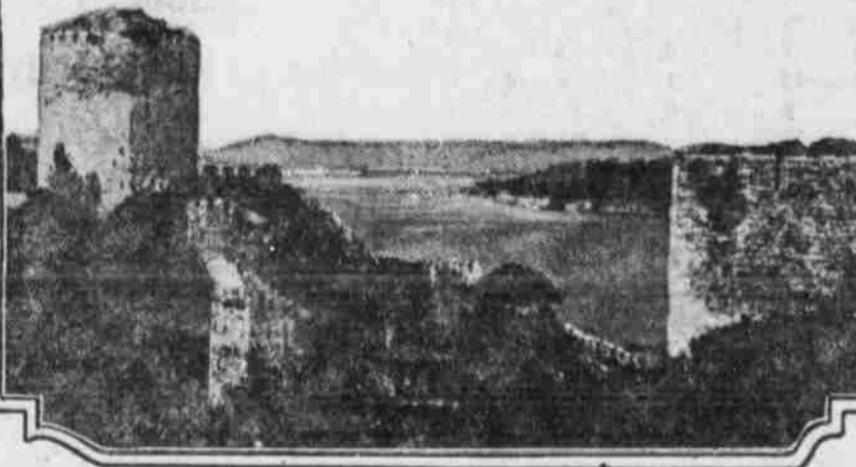


ZONE of the STRAITS



"Cut-throat Castle," Built by Mohammed II.

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An international commission officially rules the destinies of "the Zone of the Straits." Only since the World war has it been a "zone." For centuries it was the heart of Turkey—the Dardanelles, Marmora, the Bosphorus. Over it sat not a commission, but sultans and caliphs, jealous of the demonstrated power of political Islam. And ages earlier Byzantine Greeks, and before them their Ionian and Peloponnesian cousins ruled those same straits. The new commission does not find its rule unquestioned. Descendants of Turk and Greek—Turkish rebels, in open revolt against the commission, and modern Greeks, entirely willing to rule in its stead over the important waterways of their fathers—are fighting it out in the Near East; and the Black sea and its gates are again a field of world events, while Russians, Rumanians and Bulgarians, and the great powers of the West look on, all to be affected whatever the outcome.

This is historic ground and water, from the mouth of the Dardanelles at the tip of the Gallipoli peninsula, to the point nearly 200 miles to the north-eastward where the narrower Bosphorus sucks a mighty stream of water from the Black sea. Greek mythology and legend first made them its theater. The legionnaires of the Trojan war, Phryxus and Helle, and Jason and his fellow goldseekers sailed over their waters and around their headlands; and later Greeks, Romans and Genoese built great cities on their shores and established over their waters the world-important trade routes of their days.

Center of the Old World.

It is against the current that flows from the north that civilization as we have known it has worked its way. The first adventure was to enter the Dardanelles or the Hellespont, as the Greeks called it. This is the longer of the two great salt-water rivers that separate Europe from Asia Minor. It winds its way, with two sharp turns and numerous gentler curves, for 40 miles before its expands into the Sea of Marmora, the Grecian Propontis. The strait varies in width from a little over three-fourths of a mile to five miles. On the European side rises the steep ridge of Gallipoli where the ill-fated expedition of Australians and New Zealanders suffered so keenly in the World war. On the Asiatic side of the Dardanelles lies the plain of old Troy and the foot hills of Mount Ida.

The Sea of Marmora from which the Hellespont leads is about 140 miles in length and 40 miles wide at its greatest width, and is thus somewhat smaller than Lake Ontario, the smallest of our Great Lakes. But though relatively small, it has in its time been the center of the world. Probably about no other lake or sea in the world of such a size have so many important cities stood. Of these, Constantinople alone retains importance today; but living and dead cities cover the shores of practically every harbor and headland of the little sea. The settlements that still exist are not even the heirs of the great cities of yesterday, but rather ill-kempt interlopers—squatters—that under Turkish domain occupied their sites.

Colonized by the Greeks.

Colonists from the Greek cities and islands pushed up through the Hellespont and settled on the Propontine shores at the dawn of European history. Byzantium, on the site of present-day Constantinople was a member of the Second Athenian league; and the Dardanelles, already a Grecian strait, was the scene of the battle which closed the Peloponnesian wars.

The Marmora really came into its own in the period following the death of Alexander when the kingdom of Bithynia flourished on its shores, and Pontus and Pergamos grew to prosperity on either side. Cyzicus on the peninsula of that name on the southern shore of Marmora was the chief city. It was founded earlier than Rome or Byzantium. It had a long life, possessed at various times by Athens, Sparta, Persia, Macedonia, Pergamos and Rome. It was rated one of the splendid ancient cities, and its gold coins were the standard of their day as Florence's florins became in Renaissance times.

