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TURKISH ACTION IS BLAMED UPON THE REFORMERS

Abrogation of Privileges is Part of Union and New Progress.

ANTI-CHRISTIANISM DOES NOT PLAY PART

Treaties Have Been Regarded as Detriment to New Government.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—The New York Sun publishes an article written by a special correspondent of the Sun, who returned recently from the near east, where he made a close study of political and economic conditions. The article says:

"The abrogation of the special rights of foreigners is one of the plans of reform that the new regime in Turkey has been endeavoring to erect ever since the arbitrary rule of Abdul Hamid was replaced by a constitutional government. These special rights have been looked upon by the young Turks, especially the more advanced wing of the party, as restraints that made the carrying out of any new scheme of internal government impossible. That they should seize an opportunity for the step the moment when most of Europe is at war is not unnatural and to those who have followed the course of events in the Ottoman empire was not unexpected.

"The leaders of the committee of Union and Progress, or Young Turk party, who are to a great extent the most progressive men of the country and have been educated at Christian institutions in Turkey or in Europe, have from the first endeavored to throw off the foreign influences that have been so instrumental in dictating Ottoman policy. Much of the talk regarding this party's warlike attitude may be traced to its desire to make Turkey a land of the Turks. That the leaders have been unable to accomplish this has been due to the heavy indebtedness to other countries and the inability to act independently in the collection of taxes. Even Faik, in discussing this phase of the situation a short time ago said that it was a great mistake to consider the Ottoman empire as under the dominion of Germany, England or any other country.

"We have German officers for our army because their methods of drilling and discipline seem best to suit the requirements of our troops," he said. "At the same time we have our navy under training by English naval officers. Turkey's strength as a nation will depend not upon a Germanic or an Anglicized Turkey, but upon a Turkey that meets all the needs of our people and may be developed in accordance with their condition. We are aiming to give all the people fair and equitable government.

"No Hatred of Christians. There is no reason to believe that the Mohammedan population has any great animosity against the Christians living among them, and I am sure that so far as the government itself is concerned there is no untoward discrimination against them. What we ask for is peace that we may develop our country and the privilege of developing it along its own lines and in conditions that exist in other countries of Europe."

"The special privileges which have been abrogated made a most unusual condition of civic life in the Turkish empire, in that they gave to foreigners immunities that are enjoyed elsewhere only by diplomats. These peculiar conditions did not rise from the fact that Christians are living in Moslem lands. They date back to Byzantine times, when the Italian cities formed colonies at Constantinople. When the Turks came they, with contemptuous tolerance of other religions and customs, could not see why these colonists should not decide their own law suits and have their own kind of worship.

"These rights grew and changed with centuries until the Turk was to a great extent without sovereignty in his own dominion. For instance, taxes could not be levied upon for-

eigners except in accordance with treaties, and could be increased only by the consent of representatives of the port; business places or dwellings of foreigners could not be entered by Turkish police except by consent of the consuls; a foreigner could not be tried before a native court unless he were represented by his consul, while all suits in which foreigners alone were the litigants were tried in their own consular courts; suits between Ottoman subjects and foreigners being tried in mixed courts in which consular representatives were present.

"Abdul Hamid made several efforts to have these special privileges restricted, but the form of government existing then did not encourage the powers to grant much relaxation except in return for concessions and other advantages. The Young Turk feels that he is in a different position since he overthrew the autocratic government. He has modernized the army, the police and the sanitary system, he has built schools and colleges and has reformed the postal service and the courts.

Code Napoleon Used. "The judicial system has been reformed, the civil procedure being now based partly upon the Code Napoleon and partly on the usages of the ancient courts. The criminal law has been borrowed from the French and the mercantile law from the French and Dutch. The whole purpose has been to raise the judiciary from its archaic, medieval standard to suit present conditions and to do away with judges.

"The Young Turk has striven to improve the living conditions of the people and he has made the streets of Constantinople as clean as the streets of any other European city. Turkey's educational system being improved and examinations are now insisted on for entrance into the army and into industrial pursuits and professions. It would be almost impossible to find today, as was often the case in the past, a young man holding an important position in army or civil life who is unable to read or write. It is in the face of such evidences of progress that modern Turkey finds the extra territoriality that came to her as an inheritance so bitterly galling.

"Theoretically the effect upon the United States of this abrogation of special privileges is mostly concerned with the matter of trials and of educational and religious institutions. Among these are the Syrian Protestant college at Beirut, the Robert college and the Woman's college on the Bosphorus. To all of these Turkish officials have paid high tributes. Many Turks have been graduated from either the Robert or the Beirut college, while today many of the pupils at the Woman's college are daughters of men in high position in the Ottoman empire. The Beirut college was founded in 1866. The Robert college has existed more than fifty years. They have both lived through much more strenuous times than the present, and from the regard in which they are held there seems no good reason to believe that they are now in peril.

"The peril of a holy war, which has been so frequently held up before European nations ruling Mohammedan populations, seems to be less a peril today than ever before. The standard of the prophet was raised in the last Balkan war and proved entirely ineffective in rallying Moslems to its support. There is a vast amount of internal politics in Mohammedanism. The fact that all Moslems do not recognize the sultan of Turkey as the caliph, the schism, the hereditary enmity between the Arab and the Turk, these and various other elements entering into the question make it very doubtful if the government at Constantinople would dare to risk its prestige among its own people by such an impractical action."

GILMORE SEEKS PEACE. CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—Club owners of the Federal league are ready to make peace with organized baseball on any "fair and honorable terms," according to a statement made here today by James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal organization.

