

# TURKEY HAS BECOME VERITABLE EYESORE

## Ranks as a European Power and Still Permits the Practice of Many Abhorrent Customs—Can be Regarded Only as an Oriental Despotism

London, Feb. 14.—Although Turkey is a European power, yet every form of Oriental despotism abhorrent to the civilized nations of Europe is permitted to exist there. Nearly every day brings some new phase thereof to light, and the death at Brussels of Mahmoud Pasha, the brother-in-law of the Sultan, has served to call attention to the fact that Mahmoud Pasha's wife, Princess Seniha Sultan—that is to say, the second sister of the Padishah, has been kept a close prisoner by the latter for the last three years at Constantinople, not allowed to leave the precincts of her palace, to hold any communication with the outer world, to receive any visits or even any letters.

In fact, she is sharing the fate of her elder brother, ex-Sultan Murad, who has been kept under restraint in a similar captivity in one of the gloomiest palaces on the shores of the Bosphorus for twenty-seven years, while ex-Khedive Ismail, of Egypt, having been foolish enough to take up his residence at Stamboul in response to the most friendly and pressing invitation on the part of the Sultan, was detained as a prisoner there by the Ottoman monarch, who on his death proceeded to confiscate the whole of Ismail's enormous wealth.

Princess Seniha Sultana, the Sultan's sister, a woman of about 53, has been guilty of no crime whatsoever, and is, on the contrary, one of the most estimable members of the reigning house of Turkey, and the only reason why she has been thus closely imprisoned is because the Sultan feared that otherwise she might attempt to join her husband and her sons abroad or else correspond with them.

Mahmoud Pasha has been buried in the Mussulman part of the Pere Lachaise Cemetery at Paris, his two sons having indignantly declined to allow the Turkish embassy to interfere or to put into execution the Sultan's orders to have the remains sent back to Constantinople in order to be interred with imperial honors in the tombs of his ancestors.

The two sons of Mahmoud likewise declined the invitation of the Sultan, conveyed to them through the Turkish ambassador, urging them to return to Constantinople, guaranteeing them perfect safety of life and property and promising them every conceivable "token of his benevolent regard." The two young princes declared that inasmuch as their uncle, the Sultan, had sentenced their father to death for no other crime than that of having left the country, had deprived them of all their civil rights and had imprisoned their mother, they would under no circumstances consent to any reconciliation or return to live at Stamboul as long as he remained on the throne.

They therefore remain in Paris and Brussels, associated with the young Turk party, of which the son of that

enlightened and progressive Turkish statesman and premier, Midhat Pasha, murdered by orders of the present Sultan, is one of the leaders. This young Turk party aims at a radical reformation of the Ottoman government and the re-establishment of the constitution instituted by Murad and relegated to oblivion by his brother and successor, Sultan Abdul Hamed.

It may be timely to recall that the late Mahmoud Pasha, who was a most enlightened man, renowned for his integrity and honesty, and, through his mother, of imperial birth, left Turkey in hot haste with his two sons because he had learned that, having incurred the enmity of the palace gang, to whose villainies he was opposed, a warrant for his arrest had been issued. He feared the fate of his brother-in-law, ex-Sultan Murad, or, worse still, or his friend, ex-Premier Midhat, who was clubbed to death by his guards with the butt end of their rifles while being conveyed across the desert from Damascus to Bagdad, which had been assigned to him as exile.

**OSTRACISM ENDED.**  
King Edward has not only consented to receive once more the Duke of Orleans and the latter's long-suffering Austrian consort, thereby putting an end to the severe ostracism to which the French pretender has been subjected by the English court ever since he wrote that outrageous letter to the Parisian artist, Willette, congratulating him upon some of the most disgusting and obscene of anti-English caricatures in which the "enerable Queen Victoria" was portrayed in a revolting light, but has likewise intimated his desire to the members of the royal circle and entourage in London, to once more call upon the Duke and Duchess and to resume their former intercourse with them. The consequence is that the Duke and Duchess, who have reconsidered their determination to sell their historic London home at Twickenham on the Thames, have been receiving a long series of calls from the principal dignitaries of the court of St. James and of the principal members of English society.

