The Trouble in Turkey

Personal Side of Abdul Hamid II., Who Started a Counter Revolt Against the Young Turk Party.

One of the World's Most Cruel Monarchs, a Crafty Intriguer, and a Degenerate of the Higher Order.

By JAMES A. EDGERTON.

THE opinion is now universal that the recent revolutionary uprising in Turkey was instigated by the sultan. The move was in keeping with the character of one whom Gladstone denounced as "the great assassin." Abdul Hamid went on the throne over thirty years ago, and his entire reign has been a series of secret and open assassinations, massacres and other atrocities inspired, it is believed, by the monarch himself. It is within the truth to say that he has the most unsavory reputation of any ruler on earth, not excepting the unspeakable Leopold of Belgium. In Christian nations the feeling against him may have been heightened by the fact that he is the titular head of Islam, but most of it is due to his personal character. That his hand was in the Armenian massacres and the Bulgarian atrocities is as certain as that it is to be seen in the present revolt against the constitution and the progressive element. The son of a minor wife who had renounced her religion to enter the harem, regarded by his father with aversion, reared as a spy, with little education and with an order of ability exhibited most in low cunning, coming to the throne under taint of fraud against his elder brother, suspicious, cruel, crafty, afraid of everything, a prize exhibit of uncouth humor, but do not blame the Turkish newspaper. It probably had to print the stuff.

It appears now, however, that a change has come over the spirit of the Moslem dream. This truly "good" ruler that had both the sultan and caliphate stolen and the Milky way doing obeisance is being hustled out of his royal job with scant ceremony. The militia which gulped for him by the names of "the unspeakable Turk" and "the great assassin" have proved too much even for his own subjects.

Off With His Head.

The Young Turk movement which caused the revolution of last July and put into active operation the defunct constitution was not only in the interest of progress, but was essentially an effort to end the abuses of Abdul Hamid's reign. Since the Young Turks have had the army with them, the sultan, with his usual cunning, made a virtue of necessity and apparently bowed to the popular will. There was a large party among the Young Turks in favor then of depriving the aged intriguer of his throne, if not of his head, but more conservative counsels prevailed. A great feast was prepared for the Abdul Hamid ate with his parliament, the leader of the Young Turks, Ahmed Riza, sitting at his left hand. Everybody was affable, and all was lovely as a marriage bell. It was a solemn mummery, but perhaps deceived nobody. At any rate, it deceived nobody long, for scarcely had the sultan wiped the crumbs from his mouth—the first occasion in history, by the way, that any sultan ever ate with his subjects—than he was up to his old tricks. He began intriguing and scheming to overthrow the constitution and the new regime and to that end bribed officers and soldiers right and left. The result of all this government by spies, bribery and underground methods was the recent abortive counter revolution. Then the Young Turks were sorry they had not cut off the head of "the old man" in the first place and swore stoutly by the beard of the prophet that there would be no more temporizing.

The real crux of the July revolution, of the counter revolution and of the counter-counter revolution, then, was the sultan. What manner of man is he? The following facts, though somewhat disjointed, will furnish a key to his character, or, rather, lack of it:

Abdul Hamid In a Nutshell.

He was born on Sept. 22, 1842.

He is an inveterate cigarette smoker.

His foster brother reads him to sleep at night.

He is a good carpenter and takes pride in displaying his skill.

He has five recognized sons, with the eldest of whom, Prince Selim, he is on bad terms.

He employs a jester and sometimes indulges in the most ridiculous horseplay at the fool's instigation.

He has a smattering of medical science, and whenever he feels indisposed he writes out his own prescriptions.

He is of a consumptive tendency.

He has four brothers and three sisters.

He has been on the throne of Turkey since 1876.

He amuses himself with clock winder and at times paints pictures.

He is an early riser, getting up winter and summer at 5 o'clock in the morning.

He seldom goes outside the limits of his own palace, and his exercise consists of short walks in the royal park.

He is something of a musician, playing the piano with a remarkable degree of skill. Popular airs are his favorites.

He is exceedingly ambitious and loves power.

He drinks coffee at short intervals all day long.

He has a deep seated fear of death and cerebral illness.

He is superstitious and believes in fortune tellers and magicians.

