

The Awakening of the Older Nations.

A Land of Strange Contrasts is Turkey in its State of Transition—Western Styles Crowding Out Old Customs, Creating Incongruities.

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Constantinople.—Standing on the top of one of the ruined towers of the Bosphorus, which Mohammed the Conqueror, built in 1453, when he laid siege to Constantinople, I studied the strange city which lay extended before me as a magnificent panorama.

Up these blue waters have sailed throughout the centuries all kinds of craft. Now in sight of one are a few Turkish warships, a small American gun-boat, the darting caiques of the turbaned boatmen and freighters of many nations, together with cumbersome large native crafts with the hinged masts.

The present stage in Turkey's rapid awakening is that of contrast. The palaces along the Bosphorus, practically all of them owned, until the Revolution, by Abdul Hamid, are rather tawdry creations at best, but they are in contrast with the miserable hovels of the people, whose dwellings are meager beyond the western comprehension.

Along the water front is a palace which was used by the Parliament, until fire gutted it. Not far away is the present palace of the reigning Sultan, who is a mere shadow of the absolutism of his deposed brother. Interspersed between palaces are the residences of Pashas, and more or less prosperous citizens, with the latticed windows of the harems turned toward the water.

Schools are beginning to come to their own in Turkey, but the minaret still dominates the landscape, and the wailing cry of the muezzin five times a day is a familiar sound to all parts of the city.

On yonder hill a cannon booms whenever there is a fire in one of the villages along the Bosphorus. The plan in the city proper is for a watchman on one of the great fire towers to report to others who patrol the streets, and these others go crying, in jacked tones that make one think of the souls of the lost, the general vicinity of the fire. Whoever will may then run to the scene of excitement and share in the possible loot.

There are no telephones in the city, except between government offices, no public lighting system and no electric cars. The streets are incredibly bad, yet at one corner of the foreign quarter of Pera I saw these three wonders: a Constantinople street being widened, a steam roller at work, and the cypress trees of the Moslem graveyard being cut down!

The Cools and the Automobile. That the old order is passing is patent to everybody who knows how to look at things in the large. People cannot have even a form of constitutional government, and yet treat one section of the community as mere beasts of burden.

There is not room on the same highway of civilization for a twenty horsepower automobile and a man struggling under the load of an ox. Con-

stantinople has had the latter for centuries, it is now getting the former. The incredible burdens which these Koordish coolies or hamals bear would seem like fiction to the western world. Frequently I have seen a man carrying a dozen chairs on his back; another bore at one time thirty-six of the big square oil-cans which the Standard Oil Company has made a not uncommon load.

Big Hats and Moslem Veils. The advent of the western styles involves unforeseen difficulties for an Oriental people. It is easy for the Turk in baggy trousers and shoes that slip off, to sit cross-legged on the floor; when he dons the trousers and patent leathers he must abandon this fashion. The new furniture of modern style to which Turkey has become so devoted postulates home somewhat after the idea of Europe or America.

The dress of the women offers perhaps the best illustration of this. Most Moslem women wear along the streets like water birds on land, draped from head to heel in hideous black ezaars. Whether they are old or young, homely or handsome, nobody can tell. This custom involves mysteries which no mere man can solve.

Because she is robbed so outrageously on the street is no reason why the Moslem woman has not the eternal interest to civilization.



Constantinople and its Beautiful Harbor.

feminine interest in dress. One of their sisters came along the other day wearing a "Merry Widow" hat and a hobble skirt and as I passed I noticed these queer veiled figures stop and turn and look as long as the new fashions were in sight. What will happen to the economic system in Turkey with its low scale of income when husbands have to pay for Paris millinery and their wives have a right to wear them, is more than I can project.

Immediately after the revolution many Moslem women took off their veils as they appeared in public places. Such is the state of the Turkish mind, however, to be described by no other words better than by the English phrase "absolutely rotten" that this could not endure.

New Warships and Some Stripes. Almost bumping into the ancient native crafts of the Bosphorus are a number of new warships of which Turkey is very proud. The Turk loves weapons, big and little. While the order for disarmament has gone out, it yet remains true that in the cities as well as in the rural parts men "tote a gun" as they say in Texas, and carry a knife stuck into the voluminous girdle. I never traveled with a pistol in my belt in plain sight until I went into the interior of Turkey where every man has to be his own policeman.

With this warlike disposition it is natural that the Turks should be interested in their fleet. Their pride in the two warships recently purchased from Germany is not wholly shared by the foreign community. The last-

ter say that there is now on the Bosphorus a new classification of warships—"first class, second class and second-hand." They tell us that the Young Turks were afraid to trust themselves to bring the ships from Germany, so they had German officers man them until just outside the Dardanelles, where they ran up the Turkish flag. The German officers demanded two hundred or fifty thousand marks for their services and refused to haul down the Turkish flag until the sum was paid. Rumor has it that one of the ships broke down en route. At any rate, the Turkish government paid the money and the ships sailed up the Bosphorus, streaming bright new crescent flags behind them.

That New Turkey has something to learn in the way of naval administration was evident from a little experience of my own. Late one night I had need to cross the Bosphorus in a small boat and the boatman ran close to one of the new warships. Instead of turning a searchlight on to us a dozen men began to yell to warn us off. For two or three minutes there seemed to be a small riot on the ship, but not once was there a light flashed on us though the crew's fear that we might be Greeks bearing torpedoes. Of a piece with this bit of administration was the naive remark of an admiral the other day, that he was obliged to surrender his place on a naval board in order to go to the interior to take charge of a military barracks.

Cholera, Rat-Traps and Religion. The cholera is raging in Constantinople at present and it affords an opportunity of observing the difference between the old and the new. Lime is sprinkled in the gutters by the city but, for the most part, the people who, so far as the Moslem population are concerned, are ardent fatalists, say "Kismet," and do not amend their unsanitary ways. That modern scientific knowledge is beginning to penetrate is shown by the lively sale of rat traps which street vendors display as a sort of cholera cure, explaining that the cholera germs are carried by rats

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