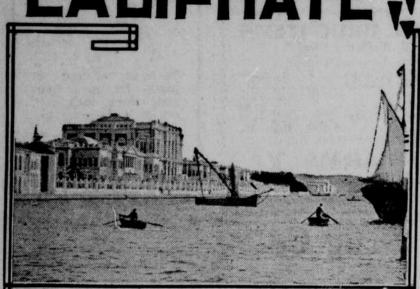
ISLAM and the CALIPHATE .



Palace of Dolma Baghtcheh on the Bosporus.

The deposing of the sultan of Turkey, not only from the position of temporal ruler of the Turks but from the far more powerful one of Caliph of Islam, opens an interesting new chapter in the history of Mohammedanism. The step taken by the Turkish Nation alists in stripping the once nominally powerful caliph of his power, and his retirement to Mecca under the wing of the king of Hejaz, might conceivably lead to very interesting developments; for politics and religion are inseparable in the Near East, a fact that Western observers, far from the many cross-currents of the region, do not always realize. Some prevalent misconceptions about the Mohammedan faith seem to add confusion to many discussions about the recent developments in Turkey.

The easiest way to dispel some of these illusions is by pointing to several striking likenesses between the world's two newest among the major religious. The term "Mohammedan," like the term "Christian," is a nickname. Both names were given, with contemptuous religions.

The term "Christian" was quickly adopted by followers of the Nazarene. The term "Mohammedan" never has been adopted by the followers of the Prophet. He sought to avoid the employment of his own name by supplying one—the name "Islam"—by which he hoped Mohammedanism would be known. He further sought to make this word, meaning resignation, imply the five cardinal points of the new faith. The first of these points was the brief creed, "There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet." The other four enjoined prayer, giving grimage to Mecca.

Another significant parallel between tion in recent centuries.

Most misleading of all the illusions about Mohammedanism, however, is the tacit assumption that the Mohammedan world is a religious unit. Seen a long way off, the sects and groups fade away. In reality there are two great branches of Mohammedanism, the Sunnites and the Shiltes. Among both these branches, and also outside them, there are sharply drawn cleav-

Sultan Didn't Rule All.

Recent caliphs, who have been the sultans of Turkey, have claimed spiritual supremacy over the Mohammedan world of some 300,000,000 souls. But in actual fact the sultan of Turkey had little more spiritual ascendancy over the Mohammedans outside Turkey than the king of England has over the Episcopalians in the United States. In fact there would be no urgent Near East problem at this moment had his leadership been recognized on the other side of the Bosporus in Asia Minor.

A very important difference between the western mind and the Mohammedan viewpoint has, hitherto, precluded a spiritual ascendancy in Islam temporal power and include even warring nations. The Mohammedan has no priests. Islam is one of the most a caliph did not rule he wasn't a struggle to be caliph. caliph. A spiritual ruler up to now has been incomprehensible to the Mos-

The Mohammedan's religion and his A law giver, not only in the Mosaic but also in the Justinian sense. There are as many codes of law among Mohammedans as there are sects; and as many kinds of lawyers as there are codes. Among the Sunnites, the orthoox major division of Islam, there are four schools of law. A Hanafite would with me. Finally the great day came. as soon engage a Malakite lawyer as a Presbyterian congregation would be when I noticed Dottle, instead of sleep likely to employ a Unitarian preacher. ing, was quietly crying.

The very word "caliph" has an alnt which dates back to child- sick?" od days when one lived among those fantastic Arabian nights at the court I'se afraid my mother is."-Exchange.

(Prepared by the National Geographic Solof Caliph Harun-al-Rashid Rashid week for an extended trip in the east, was a bona fide caliph, and in later going via. Chicago where his son, Dr. years a reading of the historical facts E. E. Graves, will join him, going about the caliphate furnishes no fewer

thrills than the immortal tales.

