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THE MACEDONIAN TROUBLE.

Macedonia which in the days of Alexander the Great was the seat of almost universal Empire, has no place on the modern maps. When we read of a threatened uprising there, and of Russia and Austria demanding of Turkey certain reforms which shall ameliorate the condition of the Christians there, we get but a vague impression of the location save that it is some part of Turkey in Europe lying to the north of Greece. We are also reminded of how much of ancient power, and of the starting places of great religious movements is still in possession of the central Moslem power today. For the Turk still holds Jerusalem, where Solomon ruled and where One greater than Solomon founded the Christian faith; he holds his seat at the capital of the first Christian Empire, and he wields the sceptre of more or less arbitrary power over a large portion of the dominions of Alexander the Great.

It is true that the Turkish Empire was much diminished during the nineteenth century. Early in the century Greece regained its independence. Egypt has since become practically independent, although still paying a nominal tribute. Rumania, Servia and Montenegro had their independence recognized in 1878, while Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina are practically lost to Turkey. The latter was also compelled to cede additional territory to Greece in 1881. By these changes the Turkish territory in Europe was diminished by more than one half during a century past, and it is safe to say that one half the remainder is unwillingly held subject to the Sultan. We see at a glance that with two great military powers, Russia and Austria, backing the claims of the Macedonians for reform, while the latter threaten an uprising, creates a very serious condition of affairs. Against this movement Turkey stands at bay and the Sultan's answer is the immediate mobilization of 240,000 troops for a military demonstration in Macedonia.

The Turkish Empire has undoubtedly gained something in solidarity while losing territory as above pointed out. Ever since the last Russo-Turkish war there has been a steady movement, a falling back of the Turkish people of the bordering principalities into the Turkish Provinces of Europe and Asia, while a portion of the Christian subjects of Turkey have in turn migrated to the principalities. The result has been to render the Turkish people more intensely loyal to their ruler and if possible more zealous for their religious faith. At the same time a conviction appears to have gained ground among them that the great and final conflict between Islam and Christianity is near at hand and must of course result in the triumph and universal dominance of Islam. The triumph of Turkey in the war of a few years ago against Greece greatly increased this confidence, while at the same time the splendid fighting power of the Turkish armies astonished Europe and the world.

It is quite clear that Turkey will stand at bay against any further loss of territory or prestige. It is clearly realized that further concessions would mean practically the beginning of the end of Turkish power in Europe. We may be prepared for a stubborn conflict if Russia and Austria attempt to coerce Turkey or to encourage or lend assistance to an uprising in Macedonia. It may turn out that the latest agitation in the notable storm centre of the east shall prove a very serious affair, or it may blow over for the time. In one way or another and at some time in the not distant future a conflict seems inevitable.

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THE YELLOW PERIL.

Sir.—At the next session of the Dominion Parliament a matter of vital interest to Canadians in general and British Columbians in particular will come up for discussion. I refer to the emigration of Mongolians into Canada.

At the present time each year arrival from the Flowery Kingdom pays into the treasury of our country \$110. Now the present Government, when they increased the principal tax on those people to this amount also appointed a Royal Commission to inquire into and report upon the whole subject of Chinese and Japanese emigration into this country. The evidence laid before the Commissioners led them to the unanimous conclusion that both the Chinese and Japanese were not only a detriment but a grave peril to this country of ours and that the matter was gradually reaching an acute stage when something radical would have to be done to avoid trouble.

They also recommended that the per capita tax on the Chinese be increased to \$50 for a short term of years leading to total exclusion. Many well-minded people in eastern Canada think that this opposition to "The Yellow Peril" is pernicious, un-Christian, un-British, etc., partly because British subjects export free entry into China and Japan. There is no parallel, however between the two cases, else why do we tax the Chinese \$100 per head? Does not that show in itself that they are unanimously considered an element of danger while both China and Japan owe more than they can ever repay to the white race for the many benefits conferred on them. Surely those people will not continue the apologists for these races till every county in B. C., every ranch in the Territories and Manitoba, the huge mills at the Zoo, the factories of Ontario and Quebec, the coal mines in Nova Scotia and the Pork Packing establishments in P. E. I. are all filled with little brown men and almonded-eyed Celestials working for 25 cents a day and a handful of rice.

Public sentiment in British Columbia is almost unanimous for exclusion on account of the diseases they are known to bring in their train, also because they can be got to work for zero wages and thus reduce the standard of living which the world over is admittedly on an ascending scale and it now remains for the Canadian politicians in Parliament assembled to carefully peruse the report of the Chinese Commission and legislate according as their wisdom honestly dictates.

Where shall the P. E. Island representatives be found when the time for action comes? Shall their watchword be "Canada for the Canadians," or is that sentiment only for election occasions to be thrown aside or worn at will?
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