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BIG WARS CAUSED BY MINOR AFFAIRS

Events, Trifling in Themselves, Have
Sent Nations Armed Against
Nations in Conflict

A Mexican's refusal to fire a salute of twenty-one guns seems an absurd trifle to sacrifice human life for, but that affair provided but another illustration of the manner in which little sparks sometimes bring about big international blazes. The war in which Great Britain lost the United States for example, began because the citizens of Boston emptied a number of tea chests into Boston harbor. They objected to having their tea taxed to the benefit of England, and showed their resentment by tipping it in the sea. The result was that hostilities began at once.

And it was really because a few people lost their heads in the excitement of the moment that South Carolina began the war between North and South in the sixties. While negotiations regarding the slavery question were in progress the North sent a ship to reinforce the garrison at Fort Sumter. The South Carolina Secessionists saw the ship arriving and gave into a fever of excitement. They thought it was a sign that hostilities had begun, with the consequence that they fired at the ship, bombarded the garrison, and took all the men in the fort prisoners, for the garrison was quite unprepared. It was this little affair which precipitated matters, set the North ablaze, and resulted in the war which cost the States \$10,000,000,000 and the lives of 600,000 men.

Religion and War

The question of the guardianship of the Holy Sepulchre really led to disastrous Crimean War. France had it; Russia wanted it; and Great Britain sent a messenger to ask Russia to withdraw. But the messenger was ultimately informed that the Russian Emperor had nothing to reply, and a few days later an enormous crowd gathered in front of the Royal Exchange in London to hear war declared.

It was quite a trifling affair which led to the conflict between Russia and Turkey in 1877, a war which was really originated by the blow of a blacksmith's hammer. In the 'seventies the province of Bosnia and Herzegovina, long under Turkish rule, but now under the administration of Austria-Hungary, was groaning under the excessive taxation levied by the Turks. In some parts of the province all persons over the age of sixteen had to pay a poll tax.

One day a collector went to a small mountain village to collect the tax, when a dispute arose between him and the village blacksmith concerning the age of the latter's daughter. The blacksmith insisted that she was a minor, and when the tax-collector made some insulting remark about her the smith brained him with his hammer. The blow of that hammer was heard in every Court in Europe, for the smith fled to the mountains, taking his daughter with him, gathered a band of malcontents, and began an insurrection which set the whole province in a blaze. The war spread to Serbia, and ultimately Russia became involved.

"Jenkins's Ear"

An extraordinary affair, which descended in history as that of "Jenkins's ear," led to the war between Britain and Spain in 1739. At that time the Spaniards, encouraged by a secret compact with France, began to exercise with great severity their right to search English vessels on the high seas. In 1731 an English merchant vessel was boarded by the Spanish guardship and the captain, named Robert Jenkins, was cruelly used. After his release Captain Jenkins made his way to England, where the story of his torture by the Spaniards, and the tearing off of one or both of his ears, aroused general anger. Seven years later he was called before Parliament, and, standing at the Bar of the House, retold his narrative to the assembled members. His story caused a thrill of indignation to run through England and war ensued.—Tit-Bits.

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When Starting a Fire

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Queer Old Industry

In Japan there is a goldfish farm that has been in continuous operation since 1762.

LOCAL BOODLE ORGAN

(Continued from page three.)

for him, return the \$500.

A.—It was returned; I don't know by whom.

Q.—Did it not pass through your hands?

A.—It was deposited in the bank I don't know by whom.

Q.—How did you learn of it?

A.—Through the bank book.

The bank book was produced and the entry of the \$500 returned was shown on March 25.

Commissioner.—Then why was not the voucher returned before April 30?

Mr. Teed.—It was not requested.

Mr. Carvell.—Mr. Baxter got the money on Feb. 11, and paid it back on March 25?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Who paid it back?

A.—Mr. Thompson told me that Mr. Baxter was—

Q.—Mr. Baxter was a member of the legislature at that time?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You know of a committee of the legislature investigating the books?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Was Mr. Baxter there?

A.—I did not see him. I saw Mr. Tilley on two occasions, but do not recall anyone else. I saw Mayor Black, Mr. Carter, Mr. Jones and Mr. Tilley were appointed. I could not say that Mr. Baxter or Mr. Stewart of Gloucester were members of the committee.