"We stand ready to meet organized baseball half way on any peace proposition," Gilmore set forth in his statement. "But I don't want to place our organization in a false light. We are not standing on the door step, hat in hand. The baseball war could be ended promptly and honorably if President Johnson, of the American league and his associates would deign to meet us as business men and discuss the subject as a business proposition."

President Gilmore asserted his belief that peace would come to baseball whether men identified with the National and American leagues wanted it or not. There is not room for three major leagues, he asserted, and he believed one must fall.

LANES GLOW AT NIGHT.

High tension transmission lines can be plainly seen at night owing to a brilliant glow which surrounds the current carrying wires. This glow is called "corona effect," thus coining a new electrical term.

"Corona effect" consists of a continuous passage of energy through the air between conductors. With high potentials and insufficient spacing distances the energy losses may be an appreciable percentage of the total power transmitted. Corona effect is accompanied by a comparatively high pitched hissing sound and at night is visible as a luminous envelope of bluish light. Proper spacing of the lines is, therefore, of the greatest importance in order that the corona effect may be minimized. It has been found that the loss due to the corona effect takes place at a certain critical voltage. This voltage is variable, depending upon the individual line and atmospheric conditions.

The Retort Courteous.

"It was mighty nice of you to give up your seat to that stout old lady, Mr. Banks. It is pleasant to see that there are still some polite men left in the world."

"Sorry, Mrs. Jabbers, but it wasn't politeness at all. The man who sat next to me was quarrelsome because he said I crowded him too much, and all I did was to use that stout old lady as a sort of retort courteous."

Exchange

CZAR IS SENDING SECOND BIG ARMY TO THE FRONTIER

Word From Petrograd Says Force Will Join Army in Poland.

WILL PERHAPS JOIN ATTACK ON GERMANY

Carpathian Passes Are Well Held, is Asserted From Berlin.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—Within a week a new Russian army a million strong will join the present armies in Poland and Galicia for "Russia's principal attack on Germany," according to reports from Petrograd.

Meanwhile the German navy is showing increased activity on the Baltic coast. It is in readiness to support German land forces if they succeed in forcing the passage of the river Niemen.

A news dispatch from Petrograd says a German squadron bombarded Windau, a Russian seaport in the Baltic, on September 24. The forts replied to the fire of the ships, which after destroying the lighthouse, withdrew.

River Niemen Held. An unofficial dispatch from the Russian capital says that the fighting along the East Prussian frontier has resulted in the repulse of all the German attempts to force a passage of the river Niemen in the government of Suwalki.

German Force Grows. The Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post has sent the following dispatch:

"The Germans continue to attempt a passage of the Niemen river, Russian Poland, but so far they have been unsuccessful. It is obvious that their forces are increasing for their last attack covered ground extending from Osmowets to Simno in Russian Poland, a distance of seventy-four miles."

Russians Control Galicia.

An official announcement from Petrograd says that the Austrian province of Galicia is now completely freed of Austrians, the last remnant of their troops having sought refuge in the Carpathians.

To offset this, an official statement issued in Berlin, dealing with the situation in the Carpathians, says that the Russians, in trying to cross the mountains in small columns and break through into Hungary, have been repulsed everywhere.

An official message issued in Budapest, according to a Rome dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company, states that the Hungarians have recaptured Uzok pass, in the Carpathians.

The official statement issued in Berlin follows:

"The Russians, in trying to cross the Carpathians in small columns and break through into Hungary, have been repulsed everywhere. As these troops are operating a great distance from the main theater of war, their maneuvers are unimportant, but if the intention was to create disquiet among the Hungarian population, it has been entirely frustrated.



"I Saw a Funny Thing

last night," writes a Philadelphia man.

"I was in the men's cafe of the... Hotel. A few tables away, and close to a window, was a rather rough-looking man of about fifty.

He took a cigar out of his pocket, bit off the end, put the cigar in his mouth, took a match out of the match box, and tried to light his cigar.

The match broke in two. He took another. The wind blew it out. With the third, fourth—

on up to the sixth—he had similar mishaps.

By that time, I had become tired of the spectacle, so I walked over to him, handed him a Safe Home Match and said: 'Here! Try this! It's a REAL match!'

He lit it and, in spite of the fact that the wind was coming in the window as hard as ever, lit his cigar."

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"As the result of new operations, commenced by the united German, Austro-Hungarian forces, the enemy on both sides of Vistula has retreated. Strong bodies of Russian cavalry have been dispersed near Bielsk (Galicia), while to the north of the Vistula several divisions of the enemy's cavalry have been driven in front of the German army."

Archduke Frederick, of Austria, commander-in-chief of the Austrian army, has issued an army order in which he declares that "the situation of the German and Austrians is favorable." The Russian offensive is beginning to break down, says the archduke, and the "German army, with out hindrance, has penetrated deep into France, where a new and great victory is imminent."

It is reported from Vienna, according to a Rome dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company, that the Austrian general, Von Auffenberg, former minister of war, has been obliged to relinquish his command of the First Austrian army because of serious illness.

The Russians have come across Ga-

licia in great parallel lines and, marking Przemysl, have swept the country clear as far as a line drawn from Dukla, in the south, to the neighborhood of Rzesow, in the north, while other forces have pushed their way through the passes of the Carpathians into Hungary. They have only to get a little farther to get possession of the railway that runs from Sander through the mountains to Lublin and thence through the heart of the country to Budapest.

If they accomplish this they will be able to join hands with the army which is approaching Krakow. According to Petrograd correspondents they intend to treat Krakow as they did Przemysl and continue their march into Silesia.

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