But when Byzantium, in its incomparable position by the Bosphorus,

rose to power, the glories of Cyzicus passed away. Today practically nothing is left of the once great city, for Byzantines and Turks alike used the old buildings in the place of natural quarries as sources of stone with which to build the latest metropolises of the Marmora and the Bosphorus.

Nicomedia, now Ismid, at the extreme eastern end of the Marmora, was another city of world importance. Under the Emperor Diocletian it was for a brief time the capital of Rome—and the world. Nicæa, just to the south of Nicomedia and a short distance inland, has three times been the seat of empire. Twice the Turks, before they reached Constantinople, made it a capital rivaling to a degree old Bagdad; and for more than half the Thirteenth century, between its peaks of Turkish brilliance, while the Franks held Constantinople, it was the capital of the Byzantine empire. There, too, the Nicene creed, a landmark in the crystallization of Christian theology was framed.

Chalcedon, Rodosto, Heracleia Peruthos, Selymoria were other centers, no mean cities in their day, which have disappeared or dwindled to insignificance. Thriving communities in almost each case until the Turk appeared on the scene, they have been since touched with the blight to prosperity and progress that is said ever to follow his steps.

Bosphorus Most Important.

Shorter and narrower than the Dardanelles, the Bosphorus, third link in the chain of historic waters that separates Asia Minor and Europe, is perhaps most important; it is the immediate gate to and from the great Black sea which reaches toward the heart of southwest Europe. To dominate it is to dominate one of the world's great trade routes, a fact which has been put to good account from the days of pre-Byzantine Greeks to those of Seljuk Turks. The strait is about twenty miles long and varies in width from 1,800 feet or a third of a mile to two miles. Darius chose not the narrows but a point at which the shores are more than a half-mile apart as the site for his famous bridge of boats.

The water in the Bosphorus is over 100 feet deep. A mighty current flows along the surface from the Black sea; but beneath the surface a return current of water flows in the reverse direction. A similar inbound current flows from the Mediterranean to the Sea of Marmora, furnishing for the Black sea at least an answer to the old query: Why is the sea salt?

The Seljuk Turks recognized the strategic importance of the Bosphorus; and crossing it above Constantinople in 1452, built on the European shore the old "Cut-throat Castle," only seven miles above the city. With the Bosphorus in their control, they captured the ancient capital the following year. Until the conclusion of the World war and the adoption of the treaty of Sevres with defeated Turkey, the Turks had sat for over 500 years as the masters of the Bosphorus.

Many Nations Around Black Sea.

At the northern end of the Bosphorus lies the Black sea—a dark, forbidding ocean to the landsman and well worthy of its name. One wonders that the early Greeks named it Euxinos, signifying "friendly to strangers," unless they did so by way of offering a propitiatory complaint to the angry sea god. Here we are dealing with no small sea comparable in size to our lakes, but with a great expanse of water 750 miles long and from 200 to 400 miles wide, which would cover Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina and a considerable part of Tennessee into the bargain.

Around the Black sea are now grouped more nations than its waters have touched, perhaps, at any other time in history. Just beyond the narrow zone of the straits and the tiny patch to which Turkey-in-Europe has shrunk, Greece, forging northward, now has a strip of the coast. Next comes Bulgaria with a shoreline of about 100 miles; and beyond it lies Roumania, occupying the greater part of the western end of the sea. Across the north stretches Russia, and in the east lie Georgia and Armenia. Stretching along the rocky south shore is Turkey-in-Asia. Hardly less interested in the Black sea are inland Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Jugoslavia, whose commerce reaches its waters over the Danube.

The American Legion

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ALL KNOW JACK WILLIAMS

Adjutant of North Dakota Legion Department Acquired Popularity While Serving as Newsie.

Everybody in North Dakota, and not a few in bordering states know Jack Williams, adjutant of the American Legion department, and his resonant voice. Williams acquired both his popularity and his voice by crying "Extra, extra, all about it" on the streets of Fargo, N. D., for six years.

While newsie, Williams conceived a monopoly on all the city's evening papers which brought all the other boys into his employ and made money for him. Later he branched out and worked in a newspaper press room. He worked up to pressman, a position he was holding when he enlisted in the Third Engineers for the war.

