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Turkey in Transformation

"Not only will we wear hats, but we will follow Western civilization in all other ways," declared the President of the Turkish Republic, Ghazi (Conqueror) Mustafa Kemal Pasha, in a speech made at Akhisar, a town about seventy-five miles from Smyrna and he added pregnantly that "the uncivilized peoples are liable to be trodden upon by the civilized nations." Therefore, he warned them that the foundations of revolution ought to be made firm, and as reported in the Constantinople Millet, he said further, "Let us not deceive one another; the civilized world is far ahead and we must reach it with the light of guidance and do away with all sophistry and fallacy." Although he avowed that the new way shown to the Turks is "not the way that I show, but the way that ought to be followed," it is contended by a contributor to the London Fortnightly Review that Mustafa Kemal Pasha seems to act on the Rousseau theory that "the people must be forced to be free," and this writer, Maxwell H. H. Macartney, continues:

"He must realize that, whatever the form of Constitution under which Turkey is nominally living, he is himself the mainspring of all the machinery, and that if anything were to happen to him there would be at least a strong danger of the country relapsing again into much of its old habits. He is therefore impelled to act with rapidity while he still has the opportunity, and while the country is still enjoying the benefits of peace and order, which is procured by the precautions of Europe. It must be many years before the whole Turkish people can properly grasp the significance of what is being done by the handful of intellectuals who are the intimate collaborators of the Ghazi. But the future is not without good augury. Even the unquestioned devotion of the Army would not have sufficed for the President to carry through some of his daring innovations if large sections of the people had not been prepared to accept on trust those revolutionary measures which must sometimes leave them gasping with bewilderment."

According to this writer, not since Japan threw off the shackles of her Oriental feudalism and set out upon the path which has made her one of the great Powers has there been any parallel to the revolution in Turkey, which began with the Kemalist movement against the Sublime Porte, and is manifesting itself to-day with greater vigor than ever. We are told that:

"The Young Turks had, of course, done valuable pioneer work, and the powerful Committee of Union and Progress would, no doubt, have brought about a great evolution in the customs and traditions of the country if their work had not been arrested by the series of wars in which Turkey found herself so quickly involved. But one can not help feeling that if to-day Turkey is still in revolution, a Tur-

key in the hands of the C.U.P. (Committee of Union and Progress) would have been undergoing a stage of evolution, and that the sharp distinction implied in these two words is overwhelmingly due to the effective leadership of the State having passed into the hands of the President, Ghazi Mustafa Kemal Pasha."

According to a Smyrna Anatolian News Agency dispatch to the Constantinople Millet, a grand entertainment was given in the Girls' Training School of Smyrna in honor of the Turkish President. What to Western minds may seem a quaint feature of the occasion were the following comments, in the form of question and answer, made by Mustafa Kemal Pasha, and which read as follows:

"Q. What is the republic? And what difference is there between a republic and a sultanate?"
"A. The republic is an administration based on virtue; the sultanate was an administration based upon fear and threatening. The administration of the republic produces respectable and virtuous persons; but, inasmuch as the sultanate was based upon threatening and horror, it had produced cowards and a servile population. Such is the difference."

"Q. Have we been successful in our national strife? And what is the reason for our success?"
"A. The nation herself carried on the campaign through her sons. The men and women of the nation made the campaign their ideal. The history of the past centuries also registers great victories; but in other times the agents instead of following ideals acted as the slaves of this or that greedy and culpable tyrant. Now in our national campaign the national ideal and dignity was the promoter."

"Q. What must Turkish women be?"
"A. Turkish women must have the best cultivated minds, and must be the most virtuous and the most serious ladies in the world. The duties of Turkish women ought to be to prepare future generations who will be able to protect their country mentally, morally and physically. Women being the source of the nation and the basis of human society, they can only fulfil their duty when they are virtuous."

"Q. Is music a necessity for life?"
"A. Music is quite necessary for life, because life in itself is music. Those that have no music can not be called human beings. Life can not exist without music. Music is the merry humor, the spirit and the pleasure of life. But the choice of the kind of music must be seriously considered."

"We read of an ardent admirer, and a deputy in the Great National Assembly of Turkey, describing Mustafa Kemal Pasha as 'the living incarnation of the Turkish nation,' which 'explains that a nation of 14,000,000 advances with him like one man.' As another specimen of native adulation for Turkey's President, we have a report of a speech in the Constantinople Millet, which was delivered by the Mayor of Smyrna at a reception of welcome to Mustafa Kemal Pasha, and which reads in part:

"Oh, thou, the great President of the Turks! The great conqueror! The

great renovator of the Turks and of history! Thou art the great Turk genius that organized and brought to successful issue a revolution which the past centuries had failed to create. The people of Smyrna are very fortunate to exalt thee; thou, our great Ghazi, having stretched forth thy hand, saved us from endless calamities and brought us back from the edge of a precipice. Thine was a divine hand from heaven. Thou hast brought the Turks to the level of the highest nations. Thou art the greatest hero, not of the Turks only, but of the whole world."

