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THE ALLIES AND TURKEY.

Major General Maurice, the British military writer, takes a gloomy view of the situation in Turkey. Americans having refused to accept any responsibilities there, it was left for England and France to deal with the decadent but by no means dead Empire.

These pre-occupations obliged the Allies to leave Anatolia alone, and there Mustapha Kemal has organized a force, said to contain 30,000 first-line troops, supported by a considerable number of armed irregulars and brigands.

General Maurice says: "It is extremely doubtful whether the Sublime Porte in Constantinople has any control over him, or whether he, having stirred up trouble, could now check his followers even if he wished to do so."

"We have to accept the fact that our policy in Asia Minor has been mistaken. It has left us with more to manage than suits our pocket. Having made the mistake, it will be long before we can retrieve it, for it is out of the question that we should at once abandon people to be slaughtered whom we are now protecting."

"The temptation to extend our bounds for the sake of all and railway concessions must be sternly resisted. We cannot afford to mortgage any more of our capital for the sake of posterity. We must have an Eastern policy to suit our means."

The Liverpool Post, commenting on Lord Curzon's statement that the Allies' task in Turkey was the most hazardous adventure he had ever known, and that in six months they might be faced with serious revolt, lays the blame at the door of the Peace Congress.

"But that is past, and it is now for the Congress to show the Turk it intends to master the situation. And to do that there is only one course for it, the course which every good European expected it to take—that is the ejection of the Sultanate from Constantinople."

A friend has handed us a copy of a suggestive pamphlet issued by The Charlotetown (P. E. I.) Guardian. One paragraph contains much food for thought and is well worth serious study by every class of citizens. Here it is:

The greatest and broadest foundational truth regarding the production and the distribution of national wealth is that unless you secure to people the fruits of their economic efforts, these efforts will not be forthcoming, or not to the same extent required for national welfare.

A correspondent who makes a close study of wild life, says that because of the deep snows last winter, many parts of Ontario will have a plague of field mice this summer. He suggests that one way in which this costly nuisance may be fought is to call a truce with the hawk and the owl, and so increase the natural enemies of the mouse and other vermin of the fields and gardens.

In view of the fact that there has been a general impression that John Bull was close to bankruptcy it is pleasingly amazing to learn that the British Government expects to end the fiscal year with a surplus. That establishes something of a record in the matter of a nation's comeback after receiving a heavy setback financially.

It is a little surprising that in the general attribution to the Martians of scientific and mechanical attainments, and a macrocosmic wisdom far beyond our own, no better explanation is offered for their having failed to signal us than that we have been unable to understand, or even to recognize, their signals.

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THE OLD GROCERY STORE

I like to think about the place Where as a child I played, In fancy often I retrace The paths where once I strayed; As cherished memories I recall Amid the haunts of yore, I seem to prize above them all The good old grocery store — Where you could sit and take your ease And eat the crackers and the cheese, And brouse around the bounteous shelf, And when inclined, just help yourself

OTHER EDITORS' OPINIONS

WHEN A CITIZEN IS A NUISANCE

Two of the strike leaders among the seven whose trial in Winnipeg was concluded on Saturday have been adjudged guilty of committing a common nuisance, and as such are likely to receive sentences only a trifle less severe than the others who are convicted of seditious conspiracy.

There are all sorts and conditions of human nuisances, right here, too, in Peterborough, unfortunately; there is the man who insists upon talking partisan politics in this age when in this department of public trial it is generally supposed that a truce has been declared.

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Nuisances are no longer to be allowed to get away with it. A new field for police effort has been opened. Like other offenders against the peace and happiness of the community, the nuisance can now be committed to the more or less tender mercies of the law and given his just deserts. Emancipation from one human affliction is just around the corner, headed this way—Peterborough Review.

STIRLING

Mr. A. N. Fox, of Belleville, was in town on Friday of last week. Mrs. Marvin Cooney left on Monday for Niagara Falls, N.Y. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Luery are spending a few days in Toronto.

Mr. N. E. Booth, of New York, spent the week end in town, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Alger. Mrs. Fred Wickert is down from Saskatchewan on a visit with friends in this vicinity.

Mr. Bradden visited our telephone line last week and made some repairs. Mr. C. Wilson gave a maple sugar party to his Sunday school class on Monday evening of last week.

Those who had their sugar bush tapped had better run last week than the week previous. Miss Effie McMullen, nurse-in-training at Belleville hospital spent Thursday evening under the parental roof.

Mr. Herbert Townsend received a telephone message from Toronto on Wednesday last that his aunt, Mr. G. Cooley had passed away. A meeting of the directors was held in the cheese factory on Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Chard spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chard. Miss Pearl Hermon has returned to Toronto after spending a few weeks with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Utman spent Sunday at the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bush. Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Bush spent Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. George Burkitt's, 4th line Sidney.

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