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## The League's Chance

THE commencement of hostilities between Greece and Bulgaria presents the League of Nations with the cleanest cut opportunity it has yet had to prevent war.

Both nations belong to the League. The League not only has jurisdiction but is in ideal position to enforce its laws. Considerable prestige, therefore, is to be won or lost by the way the conflict is handled.

The League, however, will not find its task easy. General Pangolos' reputation is already known to readers of this newspaper. A veritable fire-eater, he would just a little bit rather go to war than not. In fact, he recently seized the power because he considered his predecessors in office, the Colonels Gonatas and Plastiras, had whalebone for spinal columns instead of ramrods.

General Pangolos has pined for war ever since Turkey seized, sacked and burned Smyrna following the Greek debacle in Asia Minor. He has insisted that the Greek army was not beaten in the field, but that it was stabbed in the back by corrupt swivel-chair bureaucrats back home in Athens. The prestige of the Greek arms was trailed in the dust and the general has constantly pined for a chance to redeem it.

When the Greek church patriarch was expelled from Constantinople about a year ago, General Pangolos was generalissimo of the army. He strode up and down the banks of the Maritsa separating the Greeks from the Turks, like a man-eating leopard on a leash. He was rearin' to go. Because Gonatas and Plastiras held him back, he awaited his chance and overthrew their government, placing himself at its head.

So Dictator Pangolos will not now yield to the League's first suggestion of peace. It may have to use strong medicine. It can, and should.

Greece is broke. She cannot fight without arms and money. If necessary a blockade could prevent either reaching her. Bulgaria is both broke and unarmed. She cannot make war without defying the League and that is out of the question. Russia might sell her arms but the Black Sea is the only open road between the two countries and half a dozen destroyers could easily close that.

The paddle of discipline decidedly is in the League's hands. It is high time these pestiferous Balkan countries were administered a lesson and for once in their history sent supperless to bed.

## Dead at the Wheel

A LOCOMOTIVE engineer dropped dead the other day and the train ran on a distance afterwards ascertained to have been fifteen miles, before the fireman discovered what had happened and took his place at the throttle.

Nothing happened and no harm was done, except to the dead engineer. If the same thing had happened to an automobile driver, disaster would have followed in less than a second.

This illustrates a difference between the risks of automobile and locomotive driving. And yet we will not let a man drive a locomotive unless he is demonstrated to be much more than an ordinary man. He must be experienced, skilled, tested, intelligent, responsible and sober.

Anybody can get an automobile license

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### A Sermon for Today

By Rev. John R. Gunn

Text: "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another."—Eph. 4:32.

INDNESS, tenderheartedness, forgiveness. To some it may seem almost absurd to talk about these exalted graces having any place in business relations. Business is regarded as heartless and cold-blooded. In the fierce competition of business men stand over against each other like gunboats, carrying deadly missiles. This is all wrong, as we can easily see from the withering and blighting influence it has upon the lives of men engaged in business. Of course, fair, honest and open competition is legitimate. Rivalry in business is wholesome stimulus, provided it is controlled by a spirit of mutual consideration.

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## The Wages of Death

IF all the aviators in the United States, Army, Navy, Marine and commercial, were to go on strike, demanding a 10 per cent wage increase, the sympathy of the whole country would be with them.

They are entitled to any pay they may ask, we would say, because of the dangerous nature of their work.

There is another class of workers who daily risk their lives. Great numbers of them are killed at their work and much greater numbers are maimed for life. The last official monthly report\* concerning them told that 195 were killed during August this year, a smaller number than the average for August in the past ten years.

The workers referred to are coal miners.

Forty-six of those killed in August worked in the anthracite field of Pennsylvania. That was an average of about two miners a day killed there, considering the number of days worked. The average, in fact, has been about two a day over a period of years.

But there is nothing spectacular or thrilling about an anthracite miner. He doesn't go up into the air to get killed; he goes down into the ground. He doesn't meet his Maker filled with zest of high adventure and the swift romance of modern existence. He meets death in a murky pit out of the sight of those he serves.

Unless a dozen or more of his kind are obliterated at the same time, his death is not a matter even for newspaper notice.

The anthracite miners are asking for a 10 per cent pay increase.

\*Bureau of Mines, U. S. Department of Commerce.

## Two Senators

THE Department of Justice of the United States of America decided to prosecute certain citizens on charges of conspiring to defraud the Government of public lands.

Some of these citizens had been trying to get oil lands in Montana.

The Department of Justice found that a certain United States Senator had once been attorney for one of the men who wanted to get the oil lands.

So it indicated the Senator on a charge of conspiracy.

Some of our other citizens wanted to get hydroelectric power sites in Arizona.

The Department of Justice found that the wife and the son and the secretary of a certain United States Senator were among the persons who had laid claim to the government's power sites.

But it didn't indict that Senator for conspiracy. It didn't say anything about him.

Why?

The first Senator was Burton K. Wheeler, the man who exposed conditions in the Department of Justice.

The second Senator was Ralph H. Cameron who hasn't yet exposed anything.

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