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Behind The News In Turkey

(The following address was delivered recently by Rev. A. J. William Myers, Ph.D., of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, on his return from the Near East. Rev. Dr. Myers is well known in Prince Edward Island about twenty-five years ago he occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church at Summerside.)

The Turks have exerted an influence in Asia and Europe for seven centuries. In that time they have passed through many vicissitudes, from that of great power to the condition suggested by the sobriquet, "the sick man of Europe."

Turkey has been thought of as being unprogressive, as part of "the unchanging East." There has been that side of her life. It is symbolized by the water buffalo. This animal may be seen in hot weather completely submerged in the water except for its muzzle, eyes and horns, complacently chewing the cud and blissfully indifferent to heat and flies, and in no danger of nervous prostration! There is a bit of the same suggestion in the attitude of certain classes as they sit, completely relaxed, sucking their "hookah" or water pipe; or lie asleep in the shade at noonday.

But such bovine contentment is not characteristic of the new Turkey. More rapid and drastic changes have been made since the war than in any Western country. These include the following since 1923: The Ottoman Empire and dynasty have been ended; the republican form of government has been adopted, and it has become a virtual dictatorship; the caliphate has been abolished, yet without precipitating a "holy war"; Islam is no longer the state religion and there is complete separation between church and state; a new civil code, based on that of Switzerland, has been adopted. The formula for the oath is now simply "by my honor." The old form of writing has been set aside and the Roman alphabet introduced. The whole population, of whom only fifteen out of a hundred could read or write, have literally gone to school to learn at least the new alphabet. The fez, turban and veil have practically disappeared. Polygamy, for which the Turk was supposed to be famous, is no longer lawful. The legal age for consent in marriage for girls is fifteen years which is far in advance of a number of states in this country, where it is eleven or twelve. A bill has been before the house to change the Sabbath from Friday to Sunday. This is based on purely commercial grounds as in trading with other nations business loses two days a week instead of one.

But there is not much fear of aggressive war on the part of Turkey. She has not suffered in recent years from lack of war. Here is a partial list of her "unfriendly relations" with other nations: The Italian war, 1911; the Balkan war, 1912; the Great War, 1914-1918; the Greek war, 1921-1922. Naturally the country was almost bankrupt and much of her public debt has, in effect, been repudiated or cancelled. She had two big battleships "loaned" by Germany, but the Goeben was so damaged she had to be beached and the Breslau was sunk. After the Greek war the three million Greeks in Turkey were driven out. A million and a half were repatriated, but the other million and a half disappeared, probably through starvation, war and massacre. Many Armenians also lost their lives or fled. As a result certain industries such as fisheries and silk production and also trading, have been severely handicapped, so adding to the economic distress. The Ottoman policy was to rule over subject races, but Young Turkey insists on assimilating all to itself. This probably is one reason why, in common with this country and Russia, Turkey does not co-operate in the League of Nations and the World Court.

Many of the peasant class are indifferently poor. Only one-fifth of the arable land is cultivated and much of it on the high plateau is dry and poor. In many places the methods are shockingly primitive. The plow made from a crooked stick, the reaping hook and scythe, the flail and flat sled studded with sharp stones (one of the threshing instruments described in the Old Testament) are commonly used. There are three age-old means of freight transport which the peasant would probably arrange in this order of importance: mules, donkeys and—women! But alongside of these primitive means may be seen reapers, binders, tractors, autos and airplanes. One of the difficulties in the west is the rapidity of changes taking place; but Turkey is taking centuries at a single stride! The strain of this on the morale of a people is very great.

Crude Conditions

The huts and villages in the back country are pathetically crude and barren. There are few windows, practically no furnishings, no pictures, newspapers or books, no telephones, radios or modern conveniences. Too often there is dirt and squalor, for they are blissfully indifferent to such trifles as germs and microbes. It is true that automobiles are insisted on in the Mohammedan religion, but one may see some washing their mouths, hands, feet and other parts of the body and others drinking from the same receptacle or using the water for cooking.

The word "bread" has a different connotation for these people from what it has for their more wealthy neighbors. To these it means life. A meagre ration of bread, a few vegetables and fruits, and water form their chief diet. Meat is a luxury. The tails of the broad-tailed sheep which is pure fat, and weighs as much as twenty pounds, is a great delicacy. The goat is also the poor man's friend; but there are also thousands of cattle in the great grazing areas.

