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WHY NOT INTERFERE?

The question is very naturally being
asked, why Europe does not end the
suspense in which it is held by the
turbulent in the Balkan states. It would
seem an easy task for the so-called
Christian powers, were they to act with
unity of purpose, to stop the atrocities
that are committed every day in that
part of the globe. The explanation usually
given is, that the jealousy of the
powers prevents them from taking any
action whatever. They all fear that in a
general break-up, the others would
obtain the larger pieces, and therefore
they prefer status quo. The truth is,
Russia is the only power that single-
handed can call Turkey to account. But
she will not do this, unless she is certain
of the results of a possible victory.She will not again do the fighting, and
share the fruits of victory with other
powers. Russia will not interfere, unless
compelled to do so by circumstances,
until she is strong enough to beat
Turkey and to defend the fruits of
victory against the other powers.But there is another consideration,
which may have greater weight still,
with the European statesmen who are
well informed as to the details of the
situation. The Turks are hardly fight-
ers, and their expulsion from Europe
would cost enormously in blood and
treasure. The proclamation of a holy
war, and the unfurling of the green flag
of the Mohammedan prophet, would
call to arms perhaps a million or more
of "faithful." And everything possessed
by the Mohammedans in Turkey
would be consecrated to war. The Turk-
ish soldier can live principally on bread
and water and sleep in his clothes on
the ground. He can fight on such fare,
and he cares not whether his "kismet"
be life or death. The Russians, in their
last conflict with Turkey acknowledged
the bravery of their antagonists, and it
is believed the Turkish soldier is much
better drilled, and better armed now
than he was then. All these facts, and
others, may well cause Europe to hesi-
tate, and try to postpone the conflict
that must come, as long as possible.But why do not the statesmen of Eu-
rope call a conference, and discuss the
situation thoroughly? If they were de-
termined of ending the agony, they would
at once consider the feasibility of cre-
ating a buffer state between Mohammed-
ans and "Christians." They would
come together and rectify the blunder
of the Berlin congress, by which the
present atrocities were made possible.
That they fail to come together and ex-
ert themselves for a favorable solution
of the Balkan problem, shows a deplorable
lack of statesmanship in the Old
World, at the present time.

LONGER LIFE.

Life insurance experts assert that
men live considerably longer now than
they did 50 years ago. According to
their comparative figures covering a
century, the increase in the expectation
of life has been raised in Europe from
44.1 per cent to 54.4 per cent for men,
and from 48.6 per cent to 57.8 for women.
That is to say, the average dura-
tion of life has lengthened that much;
and for men the increase is about 1 per
cent more than for women. In Great
Britain in 1838 the annual death rate
for all ages was 23 per 1,000. In 1900 it
was 19 for women. In 1838 it was 22 and
in 1900 it was 17. Our records in the
United States are too imperfect for the
first half of the last century to be re-
liable. In 1900 the death rate has drop-
ped to 18.5. In 1901 it dropped to 18.3
and it is probably falling steadily. This
result is due chiefly to the better un-
derstanding of the laws of hygiene, but
also to the progress made by medical
science, and the attention paid to sani-
tation in cities and communities. The
death rate among children has been
considerably reduced. Epidemics are
less frequent, and when they appear,
they come in a milder form, and are
more easily controlled.It is also quite remarkable how many
persons retain their faculties to a good,
old age. The late pope was a remark-
able instance of this. Tolstol is an-
other. He is 75 years old, but is appar-
ently as vigorous in mind, if not in
body, as ever. There is 72. In nothing
these men have written is there any
mark of age. Both, on the contrary,
have branched out on new lines of
thought, proving their youthful
strength. I have said recently, almost in
the words of the Prophet Joseph: "IfI can make the people think rightly
then all the rest will follow without
legislation, without restriction." Asked
to define himself more clearly, he said
that he believed that if the world
thought rightly laws would be un-
necessary. There have always been a few
giants of physique and intellect in ev-
ery generation, but they are more nu-
merous than ever. And this is another
proof of the physical progress of man-
kind.

AGAINST EMIGRATION.

An anti-Emigration society is said
to have been formed in Ireland, for
the purpose of restraining the exodus
from that island. At a recently held
conference on the subject, the speakers
pointed out that the country is being
depopulated, without the least sign
of any change in the near future.Ireland needs an anti-Emigration so-
ciety. It was shown during the recent
conference that no country sends so
many emigrants out, as Ireland. Dur-
ing the closing decade of the last cen-
tury France sent out one emigrant to
every 6,975 of its population; Germany,
one in 2,574; Belgium, one in 267; Eng-
land, one in 292; Italy, one in 212;
Scotland, one in 214; Spain, one in 261;
Portugal, one in 241; Sweden, one in 427;
Austria-Hungary, one in 489; Denmark,
one in 686; Switzerland, one in 1,266;
Holland, one in 2,772, while Ireland sent
out one in every 114 of its rapidly de-
creasing population, without including
the large number who moved into Eng-
land, Scotland and Wales but who are
not classified as emigrants.But the island needs, more than
anything else, such conditions at home
as will make it possible for the people
to remain and get along. No man or
woman really loves to leave the native
soil. "Be it ever so humble, there's no
place like home." Love of home and
country is implanted in every human
being. It is natural to remain among
home surroundings, and it is not nat-
ural to become transplanted to for-
eign soil. When this takes place on a
scale so large as that which Ireland
has suffered from, there is something
wrong at home, something that calls
for a remedy by those in whose hands
the reins of government rest. It is the
same all over Europe. The burdens
are laid heavily on the shoulders of
those who are least able to bear them,
and the consequence is that they seek
refuge in other parts of the world,
where freedom is the rule. Anti-emigra-
tion will fail to accomplish anything,
until the conditions that drive men and
women from home are radically chang-
ed.

