

TURKISH TREATY FREES EUROPE FROM THE TURK

While Sultan is Allowed to Reside in Constantinople He is Really Prisoner There.

BALKAN STATES REGAIN FORMER BOUNDARIES

Means Much to Peace of the World to Have Removed This Turbulent Element from European Politics.

By Frank H. Simonds.

Two circumstances stand out in the terms of the Turkish Treaty which have been made public. There has been something approximating a liquidation of the Turkish empire in Europe. By contrast Allied statesmanship has once more fallen back upon the old policy of compromise and procrastination, so far as the Ottoman empire in Asia is concerned.

The fact that the Sultan is permitted to remain in Constantinople under certain restraints and conditions really has little significance. What is left of Turkey in Europe is the peninsula on which Turkey rises. Turkey has shrunk to exactly those limits which existed at the moment, when, following the opening victories of the First Balkan War, just eight years ago, the victorious Bulgarian armies came thundering down to the Chatalja lines. What was the firing line in 1912 has now become the frontier in 1920.

Within those frontiers the Turk is, in reality, a prisoner. Every foot of the European territory left him is within range of the fleets of the Allies, both from the Black Sea and the Sea of Marmora. In point of fact, it is the Sultan, as the inheritor of the religious, not the political, prerogatives of his predecessor, who is now to be maintained.

Thus, after seven centuries, the Turk goes out of Europe, leaving behind him, in an odd fashion, the races which he subjugated when he broke like an earthquake into the European world. The Serb, the Bulgarian, the Magyar, the Rumanian, all his victims in the remote past, are free again—free, unhappily to resume their quarrels, which contributed so much to Turkish success in the beginning, while the Greek regains what had been his, in the more prosperous days of the Byzantine empire. Adrianople, Salonica, the coasts and islands of Aegean.

Yet the very recent history of Adrianople is a grim reminder of how transitory are contemporary frontiers in the Balkans. In 1912 it was Turkish, as it had been for more than six centuries. But the next year saw it fall to the Bulgarians, actually taken through the aid of the Serbs, and then the Serbs and the Bulgarians quarrelling, passed again into Turkish hands. It is only seven years ago that the world was eagerly discussing the Enos-Midia line, which was to extend from the Aegean to the Black Sea and separate Turkey from the new Bulgaria. In that time the Conference of London solemnly assigned Kavala, as well as Adrianople to the Bulgarians and Serb and Greek consented. But Ferdinand of Bulgaria could neither resist the temptation to enter Constantinople as a conqueror, nor accept the Greek occupation of Salonica as permanent.

The result has been fatal to Bulgaria, which of all the Balkan states had the best chance and the most external support. Before the Congress of Berlin the Treaty of San Stefano assigned to Bulgaria two-thirds of the Balkan Peninsula, and the British blocked this at Berlin, but time seemed still to fight for the Bulgarian. In 1912 everything was within his hands, all that was required was a little more of the one man of real statesmanship capacity, who, like Venizelos, could surrender something doubtful to be assured of something certain.

Today Bulgaria is where she stood a generation ago. She has lost all. Rumania at Berlin, Serbia has Macedonia, in which Bulgaria again has worked for more than thirty years. The Greeks have Salonica and all the Aegean coast eastward to Gallipoli; they have all of Thrace and Adrianople. They have, if the international system now proposed for Constantinople fails, the best chance of obtaining that city itself.

But what is most interesting, after all, is the fashion in which the ethnic fragments have reappeared as the Turkish wave has receded. "The Turk has conquered, he has not assimilated. He advanced to the walls of Vienna, where power waned, another ethnic group re-emerged, as had happened when a flood begins to ebb. He has stamped in Europe and his stay has for more than six centuries interrupted the development of the Balkan peoples. But for the Turk, the Serb and the Bulgarian might have kept pace with the Englishman and the Frenchman in national development. Five centuries ago, under Dushan, Serbia was a progressive nation. Nearly a thousand years ago, Bulgaria gave promise of a far shining future. As for the Greek, he has best survived the long night because he knew best how to adapt himself to the tyrant.

Of all the European wars which extend from the fall of Napoleon to the flight of William II, most have had their origin or their occasion in the Balkans—and the last and mightiest is no exception. The Eastern Question has wrecked the Rumanoff and Hapsburg empires, it has dragged the Hohenzollern down with the others. And the odd and frontal circumstance is that while the Great Powers have ruined themselves and each other by their rivalries, it has been the little peoples, the Balkan races, which have, in the end, won their peace. Austria pushed Bulgaria against Serbia, as a move against Russia; Russia countered by supporting Serbia; Rumania was a soldier first of the Czar against the Sultan and then of the Kaiser against the Czar, but Czar, Kaiser, even the Sultan, have ceased

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To be sure Constantinople remains, as it has been from the very dawn of history, a problem for world politics. International control will score its first success after many failures, if it achieves anything lasting at the Golden Horn. But granted the limitations of the method, there is little real danger that Britain and France or Italy and France will fight each other for possession of the Straits and a Greek solution remains always at hand.

In any event the departure of the Turk from Europe, save as he lingers politically impotent under the guns of Allied vessels in the Golden Horn marks the end of a long period in history.

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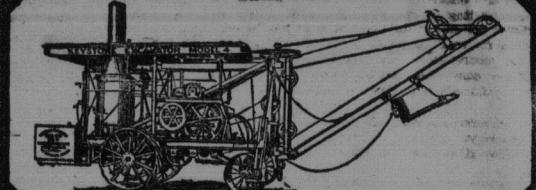
London, Eng., May 25.—Sir Arthur Stanley Benn, who was head of the British mission to the International Trade Conference at Atlantic City last fall, has just told the members of the Luncheon Club that the believed the United States and Great Britain would continue to "pull together." If so, he said, he thought that their Allies would be able to reconstruct Europe and get back to former conditions of trade.

A great many people had said there was no chance of Great Britain and the United States pulling together, because they were too much alike—too impetuous and aggressive. He did not believe it. He had known America since 1877 and had never known a better feeling to exist between England and America than exists today among the people who counted.

There were in America, he said, Germans, Sinn Féiners, and others—"wild men who were trying to uproot the whole American Constitution." There were people who were working with pro-Germans and Sinn Féiners to do all they could against England. But they would not succeed, he said. The class of people in America who were descended from Anglo-Saxon stock were not going to give up the government of the country to any "mixed cosmopolitan body of people like the Bolsheviks and their class who were making trouble in America today."

The bulk of the people of the United States, he declared, had the most absolute faith in the honesty, courage and determination of John Bull. Great Britain, he said, owed America a debt, but the Allies owed this country a larger one.

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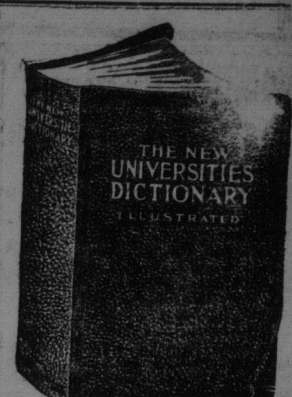
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