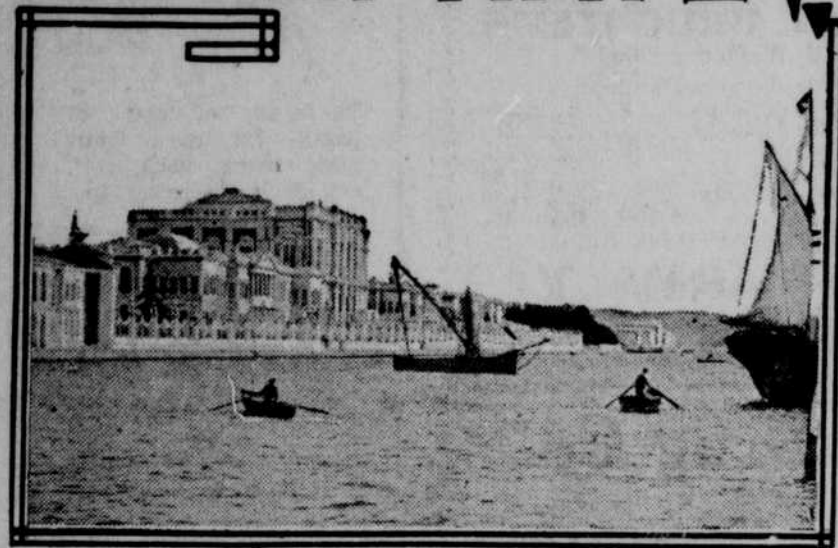


ISLAM and the CALIPHATE



Palace of Dolma Baghtcheh on the Bosphorus.

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The depositing 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 Nationalists 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 religions. The term "Mohammedan," like the term "Christian," is a nickname. Both names were given, with contemptuous intent. It is believed, by enemies of the 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 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 of alms, the fast of Ramadan and pilgrimage to Mecca.

Another significant parallel between Christianity and Mohammedanism is that both are the religions of millions of people of races alien to that of their founders. Christ was a Jew; Mohammed was an Arab. It is the Mohammedanism modified by the Turkish temperament and nationality that has clashed with western civilization 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 Shites. Among both these branches, and also outside them, there are sharply drawn cleavages.

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 Bosphorus in Asia Minor.

A very important difference between the western mind and the Mohammedan viewpoint has, hitherto, precluded a spiritual ascendancy in Islam which would cut across all lines of temporal power and include even warring nations. The Mohammedan has no priests. Islam is one of the most pragmatic of religions. Heretofore if a caliph did not rule he wasn't a caliph. A spiritual ruler up to now has been incomprehensible to the Moslem mind. And it remains to be seen whether the radical step taken by the Turkish Nationalists in setting up a caliph shorn of temporal power will accomplish a permanent change. Being temporal rulers primarily, caliphs naturally have sought to rule by the sword.

The Mohammedan's religion and his law go hand in hand. Mohammed was a law giver, not only in the Moslem 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 orthodox major division of Islam, there are four schools of law. A Hanafite would as soon engage a Malakite lawyer as a Presbyterian congregation would be likely to employ a Unitarian preacher. The very word "caliph" has an ailment which dates back to childhood days when one lived among those fantastic Arabian nights at the court

MEETING CALLED FOR COMMUTATION OF PENALTY
Dear Friends:
A meeting to be composed of representatives of all organizations of our group is hereby called by the undersigned 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

death in our District Court. The boys are named Wesley and Mauldron.

We think the death penalty in this case is too severe and should be reduced to life imprisonment. Please send a representative to this meeting.

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LINCOLN NEWS

Mrs. Pearl Rockwell died at the family home, 5th and G streets, on Thursday, following a 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 husband, Garland Rockwell.

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

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 week for an extended trip in the east, going via Chicago where his son, Dr. E. E. Graves, will join him, going from there to Louisville, Ky., and to points in Ohio.

Rev. G. W. Carter arrived in the city Friday. Rev. Mr. Carter, whose home is in New Orleans, has just completed a college course at Atlanta, Ga. 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. church next Sunday night, May 20. Rev. G. W. Carter will be the speaker.

Mrs. Lulu B. Alexander is confined to her bed with illness at this time.

Daughters of Isis will hold their annual Thanksgiving sermon at the A. M. E. church Sunday, May 20, at 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 the guest of Mrs. O. J. Burckhardt, this week.

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

Rev. H. W. Botts entertained Mrs. L. J. Gordon, of Beatrice, and Mrs. O. J. Burckhardt to ten o'clock breakfast Monday at the De Luxe.

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, 1335 Rose St., next Thursday, May 24th.

Mary Magdalene Mission Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Flo Forbes, 2410 Holdrege St., Tuesday evening, May 22nd, entertained by Mrs. Alma Wiley. Mrs. M. H. Wilkinson, state president, will be guest of honor.

At the Mt. Zion Baptist church last Sunday the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were well attended. Rev. I. B. Smith preached for Rev. Mr. Botts in the morning. The Buds of Promise held their first candle light program, which consisted of songs and quotations, after which Rev. H. W. Botts preached a most excellent sermon in honor of mother and children. At a given time all the lights were dimmed, excepting the candles in the hands of all persons present, making a very pretty scene. The church is striving hard to return to the new building by June 1st. The Mission Circle will give their mock national convention next Sunday afternoon, at which time a program will be rendered and a rally held for the building fund. Rev. M. C. Knight, of the A. M. E. church, will preach at 3:00 P. M. All churches are invited.

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 assembled at the church at 3:00 P. M., where, after preliminaries by the lodge, Rev. M. C. 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 held in the A. M. E. church Sunday June 24 at 8:00 P. M. Brethren take notice.

Annual election of officers will take place in Lebanon Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., the first meeting in June.

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PROCLAMATION

The Sons and Daughters of Mercy Anniversary Day, Sunday, May 20th.

By the power invested in me, I do hereby set aside Sunday, May 20th, as the Anniversary Day of our Order. All members must abide by Section 2, Article 10.

For further information, write to the Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, or see your subordinate President, or call Webster 0633.

(Signed) R. C. RIDDLE,
Supreme Sec'y-Treasurer.
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