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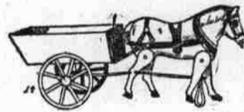
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The Burden Of Armenian Women Has Been Heavy

Through Many Generations They Have Passed Lives, Brought Up Children, and Labored Steadily Toward Upbuilding of Family Fortunes Under Continual Threat of Pillage and Massacre.

Washington, Dec. 4.—"Armenian women and girls, who are much less in this country than are their husbands and brothers, have borne a heavier fate than the women of any other Christian people. Through many generations, as far back as their traditions run, they have passed their lives, brought up their children, and

east and as a lover of Armenia, has had the opportunity to look behind the veil of the Armenian woman's apathy. She writes:

"Armenian women are full of sentiment and emotion, and unless they have been repressed by harsh experience they are unrestrained in expression. As students they differ among themselves, ranging all the way from dense stupidity to brilliance, but averaging high in their studies. When the home school was founded, its first students were Armenians eager to get an education, and for many years the Armenians were the most numerous of the nationalities present. Scarcely where the college was situated until it moved across the Bosphorus last year, was an Armenian quarter, so that long after Greeks and Bulgarians came in larger numbers into the boarding colleges the day scholars were predominantly Armenian.

"Beneath expressionless masks which the average Armenian woman wears to all the world that is strange to her, Miss Jenkins found that

there lurked a spirit of much more intense, violent, and consuming sort than usual among the women of those lands where family life runs in better guarded and more peaceful paths. Illustrating the emotional nature of the Armenian women Miss Jenkins tells:

"When the news of the death of a school mate reached one of our dormitories, the girls wept and even screamed with such abandon that one of them became ill and had to go home. Yet under torture and persecution these women have shown marvelous patience and endurance.

"The Armenians have dramatic ability. I well remember one strongly featured Armenian girl who acted the double role of priest and king in a Sanscrit play. I recall in that same year a pretty Armenian girl who played the part of Toilette in 'Le Imaginaire,' with more charm and pliancy than I have ever seen in any American production of that classic.

"A strain of unconscious egotism is one of the effects of persecution steadily borne:

"Where there is so vigorous a national pride, some personal conceit would naturally follow. That is not always the case; some of the most modest and humble of women are among my Armenian friends; but the characteristic expression of complacency that one often hears is: 'He is a fine man; he likes me.'

Miss Jenkins, as commentary upon the effects which the tragedy of the Armenian race has had upon its women, describes the following types of Armenian girl students, who are numbered among her pupils:

"Flora was a sparkling girl, with jet black hair and shining eyes and teeth. She was delightfully responsive in class, although her quick appreciation was rather shallow. She was always happy and care-free. Her father was high in Turkish favor and she had apparently no consciousness of her people's sufferings.

"Zabelle was another happy girl, but of quite a different type. She was small and plump, and maintained a position at the head of her class only by constant hard work. One would never associate her with tragedy in the remotest way. But when in 1908, people's tongues were loosed, the press freed, and people seemed to wish to express their long pent-up emotions, Zabelle wrote a composition. She began in her clear round hand, 'I have always wanted to tell about my cousin Mesrob, but I did not dare; now I can speak,' and there followed a horrible tale of persecution, torture, and death inflicted on an innocent young man.

"Heigochee was touching in her expression of the joy that it gave her after the revolution of 1908 to be able to say 'my country,' for she had always felt so lonely when among girls who had countries of their own, such as the English and the Turkish girls.

"One of the sweetest souls I ever knew was Annita. She was a Protestant from one of the mission schools in Cilicia. She was older than most of the girls, a woman in character and suffering. She was very delicate and unconsciously appealing and absurdly grateful for any little thing that was done for her. Her appreciation of beauty was very great. Once I took her to see the wondrous mosaic Sancta Sophia, in Constantinople with a class of girls. She wandered off by herself, and when I found her she was sitting quietly wiping the tears from her eyes, because it was 'so beautiful.' Annita was one of three girls who came from the district of Adana, where the massacres took place in the spring of 1909. For several weeks we gave these girls a separate place to eat and sit while waiting for news of their loved ones. One day I met Annita in the corridor and uttered a light word. Her face stopped me, and I said quickly, 'Had news Annita?' She made a pitiful effort at self control, then said 'Oh, teacher, slaver of them,' and despite the respect that keeps

an Oriental girl from familiarities with a teacher, threw her arms around my neck and wept. And that was not the whole tale. The next week added four more to the list of victims in her family. Patient Annita, with her soft, pathetic eyes, always seemed to me a type of the Armenian victim.

"Hrypsime was not a type at all; she was a strangely individualized girl, but the product of suffering and revolution. One would not have thought it to see her in school, eager to learn, docile, appreciative of all little gatties, patient in her poverty and humiliation. She was scarcely over fifteen years old, a preparatory student, but her composition revealed an embittered disillusioned heart. She also began to express herself after 1908 and poured out tales of persecution and revolution with bitter vindictiveness and hate. On the day of battle, April 1909, Hrypsime ran off to join the Red Cross. When I asked her whether her mother knew, she shrugged and said: 'My father gave his life for revolution; why should I try to save mine?'

ASHEVILLE LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS

At the regular weekly meeting of the Asheville lodge, No. 106, Knights of Pythias, which was held last night, the following officers, for the ensuing term, were elected: Chancellor commander, J. Arthur White; vice-chancellor, D. A. Roberts; prelate, Clyde E. Case; master of works, J. J. Worsham; keeper of records and seal, E. M. Lyda; master of finance, Herman C. Clarke; master of exchequer, B. H. Taylor; master at arms, Philip Schwartz; inner guard, G. D. Allison; outer guard, P. J. Johnson; trustee for 18 months, W. D. Tennent.

The meeting was well attended and following the election of officers the members discussed at some length the welfare of the lodge, many suggestions

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CONDITIONS GOOD IN RICHMOND DISTRICT

Lumber and Manufacturing Industries Are Showing Gradual Improvement.

Gazette-News Bureau
The Riggs Building
Washington, Dec. 4.

The federal reserve bulletin for November, made public yesterday, shows that conditions in the fifth, Richmond district, were very satisfactory; cotton sold freely at top prices and permitted a general and generous liquidation. The lumber and manufacturing industries showed gradual improvement and the weather conditions for the month were favorable for the handling of crops. Tobacco, both natural and manufactured, is in a satisfactory condition. The bulletin says:

"The lumber industry is improving slowly, and an increasing demand both for export and domestic uses is anticipated.

"Manufacturing enterprises are doing well, while jobbers are booking generous orders from interior merchants desiring to replenish exhausted stocks.

"Collections are good. Commodity liquidation has permitted borrowing banks to meet the maturing obligations and has provided surplus funds. For these there is at the moment no real demand. Banks throughout the district are in a more comfortable position than for some years. Borrowers in many directions have been able to pay their indebtedness, due to their operations in the past season, and to settle a generous share of debts carried over from 1914.

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