The witness could not fix the date of Mr. Tilley's visits, but remembered he was there twice.

Q.—Was it possible for him to see the books other times without your knowledge?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you think Mr. Tilley or anyone else could go in there and get an accurate knowledge of the financial affairs of the company by such an investigation?

A.—I do not.

To the commissioners the witness said that he saw only Mr. Tilley and when he came the books were taken into the private office and Mr. Thompson gave the explanations. The other members might have been there in the evenings when he was not there but he never saw them.

The witness did not prepare any statement for the committee. All he did was to produce some vouchers for which Mr. Thompson asked.

Voucher 113 was next taken up. This was in favor of H. F. McLeod, for right of way, lot No. 98. Michael Kelly, \$127; A. King, \$50; J. H. Carson, \$5, and D. B. Griffin, \$5. The witness said these checks were issued to Mr. McLeod and the company took Mr. McLeod's receipt for them. Mr. McLeod was engaged as the solicitor for the construction company in connection with these right of way cases. The money was for right of way and only passed through Mr. McLeod's hands.

Voucher 505, next produced, showed a payment of \$500 on Aug. 19, 1912, to Hon. H. F. McLeod, for services obtaining deeds and searching right of way titles.

Q.—Did you not have another official whose duty it was to settle these matters?

A.—Yes, C. K. Howard.

Q.—Then Mr. McLeod's services would be purely legal?

A.—Yes.

Voucher 920, dated Dec. 15, 1912, to Hon. H. F. McLeod, on account of services, \$1,738.65, (pencilled memo—149 titles).

Q.—What do you infer from that?

A.—That it was in payment for the search and preparation of the deeds for 149 titles at \$15.

Q.—Who made that pencil memo?

A.—I did, there were no particular's in the account. I had Mr. Howard's authority that it was all right.

Q.—One hundred and forty nine titles at \$15 would be more than that.

A.—But there was the previous payment of \$500.

Voucher 1427, April 30, 1913, to Hon. H. F. McLeod, services re 97 titles at \$15, \$1,395 was next shown in evidence, with check dated May 20.

Voucher 2665, Feb. 16, 1914, to Hon. H. F. McLeod, for services to Dec. 18, 1913, \$490.67 was produced and read.

Q.—You say that they pay this firm of lawyers \$1,235 for getting the subsidy paid?

A.—I suppose it would be for services in connection with the subsidy? Mr. Teed.—I don't suppose that you mean what you suggest?

Mr. Carvell.—What could there be in it except getting the subsidy. Every word of the agreement is drawn up by the department and sent down for the company to accept. The subsidy for this company was granted by statute and the terms were set out by statute.

Mr. Teed.—You know Lewis & Smith and you know they would not be put in a bill for getting the subsidy?

Judge Wells remarked that information might be got on the subject and Mr. Carvell said that he had been to Fredericton and had been given no assistance.

Mr. Teed.—You are throwing out a hint that I don't like.

Mr. Carvell.—I do not appreciate that remark from Mr. Teed. I have been conducting this investigation like a gentleman.

At this juncture the commission adjourned.

MORE DAVIS CUP MATCHES TODAY

Chicago, Ill., July 23.—The first Davis Cup tennis match ever staged in the west began on the turf courts of the Ontwentsia Club at Lake Forest today, when the selected teams representing Canada and Australia met for the first of the international preliminaries to take place in this country. The Canadians and Australians are to engage in five matches, four in singles and one in doubles. The winning team will go to Pittsburgh next week to try conclusions with the German challengers on the courts of the Allegheny Country Club. The winners of these matches will in turn go to Boston to fight it out with the British challengers during the second week of August. Then will come the final matches, to take place at Forest Hills, L.I., August 13-15, in which the Americans will defend the famous trophy against the team that survives the elimination contests.

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4 ins-July 23rd.

Notice of Assessment

The assessment roll for the City of Fredericton for year 1914, is now in the hands of the city treasurer for collection and all persons therein assessed are hereby required to pay the amount of their respective taxes forthwith to the city treasurer at his office in the City Hall, Fredericton.

A discount of 5 per cent. will be allowed on all taxes paid in on or before 20th of August next, after which execution may be issued and proceedings had thereon, as by law provided. Dated at the City Hall, Fredericton, this 4th day of July, A. D., 1914.

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