Changes Fundamental

Many of these changes are more fundamental than may at first appear to the westerner. For example, when the Mohammedan prays, he must touch his head to the ground and also keep his head covered. But it is almost impossible to touch the head to the floor and keep a hat or cap on. Abolishing the fez is, therefore, interfering with one of his most sacred customs. For women to lay aside the veil implies a change in social custom and outlook that is little less than revolutionary.

In a country where, among the vast majority of the people, there is not a single newspaper, how is a government to gauge public opinion? Turkey may have discovered a way. A report suddenly spreads in many parts of the country that some drastic change has been made as, for example, that the holy day is to be Sunday. If the opposition aroused is very violent the government has only to deny the report, saying that no such action has been taken, that it was but an unfounded rumor. If there is no great opposition the law may be passed. Whether this method is conspicuously used or not matters have often happened in this way.

All education is now under government control. Direct religious propaganda is not allowed. But Turkey welcomes and promotes character education and has prepared courses for various grades in the schools. In some of these there is, apparently, a deliberate attempt to undermine certain cardinal religious practices of the Musselman. For example, prayer was offered several times a day and always involved considerable time and bodily gymnastics. These lessons say that such prayer may be good for physical exercise, but that real prayer is a thing of the heart. Another virtue was to give alms to beggars. Now the children are taught that such giving does little good and may do harm. Instead, they are urged to contribute to such national organizations as the Red Crescent (corresponding to the Red Cross) which investigate cases and spend wisely; or to the fund for building airplanes. By this subtle diversion of religious practices no little revenue has come to the war department.

White Meat Chickens
SCRATCHING IS PROHIBITED

TONAWANDA, N. Y., Jan. 5.—(U. P.)—Something new in chicken-raising is to be found on the farm of W. M. Woodward, who raises broilers almost free from dark meat.

A long shed houses between 3,000 and 4,000 chickens of varying ages. The pens are built one on top of another to the roof. Each pen has a false floor of chicken wire two inches above the actual floor. The chicken's feet never touch ground until at least three months old. The building is heated by stoves.

Because the chickens cannot scratch, and are fed 25 per cent buttermilk, there is almost no muscular development. The meat is almost entirely white and tender, even on the legs and joints.

SOUTH MELVILLE

Bedeque

Miss Hester Inman, teacher in the East Royalty school, spent the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Theophilus Inman.

The many friends of Mr. William Bonness will regret to hear that he has been confined to his home through illness for the past week.

The Sunday evening Christmas Service in Central Bedeque Baptist Church, Dec. 20th was attended by a large congregation. Rev. (Mrs.) A. G. Crewe delivered a very beautiful and inspiring message to her followers, from the subject "Christmas Christian," also a real Christmas message. The choir under the direction of the organist Mrs. Earl Leard, rendered several "Christmas Carols" and lovely Christmas music. A duet by Mrs. Earle Leard and Miss Vera Schurman and accompanied by Miss Ellen Dawson on the pipe organ, was much enjoyed.

Mr. Emmerson Huestis, student at Acadia University, spent the Christmas holidays at his home in Wilnot Valley.

The indisposition of Mrs. Charles Green, Central Bedeque, is greatly regretted.

The Central Bedeque Baptist Sunday School presented a very interesting concert in the Baptist Church on Monday evening, December 21st. Rev. A. G. Crewe acted as chairman and a very successful programme was carried out, consisting of several choruses by the members of the Sunday School. A duet by Miss Muriel Leard and Miss Vera Schurman, was nicely rendered. A recitation by Miss Lilian Schurman. A recitation by little Miss Ruth Leard, chorus by the class. A recitation by Miss Vera Schurman, also several other Christmas numbers. Mrs. Eale Leard, organist and the regular choir rendered anthems and Christmas music. A prettily decorated Christmas tree was revealed laden with candy, nuts and gifts to be distributed among the young folk. In the meantime the arrival of Santa Claus caused much excitement and amusement. Old Santa very happily distributed the candy and gifts and then said "Goodbye" to everyone, and left the church. The singing of a Christmas Carol brought the concert to a close.

The illness of Rev. A. G. Crewe is much regretted by his many friends but it is pleasing to know he is much improved.

Mr. Willard Picketts, Divinity student at the Pine Hill College, has returned to his home in Wilnot Valley to spend the holidays with his father Mr. John Picketts.

Mr. Dan Noonan has been engaged as assisting salesman at the store of Mr. William Bonness, Centerville Bedeque, owing to the illness of Mr. Bonness.—B.

