wanted, for when one shouted out an order two or three others, who were smoking their eternal cigarottes, protested and a long argument followed, during which the men smoked and loked. They were, for the rost, as dirty and buttered as the sergeants; small, wiry-booking and coverful. Their interest condition seemed to suit them.

an acre or two of land somewhere up pairs of boots and shoes for himself in the mountains and tills it with the hedp of his family. It is rather hard to stand on your dignity with your neighbor, with whom, before you encertered the ranks, you have smoked for the pairs of boots and shoes for himself and Queen Draga. The king and queen were killed very shortly afterward. Kaminski sent in his bill, but could not get his money. Then he asked to have his boots sent back.

owing possibly to the government's annunctuality in paying—and a warlike disposition bind them together in a way

"You cannot," wrote an officer, You cannot, wrote an officer, he-cause the late king and queen were buried in two pairs of your boots, and, I am sorry to say, the others got list. It is impossible for us to dig up a king and queen in order to send back your shoe leather."

Raminski, who got news from Servia that officers and their wives were walk-ing about in his boots, brought an ac-tion in Warsaw against the Servian consul, a Pole, because he had forwarded the order and Queen Draga's measure-ments. Absurd as it may appear, the Russian indge commanded the consul-

here is not much chance of then

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the ranks, but the women are not be hind. You can see an eldedy signant, drilling his cousins and siste in the use of the rifle.

Curiously enough, these are the people Austria is most concerned about They have a way of falling apon house occupied by Austrian official besigning it and making it impossible for the inmates to get out or receively supplies of food. The inmates is watched night and day and very effective into surrendering before tree starved into surrendering before tree. le private enterprise on the Junas behalf, in the nature of a bint. Here the students are very entire

live soldiers. The war minister, at of foreign opinion and not having wherewithal to equip these youthoutled with many thanks and rose his decision. But the students were to be eliminated in this manner they could not belong to the officerognized army, many determine join the unofficial one and now armoning about the country. The training about the country. The prince is their here and be open courages their actions, thinking if foreign powers would only give the monetary support to them, all go well.

Whatever may be their inten-



It was some eight feet by six, contained one small table, covered with an old curtain, and a chair. A map of the Balkans hung on the wall, and a reapencied line, traced by the crown prince, embraced the territory warlked Servians have said shall be theirs soon, under the name of "Great Servia"

RED. The four men in the the room were on the floor. Two were playing with cards on which pictures of vegetables took the place of spades, clubs, diamonds and hearts. One was askeep, with his head under the table, and the fourth was watching the game. The latter was a nost affable gentleman and I learned afterward, was the heau of the layer't many men to spare, but the regiment must be layer that was turn in the floor. Two were playing with cards on which pictures of vegetables took the place of spades, clubs, diamonds and hearts. One was askeep, with his head under the table, and the fourth was watching the game. The latter was a nost affable gentleman and I learned afterward, was the heau of the layer that was turn in the floor. Two were playing with cards on which pictures of vegetables took the place of spades, clubs, diamonds the fourth was watching the game. The latter was a nost affable gentleman and I learned afterward, was the heau of the layer the regiment must be

It appears that drills always end in which in other countries would be called lack of discipline. As a matter of fact they have more in common than you will find elsewhere. To begin

dened with nice scruples. Everybody knows that the late King Alexander and his wife Draga were murdered with the knowledge and help of officers who afterward held high military powho atterward held high miniary positions. There is a story, too, that these same officers did, during the confusion and hurry that followed the perpetration of the plot, appropriate the murdered king's and queen's hoots to the value of \$127. The story of these boots led to a lawsuit. For some boots led to a lawsuit. For some reason or other the kings of Servia prefer Polish boots and get, or got, them from a Warsaw hootmaker named Kaminski. When the late king was

But Servia's real spirit is to be found in her bands of private soldiers, who, made up of all the farmer and peasant classes, carry on private war. These bands are the terror of the Austrian notables who live in Bosnia and Herzegovina. They number anything up to a couple of hundred men, are well sup-plied with French and German arms, and, secure among the mountains they alone know, prove formidable rivals to even well seasoned troops. All of them are vigorous and hardened to the privations of winter among the mountains. If report be true, the Austrian government is prepared, in case of war, to send several battalions of reservists, un-

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Balzac's Haven From Duns Is Converted Into a Museum

friends are at fast bestirring themselves to honor his memory by something more than a statue, Already the house in which the great author died has been swept away to make room for modero requirements. A few yours more and the house in which he wrote his fluest masterpieces and drank the cup of bitterness to the last dregs, would of bilterness to the hat deegs, would have followed. This crowning mistortune has been averied, thanks to the initiative of men like Paul Bourget, Jean Richepin and Maurice Barres' who have headed a movement to buy the charming little cottage at Passywhere Balzac lived from 1845-8, and to turn it into the Muson Balzac (Balzac Museum.) to turn it into the Muson Balgac (Balgac Museum.)

