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### Inside News of Italian-Turk War.

Tripoli Has for Years Been the Scene of Persecution by the Turks. Deplorable Incidents.

San Francisco, April 12.—In a vigorous address that might have been entitled, "The reasons why Italy made War Against Turkey," Ettore Parrizi, editor of L'Italia, gave some inside history of European affairs that rather startled the members of Golden Gate Commandry, Knights Templar, at their annual banquet and Red Cross initiation. The applause that met his forceful remarks seemed to show that his arguments and array of facts were well received.

In part he said:  
"The history of the last score of years and the big books of Italy, where the Italian government records all the dealings with foreign powers, are full of complaints, protests and charges of Italy against the Turks on account of outrages on Italian lives or properties under the Turkish flag. Furthermore, whenever the Italian resident of the Ottoman Empire appealed to the court of justice of that country for any redress invariably justice was never done him.

"In several instances Italian business men engaged in forestry, mining and railroad enterprises had been so vexed by the Turkish authorities that they were compelled to withdraw and lose millions and millions which they had invested. Many times Italian firms and warehouses have been ransacked and merchant ships and robbed. Not long ago a poor Italian girl, a minor, hardly sixteen years old, was abducted from her family, composed of honest working folk employed on a railway in Turkey, forcibly converted to the Mohammedan religion and afterward married by force to a Mussulman, notwithstanding the protests of her parents and the intervention of the Italian consul.

Deplorable Incidents.  
"All the deplorable incidents referred to occurred in every district of Turkey but in Tripoli they had been so frequent of late that the patience and leniency of Italy would have become actual cowardice had not the Italian government put a stop to the outrages and chicanery of Turkey and taken drastic measures.

The Italians were doing real wonders in Tripoli and vicinity. They were colonizing and developing that land, which for centuries through the neglect, laziness and backwardness of the Turks had been left in a shameful state of sterility.

"But it seems as though the more the Italians were energetically working for the welfare and development of Tripoli the more enraged the Turks were getting against them; every Italian enterprise which would give work not only to the Italians but to the Arabs had been harassed, handicapped, mutilated and jeopardized by the Turkish authorities and to that malignant aim the Turks resorted to all kinds of tricks and cowardice.

"Having seen void all its efforts to obtain justice and fair treatment from Turkey was purposely and maliciously unable to preserve order in Tripoli and guarantee the safety of life and property to the Italians there residing, only one way remained open to the government of Rome to obtain justice, that of taking under its

own care and responsibility the safety and protection of Tripoli, and to accomplish this Italy could not do any less than occupy that territory. The Italian government sent an ultimatum to Turkey telling the Ottoman of its determined intention of occupying Tripoli asking of the Turks, in order to avoid bloodshed and other unpleasant consequences, to instruct officials in Tripoli not to oppose to the landing of Italian troops, advising the Turks that by doing so the two governments would afterwards come to some agreement which would result in a friendly settlement of the situation in Tripoli.

Other Powers Apprised.

"But the proverbial stubbornness of Turkey prevailed once more. What did Turkey care for civilization and justice in Tripoli when civilization and justice are unknown to it in the very seat of the domain? What did it care if a few Italians were murdered in Tripoli when it baffled the whole world which was raising cries of protest against the wholesale slaughtering of tens of thousands of Armenians perpetrated by the Mussulmans? So instead of listening to the humanitarian offer of Italy Turkey answered with stubborn resistance in the occupation of Tripoli by the Italians and this is why the war was begun and is now raging.

"The right of Italy in Tripoli and the justice of the reasons which determined the occupation of that province were so well known and acknowledged by the European powers that no one of them dared to make the slightest opposition to the action of Italy. And, mind you, the expedition of Italy was not made by any means a surprise to the governments of Europe, because they had been notified in due time by the government of Rome that if Turkey failed or delayed in giving satisfaction to Italy for the lamented outrages against the life and property of its subjects, the Italian forces would occupy Tripoli."

### Bulletin on Weeds and the Seed Law

A bulletin has been issued by the Seed Branch of the Department of Agriculture Ottawa, giving a full reprint of the Seed Control Act, 1911, which is the law governing the sale of seeds in Canada. This act, with the regulations of the Governor in Council, names the weeds which are considered most noxious and are particularly legislated against and defines the standards of quality in regard to purity and germination to which seed of various kinds must conform when sold for seeding purposes. The standards for four grades of timothy, red clover, alfalfa and alfalfa seed are given and full information regarding the law as applied to farmers and the way in which it may be used for their protection.

The second part of the bulletin deals with seed testing work and the application of the law through seed inspection. Seed laboratories are maintained in Ottawa and Calgary for the use of seedsmen and farmers where samples are tested free of charge.

The largest part of the bulletin and perhaps that of most interest to farmers deals with weeds and seeds. About 90 different species are illustrated and described and with the use of the bulletin the identification of both the growing plants and the seeds should be comparatively easy. The weeds considered noxious under the Seed Control Act are given first, in botanical order. This bulletin will be very interesting and useful to those interested in the identification and control of weeds and the means to adopt to prevent their introduction and spread through commercial seeds. It is known as bulletin No. S-6 and may be had free on application to the Publications Branch Department of Agriculture; Ottawa.