GLEANINGS FROM HAZELBROOK

Mr. Wallace Drake who spent the past two weeks here has returned to his home in Vernon.

Friends of Mr. Donald McDonald Bethel will learn with regret of his illness.

The Ladies Aid of the Mt. Herbert United Church held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Seymour Ward where a very profitable time was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gibson Marchfield spent the Christmas holidays in Hazelbrook the guest of their daughter Mrs. J. A. Drake.

Mrs. Elmer Myers and little son Alfred Leith are spending a pleasant week in Bethel.

On Wednesday evening last a Christmas tree and entertainment was held in the schoolroom at Hazelbrook and despite the inclemency of the weather a goodly number gathered and were treated to a nicely varied program of songs, monologues, solos, recitations dialogues and instrumental music. Rev. E. J. Chisholm presided and splendid order prevailed. The schoolroom was artistically decorated for the occasion and the tree which stood in the corner was heavily laden with gifts for pupils and teacher. At the conclusion of the program Santa appeared in his usual jovial manner and distributed the gifts from the tree. After a few complimentary remarks to the teacher

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Shea and son Kervin of Waterford spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Shea's mother, Mrs. Broderick of Christopher's Cross. They returned home Monday.

Mr. George Knox and daughter Bertha of Palmer Road were visitors to Alberton on Tuesday.


Congratulations are extended to Miss Patricia Shea of Waterford who has successfully passed the semi-annual examination recently given at the P. W. College.

The Ladies of the Waterford Women's Institute held a very lively dance in the school house on Dec. 21st. The night being fine and the roads being in good condition the school was well filled. Music for the occasion was rendered by the local talent. A sumptuous lunch was served by the ladies of the Institute. The young generation of this community wish to thank the members of this Institute Branch for the excellent dance which they so efficiently conducted and hope that evenings of similar amusement will occasionally follow.

A very enjoyable whist party was held at the home of Mrs. Edward Gaudet of Pleasant View on Dec. 21st. In aid of the school. Despite the inclemency of the weather a large crowd was present. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess.—T.

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Public Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claims against the said "The Willow Hill Silver Black Fox Company Limited" for which they are entitled to rank are required to present the same to us duly proved forthwith, otherwise the proceeds of the said The Willow Hill Silver Black Fox Company Limited will be distributed among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which we have notice.

Dated at Summerside in Prince County, Prince Edward Island, this 29th day of December A. D. 1931.
(Sgd.) EDWARD W. MANSON, Summerside, P. E. Island, (Sgd.) AUSTIN A. SCALES, Freetown, P. E. I., Liquidators.

seek it without peace or rest. Is Turkey finding this lost message of the gods? And is it this, that her great mission as the "Middle Kingdom" between Europe and Asia is not to divide (as too often in the past) but to unite these nations through co-operation, service, peace, and good-will? If so, it will mean great things not only for Turkey, but for the whole world.

British Royal Family Famed For Its Health

LONDON, Jan. 5.—(U. P.)—The British Royal Family is one of the healthiest in the whole country. Its constitution borders on the remarkable.

For instance: It was his constitution that saved King George when he was near death as the result of bronchial pneumonia in 1928. It has been said that the doctors attending him were amazed at his resistance.

Queen Mary probably has had less illness than any other member of the Royal Family. Recently she had a cold, and within a few days she was out-of-doors. Since she became Princess of Wales, the Queen has had to cancel an engagement only once, and that was when she was unable to accompany the King to the opening of Parliament, three years ago. At that time also she was suffering from a cold.

In this respect, Queen Mary is keeping up a tradition. It is said that from the time of the coronation of Queen Alexandra to the present day, the occasions on which the Queens of England have been unable to fulfill their public engagements could be counted on one hand.

Another hardy member of the Royal Family is the Prince of Wales. His health and his physical fitness is one of the Prince's idiosyncrasies. It is said that he has a dread of fatness, and used to stand in front of a mirror, to see, as he himself said, "whether he was getting fat like grandfather (King Edward)."

The Prince also had a cold recently, which caused him to cancel an official visit to Portsmouth to review part of the Atlantic Fleet. The chill, which was malarial, confined him to his room for a couple of days only.

Taking their cue from King George, the Royal Family are very scrupulous about their official engagements. Since Queen Victoria's funeral, when he had a chill which prevented his attendance, until his serious illness in 1928, King George has never cancelled a single engagement.

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