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SEES TURKISH RULE AMUSING

English Author Finds Funny Side to Life in Jerusalem Under the Crescent.

The tradition of Turkish rule to Palestine as one finds it in Jerusalem is simply a joke, declares G. K. Chesterton in his book, "The New Jerusalem." All the stories about it are jokes and often very good jokes. My own favorite incident is that which is still commemorated in the English cathedral by an enormous hole in the floor.

The Turks dug up the pavement looking for concealed British artillery, because they had been told that the bishop had given his blessing to two cannons. The bishop had, indeed, recently appointed two canons to the service of the church, but he had not secreted them under the floor of the chancel. There was another agreeable incident when the Turkish authorities, by an impulsive movement of religious toleration, sent for a Greek priest to bury Greek soldiers, and told him to take his choice in a heap of corpses of all creeds and colors.

But at once the most curious and the most common touch of comedy is the perpetual social introduction to solid and smiling citizens who have been nearly hanged by the Turks. The fortunate gentleman seems still to be regarding his escape with a broad grin. If you were introduced to a polite Frenchman who had come straight from the guillotine, or to an affable American who had only just vacated the electrical chair, you would feel a faint curiosity about the whole story. If a friend introduced somebody saying, "My friend Robinson; his sentence has just been commuted to penal servitude," or "My Uncle William, just come from Dartmoor prison," your mind and perhaps lips would faintly form the syllables "What for?" But evidently, under Turkish rule, being hanged was like being knocked down by a cab; it might happen to anybody.

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Artist Has Given Us Picture of Probability of the Not Far Distant Future.

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What is it barring the way to a reduction of armaments in the United States? We are a peaceful people. We want to rob nobody. We wish only to be let alone. We are taxed to death. The difficulty of living cannot be made much less until taxes are reduced. Taxes can not be much reduced unless military expenditures are reduced. We are told the world is much upset and that it therefore is unwise to cease preparing for war. That the world is upset is true. But does "upset" mean that it is in a fighting mood? We are considerably upset in this country. Do we want to fight? Do we crave another war? What nation menaces us? England? England has had all the wars she wants. France? France couldn't fight us if she wanted to—and she doesn't want to. Germany? The present generation of Germans will never take part in another great war. Japan? Oh, we can probably have a war with Japan if we want it. But do we want it? What is there to fight about that is worth while? It would be immoral to fight about mere money—mere trade advantages. We could not justify a war in which some men were compelled to give their lives so that other men might get money. We are certainly in no danger of a Japanese invasion. If we fear only attack and will not fight for mere plunder, who is there to fear and what is there to fight about? Why should we not welcome an agreement with other powers to ease up on military expenditures?—Gold Magazine.

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HARRY T. MOREY

When not at work on a picture Harry T. Morey is to be found in No. 16, a dressing room which dates back to the early days of his career in the Brooklyn studio of Vitagraph. It was 10 years ago that he occupied this room with Earle Williams. The walls resemble a combination of art museum and rogues' gallery. They are hung with pictures of Morey in various roles, ranging from a policeman, his first part; the crook, Joseph Garson of "With the Law," to the high financier in "The Gambler." Recently, he has added Philip Grey in "The Birth of a Soul" and a detective character in "The Flaming Claw."



EARLE WILLIAMS

"Don't change your company," is the advice Earle Williams gives to young screen players, and then he adds, "providing you are with the right company." Earle Williams is one of the few film players who has never changed his habitation from one studio to another. He commenced his career 12 years ago with the Vitagraph star family and has never strayed from the fold. "The Wolf," visualized from Eugene Walters' famous stage play, and "The Fortune Hunter," from Winchell Smith's play, have been the means of emphasizing Mr. Williams' ability and popular attraction recently.

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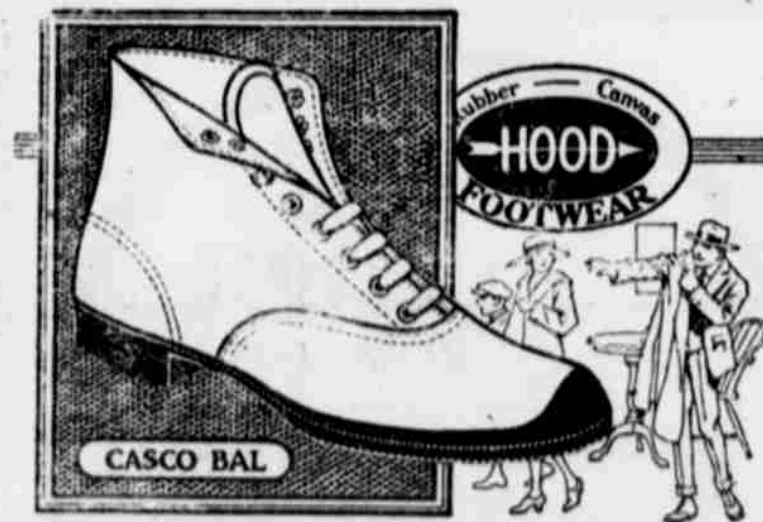
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