

"HOLY WAR" PROVES MISERABLE FARCE

Teuton Hopes in Islam Are Shattered When Propaganda Collapses.

EMBASSY IS EASILY DUPED

War Party's Attempt Against Civilization in Near East Doomed to Failure at Outset—British and French Policies Praised.

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It is a painful task for a German who does not profess to be a "world politician," but really thinks in terms of true "world-politics," to deal with the many intrigues and machinations of our Government in their relation to the so-called "holy war." In their quest of a vain illusion they stooped to the very lowest means. Practically all their hopes in that direction have been sadly shattered. Their costly, unscrupulous, thoroughly unmanly efforts against European civilization in Mohammedan countries have resulted in the terrific counter-stroke of the defection of the Arab and the foundation of a purely Arabian Chaliphate under English protection. Thus England has already won a brilliant victory against Germany and Turkey in spite of Gallipoli and Kut-el-Amara, although it seems probable that even these will be wiped out by greater military action on the part of the British Empire. One could not have a better example of Germany's total inability to succeed in the sphere of world-politics.

The so-called "holy war," if it had succeeded, would have been one of the greatest crimes against human civilization that Germany has on her conscience, remembering as we do her recent ruthless "fratricidal" war against the British Empire, and her attempt to set Mexico and the Japanese against the land of most modern civilization. A successful "Dijhad" spreading to all the lands of Islam would have set back by years all that civilization so patiently and so painfully won. It would have been a case of letting the wild fanaticism loose against the armies of law and order and civilization; in the case of the entente it was part of a purely military action on the part of England and France, who held under their sway all the inhabitants, colored and otherwise, of those colonial regions which Islam would have sent to Europe and to which they will return.

Holy War Proves Farce.
But the attempt against colonial civilization did not succeed. The "Dijhad," proclaimed as it was by the Arabian pseudo-Chaliph, and violently anti-entente, was doomed to failure from the very start from its obvious artificiality. It was a miserable farce, or rather a tragic comedy, the present ending of which, namely, the defection of the Arabian Chaliphate, is the direct contrary of what had been aimed at with such fanatical urgency and the use of such immoral propaganda.

The attempt to "unloose" the Holy War was due primarily to the most absurd illusion. It would seem that in Germany, the land of science, the home of so many eminent doctors of research, even the scholars have been attacked by that disease of being misled by wild political illusions, or, surely, knowing the countries of Islam outside-in as they must, they would long ago have raised their voices against such a ranting folly. It would seem that all her inherent knowledge, all her studies, have been of little or no avail to Germany, who, in this matter, has committed the same mistake which she has committed in the realm of world politics. It may be said that Germany, even if she were doubtful of the issue, should still not have left untried this means of crippling her opponents. To that I can only reply by pointing to the actual position of affairs, well known to Germany, not only in the Middle East, but in French and Russian Islamic colonial territory, which should have rendered the "Dijhad" entirely and absolutely out of the question.

Let us take for example Egypt, French Northwest Africa, and Russian Turkistan, not to speak of the mastery English colonial rule in India, which has now been tested and tried for centuries. Anyone who has ever seen Egypt with the area under culture practically doubled, under modern English rule by the help of every kind of technical contrivance for the betterment of existing conditions, and the skillful utilization of the available means at the expense of millions of pounds, with its needy population given an opportunity to earn a living wage and even wealth through a humane cultivation of the land under conditions that are a paradise compared with what they were under the Turkish rule of extortion and despotism—anyone who has seen that must have looked from the very beginning with a very doubtful eye on Germany's and Turkey's illusions of stirring up these well-doing people against their rulers.

French Policy Praised.

The same thing occurs again in the extended territory of northwest Africa from the Atlas lands to the Guinea coast from Lake Chad where France, as I know from personal experience, stands on a high level of colonial excellence, developing all of the resources of the country with consummate skill, shaping her "empire colonial" more and more into a shining gem in the crown of colonial endeavor, and, as I

can testify from my own observations in Morocco, Senegal, the Niger, and the interior of the Guinea territories of the "A. O. F." (Afrique Occidentale Française), carrying the best of the whole population by her essential culture, and, last but not least, winning the Mohammedans by her clever Islam policy.

