

TURK'S CAPITAL IN WARTIME

Constantinople as It Looked at Close of Balkan War.

ARMED CAMPS ON DARDANELLES

Hardships of Thracian Moslems Overshadowed by Party Strife Which Honeyscombs the Ottoman Empire.

Rabbi M. J. Merritt of Evansville, Ind., in another letter to his parents in Omaha, describes his travels in Turkey, particularly Constantinople, and the conditions there.

The letter follows: Centuries of us have so firmly established the expression, "Turkey in Europe," that it will take the world some time to adjust itself to the new geographical arrangement of the year 1913.

Constantinople today is Turkey in Europe. I came into it a fortnight after a formal conclusion of a war that had carried the fighting to its very doors with a hostile fleet in its waterways.

One of the most out-of-the-way corners of the native quarter of Stamboul one never experiences even a sorry look, although to read American newspapers one might believe that a massacre of foreigners was momentarily imminent.

Defense of the Dardanelles. And yet there are evidences enough of the conclusion of a disastrous war that forced the Turks into the last ditch and has produced horrors as grave as ever faced a nation.

It is a question whether that can be done now. The power of the young Turks is most precarious. It may be broken at any moment and it will, indeed, much surprise me if the young Turks have not disappeared from the seats of authority before this letter reaches you.

A Public Execution. I was present in the great crowd gathered in the Eski Serai, the square of the War department, when twelve men judged guilty of having shared in the murder of Sherket Pasha, were swung into eternity.

The execution was scheduled for the morning, and at 3 o'clock, while it was still pitch dark I crossed the Galata bridge to the native city of Stamboul.

Strife of Party Factions. Turkey is making an effort to find homes for these poor unfortunates in Asia Minor, but in the midst of disorganization and confusion worse confounded, she has as yet been able to do little more than keep these refugees from starvation.

In many respects these constitutionalists have been a bitter disappointment. And the constitution itself has been more or less a disappointment, largely because the great mass of the people do not know what a constitution is and do not know what to do with it.

Never Ideas of a Constitution. A member of the British embassy in Constantinople was telling me of the effects that followed the promulgation of the constitution. There had been in the employ of the embassy a Turk by the name of Simon, a kind of porter and man of all work.

Simon, are you speaking to me?" asked the Britisher, sharply. "Yes," said Simon. "What's the matter? You have always had respect for authority and obeyed orders. Are you drunk this morning?"

"No," said Simon. "The constitution! All work is soon finished! No more bosses; no more workmen!"

The Englishman proceeded to use the most telling of all arguments to disabuse Simon's mind of his false notions of the constitution. He fell upon him, gave him a sound beating and threw him out of the embassy and now poor Simon has lost his faith in the constitution.

A woman in one of the chief cities of about sixty yards from the entrance of the mosque. Heavy masses of soldiers had already taken their places on every side outside the railing.

A squat, heavy, round-shouldered man in full uniform and red fez, with kindly, good-natured face and close cropped white head got out and heavily and awkwardly climbed the stairs of the clock and disappeared through the door.

Incapacity of Young Turks. But aside from this the young Turks have been guilty of every sort of incapacity, and most reprehensible of all is the relentless vigor and merciless severity with which they pursue their political enemies.

Characteristics of the Turk. One of the foremost of Robert Collier told me frankly that in the ordinary work-day virtues, in personal honesty and integrity, the Turk is infinitely superior to the Austrian, Greek, Armenian and Bulgarian elements of the empire.

Now that he has been woefully discredited as a soldier, he has nothing to fall back on. But even though he has been terribly beaten in the Balkans, the Turk is smiling a sardonic smile today.

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MANY ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND

Omaha and South Omaha Day at Lincoln Exposition Will Draw Big Crowds, According to Present Indications.

O. T. Eastman has charge of the distribution of grand stand tickets for the State fair races at the Omaha and South Omaha crowds that will attend the fair next Friday.

Mayor Frank Zebrun of Lincoln and Secretary W. S. Whitton of the Lincoln Commercial club have both written Secretary Weaver of the Ak-Sar-Ben asking for more specific word as to the plans of the Omaha and South Omaha crowds.

The automobile crowds are to assemble at the Lincoln hotel at 10 a. m. and will drive in a body from there to the fair grounds and let the crowds off there.

More than 1,000 have already returned cards to the publicity bureau declaring their intention of making the trip on Omaha and South Omaha day, and the work of gathering in the cards is not yet well begun.

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The services were conducted by the Grand Army of the Republic, of which Judge Shoemaker was a member. Captain Joseph Mallon of the Grand Army of the Republic, and W. C. Shoemaker of Council Bluffs, a nephew, had charge of the ceremonies. The services were very simple and only a few close friends attended.

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