Sword of Othman.

Ceremony Picturesque but Less Maguificent Than in the Case of Other Sultans Symbolical Taking of Constantinople Again,

CONSTANTINOPLE. May 10.-The caliph stead he is girded with the ancient sword manner of other rulers of nations. Inof Othman, the founder of his dynasty.

This ceremonial investiture in the case of In the marble court of the mosque are Mohamined took place today at the holy nosque of Eyub, which lies on the water's gigantic plane trees in flower weave a trembling arabesque of shadows. In the most difficult people to see during these trembling arabesque of shadows. In the most difficult people to see during these trembling arabesque of shadows.

oriental architecture, is built of white mar-ble and decorated with Persian tiles. It is "steemed the holiest Mussulman temple in in unbreakable vow he undertakes a pil- the mosque by the chief dignitaries of the vain to find him. Surope. When a Moslem wishes to make grimage to the mosque of Eyub and sacri- empire, civil, military and ecclesiastic. At the mosque in Pera of the Mevleyt. ered spot remains untrodden by non-Mos- ceremony of investiture began. building and thus witnessed a coremony another prayer calling down the divine Eyub at 2 o'clock the next day I would upon which none but the faithful may look. blessing on the new ruler, while all pres- find him.

finally conquered Constantinople the Om- itself the Tchelebt took up the sacred here, they sent us to the house where he miad caliphs had attached the city in vain. scimitar of Othman from its Jeweled was stopping. Turning down a dirty In one of the sieges, that of 608, Evub-or, tripod, pressed the hilt three times to his as the Rible spells the same name, Job. lips, an example which was followed by

that he should fall and that one day a in silence, leaving the sovereign alone, who Horn. Mussulman conqueror would discover his prostrated himself on the prayer carpet to tornly. The exact snot was revealed in a render his thanks to the Almighty.

We were shown into a room off the right, a tiny, low ceilinged place with no carpet tomb. The exact spot was revealed in a render his thanks to the Almighty.

year of the Hejira, 803 (A. D. 1459). Suitan mosque, the Seraskierat, the Porte and to be the chief, a stout, pleasant looking, Mohammed II built this mosque. May it Santa Sophia to the old Seraglio. Mohammed II built this mosque. May it resemble Paradise! It has been made the house of God, whose followers are to be revered." Inside is the holy man's shrine, within a screen hung with costly shawls. At the head is a turban, at the foot stands two silver candlesticks and a jeweled stool on which the sword has been preserved ever since the Imam seer first solemnly girded it on Mohammed II.

Ceremony of Solemnity.

This then was the spot that was to witness the solemnity of today. For ceneword) has been a ceremony at which the gold and wearing great white control of the control of the Meviev, or dancing dervishes, a descendant of the control in the days of the Selfuk sultans.

atolia, where the tekke or monastery is were slient. There passed numerous viz- mother. situated, the famous blue mosque. This lers, their breasts covered with gold lace. When I addressed the women in French of considerable importance. All who are wheels over the rough stones.

function. Indeed he so commonly dele- vizier with the new shelk-ul-islam in a gates his duty to a brother of his order white mantle. Ahmed Riza, president of he himself traveling only as far as Scutari, the chamber, was with Said Pasha, presithat the notion arose that if he were to dent of the senate, he of the white beard cross the Bosporus his rank would excel and penetrating eyes. that of the sultan himself.

Ancient usage fixes the girding of the proclamation of the new sultan, a period hem Pasha, victor of the war with Greece. now in Turkey, and not only was the interval reduced to a fortnight but Abdul Hallm, for that is the great man's name, was induced to perform the ceremony in person, which departure from recognized precedent has not failed to strengthen the which sat the sultan with Ghaz Mukhtar orthodox subjects. Hundreds of Thousands Out.