That, finally, Russia, at any rate from the psychological standpoint, is perhaps the best colonizer of Further Asia, even German textbooks on colonial policy admit unreservedly, and the growing conditions that she has brought about especially in the basin of Persia in Turkistan by the introduction of the flourishing and lucrative business of cotton-growing are known to everyone. Only politicians of the most wildly fantastic type, who see everywhere what they want to see, could believe that in this war the Turkish "Turanic" built would ever have any effect in Russian Central Asia, or make its inhabitants now living in security, peace, and well-being wish back again the conditions which prevailed under the Emirs of Bokhara, Khiva and Bekhara. But Germany, who should have been well informed if anyone was, believed all these fantastic impossibilities.

One could let it pass with a slight feeling of irritation against Germany if it were merely a case of the failure of the "Dijhad." But unfortunately the propaganda, as stupid as it was unsuccessful, exercised in this connection, will be written down for all time as one of the blackest and most despicable marks against Germany's account in this war. In Turkey alone, the underhand manipulation for the undoing of the "Holy War," and the German press propaganda so closely allied with it, indeed the whole way in which the German cause in the East was represented journalistically throughout the war, are subjects full of the saddest, most biting irony, to sympathize with which must lower every German who has lived in the Turkish capital in the eyes of the whole civilized world.

Embassy Easily Duped.
In order to demonstrate the role played in this affair by the German Embassy at Constantinople I will not make an exhaustive survey but simply confine myself to a few episodes and outstanding features, an eminent German Red Cross doctor, clear-sighted and reliable, who had many tales to tell of what he had seen in the "Caucasia" campaign, said to me one evening as we sat together at a promenade concert: "Do you see that man in Prussian Major's uniform going past? I met him twice in Erzerum last winter. The man was nothing but an employe in a merchant's business in Baku and had learnt Russian there. He has never done military service. When war broke out he hurried to the Embassy in Pera and offered his services to stir up the Georgians and other peoples of the Caucasus against Russia. Of course he got full powers to do what he wanted, and guns and ammunition and piles of propaganda pamphlets were placed at his disposal so that he might carry on his work from the frontier of the then neutral Turkey. Whole chests full of gold coins were sent to him to be distributed confidentially for propaganda purposes; of course he was his own most confidential friend, and he went back to Erzerum without having won a single soul for the cause of the 'Dijhad.' That has not prevented his being as a grand old man, and now the fellow struts about in a Major's uniform, lent to him, although he has never been in a battle, for the cause may gain still more prestige."

Numerous examples of similar measures might be cited, and instances without number given, of the German Embassy being made the dupe of greedy adventurers who treated them as an inexhaustible source of gold. First one would appear on the scene who announced himself as the one man to cope with Afghanistan, then another would come along on his way to Persia and play the great man "on a special mission" for a time in Pera, while money belonging to the German Empire would find its way into all sorts of low hands. Two years until, with the Arabian catastrophe, even the eyes of the great diplomatic optimists of Asia-Pasha might have been opened.

Millions Vainly Spent.

I will only mention here how even a bona fide connoisseur of the East, like Baron von Oppenheim, who had already made tours of considerable value for research purposes right across the Arabian Peninsula and so should have known better than to share these false illusions, doled out thousands of marks from his own pocket—and millions from the treasury—to stir up the tribes to take part in the "Dijhad," and how he returned to Pera from his propaganda tour with a real Bedouin beard and, still unabashed, took over the control of the German Embassy's "news bureau," which kept up these much-ridered war telegraph and picture offices known in Pera and elsewhere by the non-German populace as sacs de monnaies, and which flooded the whole of the East with wagonloads of pamphlets in every conceivable tongue—in fact, these, with guns and ammunition, formed the chief load of the bi-weekly "culture-bringing" Balkan train.

I will only cite one example of the far-famed Mario Passarag—a real Apache to look at. With his friend Frobenius, the ethnographer and German agent, well known to me personally from French West Africa for his liking for absinthe and negro women and his Teutonic brusqueness emphasized in comparison with the kindly, helpful French officials, as well as by his escape from many scandalous tales. Passarag undertook that disastrous expedition to the Abyssinians which failed so lamentably owing to the Italian, and then after its collapse came to Turkey as special correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung and managed to swindle his way through Macedonia with a false Italian passport to Greece, where he wrote sensational reports for his wonderful newspaper about the atrocities and low morale of Sarrajl's army—the same newspaper that had made itself the laughing-stock of the whole of Europe, and at the same time had managed to get the German government to pursue for two years the shadow of a separate peace with Russia by publishing a marvelous series of "special reports" via Stockholm, on conditions in Russia that were nothing but a tissue of lies inspired by blind Jewish hate; if a tithe of them had been true, Russia would have gone under long ago.

