

# Only One Harem Left in City of Constantinople

This Is Owned by Frenchman—City Is Dull—Only Thrill To Be Found in Russian Cafes.

Constantinople, March 19.—There is only one harem left in Constantinople and that is owned by a Frenchman.

A French correspondent, who spent several weeks here, thought that his visit would not be complete until he had visited a harem. He asked one of his Turkish friends to arrange it.

But there is only one harem left, replied the Turk. "It is maintained with very strict discipline and according to the best traditions. But perhaps you yourself would have a better chance of seeing it, for this last harem belongs to one of our compatriots, the Baron Durdeau Bey. The last real Turk is a Frenchman."

Not a Gay City. The women of Constantinople have been emancipated, it is true, but in the streets they wear what appears almost like a uniform. The cut of all the street costumes is almost the same, the only difference being in the colors.

Many women who still have some respect for the old customs, wear small veils to hide their faces. In the mosques and even in the street cars and railway trains special compartments with curtains are reserved for them, presenting a curious mixture of modern and ancient custom.

In spite of the many foreigners arriving here since the war, Constantinople cannot be called a gay city. The disaster which carried down the Turkish empire has left its mark, and not even the appearance of thousands of strangers, many of them bent on a "big time," can sweep this away.

A few movie shows, two or three theaters and the Russian restaurants form the city's night life.

Cabarets la Russ. The Russian restaurants are quite remarkable. Their decorations are more bizarre than in any other city. A long-haired violinist and a lightly clad dancer provide entertainment, and the service is entrusted to women who come from wealthy Russian families, now refugees.

Each table bears a card indicating the name of the waitress, and in this way a strange Greek or Arab, who is always to be seen everywhere, can be served by the Countess X or the Princess Z. They are treated with the greatest ceremony by the Russians who frequent these places, and it is not uncommon to see a Russian guest kiss the hand of a waitress before seating himself at a table.

Greeks are to be seen everywhere. When King Alexander died the entire city was covered with Greek flags draped in mourning.

The tinest shops put out pictures of the dead king and half the stores were closed the day of the funeral.

Prices Are High. An American pays about \$7 to \$8 a day for a room in a good hotel. A haircut, with tonic costs 75 cents. A bottle of beer, 65 cents.

An automobile may be hired for \$5 an hour, but all these prices fail to take into consideration taxes which are abnormally high.

Like New York, Chicago, Paris and many of the other large cities of the world, Constantinople is now suffering from a "crime wave." Before the war, say the Turks, they could leave their doors open at night without serious loss.

Now robberies and robberies occur every night.

Spring, Motor and The Countryside. (Continued from Page One.)

danger sign, for nature had only partially congealed the sod.

First the rear wheels went through, and spun around busily while we tried to lunge ahead and get out.

Then the forward wheels went in. The more we crowded the motor the deeper we went.

We got out and put the chains on, but they only picked up tussocks and hurled them at us, so that it was not safe to stand within 10 feet of the car.

Then we went to get planks from a fence near by. But just as we were taking them the owner came out and objected. A bull-dog which accompanied him also objected.

We went back to the car and tried to build a road of stones under it. But the spinning wheels merely shot the stones over the fence. One of them hit the bulldog, which annoyed him so that he had to get into the car and shut all the doors. The farmer sat on the wall, chomped a straw, which I had never seen a farmer do before outside of pictures, and looked on.

Profit in Advice. At last he mellowed and offered us advice about getting out. His advice consisted of the suggestion that we get a horse. When he had made this three or four times we began to take him seriously and asked him where a horse could be got.

He said that he had a horse, not a very good horse, but one which, in his opinion, do the work.

But it would be a darn shame to make the poor dumb animal pull that big automobile, said the farmer. "I couldn't think of letting him suffer as he would have to suffer for less'n \$50.

"Well, there was nothing else to do. The poor dumb animal suffered pitifully for about an hour and a half, and once more we were on the country road. I have often wondered since what was the horse's "cut" out of the \$50 for the agony he was forced to undergo.