Brilliant weather favored today's pag- brown and some in blue uniforms, untidy eant. Fully 200,000 persons belonging to all and often ill mounted, but a soldierly body

Osmanli classes crowded the narrow tortuous streets of Stambul from Evub to Seraglio Point, a distance of six mines. swarthy Arab or a cold black African.

intervals, the cometeries along the route he saluted mechanically. being especially used for the accommodacharchafs with the fezzes, uniforms and though to draw his sword from its scabred flags of the soldiery made a scene one bard. Thus he signified that he took The walls of the room were of colored of the richese coloring. It seemed to be a possession of the city, of which the lamb marble. Save for the divan, a chair and

They filled the streets, the verandas and quered! the terraces. Those who crowded the window silfs had raised their yashmaks, showfolds of the feredje framing their cheeks of Constantinople, where he prayed. gave them a curious resemblance to nuns. Children from the public schools, Mohammedans, Jews and Christians, each rival. with a little fez on head and flag in hand, while waiting sang patriotic hymns in five hours. chorus. Regiments of infantry and squadrons of cavalry with bands lined the route, ruthlessly drove away the small bands of with the previous ceremonies. There are shook us by the hand, apparently pleased

Near Saint Sophia and on the square of companied by his courtiers. colored embroidery to the buildings.

Coming of the Sultan.

It was at 11:00 that Mohammed V in a blue beads and bits of looking glass to room without doing much damage, and I blue and gold general's uniform with the turn aside the evil eye. The shelk-ul- got two or three successful pictures. grand corden of the Order of the Medjidien Islam and the grand vizier in their robes laft the Dolma Bagtsh palace to the sound the "Constitutional hymn" and the boom of twenty-one gunz. He embarked on the state barge Seyudiu, attended by the Myll and military members of his housetold. As the Seyudle left the quay the warships fired a salute, and the barge, escorted by three steamers entered the Golden Horn amid the cheers of the sailors To the plaudits of the numberless spectators in rowbonts and launches the sultan responded by waving his handkerchief from the window of his stateroom.

Punctually at noon the imperial barge arrived at the quay of Bostan Enkeless below the holy mosque, where hundreds of derrishes were lined up to receive the sultan. Here he landed and walked, followed by his cortege, to the mausoleum.

Two arrowy minarets, sharp in their

whiteness against a dark background of of office, pashas with diamond algrettes AT SULTAN'S INVESTITURE signatic cypresses, shoot up from a in their fezzes, ennuche in crimson velvet coronal of domes and domelets. That is and gold brocade, the ulema in snow the mosque. It stands alone in the white turbans, halberdiers in scarlet Girding of Mohammed V with the stlence of the immense cometences which with green feather two yards long in their cover the hills. Around it is nothing but headdress made a gallant show. tombs. Shady paths wind between kubbe. Thirty years ago when Abdul Hamid and marble monuments, forming a white, travelled the road of Mohammed to con

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hind him the scarlet and gold imperial

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SCENES WHEN TURKEY CHANGED sacred city. Here sleep the generations querer he was mounted on a white Bagdad steed. 'There were a hundred standwhich conquered. which conquered.

Where the victorious of Ottoman armies pitched their tents in front of divine By-santium is now a vast encampment of sepulchers, growing each year more vast, which seems to lay tragic, silent siege to the town and will inevitably end by contract the town and will inevitably end by contract the town and will inevitably end by conthe town and will inevitably end by con- Enver Bey and Mahommed Chevket Pasha, quering it. The grave stones, surmounted the khaki clad heroes of the populace. of all the faithful in not crowned in the by large turbans, look like human figures, were more enthusiastically acclaimed than a multitude of white forms tottering and the sultan. others prone and overgrown by the grass, INTERVIEWING THE TCHELEBI

In the marble court of the mosque are American Woman's Call on Chief of

bends toward the sweet waters of Europe.