Rascals Get Commissions.

I need not repeat my own opinion on all the machinations of the German Embassy, but I will simply give you word for word what German press agent in Constantinople (I will mention no names) once said to me: "It is unbelievable," he declared, "that a mob of low-down rascals, the scum of the earth, people who would never have dared before the war to have been seen on the pavements of Asia-Pasha, have now free entry. Any day you can see some doubtful-looking character accosting the porter at the Embassy, whispering something in his ear, and then being ushered down the steps to where the propaganda department, the news bureau, has its quarters. There he gives wonderful assurances of what he can do, and promises to stir up some Mohammedan people for the 'Dijhad.' Then he waits, while in the anteroom and is finally received by the authorities; but the next time he comes to the Embassy he walks in through the well-carpeted main entrance and requests an audience with the Ambassador or other high official, and we soon find him comfortably equipped and settling off on a 'special mission' as the confidential servant of the German Embassy." But even the recognition of these truths has not prevented this journalist from eating from the crib of the German Embassy!

(To be continued tomorrow.)

COMMITTEE FAVORS U. S. RAILROAD BILL

Under Measure Government Will Guarantee Roads Return of 5.32 Per Cent.

TERMS ARE DECARED JUST

Chairman Smith of Senate Interstate Commerce Committee Says He Believes Majority of Roads Will Accept Provisions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Chairman Smith of the Senate interstate commerce committee, in reporting favorably to the railroad of the country \$945,000,000, which will represent a return of 5.32 per cent. This, he says, "reflects neither poverty nor riches."

But the committee believes a majority of the railroads will accept "these terms as a just and fair measure of their constitutional rights."

An agreement of the bill was reached by the committee last Saturday, but minority reports are to be submitted by Senators Cummins and La Follette. Administration leaders plan to call the bill up for consideration Monday.

Roads Will Accept.

"About 75 great operating railroads do over 90 per cent of the railroad business. The committee believes that most of these great rail carriers will accept these terms as a just and fair measure of their constitutional rights. Section 1 further provides that ordinary taxes, National and State, shall be now, be paid out of operating revenue; but war taxes accruing under the act of October 3, 1917, are to be paid by the companies out of their operating funds, or charged against the standard return."

Chairman Smith explained that in case of controversy over compensation, the bill permits an appeal to the court of claims. The committee recommends, the report says, that improvements made by the government while the carriers are under contract be paid for by the government without the carriers being returned to the security holders. This should be arranged through an agreement between the carriers and the president.

Private Control Discussed.

Discussing the provision inserted by the committee providing for the termination of government control, 18 months after the peace proclamation has been issued, the report says: "It is possible that certain conditions may arise from federal control which will need adjustment before the properties are returned to their owners, and a reasonable period should intervene in which these conditions may be met and adjusted. It may be that the Nation will be unwilling to return to the conditions obtaining before the assumption of federal control. Legislation may be demanded to remedy the existing relation of the government to the railroads from that now existing in the interstate commerce act as amended. Your committee has suggested a period of 18 months, and they believe it will be found adequate for that purpose."

Minority Report Filed.

A minority report was filed by Senator Poindexter, Republican, of Washington, who asserted no definite time for returning the railroads to their original owners should be fixed until a definite plan and been worked out correcting the defects in the transportation system. The Senator also objected to the provision authorizing the President to control rates subject to an appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission. Senator Poindexter in his minority report said he believed the consensus of public opinion is that the present system, by which the railroads are compelled to operate as rival competitors under business conditions and under very limited governmental regulations, is a failure. "It is a great mistake, in my judgment," the Senator said, "for this committee to recommend that on a certain date the railroads should be restored to private ownership without in any way changing the dangerous and untenable conditions which existed up to the time the transportation systems were taken over by the President. I do not think that public opinion will tolerate a return to these conditions. Public interests require that competing lines should be regarded as a part of the transportation system of the country and that business should be so distributed between them as to afford on the whole the cheapest and best service to the public."