SINGING BOYCOTTERS.

A suit against boycotters has been
instigated in the district court at
Bridgeport, Ct. The outcome of it
will be watched with much interest. It
is a suit brought by D. E. Lowe & Co.,
of Danbury, hat manufacturers, against
the national officers of the American
Federation of Labor, the national offi-
cers of the United Hatters of North
America, and against members of
those organizations to the number of
750, residents on Danbury, who were
formerly in the employ of the plain-
tiffs. These allege that the defendants
placed a boycott upon their goods both
in this country and Canada, because
they declined to discharge non-union
men; also that in 1902 the union men
working in the factory were called out
on a strike. They now seek reimburse-
ment for the losses sustained by these
proceedings.It is the old question whether non-
union men shall have a right to earn a
living in this country, which is brought
before the public again, in this suit.
And therefore the outcome of it will
be expected with much interest. The
question will also be passed upon,
whether those causing losses by boy-
cotts and strikes can be held finan-
cially responsible for such losses. Should
it turn out that members of unions are
financially responsible for the acts of
their associations, they would perhaps
hesitate in voting on some measures
that now are lightly passed upon. Or,
they would incorporate, to avoid per-
sonal responsibility.The case should be brought before
the highest tribunal for final decision,
so all concerned may know what their
rights and responsibilities are in times
of labor troubles.

LUTHERANS DID WELL.

The following is from the Pocahontas
Tribune of Sept. 15:"The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says:
The Protestants for the enlistment of
religious bodies in the crusade against
Senator Smoot met a set back in the
Lutheran synod of New York and New
Jersey a day or two ago. A coteries
of mischief-makers had been engaged
in attempting to prevent Mr. Smoot
from holding the seat in Congress to
which the people of the state have
elected him. That junta first attempt-
ed to induce the Senate to prevent him
from taking his seat. Failing in that
endeavor, it is trying to get the vari-
ous churches of the country to unite in
a movement to have him unseated.
Failure is certain in this effort also."The paper quoted explains that there
is no charge of wrongdoing against
Senator Smoot, and then continues:"For this reason the Lutheran synod
very wisely voted down the proposition
to oppose the senator's retention of
his seat. Other religious bodies
will show like sense. As there is no
charge of violation of any statute
against the senator, he will retain his
seat. His position as a high officer
of the Mormon Church will not be af-
fected by the Senate to affect his status
as a member of that body. The Mor-
mon Church is on an equality before
the law with all other denominations.
Membership in it will not be allowed
to disqualify anybody from holding any
office of trust or power under the na-
tional government. The corporate
guard of bigots who would like to cre-
ate a state church, providing it were
their own particular denomination, are
a century behind their time. When the
framers of the national constitution in
1787 decreed that there should never be
any favored church establishment in
the United States, they killed that de-
monstrational exclusiveness idea for all
time in this country."The Turks should be routed out of
Belrut.The beef trust makes people suffer
in the flesh.At Cripple Creek General Bell seems
to be the ring leader.A St. Paul man is petrifying. He has
reached the stone age.The early bird is quite as apt to get a
load of shot as a worm.Red Cloud, who is dying, when dead
will still be under a cloud.Wives of great men all remind us that
they are not so great after all.The cemetery quarrel goes from
grave to gay, from lively to serene.Army maneuvers and wire pulling in
the army have no necessary connection.Jack Frost is getting out his red
paint pot and tinting up some of the
trees.One exhibitor at the Irrigation con-
gress has thirty-two varieties of ap-
ples.How the Sublime Porte sublimates its
account of atrocities committed in the
Sultan's domains!Now Mrs. Hodge says she is not
guilty. But to change her mind is a
woman's privilege.Some of the employees in the salaries
and allowances division of the general
postoffice work like Beavers.Often there is a blessing in adversity,
but like precious metals in rebellious
ores it is hard to extract.The Utah fruit exhibit sterilized the
Californians. Such things cannot be
without their special wonder.Having been sued for heavy damages by
Lowe & Co., hatmakers, Gompers et al
will "hats off" when they pass by.In the matter of feuds and factional
fights New York City is outdoing Ken-
tucky just now. The Blue Grass State
must look to its laurels.A Philadelphian is to plan a model
city for the Louisiana Purchase ex-
position. He will scarcely take his
own city for a prototype.It worries the good ladies of the W.
C. T. U., who are making such an on-
slaught on Senator Smoot, to think
that they do not worry him.And now a question has arisen as to
the validity of Vermont divorces.
What's the matter? Are our divorces
to be as weak as our marriage bonds?If the powers will not restore order
in Macedonia, Bulgaria proposes to
undertake the task alone. This is a case
of a little fish talking like a big whale.Deputy Marshal Gamble's confession
telling how old and decrepit Chinese
were substituted for young and vigor-
ous Chinamen, who were under sen-
tence of deportation, is interesting, al-
most as interesting as exchanging new
lamps for old ones.The following story, which belongs
to the class known as "too good to
be true," is going the rounds of the
press: Owen Wister, the author of
"The Virginian," was at Harvard with
the President, and is one of those who
still enjoy his delightful hospitality.
Among the guests at a White House
dinner were a very distinguished old
lady, slightly deaf, and Mr. Wister. The
President, placing his hand on Mr. Wis-
ter's shoulder, took him up to the old
lady saying: "Mrs. Jones, I want you
to meet my old friend, Owen Wister."
"Ah, Mr. Worcester," said the old lady,
"how charming! I am so pleased to meet
you on account of the sauce.""Death party" is, perhaps, something
new under the sun. It is the name
given to a gathering in a death cham-
ber. Recently a young lady in Mount
Vernon, N. Y., Lena Scott Chaplin, in-
vited all her friends to her room a few
days before her death of consumption.
She was 19 years old, and knowing
that she must die, she called her friends
together and after the dinner she bade
them all good-by, hoping to meet them
in heaven. There is something beau-
tifully suggestive in this. The young
lady was not afraid of death. Evident-
ly she believed in a life after this.
Faith suggested this party. Agnosticism
would not have thought of it.