The mesque, a magnificent example of flects in its basin the lace work of its fendi of Konia, whose privilege it is to gird the new sultan with the sword of Othman at Eyub mosque. For two whole The sultan was received at the gates of days I went from place to place trying in

fices a lamb there. To this day this sa- After the noonday prayers the impressive or dancing dervishes, of which sect he is the chief. I was told to go to the old seiem feet, although the story goes that on Three Imams intoned the "Suret Feth ragile in Stamboul, and here after a long me occasion a venturesome European suc. Sherif," then after reading the opening and tedious wait I was informed that needed in hiding himself over night in the chapter of the Koran the Tchelebi recited he was not there, but if I would go to

Story of the Mosque.

ent genuficated and devoutly raised their

For centuries before Mohammed II palms. Finally within the tomb enclosure with an English gentleman, long resident the sultan, and then solemnly girded Mo- whose door opened for us in some mys-He was a man held in great reverence, hammed V with the symbolic blade. A terious fashion and we entered a tiny as a former companion and standard brief prayer followed, and then the minhearer of the prophet. He had prophesied isters and high officers of state withdrew through an open doorway I saw the Golden

dream, so the legend says, to an Imam in At 1 o'clock the thunder of artillery and but a couple of low divans on which sevthe suite of Mohammed II, the Conqueror.

So there rose first an ornate tomb, then a route followed the highway to the Adrian- them I wanted to see the Tchelebi, and The Arabic inscription encircling the ople gate and led thence to the mosque of then taking out his sketch book he ofdome of the mosque signifies: "In the Mohammed II and thence past the Bayezid fered to make a sketch of one who seemed

In the Harem. Along the steep Eyub road, still covered At that moment a small damsel with with Byzantine pavement, the procession coal black eyes and dark skin came in and wended its way. First came, incongruously invited me to go up to the harem. I enough, two armoured automobiles, each wondered if the same poverty-stricken concarrying a Hotchkiss gun. Behind trotted ditions would prevail there. Mounting a Salonican gendarmes and two squadrons rickety wooden staircase the child pushed of Rumelian cavalry with drawn swords, open a door and there, squatting on a Then came the non-Mussulman religious divan barely six inches from the ground. dignitaries, patriarchs and exarchs with were four women, who eyed me curiously long beards, all wearing Turkish emblems and did not at first appear very pleased to see me.

The Ulema followed, wrapped in ample All the women wore blouses unfastened turies the taklidi saif (girding with the caftans, green or violet, embroidered with at the waist and hanging outside their sword) has been a ceremony at which the gold and wearing great white turbans skirts, which trailed on the ground as they Dyellal-ed-Din Rumi, one of the greatest of oriental mystics, who founded the order Groups of the Amrenian population who of them was exceedingly pretty, but too watched the procession from the walls of plump. Three little girls and a boy (prob-The chief of the Mevievi bears the Tar- their cemetery clapped their hands as the ably the future Tchelebi), all about 6 years tar title of Tchelebi (lord) of Konia in An- Parliamentarians went by, but the Turks old, peered at me from behind their

hereditary head of the Mevlevi is a person They seemed annoyed by the jolting of the one of them said she was the only one of considerable importance. All who are wheels over the rough stones.

Who spoke the language a little. A cup of coffee was brought me and presently the aware of the extraordinary influence the cavalry on magnificent horses came court spokeswoman, who knew about twenty order has possessed through all the poli-tical vicissitudes of the country.

Carriages containing the ministers. The words of French, piled me with questions.

People when they perceived them shouted

Was the gentleman downstairs my huscal vicissitudes of the country.

The Tchelebi rarely officiates at this their names. Among them was the grand band? How many children had I? Where did I live? Had I a mother? etc.

Away On the Trail.

Presently a woman came in and indicated that I was to descend, and we were had sketched that the Tchelebi was not Cheers resound; an old general carries sword for the fortieth day following the his hand to his brow in salute. It is Ed- there, but if I would go to the old seragilo between 1 and 4 o'clock he would receive necessary for the sending of the couriers Another and louder cheer greets Mahmoud us. The probability is that the man was to Konia and the Tchelebi's journey to Chevket Pasha and Enver Bey, who are there the whole time but was not disposed the capital: but time moves more quickly on horseback dressed in khakl. New and to see us, or he may have begun the forty-Then came Ali Pasha, the tall, soldierly on Monday. minister of police, and twenty yards be-