The Muson Balgac does not yet contain very many souvemen of the great man, but this is only a matter of time,

for bequests are sure to flow in now that there is a place to receive them. In the author's study are to be seen on the wall quaint colored prints of all the heroes and heroines whose fortunes he described: a sketch of Balzac by David d'Angers; a plaster cast of Rodin's famous statuetts of him; an original terra cotta bust by Marquet de Vasselot (the marble one is at the Comedie Francaise;) Halzac's Inkpot in the form of a brass padlock; an insurance policy signed by him—that is about all as yet.

But under the intelligent direction of the "conservatour." M. de Royaumont, who is an enthusiastic Balzacian. No. 27, Rue Raynouard is certain to become a literary shrine to which every entured American visitor in Paris will increforth make a pligitimage.

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Passy, then a mere village. It was an

tirst place it was off the street, the cance to it being through a house ich, fronting on Rue Raynouard, was is valuable as a drawbridge to a castle. This house being itself on the crest of a hill, the ottage had been built on a crace laid out on the side of the hill, sinc is to 20 feet below, so that access rom the one to the other was only posone he one to the other was only pos-ble down a double flight of stairs inch opened on a small paved court, in the opposite side of which stood the one arm of the rectungle facing the aved court was occupied by the en-ance half, the housekeeper's room,

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varings which this head confige contained, not the least, doubtless in the moster's eyes. Close to the telecom was a flight of stairs leading down some 15 feet to a payed cour! formed by the inner angle of the T square, with an exit on Rue Herion, a parrow ent-throat alley with high walls on either side.

Hut the partition and the house already bad their history before Belgar same there. They had been hull in that by the famous financier, de Justicuse, who sold the property four very later to M. Dupin (of Jean-freques Rousseau) fame). Dupin thought it would be an ideal retreat or his professes, the heautiful Molle. thus, of the Comedie Francaise. The sext tenant was Mdile. Contat, the famous actress who created the role of many a "tote galante" was held in flite payling outside the city while payling outside the city while noble and bourgeois heads falling by the hundreds within as the guildune's sharp steel. such was the house in which Belgac point six years of incession, prediction gligatic tell. Latturines calls in "the Walter Scott of France, not to Walter Scott of landscapes and alventures, but of characters," and truly there was nucli that was similarly the second section of the second

TOLLED WITHOUT REST.

friend Jules Lacroix to arrange a meeting at the Cafe Anglais, the reserved them with his fine small writing, and sustaining himself with countless cups of coffee. He never slept during the night. Half-a-dozen hours for rest and sleep during the day was all he could spare for nature. Masterpleres such as "Poor Relations," "Cousin Pons," "Cousin Bette," "Meradet." "Vautrin" and half-a-dozen others—460.000 lines in six years—were written in that little study walle relentless duns were hammering at the door outside. No human being not even Balzac with his massive frame, could anald such a strain. In 1848 he quitted Rue Rayhouard for Russia to marry Mme. Manska. On his return to Paris two years later he died, worn out at \$1!

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a lasting influence on the list's career. It was a very adventure and is not, I react novelial's career. It was a very romantic adventure and is not. I think, generally known. At that time the Marquis of Heriford, an eccentric and immensely wealthy English nobleman. Bad already taken up his residence in Paris and had hist purchased the charming property of Bagatelle in the Holes de Boulogne which at his destin passed to Sir Richard Wallace, who, as is well known, bequeathed it to the city of Paris. The marquis had read Balzac's "La Fille aux Yeaux d'Or" (The Girl with the Eyes of Gold) which had just appeared and it had made an immense impression on him, not only because it showed that the author was a literary genius, but even more because the story hore a remarkable resemblance to an adventure of the marquis himself. Seized with an intense desire to know Bolzac, the marquis asked his

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A Broken Strap and Scattered Lingerie Didn't Trouble Him