So far, however, there has been no step taken toward the restoration of the name of the Duke to the roster of those London clubs to which he formerly belonged and from which he was expelled at the time of his public letter to Willette. The London clubs are independent with regard to the crown, and, taking the ground that in a club all the members are equal, resent any attempt on the part of royalty to influence them.

It is for this reason that quite a large number of candidates nominated by King Edward while he was still Prince of Wales were blackballed in the most pitiless manner, among the instances being those of Cecil Rhodes, Alfred Beit, the late Baron Hirsch and others.

I therefore venture to doubt whether

**THIRTEEN CLAIM**  
An Interest in the Harry Tracy Reward.  
Olympia, Feb. 14.—The payment of the Tracy reward, which has been hanging fire for five months, owing to the fact that there were thirteen claimants for all or part of the \$2,500 offered by Gov. McBride, is now to be a subject of an action in the court.

Attorney-General Stratton prepared the complaint in an action, naming the thirteen claimants as defendants. The court is asked to issue an order restraining the claimants from bringing suit against the state and requiring them to interplead. The complaint also recites that the state is ready to pay the reward or as much thereof as the courts deem to be due under the offer of the governor.

The effect of this action, if the prayer of the complaint be granted, will be to determine to whom the reward rightfully belongs and whether the state can legally pay the full amount of \$2,500 offered.

As to the last particular the law provides that the governor may offer a reward for the capture of criminals not exceeding one thousand dollars in each case. The question is in

er the former clubs of the French pretender in London will take any note of the forgiving spirit displayed by the King and Queen, or will for the present consent to allow the Duke to rejoin.

Meanwhile he is doing everything that he can to recover English good will. Down at his place in Wiltshire, where he owns not only the manor and the vast estate of Wood Norton, but also the entire parish, he has been distributing money and game in a manner altogether amazing to those who are cognizant of the sordid avarice which is the distinguishing trait of the house of Orleans, and in London, too, he is trying to make people forget his momentary aberration during the Boer war.

Now that the Duke's ostracism by the court of St. James has been terminated, and that he has become reconciled to the reigning house of England, it is probable that the boycott to which he has been subjected by all other European courts in connection therewith will be raised, and that he will no longer be treated as a pariah by the reigning houses of the old world.

Inasmuch as a good deal of speculation prevails with regard to the selection of the name of "Wolfing" by ex-Archduke Leopold of Austria-Hungary and Tuscany, it may be as well to explain that Leopold has taken this patronymic from the name of an extensive and beautiful forest known as Wolfing, situated near Schlaekenwerth in Bohemia and belonging to his father, the Grand-duke of Tuscany. It is said that in former times wolves were numerous in that forest, and though the ex-duke has never hunted wolves there, yet he has spent many a pleasant hour in the forest, and it is in remembrance thereof that he has chosen its name for his own.

**MISSING.**—If there is any one who knows the whereabouts of P. Chris Peterson please notify Mrs. S. Peterson, 12 Schuyler avenue, Kankakee, Illinois, U.S.A.

### MODERN PROSPECTING.

Diamond Drill at Work on Conglomerate Creek.

A company that is engaged near Dawson in the extensive exploitation of quartz properties without making but little fuss or talk over their operations is the syndicate of eastern capitalists under the management of Mr. George Taylor which has the control of a large block of claims on the conglomerate reef in the Indian river district. For the purpose of prospecting the reef at any depth they may choose to sink a diamond drill is employed. It has been in operation for several months and while nothing definite can be learned as to the success that has been attained, yet Mr. Taylor frankly admits that as far as their investigations have been conducted the results have been all that could have been expected.

Mr. Taylor was in the city a few days during the fore part of the week and while here had word from his foreman that made his eyes sparkle and caused a smile to spread over his countenance. In reply to a desire expressed by a representative of the Nugget for a heart-to-heart talk on the conglomerate deposits and their outlook for the future, Mr. Taylor asked to be spared saying anything at the present, but gave the assurance that in the near future he thought he would have something to say that would prove of interest to everyone in the Klondike.