### Inexpensive Spring Paint.

Farmers intending to paint outbuildings, some perhaps of undressed boards, will find a paint composed of Portland cement and sweet milk mixed to a consistency that will spread readily, and colored with any suitable coloring matter, as being the cheapest and most desirable covering material possible, writes C. T. T., in Hoard's Dairyman. A little linseed oil and a little white lead will not hurt it, but neither is absolutely indispensable.

I have some now going into a second winter's trial, and it looks quite as well as the day it was put on. It grew hard in two hours after being applied and has

stayed so ever since.  
A bushel of cement will go a good way and milk is to be used fresh every day, mixing an enough of the material to use during, one day only.

I don't know if it would work equally well on newly dressed boards. Its essential feature when applying is the manner in which it sinks into a rough surface, and hardening there, becomes a stone surface, not soluble by storms, cold or heat. I have used it with a light yellow ochre, and added a little white lead, merely to give it a lighter color (straw color). Of course, the absence of any coloring material would leave your building a simple drab. Some might prefer that but I did not.

### The Duke in New York.

Writing on the visit of the Connaughts to New York, F. P. Dunne (Mr. Dooley) in The Metropolitan Magazine says:

"Other royal personages have looked us over in the past. The late King of England came to America before the war and must have been extremely active on his feet, for at least ten thousand old ladies are still alive who danced with him. The Princess Louise we always remember with respect as the first person who had the courage to speak out against the fifth and indecency of the America sleeping car of the time. We had Don Pedro of Brazil with us for a while. Ten years ago we were favored with the presence of Prince Henry of Prussia. Long before that came the King of the Sandwich Islands, an agreeable brown potentate with a taste for drawing to inside straight. It is so long ago that we can't recall whether the ladies of New York made themselves agreeable to him in the historic manner of the Cannibal Islands by asking him in to pick an acquaintance with them, but it is a fact of history that a proprietor of a hotel in Chicago did meet him at the door and inquire whether he wouldn't like to go to his room and wash up. Under all these honors, as far as we are informed, the American public bore itself with some degree of composure, but the arrival of the Duke on a purely social visit was too much for the pent-up aristocratic emotions of a section of the population and they received him with as great a show of fealty as though he were the reigning prince and they his sworn subjects."

**FAKE ACCIDENT CLAIMS** against railways are said to be increasing in number in Canada. In the United States there is a regular gang in almost every State living by its success in getting money for these fraudulent claims on railways and insurance companies. Last week the Toronto Railway Company used all the machinery of the court to expose an alleged fraudulent compensation claim. This was accomplished in a sensational manner. Two damage suits came to trial in the County Court, and after Dr. Garrat, a prominent Toronto physician, had testified to their injuries, one of the plaintiffs entered the box and said he had not been injured at all, but was a detective, and had brought this action to show how unreliable was much of the medical evidence in damage suits. Whether it was wise to thus entrap a medical man is for the company to decide, but if the exposure leads to the prevention of such claims in future some good will have come out of very doubtful proceedings. Ex.

### King Owns Sandringham.

The statement is again being published that Sandringham is the absolute property of Queen Alexandra says the Gentlewoman. As a matter of fact in the will of the late King Edward the whole estate was left solely to King George, his late Majesty merely stipulating that the Queen Mother should have the entire use of it during her lifetime and adding a wish that in the future the place might become the dowry house of the Queen Consort. King George is, however, in no way bound by this, and is at liberty when the proper time arrives to dispose of it in any manner that seems best to him. In the meantime he has entire charge of the estate, pays all the outgoing and receives the income.

"Did you read about the \$300,000 pearl necklace that the Philadelphia banker gave his bride the other day?"

"No."

"Goodness! Don't you ever try to keep posted on the important happenings of the day?"

### NAMELESS

"Boo-hoo—boo-hoo!"  
The kind old gentleman traced the sad sounds to their source, and came upon a small, whimpering lad.  
"What's the matter, my little man?" he asked sympathetically.  
"I'm lost!" wailed the boy.  
"Lost? Nonsense! We mustn't give up hope so soon. Where do you live?"  
"I don't know, sir!" whined the lad.  
"We've just moved, and I can't remember the address!"  
"Well, what's your name?"  
"I don't know, sir!"  
"Don't know?" exclaimed the old gentleman.  
"No-o!" sobbed the lad, breaking in to a fresh outburst of tears. "My mother married again this m-morning!"

### DOING THEIR DUTY

"I try to do my duty," said the exceedingly sincere person, "and I do not hesitate to remind others of their duty."  
"Go ahead," replied the easy-going citizen. "You may prove to be a very useful member of society. But when you get through you'll have as many sincere friends and admirers as an alarm clock."



### HOW FOOLISH

When O'Dearie sued O'Mee for the payment of five dollars, some people imagined that they were the most important people in the case. But this was not the opinion in Pat's district. It was he who had served O'Mee with the debated goods of O'Dearie, and he had been called to give evidence. When he returned home he wore a big swagger.  
"Shure, mither, an' it isn't aisy to be a witness," he boasted, "especially when the lawyers be such fools!"  
"Were the lawyers fools?" exclaimed his mother. "O! shouldn't have believed it!"  
"It's thrue, though," replied Pat. "It's as thrue as O'm sitting here, be gorry! They asked so many questions, O'm thinking they didn't know a blessed thing about the case!"

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