The Early Caliphs. When Mohammed died his counselor, "father of the virgin." He was Mohammed's father-in-law. The second caliph, or successor, was Omar, another father-in-law of the prophet, who started organizing armies and began

"Prince of the Faithful." From the first, Ali, husband of Mohammed's daughter, Fatima, considered himself the logical successor to murdered as was Omar before him, did

All become callph. Certainiy Mohammedanism can be termed emphatically a "man's rewomen were the moving spirits in this week. splitting it into the Sunnite and Shiite divisions which have prevailed ever since. Ayesha, favorite wife of the prophet, always had been jealous of his daughter, Fatima, and on the suc-Meantime the group which, all along, fast Monday at the De Luxe. had regarded Ali as the legitimate successor, gained strength during his rule but were kept busy fighting to hold

the sway Omar had established. When All's son and successor, Hashand of his wife at the behest of of alms, the fast of Ramadan and pil- Moawiyah, this Moawiyah assumed the caliphate, removed its seat to Damastheir founders. Christ was a Jew; cause of their reverence for Ali and Mrs. Alma Wiley. Mrs. M. H. Wil-Mohammed was an Arab. It is the Hassan, and their belief that the first Mohammedanism modified by the of the Ommiades and his successors Turkish temperament and nationality were usurpers and pretenders. Arabian toward the Shiite faction.

Iraq's First Rebellion. of Mecca.

that Marun-al-Rashid ruled. And it was after his reign that the division of the caliphate among his three sons the Black sea region.

At another time, toward the end of separate ruling callphs; though this vited. was no amiable division. Each caliph declared the other a heretic and held himself the lone head of all Islam.

How Abul Abbas, first of the Abbasid monarchs, had every living male which would cut across all lines of of the Ommiades thrown into prison, killed them all, and then gave a ban-

The story of the caliphate would fill -has filled-volumes. The assumption lem mind. And it remains to be seen of the title by the sultans of Turkey whether the radical step taken by the is a modern and perhaps a minor Turkish Nationalists in setting up a chapter in the struggle to be "The caliph shorn of temporal power will Successor" and thus to hold sway over naturally have sought to rule by the has played a major part in assump- notice. tion of the role, that there have been several caliphs both by mutual agreelaw go hand in hand. Mohammed was ment and also by rivalry, and that acquiring the title of callph by no means guarantees its recognition by the Moslem world.

> Had Mother In Mind. Dottle had been excitedly looking forward to spending a day and night All went well until 10 o'clock at night,

"Why, child," I said, "are you home

"No-o," she hesitatingly sobbed, "but

MEETING CALLED FOR COMMUTATION OF PENALTY boys are named Wesley and Maul-

death in our District Court. The

We think the death penalty in this A meeting to be composed of repre-sentatives of all organizations of our group is hereby called by the undercase is too severe and should be reduced to life imprisonment.

signed committee of the Colored Ministerial Alliance and the N. A. A. C.
P., to meet at Zion Baptist Church at 8:00 P. M., May 24th, 1923, for the purpose of taking some action in behalf of the two colored boys who have but recently been sentenced to

LINCOLN NEWS

Mrs. Pearl Rockwell died at the family home, 5th and G streets, on Thursday, following child birth. The funeral was held in Alba Brown's undertaking parlors Friday afternoon, Rev. H. W. Botts officiating. The body was taken to her old home in Ore City, Texas, Friday night for burial and was accompanied by her

Rev. O. F. Adair went to Hastings last Friday to visit and preach for the Baptist people there

usband, Garland Rockwell.

Deacon Robert Granger evinced himself very much when he entertained the Utopian Art Club on last Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs W. W. Mosley, 1335 Rose street. About thirty members and two friends of the club were out. A profitable meeting was held. A convincing paper was read by Mrs. Rosa Adair, which was discussed by several. Later all enjoyed the delicious refreshments for which the Deacon was responsible.

Dr. George A. Flippin of Stromsburg, was a Lincoln visitor this week. Mr. E. P. Graves will leave this from there to Louisville, Ky., and to points in Ohio.

