

WHEN ALLAH WILLS A FIRE

Then is the Really Great Chance of the Turkish Fireman.

TOPSY TURVEYISM THEN ON TAP

To Strive to Put Out the Blaze Would Be a Sin, and Therefore Loot is the Fireman's Object, with Blackmail to Follow.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 3.—A wag of an Irishman visiting Turkey recently suggested that if there was but one way of doing a thing the Turk would do it the opposite way. It does seem indeed that every idea of the western world is reversed in this topsy-turvy city.

The Turk notes his head when he means to say no and has a way of shaking, or rather swinging, it for yes. He writes not from left to right, but in the other direction. He takes off his shoes, but never his feet, when he enters a mosque or a home. "Tavash" (slowly) is his word on the streets. Instead of the American cry, "Step lively!"

He rides in a creeping street car with a ticket punched for the place at which he gets on. To cut a piece of wood he rubs it on a saw, which he holds between his legs, and until recently he has killed Christians while guarding the lives of dogs—in fact I heard recently of an old Englishman, a coachman for an embassy, who was done away with by poison because, disturbed by the nightly howling of street dogs, he had shot several that lived in his street.

Until recently salt could not be brought into the country because there is a monopoly here. Firearms were prohibited, though they were always sold openly on the streets. Education was dreaded by the people as well as the government. Steam machinery and electrical appliances were forbidden, the first for no other reason, the second because the word dynamo too closely resembled dynamite. Dictionaries containing the words older and brother were censored because Abdul Hamid usurped the throne from his elder brother. Words of chemistry were debarred because H2O could mean only "Hamid second zero."

Old Order Still Holds.

Not has everything been changed with the coming of the Young Turk and his western ideas acquired in exile in Europe. Because of Moslem prejudice among the masses the old custom remains upon the throne, the dogs still blockade what sidewalks there be; for the purpose of extorting backbeech one's luggage is still examined when leaving the country, and the mad fire brigade still scatters dogs, beggars and pedestrians in its ridiculous chase through the streets.

There is nothing more typical of this extraordinary country than the fire brigade of Constantinople, which is the model of all the others throughout the empire. It possesses and displays strikingly all the failings of Mohammedanism and the Turk—vanity, stupidity, cupidity and corruption, bribery, arrogance, cruelty and the rest. Until these things come there can be no real hope of reform in Turkey, for only their passing will mark a true change of attitude in the nation.

For the moment the new government, which permits the discussion of the dog problem in the Parliament, would hardly venture upon an act of the fire brigade for fear that the thousand rival hands composing it would unite in opposition, would even attempt to destroy large sections of the city. For the reactionaries, who would like to revive the old order, have already given the city a lesson in this line.

A Wonderful Warning.

The effect it has upon one hearing it for the first time is distinctly of warning, though not a word of it is understood. But the warning is not of an element, it would seem, that man knows and is capable of conquering; it is of something supernatural, in which the Almighty plays a part. It is a sound that only a man with a deep belief in the other world could hear. It is not loud, but you cannot fail to hear it, and no matter what the hour of day or night, it will come upon a stillness, for all the city seems to hold its breath to let the runner call.

There are two great ancient towers in Constantinople, one on the heights of Pera, whence the Romans in their day surveyed the Bosphorus, the other on the high ground of Stamboul, rising even above the minarets of the mosque upon the summit of a hill. At the summit of these towers, upon a spiral staircase of 300 steps, which the stranger climbs taper in hand, stands always a watcher looking round the horizon.

A white triangular flag with a great red ball upon the center is lifted as a signal to runners in the antiquated harbor forts and their cannon announces the discovery of a fire. Every one at the sound knows that a fire has been sighted, but for ten or twenty minutes no one knows where it is till the call begins to ring through the narrow streets.

The men at the top of the towers have descended and the word has gone round a score of red-coated, often bare-legged, men, who grab their four-foot spears and start, each in a different direction, to let the city know in what section the fire would seem to be. Everybody steps aside for the runner with the spear, who moves his way generally from the mosque to mosque, where the call is taken up by the muezzin, who chants it from the minaret, or at night by the bekkaj, the watchman.

Idle Turks Blink a Bit.

Meantime all idle Turks arouse themselves from their coffee and cigarettes to move as far as the corner of the nearest of the highroads, which there are but two or three in either Stamboul or Pera. At the bends in the road these Turks and some Greeks take up their stand to watch the race of the firemen that has begun; strangers, too, are in the crowd.

A captain of the watch leads the better companies, which number from twenty to forty men. The chief is dressed in everyday clothes, often European except for the fez, for his work is only to bargain with the owner of the burning building and direct the men, as no Turk ever works if he is able to make some one else serve him. The crew—clad generally in the lightest of short trousers, striped or spotted undershirts and usually barefooted or wearing light slippers—come carrying a diminutive hand pump. The object seems to be not to get the most effective apparatus, but one so small and light that it will permit the company to beat its rivals to the scene of the fire.

There is a regular order about the procession. The man who carries the hose nozzle follows on the heels of the pony. The pump, carried on two long poles by eight men, comes next. On either side of the pump are the water men, who take their turn every 30 or 30 yards in carrying it. Bringing up the rear comes the man with the hose, a thing such as one would use at home to water a garden.

SCORES ACT OF PRONOUNCING BLESSING ON AIRSHIPS

Camille Flammarion Declares Act is on Par with Practice of Medieval Ages.

PARIS, April 3.—Camille Flammarion, the astronomer, has published an article in which he describes the recent pronouncing of a solemn benediction on a new aerodrome and two aeroplanes at July by Monsignor Amiate, archbishop of Paris, as unworthy of the church and on a par with the prayers of intercession in vogue in the middle ages. "This act," M. Flammarion says, "was a piece of inexcusable childishness in face of the progress of modern science and philosophy."

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CLERICALS FIGHT PAPERS FOR BELITTLING MIRACLES

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GUADALAJARA, Mexico, April 3.—Archbishop Ortiz and the priests of the Catholic church here have declared open war against the anti-clericals here, the latter of whom are seeking to belittle the miraculous power of the Virgin Mary. An anticlerical newspaper charged the priests with "manufacturing apparitions" in order to frighten the people into believing that the Virgin Mary was appearing at various places. The archbishop, in a sermon, defended the doctrine of miracles and adjured all members of the church to remain firm in their faith. The attacking paper was reinforced by two other newspapers, which rallied to their support, and in retaliation the clericals started a boycott against all three publications and in addition posted placards on houses throughout the town bearing the following inscription: "Honor and glory to Virgin Mary; no impious paper received in this house." Further to confuse the churchmen, the newspapers mentioned have now begun a crusade against what they term the excessive number of church holidays observed in the republic. They assert that out of 365 days in the year 168 are observed as church holidays.

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