PEARY AND THE POLE.

New York World.

No man living surpasses Peary in the
proved qualities necessary to success.
He has learned at the hard school of
experience all that can now be known
of polar exploration. Polar expeditions
have been fitted out with more lavish
expense than his and in one or two
instances have reached a "farther
north." But in proportion to the means
he has had to work with he has accom-
plished more for science than any other
adventurer. The people will join with
the president in wishing success to the
American explorer who has struggled
so long for the bloodless conquest of
the pole.

Chicago News.

That plans which look well on paper
frequently prove impracticable and
daring have often come to grief will
not dull the expectancy with which
Commander Peary's expedition will be
watched in this country. The belief is
fixed that the pole is to be discovered
no distant day, and that the discov-
ery be of practical value or not,
the human race will never rest content
until it is made. It is a legitimate Amer-
ican ambition, that the achievement
shall be the deed of an American.

San Francisco Chronicle.

In all previous expeditions Peary's
vessel has been an auxiliary sailing
ship. The craft to be employed in the
forthcoming dash to the Pole will be
built specially for the purpose of pierc-
ing the ice floes of the northern seas
and forcing her way to the North Pole
by the agency of steam power alone. He
places great reliance upon the help he
will get from the Whale Sound Equi-
max, the entire tribe of which, num-
bering nearly 500 persons, he will take
with him to the northern end of Green-
land, where he expects to make a dash
to the Pole with the aid of dogs and
sledges, after being compelled to aban-
don his vessel, if she gets icebound.
His plans are fully matured and he is
sanguine of success; but no explorer
who ever ventured on the sea has been
to the Pole lacked faith in his ability to
overcome all the difficulties he would
encounter in his quest.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

He will follow the plan adopted by
him on all his previous voyages—get
as far north as possible in a ship and
there establish a base of supplies from
which to work overland across by stage
until within striking distance of the
pole, then make a final dash. He will,
as before, enlist the services of the
natives of those ice-bound regions, and
when in Eskimo land will do as the
Eskimos do. He has had many devoted
followers among those people and has
lived among them in the native fashion.He hopes to induce a party to follow
him over the several hundred miles of
ice that lie between their most northerly
dwelling places and the pole.

Springfield Republican.

It is said that Secretary Moody dis-
approves of the action of following Com-
mander Peary another leaving of absence
from the engineering corps of the
navy, and this assumption appears
justified by the entire absence of Secre-
tary Moody from the correspondence
between the president, the navy de-
partment and the explorer. In his atti-
tude Mr. Moody is hard-headed, for the
government is all the time paying
Peary a salary. Still there will be very
little criticism of the government in
this matter. The labors and adventures
of a Peary capture the imagination;
and, if he finally freezes to death in
the lone ice pack, as probably he will,
the world will justly place him among
the heroes of romance whose exploits
and sufferings contribute to the poetry
of human life.

Kansas City World.

Science and scientists are, of course,
duly grateful, and they have, without
a question, been immeasurably bene-
fited from these arctic expeditions,
but once in awhile someone is bold
enough to say: "Is it worth while?"
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