"Smyrna can never forget her centuries of captivity and calamities. Thou hast been a rising sun after the past dark centuries. Under Greek oppression we had never given up the hope for a Turkish victory. With an army which thou created out of a handful of hero Turks, thou hast trodden the cruel and blood-sucking enemies. Even their commanding officers and generals were made prisoners by you. Thou it was who threw those hordes into the blue waves of the Aegean Sea. May God preserve thee and thy devoted colleagues, the whole Turkish nation that so well love you. Like a glorious prophet, confronting all false beliefs and superstitions, thou didst declare: 'The sacred existence of our nation is our divine and exalted law, anything new coming out of that sacred existence must be accomplished.'"

A well-known French authority on the Near East, P. Gentizon, Constantinople correspondent of the Paris Temps, tells us that the spectacle of the new Turkey striving each day to assimilate the mentality, the manners, and the customs of Europe, as well as to borrow the social system of the West, is not unique in history, and he proceeds:

"A very curious parallel might be drawn between the present status of Turkey and that of Russia, under Peter the Great. In certain phases of their social life, orthodox Russia at the end of the seventeenth century, and Moslem Turkey at the beginning of the twentieth century present a striking resemblance of feature. And this resemblance is the more startling because the two men in the two countries embodying the spirit of renovation, Peter the Great and Mustafa Kemal Pasha, each attacked routine, superstition, and fanaticism."

However this may be, Mustafa Kemal Pasha, fortified with a moral courage that it would be vain to attempt to belittle, wishes at any price that Turkey progress along the requirements of civilization. He wants to fix his country on a modern base. He wants to give a new form and a reasonable one, free from all mysticism, to all the institutions, manners and customs of his country. That is why in the West there should be no hesitancy to applaud this man, who, facing all Asia, dares to lay hands on old and faded ideas. Through Mustafa Kemal, the new Turkey, freed for the first time from theocratic cliques, which kept it in bonds, will become, in fact, what, until now, she has been only in appearance, namely, a European State."

But the Manchester Guardian declares "it would be rash, in view of the secular conservatism of the East, to assume that any permanent westernization of Turkey—or indeed of any Eastern people—is possible."—Literary Digest.

Sausage Muffs Being Worn

Bracelets to the Elbows Replacing Sleeves.

London, Dec. 5.—Variegated colors to replace the universal black for mens umbrellas are being urged here. The idea is to make London brighter during the dreary rainy months of winter.

Sausage muffs, long and round, have made their appearance in large numbers on the fashionable streets of London. Many of them are made of the same cloth as the costume and are banded at the ends with fur.

Nice, France, Dec. 5.—Bracelets are replacing sleeves and gloves. The bracelets are being worn right up the forearm to the elbow by women in evening dress.

Washing the teeth occasionally with taking soda keeps them white.

SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

KINDNESSES THAT EMBARRASS.



When is a kindness not a kindness? When is it something that the recipient for one reason or another is embarrassed by receiving.

It takes tact and thoughtfulness to do kind things. It also takes tact and thoughtfulness and a rather more delicate and subtle brand to know when a kind thing is not a kind thing.

The time, the place, and the recipient's tastes and needs are all factors in deciding whether a given thing is a kindness.

On Pins And Needles.

One of my visitors missed her train and lost connections all along the line when she was on her way to visit me this summer. The reason, she explained ruefully, was that her sister wanted her to stop at her house on the way to the station and get a dainty piece of underwear that she had made her for the vacation trip. "She was just ironing it when I got there," she said, "and I couldn't bear not to wait a moment. I knew I was running it close. Sister is so busy with her children and it was so sweet of her to try to make that for me, but I was on pins and needles, and sure enough I missed my train and my connection. I would much rather have done without it altogether than have had that happen, but I couldn't very well tell sister so."

"Oh, It Won't Take A Minute."

Who hasn't been embarrassed by last minute kindnesses like that? "I want you to take home a tumbler of my jelly," says your hostess as you start to go out the door. "Oh, it won't

take but a minute to get it. It's just down cellar. John will get it." John does go down and is gone an unconscionably long time, then shouts the information that he can't find the current jelly. His wife goes down and presently reappears explaining that it was in plain sight. Then it must be wrapped up carefully. Then you must thank her and not appear to grab and run. Meantime, friend husband who had already gone out to the car when she thought of the jelly is getting ready to burst a blood vessel with his impatience.

The urgent offering of more food than one wants to eat is another kindness that is most emphatically not a kindness. You try to refuse another helping of short cake. "You don't like my short cake," pouts the hostess. "Well, if you did you'd have another helping. Oh, do just have a little more." Protesting faintly but gagged by that insistence of hers that you don't like it if you won't eat more, you accept the second helping and feel as if you would gag over that, too.

But Even More Imagination.

A masculine friend of mine who has lately reached the heaving age is much distressed because his charmer's sister insists on giving him flowers to take home to his mother. For some reason, best known to the masculine heart, he doesn't like to appear on the street with a bunch of flowers no matter how carefully wrapped up. But he can't get away from the lady's kindness and he is too gentle to let her see that it is not a kindness so far as he is concerned.

It takes sympathetic imagination to make one eager to do kindnesses for others. It takes still more of it to make one wise enough to know when to withhold those kindnesses.

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