He has acquired mastery over his passions, and is never angered easily.

He always carries a revolver with him and is in constant fear of an assassin's attack.

His meals are prepared in a little kitchen barred like a cell and closed by an iron door.

He loves the drama and attends frequent performances at the private theater in the palace.

Likes Dime Novels.

He is fond of "penny dreadful" literature and has all the latest trash of the book world translated for his benefit and read aloud to him.

He has issued standing orders that the palace be lighted brilliantly all night long, and his orchestra plays every evening until a very late hour.

He never rides in a closed carriage, for fear that he may not be able to jump out quickly enough in case of accident. His favorite vehicle is an open victoria.

He makes it a point to invite foreign actors and singers to appear before him and often shows great liberality toward them after a performance, giving them rich jewelry and diamonds.

He is exceedingly nervous, and at times when a state crisis is impending he has been known to remain awake forty-eight hours at a stretch, plotting and planning to meet the situation.

He seldom reads anything except novels and is a poor speller.

He is simple in his dress and shows a marked preference for dark colors.

He distrusts every one of the persons with whom he comes in daily contact.

He is avaricious, and all his financial accounts are itemized to the last cent.

He believes firmly in the microbe theory of disease and takes every precaution to avoid contagion.

He has the keenest dislike for all state ceremonies and avoids them as far as his position will admit.

He is very careful about his person, bathes daily and washes his face and hands at frequent intervals.

He is a crack shot with a pistol and has been known to write his name on a wall twenty-five paces away with bullets.

He requires that all state documents and papers intended for his perusal shall first pass through a careful process of disinfection.

His courtesy toward visitors of quality is always marked. He listens to the conversation with the closest attention and politeness.

He has an excellent knowledge of chemistry, which he acquired in order that he may be able to tell when his food and drink in which he may suspect poison.

He is a hard worker and keeps a corps of secretaries busy all day writing out his orders to his ministers of state and subordinate officials in all parts of Europe.

He eats alone and surrounds himself with cats and dogs, to which he occasionally throws pieces of the food before him in order to assure himself that it is not poisoned.

Face Like Wrinkled Parchment.

In the American Magazine of last November Nicholas C. Adossides, for some years an attache of the Turkish foreign office and the son of Adossides Pasha, a former minister of the empire and envoy extraordinary, thus describes the sultan's personal appearance:

His face is wrinkled parchment, as if a thousand anxieties and suspicions had left their impress there. His features, besides cruelty and cunning, denote intelligence and cowardice. The eyes of almond shape, by far the most interesting detail of his person, are dark and piercing, aged with eternal suspicion. They denote high intellect, extraordinary intelligence, subtle refinement and pitiless cruelty.

The thin upper lip and the thick, sensual lower indicate a combination of passion, irascibility and selfishness. His nose is aquiline and tends to the face the appearance of a bird of prey. The chin, though hidden by a beard, is weak and indecisive.

Yet there is a charm about the man, especially in his voice, which even those who hate him most are forced to confess. Summing up, Mr. Adossides pronounces him a degenerate of the higher order. He is descended from a long line of tainted stock, with both father and mother suffering from tuberculosis, and belongs, says the writer, "to an enfeebled dynasty that is afflicted with every kind of disease, both of mind and body, to the point of actual insanity."

When Abdul ascended the throne he had ten wives and has taken one each year since, making something over forty in all. There are a large number of other women in the harem, who, in Turkish parlance, are slaves.

There are wild tales to the effect that some sunshiny morning Russia intends to step down to Constantinople and tuck Turkey under her arm.

Whatever may be the truth as to Russia's intentions and as to her implied connection with the Turkish revolution, there is one very inspiring fact connected with the situation, a fact that relates both to Turkey and Russia.

The spirit of democracy and liberty, having swept over western Europe, is marching east. It is this which is creating turmoil in the land of the czar, and it is this that animates the Young Turk movement leading to the overthrow of "the great assassin" Abdul Hamid.

ABDUL HAMID II., THE IMPERIAL PALACE AND AHMED RIZA, PARLIAMENTARY LEADER OF THE YOUNG TURKS.

MOHAMMED RECHAD EFFENDI, HEIR APPARENT TO THE THRONE.