It took us an hour to get on the hard high road. When we got there we stayed there till we got home.

Somebody said, as we parked the car in the back yard, that it was a lovely spring day. We were surprised. That fact had wholly escaped our observation.

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Two Hundred Elephants

In Big Royal Tiger Hunt

London, March 19.—A tiger hunt with 200 elephants and hunting with hounds instead of hounds.

he features of the royal sport were the duke of Connaught on his coming India tour.

# Letters From Home-Made Father to His Son

Dear Son:— I have just been reading an 'interesting' discussion between the great naval experts, Senator Borah and General Mitchell on: "What is a Navy?" "Havin' made an exhaustive investigation into the modern battleship," says the Senator. "I have discovered a very startlin' thing. It was to get hit with three hundred tons of nitro-glycerine there's every reason to believe it would be destroyed. I believe the Navy Department has been in possession of this information for a long time an has been keepin' it a secret from the public."



Whereupon the General moves a resolution that the battleship is a menace to the navy an ought to be abolished. "Any man," says he, "not actively interested in makin' boiler-plate, knows that a modern navy consists of nothin but aeroplanes!" Just then one of the naval board who has been asleep gets up an moves what a nice thing it would be if the navy could get hold of a couple of good boats. He is immediately thrown out of the room fer contempt of court an interrin' in things he don't know anythin' about.

In school, of course, I was learned that a navy was a body of boats inirly surrounded by water. In my ignorance I was proud of our super-dreadnauts. I rested my confidence on 'em. Now I wouldn't dare rest my elbow on 'em fer fear of sendin' 'em to the bottom. It's sort of dis-piscillionin'. What I thought was the world's finest collection of floatin' forts turns out to be about as useful as a Detroit lively stable.

Simple in Olden Days. Naval warfare used to be a lot simpler in olden days. It was run on the plan of two kids crackin' horse-chestnuts together. The opposin' fleets ran into each other as hard as they could an the victory went to the toughest. If anybody had had the brains to build a rubber ship in them days they'd have been king of the boundin' waves fer sure.

In those times it was a man's game. None of this long distance exchangein' of chemical factories. Before a fight was over a man got to know his enemies by their first names—an a lot of other names that wasn't mentioned at their christenin's.

When the fleets got within a few hundred yards of each other the Admiral raised his megaphone. "Have all the gunners get matches!" he cries. "Eye, eye, sir," comes the lusty shout. "Then go to it my hearties an' mind the splinters."

Closer an' closer the great ships approach 'til they're almost touchin'. Simultaneously the order to light the guns rings out. There is a terrible explosion an a cloud of smoke like a flash light picture. Cannon balls go flyin' through the air with-out regard fer passin'ships.

When things cleared off, two of the enemy boats is observed to have tipped over from the recoil. The riggin' is in an awful snarl. The Admiral's whiskers has been shot away but he still retains his dignity.

That ends the first part of the battle. In them days the guns all loaded from the business end. In order to refill 'em you had to pull up alongside a dock somewhere. Gangplanks was now run between the opposin' fleets an the rest of the batten was conducted with table-legs, carvin' from above an' below so quick she wouldn't know whether to blow up or sink.

The sea battle as a public spectacle is over. A fisherman settin' out his nets of a summer's mornin' can be right in the middle of one of the world's greatest sea fights an never know it—unless perhaps he gets hit in the head with a fallin' monkey wrench. I know now what they mean when they talk of a high seas.

It's goin' to bring a great change to the middle-west. As long's a man has never seen nothin' but wheat fields, boomin' the navy is about as satisfactory as bein' a book agent in the North Carolina mountains. But now, under the new order, Oklahoma is as likely to be the scene for the next naval battle as Sandy Hook.