Forced to quit school while in the fourth grade, Williams obtained a good education on the streets and by night study. At twenty-one years old he was president of the Fargo Trades and Labor assembly, a post he resigned to enlist. He went into the army as a private and came out with the same rank. He was the first state adjutant of the American Legion department.

POST SELECTS THIS BEAUTY

Puget Sound Organization Chooses Miss Hazel Jordan as One of Their Prettiest.

A dip in refreshing ocean water every day during the summer and every week, at least, during the winter, makes for the sparkling eyes and exceptional beauty of Miss Hazel Jordan, recently selected by the American Legion of Seattle, Wash., as one of the three most beautiful girls in the great Northwest.



Because of the cool, moist air which blows the year around, because they swim, skate, ski, float and fly and do everything else that a real live American girl is supposed to do, the beauties of the Northwest far surpass those of any other section of the United States, the Legion of Seattle holds. All these advantages obviate the use of rouge, powder, the lipstick and paint, too, they declare.

Miss Jordan lives in Everett, Wash., on the eastern shore of Puget sound. She was the only one of the three girls who would tell, willingly, her age. She admits eighteen years.

KILLED BY SHELL FROM WAR

Ammunition Expert is Almost Blown to Pieces in His Own Home at Indianapolis.

Although he had gone through the World war unscathed and had qualified as an expert in handling artillery ammunition, Frank M. Kinne, Indianapolis, Ind., recently was nearly blown to pieces in his home by a three-inch shell he had brought from France. After having served in an exhibition squad which gave demonstrations of how shells were unloaded and exploded, Kinne was unloading his souvenir shell when the fatal accident occurred.



Kinne's little home was wrecked, but his mother and sister, sleeping in an upstairs room, miraculously escaped injury. The local post of the American Legion, to which the soldier had applied for membership following his recent discharge from the regular army, gave him a military burial.

Special Rates to Convention.

Sixteen railroad lines touching 27 states have granted one-cent-a-mile fare to the third annual convention of the American Legion in Kansas City, Oct. 30, 31, and Nov. 1. Rate reductions have been made by the following railroads: Missouri Pacific; Kansas City Southern; Frisco; Rock Island; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul; Wabash; Illinois Central; Chicago Great Western; Chicago and Northwestern; Burlington, Chicago and Alton; Santa Fe; Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis; Missouri and St. Louis; Missouri, Kansas and Texas and the Union Pacific. The one-cent-a-mile fare zone is bounded by Denver, Minneapolis, Buffalo, N. Y., Savannah, Ga., Jacksonville, Fla., Birmingham, Ala., New Orleans and Port Arthur, Tex.



HE'S LUCKY
Polar Bear: Thank goodness the price of ice hasn't gone up around here yet.

Facing Facts.
It showed several weeks. On the lip with great persistence, Comes to him the thought—"My life is just a hand to mouth existence."

Emphasis With Discretion.
"I like a man who speaks out in meeting."
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The Champion.
"How long did it take you to put your little brother to sleep?"
"Only one round."—Life.

IN THE EYES OF THE LAW

Policeman's Stand Against Immodest Attire Would Seem to Be Somewhat Far-Fetched.

Two girls were crossing a Coney Island street. One had on a heavy, old-fashioned brilliantine bathing suit, with long skirt, high neck and elbow sleeves. The other was in street clothes. A policeman stopped them. "You!" he called to the bathing beauty, "you can't pass here dressed like that. Go back and put on some decent clothes!"

The girl looked down at herself, then up at the policeman and smiled. "Why, look at Mama!" she exclaimed, "what about her getting by?" The officer glanced at the other girl. She wore a filmy net waist, glaringly transparent, generously décolleté, and a skirt ending a few inches above her knees. "But she is dressed," said the guardian of the law. "Now you go and put some clothes on or you can't pass here, see?"—Judge.

Next Year—Maybe.
"Look here!" bellowed an irate customer in the general store of Four Corners. "You say you won't sell me a shovel unless I get a permit from the authorities and sign my name in that book. What's the big idea?"

"We ain't takin' chances," answered proprietor Hoskins, firmly. "Gov'ment's mighty keeful these days. You fellows buy a shovel, dig up the ground, plant barley, make it into malt, and there you are. No sir-ree!"—American Legion Weekly.

Areas of New York and London.
The total area of the five boroughs of New York and of the incorporated city is 314.75 square miles. The area of the so-called Greater London, comprising the registration county of London and the "outer ring," is about 693 square miles. The population of London is 6,728,753; of New York 5,621,151.

Doesn't Mean Anything.
Creditor—Is Mr. Perkins home?
Maid—No, sir.
Creditor—But I see his hat and coat hanging on the hall tree.
Maid—That doesn't mean anything—my dress is hanging on the clothes line in the yard, but I'm not there.