STUDENT AVIATOR KILLED

Two Airplanes Collide at Elevation of 200 Feet.

WACO, Tex., Feb. 7.—The first fatality at Richfield occurred today, when two machines met in collision at an elevation of 200 feet. The airplane, occupied by Lewis G. Burrell crashed to the ground. Burrell was instantly killed. His home is at Charleston, Va. He was 25 years old. The other plane was not damaged.

CLACKAMAS SCHOOLS BUSY

Junior Red Cross Work Taken Up and Competition Is Keen.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The school children of Clack-

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amas county who have this week taken up the Junior Red Cross work, are becoming very patriotic over their work, and there is to be much competition of the various grades of the Oregon City public schools, and also of the various districts of Clackamas county.

One of the amusing incidents that occurred on Wednesday was when Jack Lewthwaite, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lewthwaite, of West Linn, who is a member of the third grade room of the Barclay school, having completed the task of making three rows of knitting for the Belgium squares, rushed up to his mother and exclaimed, "Oh, mother, see what I have done for the Belgium hares." His mother, who is one of the most active workers of the Red Cross Society of Oregon City, explained to her son it was for Belgium squares instead of Belgium hares. He is now working over time on his square to be sent to Belgium, and is already doing excellent work in knitting.

OREGON FLAX WANTED

STATE TREASURER SAYS EASTERN MILLS LIKE VALLEY PRODUCT.

Report of Findings After Inspecting Lanes Plant to Be Made to Portland Chamber of Commerce.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—State Treasurer Kay, who has just returned from the East after an investigation of the J. Sidney Stirling linen factory at Tonawanda, N. Y., for the Portland Chamber of Commerce, said today that his findings would be made in a written report to the Chamber.

He found all the mills in the East anxious to obtain Oregon flax, declaring it was the best produced in the country. He visited mills at Lockport, North Andover and other points and of them indicated that Oregon flax is in big demand and that there will be no scarcity of a market for any that is produced.

Mr. Kay said that Eastern railroads are badly congested and that scarcely a train is operating on scheduled time.

He said that in the North he found 75 per cent of the people favored Senator Chamberlain in his recent speech criticizing the conduct of affairs in the War Department, but that he discovered a situation just the reverse in the Southern states.

The State Treasurer declined to comment on what his action will be relative to the appointment of a superintendent of banks.

SWEDISH EXPORTS AGREED

Tonnage to Be Exchanged in Return for American Commodities.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The Swedish Legation is to continue the negotiations which have been conducted here for the bill permit to the Swedish trade commission, the active work being in the hands of J. Allen Miller. A provisional agreement for exports to Sweden has been signed and efforts are now being made to perfect a permanent agreement. It was said today that an understanding practically had been reached regarding use of Swedish tonnage in return for commodities to be supplied by this country.

School Contests Arranged.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Plans have been completed for

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community school contests to be held on February 15 at the Knab High School with six districts competing. Mrs. Cora B. Harlan, principal of the Knab School, will have charge of the programme, which will consist of athletic contests and contests in various school subjects.

visit the Northwest to observe the total eclipse of the sun that will be visible in Southern Washington and Northern Oregon. Professor Todd's letter said that both Mount Hood and Mount Adams would be within the zone of total eclipse.

New Trial Is Denied Mrs. Ennis.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Judge W. A. Reynolds today denied a new trial in the case of Cora Ennis against Dr. Rush Banks, a well-known Centralia physician, for alleged malpractice in causing the death of her husband during the typhoid fever epidemic in that city four years ago. The case has been to the Supreme Court three times. Mrs. Ennis once winning a \$5000 judgment against Banks, which the higher court set aside.

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BROKEN SKULL IS FATAL

Surgical Operation Successful but Second Blow Kills.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Albert Perry, a mill employe at Meekill, who suffered a fractured skull a few weeks ago, but was temporarily relieved by use of a plate, following a surgical operation, died today. Perry's head was struck by a timber in the mill. A large section of the skull being removed, he had recovered

"Before we get ready for that you'll be praying for it to happen, and happen quickly," said a German officer to a native of Armenia-Syria who inquired as to the truth of the rumors of a forthcoming slaughter of innocents.

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