Rev. G. W. Carter arrived in the Abu Bekr, the companion of his flight, city Friday. Rev. Mr. Carter, whose or Hegira, became callph, meaning, lit- home is in New Orleans, has just erally, successor. Abu Bear means completed a college course at Atlanta, Go. He will be the new pastor at the Newman M. E. church.

Daughters of Bethel will hold their annual sermon in the Newman M. E. spreading Islam over the map in a church next Sunday night, May 20. very literal sense. Omar was the first Rev. G. W. Carter will be the speaker. to bear the title Emir al Moumenin, Mrs. Lulu B. Alexander is confined to her bed with illness at this

Daughters of Isis will hold their the callphate. Not until Abu Bekr and annual Thanksgiving sermon at the Omar had ruled, and another caliph, A. M. E. church Sunday, May 20, t Othman, had his day and had been 8:00 P. M. The Shriners have been asked to escort them. Rev. M. C. Knight will be the speaker.

Mrs. L. J Gordon of Beatrice, was intent, it is believed, by enemies of the ligion." Yet at this early date two the guest of Mrs. O. J. Burckhardt,

Mrs. Viola Vicks entertained about twelve persons at the De Luxe Cafe Sunday evening.

Rev. H. W. Botts entertained Mrs. cession of Fatima's husband directed L. J. Gordon, of Beatrice, and Mrs. all her efforts upon an anti-Ali party. O. J. Burckhardt to ten o'clock break-

Remit for your paper past due. Remember the big box social to be

given by the Utopian Art Club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mosley, san, was murdered, probably by the 1335 Rose St., next Thursday, May

Mary Magdaline Mission Circle cus, and began the series of rulers will meet at the home of Mrs. Flo Christianity and Mohammedanism is known as Ommiades. Henceforth the Forbes, 2410 Holdrege St., Tuesday that both are the religions of millions Shiites were allenated from the Sun- evening, May 22nd, entertained by of people of races alien to that of nites, or orthodox Mohammedans, be Mrs. Alma Wiley. Mrs. M. H. Wil-

At the Mt. Zion Baptist church that has clashed with western civiliza- and Persian Mohammedans inclined last Sunday the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were well attended. Rev. I. B. Smith preached for Rev. Mr. Away back in the days of the successor to Moawiyah the inhabitants of Iraq rebelled—the same Iraq which only a year or so ago launched out program, which consisted of songs again on its national course after and quotations, after which Rev. H. electing Emir Feisal as king. Feisal W. Botts preached a most excellent is the third son of the Grand Sheriff sermon in honor of mother and children. At a given time all the lights It was during another series of call- were dimmed, excepting the candles phates, that of the Abbasid monarchs, in the hands of all persons present, making a very pretty scene. The church is striving hard to return to made the caliphate into a sort of com- the new building by June 1st. The mission form of government. One son Mission Circle will give their mock was to hold sway over Arabia and national convention next Sunday af-Syria; another in Persia and Turke ternoon, at which time a program will stan; and a third in Asia Minor and be rendered and a rally held for the building fund. Rev. M. C. Knight, the tenth century, Bagdad, Caire and of the A. M. E. church, will preach Cordova, Spain, all were the seats of at 3:00 P. M. All churches are in-

Services at the A. M. E. church were well carried out last Sunday. The Sunday school and A. C. E. societies had services at the usual hour Regal Lodge G. U. O. O. F., and Household of Ruth asembled at the quet on a great cloth thrown over their church at 3:00 P. M., where, after bones, is but one example of the fan- preliminaries by the lodge, Rev. M. C. pragmatic of religions. Heretofore if tastic cruelty of the centuries-long Knight preached a most excellent sermon to them, from the text found in Jer. 18:6. After the services many congratulations were extended him for his noble words of instruction

The annual sermon of Lebanon Lodge No. 3 A. F. & A. M., will be accomplish a permanent change. Be- this mighty force of Islam. Points of held in the A. M. E. church Sunday ing temporal rulers primarily, caliphs special interest are that force often June 24 at 8:00 P. M. Brethren take

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