Farm and Garden

Dickinson's Plan to Make Ballard Shingles Famous at Seattle Week.

Ballard (Wash.) clubwomen, related by the Salmon Bay Improvement club, have started out to make the shingle district the cleanest and prettiest of Greater Seattle before the opening of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific fair. Ballard is the greatest shingle manufacturing center in the world, and the mill towns usually are regarded as not clean, whether they are or not. But Ballard women, in many instances the wives of the mill owners, themselves are determined to prove that this aphorism is not justified in the case of the north end suburb. The aid of the school children, schoolteachers, business men, city officials and police department is to be enlisted in making the movement a success.

It is planned to give away $100 in cash prizes, this sum to be raised by a house to house canvass by the women, and the awards are to be made July 1. There will be prizes for the best kept yard, garden, parking strip, sidewalks, kitchen gardens and back yards. Ballard is rapidly forging ahead as a residence district, some of the finest homes in the city having been built recently on Bryceer hill, Loyal heights and the northern outskirts.

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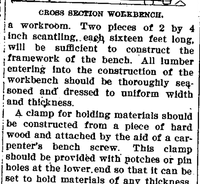
FOR FARM EQUIPMENT

Cheap and Efficient Helps For Country Life.

The successful management of a modern farm depends largely upon the efficiency of the equipment with which the work is performed. In addition to the outfit of tools obtainable from a hardware dealer, there are a number of special devices that may be made on the farm and that will prove of great assistance in general repair work. A workbench of some kind will probably be the first essential. For the construction of a workbench like that shown in the first cut there will be needed four boards seven-eighths inch thick, twelve to fourteen inches wide and about twelve feet in length. The length of the bench, however, will depend upon the size of the shop or other space that may be available for use as the workroom. Two pieces of 2 by 4 inch scantling, each sixteen feet long, will be sufficient to complete the framework of the bench. All lumber entering into the construction of the workbench should be thoroughly seasoned and dressed to uniform width and thickness.



CROSS SECTION WORKBENCH.

A clamp for holding materials should be constructed from a piece of hard wood and attached by the aid of a carpenter's bench screw. This clamp should be provided with notches or holes at the lower end so that it can be set to hold materials of any thickness. Along the front of the bench two or three holes should be provided into which pins may be set for supporting boards or other materials that are too long to be held rigid by the clamp alone.

A "stop" for holding materials that are to be planed can be inserted in the top of the bench, near the left hand end, as shown in the cut. If a regular stop is not employed its place may be taken by a small piece of notched board nailed on top of the bench.

A pair of trestles or sawhorses, each consisting of a piece of 2 by 4 inch or 2 by 6 inch timber, about four feet in length, supported upon four legs, as illustrated in the second figure, are very convenient for working upon while marking, sawing, boring or chiseling. The sawhorses are an accessory to the workbench and should be constructed at the same time. The cost of the materials with which to construct both the workbench and sawhorses should not exceed $5. Among the accessories to the workbench there is no device that will give greater satisfaction than a good miter box, to be used for sawing small wood materials either square or at an angle. For the construction of a miter box three pieces of board one inch thick, six inches wide and three feet in length should be selected and nailed together in the form of a square trough, taking care that the nails are driven well out toward the edge of the boards. Vertical cuts are sawed through the sides to the bottom board to guide the saw when the box is in use. Near one end a cut is made at the right angles with the length of the box to be used in making square cuts. For making bevel cuts for a right angled miter joint the sides of the box should be sawed down on oblique lines running at an angle of forty-five degrees with the length of the box.

INTERIOR OF WORKSHOP WITH TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR OUTFIT.

For the benefit of those who contemplate the purchase of tools for use on the farm the following combinations are suggested:

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Other outfits, according to the articles desired, can be had for from $20 to $25.

Points For the Farmer.

Never mix your colts or horses face a blank, dark wall all the time while in the barn. Give them plenty of light. It is better for their eyes.

The growing colts, especially the roadsters, should have a lot of exercise. They should under no circumstances be kept in the stables.

Take care to avoid shoulder galls and saddle sores. Lift the collar from the horse's neck occasionally and allow it to cool off. Be careful to see that the harness does not rub.

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Ex-President Having Time of His Life

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