WHERE DISCORD REIGNS.

SOMETHING ABOUT THE UNHAPPY ISLAND OF CRETE.

For Twenty-Five Hundred Years Its Unfortunate Inhabitants Have Indulged in Continuous Warfare.

Little Crete — the most beautiful spot in natural scenery on the shores of the Mediterranean, is again in the throes of internal strife. The history of this little island has been written almost in blood—for twenty-five hundred years its unfortunate inhabitants have been in such continuous warfare, that it has come to be known as "the island of discord." Its ancient history is almost an unbroken chain of conflict, and its political and moral atmosphere has been in such deplorable need of the proverbial thunderstorm that the name of Crete has come to mean most everything bad and undesirable.

According to some historians Crete is thought to have been the cradle of the ancient civilization that was brought to Europe by the Phoenicians and Egyptians. Tradition says that prior to the historical period, the island was governed by Minos, a celebrated legislator. In the time of Homer the little island boasted a great number of flourishing cities, and it was densely populated with people of the Hellenic race. It is recorded that the Apostle Paul at one time visited Crete, and established a church there.

IN MEDIAEVAL TIMES.

Crete came into the possession of the Venetians in 1204, and for many years the islanders were under their tyrannical rules. At that time Canadia, a fortress built by the Saracens, became the seat of government, and for that reason Crete came to be called "the island of Candia." Frequent insurrections accompanied the arbitrary rule of the Venetians, and in 1669 the island was wrested from them by the Turks after a seige of twenty-four years. The poor subjects had become so disheartened because of Venetian oppression that for the moment they were glad of the change. It did not take long, however, for them to find that they were worse off than before, for the history of Turkish sovereignty has always been one of treachery and oppression.. The land of the Fez had not been long in possession of the Cretans before revolt broke out. This "revolting idea" seems to have been a particularly good plate and the population much given to striking off new prints at frequent intervals ever since.

In 1830 the allied powers stretched out the finger of interference and as a result Crete was transferred to the government of Mehemet Ali, viceroy Egypt. But in 1840 it was taken from him and given over to the Turks.

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

The present seat of government is Canea. The population of this town is about 14,000, of whom 4,750 are orthodox Greeks, 9,500 Mohammedans, 200 Roman Catholics and 160 Israelites. Candia, the seat of the present strife, has a population of 13,000 Turks and 6,000 Greeks. Candia and Canea are sea-port towns, the latter having the larger harbor. The fortified harbor of Suda is the seat of Turkey's Mediterranean navy yard, and it is one of the largest and safest harbors in the Levant. Candia is a walled city. Its mural fortifications reach a height of 70 or 80 feet, and are stupendous relics of Venetian energy. It is a picturesque old place, and all day long the lazy Turks lie idly about the parapets of the walls, blowing imaginary bubbles and stretching both ends of an idle useless life.

Though two-thirds of the inhabitants of Candia, are Mohammedan, the Greeks are in a way the stronger, for they are more energetic, prosperous, and are better educated. They possess in a high degree the intellectual keenness of their race, and many of them are graduates of universities—some at Athens and others of the European schools. This class forms the moneyed and the professional portion of the town; they constitute the society of the place, and their influence predominates in most questions of moment. But it will ever be an impossibility for the defenders of the two religions to mingle in harmony. In fact their principles are so inherently opposed that it is almost impossible for them to mingle at all. The Turk maintains his harem, whose wing-clipped prisoners are not even to be mentioned by the Christian. "A Turk may come to your house, may see your wife and family. His wife you may not even allude to, and while she is within you cannot step across his threshold. Your Sunday is on the first day of the week, his is on the sixth."

MANY INSURRECTIONS..

The insurrection of 1866-69 cost the Turks nearly thirty millions of dollars and was the bloodiest Cretan revolt in this century. However, the disease is constitutional, and it has continued to break out at irregular intervals.

During the insurrection of 1896 the six great powers—England, Austria-Hungary, France, Germany, Italy and Russia—proposed a scheme of reforms and succeeded in obtaining its adoption. The reform was based on the demands of the Christian deputies of the Cretan Assembly, and was for the purpose of curbing the power of the Sultan and giving more rein to Christian sway. A commission of European lawyers was arranged for the purpose of reforming the administration of justice, and a commission of European officers was appointed to re-organize the gendarmerie. Detachments of soldiery from the different countries were lax in sending forces sufficient to preserve order, and the consequent loose rein afforded an opportunity to the turbulent elements on both sides to rise again. The general opinion, particularly among those who do not have the say in the matter, is to unceremoniously and effectually oust the Turk. The history of the Sultan's rule in Crete is written in blood and lacerated with shame. Each chapter is like the preceding one, and there will be no change, no end to the story so long as he is allowed to guide the pen.

Crete should be given to its foster-mother, Greece, but until the cloud of strife that now enshrouds it shall have disappeared, prediction can do little but stagger in the dark.

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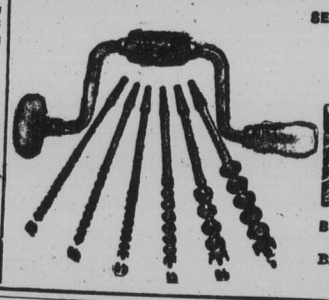

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