Early Habits.
Ethel—Are they engaged?
Clara—Not yet. He still hires a taxi when they go to a show.

Temptation is the balance in which character is weighed.

Weak and Miserable?

Does the least exertion tire you out? Feel "blue" and worried and have daily headache, laceration, dizziness, dizziness, and kidney irregularities? Sick kidneys are often to blame for this unhappy state. You must act quickly to prevent more serious trouble. Use Doan's Kidney Pills, the remedy recommended everywhere by grateful users. Ask your neighbor!

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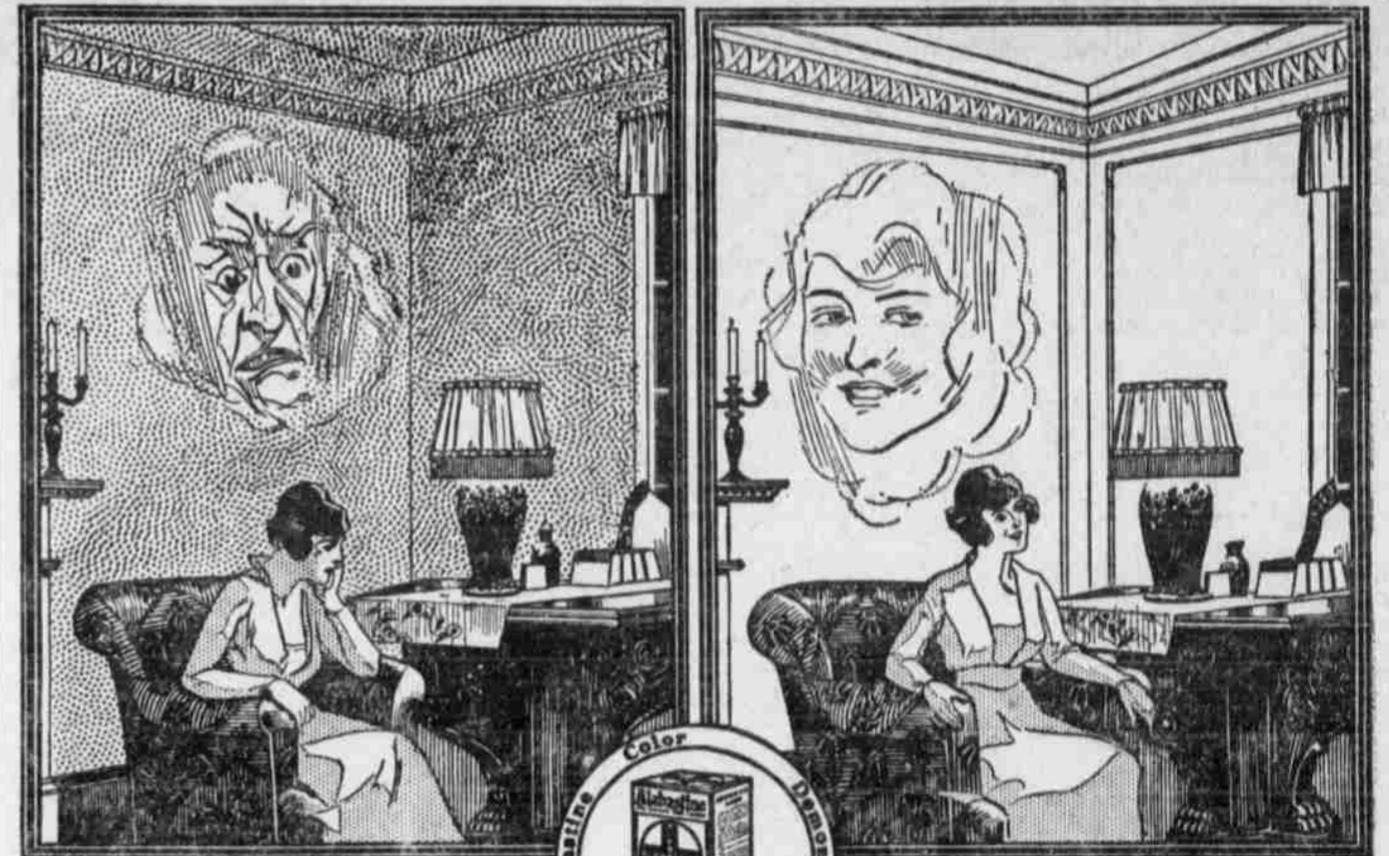
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