The reporter from the Sioux City Gazette may be the first one to get the real news of the scrap. "The Great Naval Battle Which Started Yesterday Off the Delaware Coast Has Worked West Over the Allegiance—American Sailors Fight Bravely Disputin' Every Mile of Ground—Atlantic Squadron Temporarily Forced Out of Battle by Lack of Gasoline—Admiral Pike's Flagship Destroyed by Machine-gun Fire—Admiral Lands in Haymow an' Is Uninjured."

Kaleidoscopic Naval Styles. As a matter of fact it was time to quit buildin' boats anyhow. The styles change so fast that they're no good before you can finish 'em. Every year the keel of a new floatin' fort is laid down which is goin' to be two supers ahead of any super-dreadnaut in existence. The layin' is attended with much ceremony an' a number of Congressmen. Forty gallons of ice cream an' a barrel of lobster salad is charged to interior decoration.

Speeches is made regardin' the smartness of the age an' the speakers. Then everybody goes about their business an forgets the whole thing til it comes time fer launchin'.

Along about then the Senior class in Dreadnauts from Annapolis takes a visit to the Navy Yard to find what one looks like before graduatin'.

"Here," says the Professor, stoppin' before the future Queen of the Water, "is an example of the old style craft what used to be used. Even you can see what a clumsy old tub it was." What boat was that, my good man?

When he finds it's the latest addition to our fightin' forces there's considerable stir. An extra session of Congress is called to consider what to do with it. They finally tow it out to sea an use it fer aeroplanes to practice droppin' bombs on.

There's just this one thing about a boatless navy, though. Aeroplanes is mighty useful as long as the opposin' party has boats to destroy. What good are they goin' to be when everybody gives up boats, though? What can they destroy then? Nobody has seemed to think of that. I'm goin' to quit now an put this before my Congressman. If it wasn't fer thinkin' fellows like me these politicians would build up a great fleet of destroyin' engines an' then find there wasn't nothin' to destroy.

What we want in the navy is less talk an' more pounds of dynamite. Yours indignantly, Amos H. Amesby Fath. (Copyright, 1921, by Ed Streeter.)

Paris Bright Again After War Restrictions Banned

Paris, March 19.—All cafes and restaurants now remain open until 1 a. m. for the first time since the war, and restrictions against the use of gas have been rescinded. The theaters are open until midnight and Paris is soon to become brilliantly lighted on the prewar scale.

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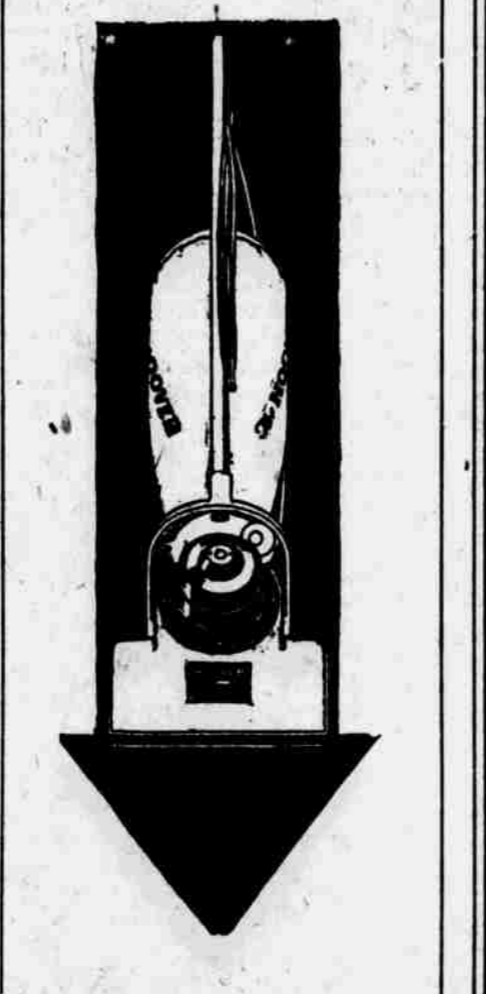
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