carriage drawn by four white horses, in way into a courtyard surrounded by variposition of the new ruler in the eyes of his Pasha facing him. Behind rode a mixed ous white buildings, many of which were decorated with magnificent blue tiles. To regiment of cavalry of the Second and Third army corps, some of the men in none the less. The court officals brought Outside the Adrianople gate many Mingled with the mass of Stambulis- Americans had joined the group of foreign and salaamed as we entered the hallway, Turks. Armenians and Greeks-were men ambassadors and leading members of the in the centre of which stood a Mevievi, from the outlying previnces of the em- European colonies. The sultan seemed our friend of the morning, dressed in his pire and of its wilder races-Albanians, tired and continuously covered his eyes loose, flowing khaki colored robe and tail Kurds and Lazes, with here and there a with his right hand, as though the light felt halt. He greeted us with greater soldisturbed him. As the Americans and emnity than he had shown previously, and

women's festival, for women were in the signified submission. Byzantium is con- an enormous gilt framed mirror and fire At the Mosque of Mohammed II, broad shouldered little man with a round, where the junior officers of the army fat face, close cut black beard and dark ing their pallid faces, with large pensive had gathered, the sultan left his carriage Arab countenance was seated comfortably eyes blackened with kohl, and the ample and visited the tomb of the conqueror with many cushions upon a low couch up-At the old Seraglio ministers, senators He were the high felt hat of the derand deputies saluted the sultan's ar- wisher and a pale pink silk robe with large Thence the return journey was sleever, over which, owing to the cold, he made by sea to Dolma Bagtsh. The had thrown another coat of black cloth. were drawn up in line in the streets, and journey and the ceremony had occupied His little plump hand played incessantly The change of regime in the Ottoman beside him on the couch.

Kurds in yellow turbans and wide breeches, still eyewitnesses living of the procession and flattered at our visit. I asked perwho had come up from the dark quarters of 1829, when Sultan Abdul Mediid rode mission to take his portrait for the papers, to the mosque from the old Seraglio ac- and he immediately rose. I might take the Seraskierat rose triumphal arches hung. His borse was caparisoned with trap. As I was about to snapshot him a serwith hunting, but the finest ornament of pings of gold and a saddle cloth em- vant crept in with a gold tray bearing the roads was the crowd, massed and clus- proidered with thousands of pearls. The three minute cups of coffee, and I think tered everywhere, forming a living, vari- ladies of the court followed the proces- his amazement at seeing his chief being sion in gift carriages drawn by white photographed nearly caused him to drop bullocks, whose horns were hung with the tray. However, he backed out of the

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told by the old fellow whom my friend two ablutions which we were told he had to go through before the great ceremony We passed down the long avenue of cypress trees and through another gate-

the right was the treasury containing untold riches, to the left the library full of rare and ancient books, the throne room, and beyond the celebrated Bagdad klosk Here at the door stood a group of officials in Stambull coats. These bowed low Rough stands had been erected at short other foreigners rose at his approach it was difficult to keep from smiling as we were ushered by a tiptoeing, palefaced At this point the imperial carriage official into the presence of the great tion of sightscore, among whom were stopped. A ulema cast a lamb to the Tchelebi, whom it was evident they all

Picture of the Great Man.

screen the room was bare. A short stout, hoistered in pink and yellow striped satin. with a chain of beads, and his tortoise shell cigarette case, mounted in gold, lay from which patrols of Rumelian gendarmes empire inevitably invites comparisons. He rose as we entered and smilingly

him standing, sitting or any way I pleased.

Describes the Ceremony.

When we were seated once more the Tchelebi began to describe the ceremony of girding the sword and told one of the men to come in and show us the kind of robe he would wear for the great ceremony on Monday. This robe proved to be of a greenish colored cloth with enormously wide sleeves hanging to the ground and head gear similar to that always worn rolls of bright green around the base. In olden days the costume of the sultan

Thus Hood's Sarsaparilla cures scrofand his courtiers was very magnificent. but though the Tchelebi told us he had asked the sultan to wear his aigrettes he ness, that tired feeling, dyspepsia, loss believes the whole ceremony would be lacking in color, as many of the officers present will dress in the new fashionable