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ONDON, Jan. 16.—American men continue to prove a revelation walter burns noticed his guest's "log-gage," and that she carried it in her land. He insisted space taking it for her to the tule station by which she is deem people sat round a teagreenis more completing of stockings, ribbeas, are evenings of the owner box, etc. The rectings of the owner thin be more scattly inoughed than decrease magnifectably to the completing decrease magnifectably to the complete them to be made in the business from the form took, he micked up all the columnate and with the attack case explained than with the attack case explained than with the columnate and with the attack and with the columnate with the change about the proof relation with the change and the proposed and the proposed at the columnate of the form the proposed at the columnate of the

would have had the bravery to have endured the ridicule of the gaping, un-sympathetic crowd who gazed at the A GREAT FINANCIAL EVENT. One of the greatest financial events

of the late spring will be the opening of Selfridge's. Great efforts are being made to secure the partonage of royalty to the establishment. It is now said that the queen has practically given her word to drop in to look over the store the week before it will be opened to the public, and that a magnificent par-jor is being decorated with all kinds for is being decorated with all kinds of toyal devices in which her majesty will be entertained at tea. The Prince and Princess of Wales are said also to have given their word to put in an appearance at the palatial shop. An enthusiastic democratic member of the firm, I am, however, told, makes out that this is not true, but he does not know of what he is talking. For at least two years back it has been realized that earth and heaven were being moved to influence royalty and aristocrany in general to give their favor to the so-called democratic venture.

be assured of plenty of support, and what is mere, may charge much what it likes. But Mr. Selfridge is wide awake and has a dislike to giving in-discriminate "tick."

Now that the building is at last exposed to view it follows at last exposed to view it follows.

posed to view, it fulfills all that has been said about it. For a year post the firm was boasting that it was its determination to take the shike out of determination to take the sales out of every shop in London—a suggestion ridicaled on all sides. But its prophecy has proved correct it is a paiace of its kind. I am told scores of American shop-girts are to be imported. Now, if what we are fold is true of the American shoppiri and her pert manners, she will not sult us the least little bit. In the best West End shops in Lendon it is imperative for the shop girl to be a sycophant. She has to "my lady" every woman of title to "madam" every little female who wants to buy a yard of ribbon. Moreover, she has to have the patience of Job himself and the temper of a saint.

LIKE PRIVILEGE OF PAYING.

Selfridge's has one disadvantage: it serrange's has one disarvantage it is rather foo far down Oxford street, foo may say that Whiteley's and John tarker's are noted farther out. That a guits true but these benses made their reputations years ago and have become about significant.

It is runored that during the first works ton will be given gratis every afterness. I can not sure that we first inters are food of things, we get for

and fashionable Americans, Mr. Mrs. Townsend. She has met the on several occasions when abroad w her parents and was recently includ-in a house-party at Sandringham. T Townsends entertain brilliantly as have given some unique lunchous for his majesty at Marienbad. Mrs. Town send is one of the Yankee women wh have been known to have special del cactes beloved of Edward VII brough y special trains to assure their being n perfect condition and who spend fortune on an idea for floral decortions. Such attentions are never thrown away on the king, who is no only an observant but a most appre-ciative man. Yvonne Townsend ma-consequently feel assured of a girm success when she makes her bow. She has a great resemblance to Princes 'Pat' of Connaught, and has been of several occasions mistaken for her.

The end of this month will find num best botels or at their own establishments. This is accounted for in a measure by the fortheoming courts in February. An official at the lord chamberlain's office has just been tellins someone I know that never in his recollection—and he has been in this office for years—has he known the applications from Americans for presentations in numerous.

Miss Dodge is fixed up at Warwick louse where she is meditating taking some where she is meditaling taxing all by storm during the meason. Mr. Ioman, who went much before Christian, returns to her nice little house Mayfair this work. She means to take thing and property of the diplomatic set. LADY MARY

A Notre Dama Lady's Appeal

To all knowing sufferers of rheunaism, whether muscular or of the joints, schallen, lumbages, bachacer-pains in the kidneys or neuralga-pains, to write to her for a home trai-ment which has repeatedly cured sit of these tortures. She feels it her duly to send it to all sufferers FREE. Too cur cursuit at home as themsalit-will testify—no change of climate be-ing necessary. This simple discovery bandthes aric acid from the blood, loss-ens the stiffened joints, purifies the blood, and brightens the says, glibs slasticity and tone to the whole sy-tem. If the above interests you, los-proof address Mrs. M. Summers, lies R. Notre Dume, Ind.