### PIRATES WILL RETURN.

Clever Operatic Performance to be Repeated.

Announcement is made today that another performance of the opera, "Pirates of Penzance," will be given next week. The date set is Thursday evening, the 5th of March, and it is stated that popular prices will be charged. The box receipts for the four performances last week netted a handsome sum but still left a deficiency, the expenses running up to a large figure. One more performance will be given with the expectation of clearing up all indebtedness.

### On March 1st

The office of the Dawson Water and Power Co. will remove to near the corner of Third avenue and Princess street, next McLennan, McFeely & Co.'s warehouse.

### THE MINING FAKIR

How to Exterminate the Pest

The Daily Mining Record of Colorado Springs says: The mining industry, more so than any other, is infested by a hoard of unscrupulous sharks and fakirs which has for years continued to thrive upon it. How shall we rid the mining world of this pest? We have never yet, although we would gladly give it welcome, seen advanced any system which will effectively prevent the fakir from prosecuting his mischievous work. He will continue so doing as long as suckers are born and so long as a large number of people continue to regard mining as a gamble rather than as a legitimate, safe and profitable business.

From time to time suggestions are made for ridding the mining industry of the fakir. Such suggestions we always receive with interest, and we are always glad to give them our earnest consideration. Michigan Investor, a new and very excellent publication issued from Detroit, has taken up this matter and offers a remedy. The investor would establish a national bureau of mines which we hope is designed as a bureau in the proposed national department of mines—and by the work of this bureau the task of purging the industry of its pest is to be accomplished. In an editorial under the caption of "Needs Supervision," the matter of the dishonesty of some mine promoters is taken up and the following is included:

"A remedy is possible, and that is a bureau of mines, a national bureau. It is true that the United States geological survey has been of inestimable value to the country in outlining general conditions, but its powers are limited and it cannot look into individual cases.

"A national bureau of mines should be established and the geological survey made a portion of it. The same act of congress creating the bureau should specify that before a mining company can be formed for the sale of stock in open market to the public, a statement regarding the property, its location and intended capitalization should be filed with the bureau in the form of a sworn statement. It should also be declared unlawful to issue stock until the com-

pany had a certificate of inspection of the property from the bureau, and a penalty of a fine or imprisonment, or both, imposed for a violation of the law.

"This would not prevent the development of prospects; nor prospecting, for there would be nothing to hinder men of means taking chances and putting their money into the development or purchase of property if they thought it advisable.

"Such regulation and supervision of mines would in the end aid rather than retard the development of the industry which is as legitimate as any other, but it would shut out the wild cats, give the public confidence in a property having the stamp of government approval, and save the unsuspecting man of modest means who is so often fleeced by the unscrupulous mining promoter. There have been so many worthless propositions foisted on the public that the shadow of suspicion has been cast over the entire mining industry in the public mind.

"It would not be a bad idea to have the states take supplemental action by passing laws to the effect that no mining company can do business within their borders, no matter where incorporated, unless it files with the secretary of state a certified copy of the certificate of the bureau of mines, and a sworn statement similar to that filed with the bureau in Washington. The investor does not presume to work out the details of the plan, but it does consider the general plan entirely practical and believes that it would be self-supporting by reason of the fees that could be charged. The ordinary citizen would then have some protection from the sharks, and the legitimate mining enterprises would be correspondingly benefited.

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**Coal Goes Down.**  
New York, Feb. 10.—A reduction in the retail price of anthracite from \$7.50 to \$6.50 a ton has gone into effect in the yards of the retail dealers throughout Greater New York. This reduction was agreed on at a meeting of the Retail Coal Dealers' Association, held late on Saturday evening. A member of the association said:

"When the winter began there was not a coal dealer in the city who would have predicted that coal would have been selling at \$6.50 a ton before May. The last reduction in prices was brought about by the market for independent coal going to pieces last week."

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