

A GENERAL WAR.

Probable Result of a European Uprising.

Attitude of the Different Nations Towards Each Other - The Effect It Would Have on America.

If the alliance of the three empires, of Austria, Russia and Germany, holds out, what can the rest of Europe do? The Balkan and other eastern and south-western provinces have been led into the combination, giving three empires, it is estimated, a fighting force of little short of 12,000,000 men.

Such might be the course of a general European war, which, according to many statesmen versed in foreign affairs, now seems probable.

What effect would a European war have on America? As first the effect would be increased prices for all American products and manufactures.

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CALLING THE DOCTOR.

People Are Not Considerate of the Physician's Comfort.

Without intending to be so, people are extremely inconsiderate to their physicians, and unwittingly cause them a great deal of trouble and weariness.

At a somewhat informal meeting of doctors and nurses, held not long since, for the purpose of discussing the relations between the two, some very interesting facts were brought out and talked over.

When people are ailing they get tired and nervous and fretful and out of joint with everybody and everything. They are to a certain extent entertained and amused or at least occupied during the day.

We all know that by indulging ourselves in such apprehensive states of mind fancy will get into dreadful things when once we give way to our feelings.

Of course there are acute attacks of various diseases that demand instant attention, but when the doctor has made one call he is usually quite well qualified to state whether or not there are conditions that are likely to arise which may give cause for alarm.

RUSSIAN HUNTING DOGS.

The Laikas furnish food, draw sledges and supply clothing. Harding Cox writes about laikas, or southern dogs. "The duties of the true laikas," he says, "are of an extremely varied nature."

"The laikas has a pointed ear, which the dog pricks when excited. The muzzle is long and sharp, but powerful, set to a broad forehead. The body is strong and at the quarters broad and powerful. The ribs are big and long. The chest is deep and broad. The legs are for running, while the tail, thick, having 'fotton' under the hair, which makes it warm."

A Champion Lightweight. Remarkable in many ways, the "tulugna" of the far west is most curious for its almost total lack of weight. The little insect has a nearly microscopic body but a relatively huge spread of wings, which gives it the appearance of a mosquito.

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OUR GREAT ARMY.

More Trained Soldiers Than Any Other Nation.

They are not Enlisted, But Are Available at Short Notice - Some Very Interesting War Figures.

Every year seems to make it more probable that the close of the nineteenth century will mark an epoch in the history of the world. The thoughts of the nations have for some time now been turned to the subject of war, and incredible though it may seem, in the event of a general call to arms, nearly 40,000,000 men could be placed in the field.

According to the London Daily Mail's estimate, the United States can call upon a greater number of trained soldiers than any other country in the world. Although the standing army numbers only 27,000 men each state has to support its own militia, and should it become necessary as a last resource, upward of 7,500,000 men could assist in maintaining the independence of the states.

To defend the coast there would be a navy of some 70 ships, with 10,000 men. Of the European armies the biggest is that of France. The number of men in the active army and reserves is 2,350,000. The territorial army is 900,000 strong and its reserve 1,100,000, making a total of some 4,350,000. It is not likely, however, that under any conceivable circumstances more than 2,500,000 men could be called out.

From a military point of view Great Britain ill compares with her European neighbors. The total of all branches of the service only amounts to 715,638, and of these only 665,154 are classed as effective. The regular forces at home and in the colonies only number 147,105, an army reserve is 50,100, the militia 140,104, the yeomanry 11,773 and the volunteers 263,528.

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