

# TURKS WIN THROUGH EUROPEAN JEALOUSY

Nations Play Into Hands of Ottoman Empire.

TERRITORY MAY BE HELD

Political Disagreements of Powers to Perpetuate Nation's Hold on European Continent.

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CONSTANTINOPLE.—"Turkey must go" has been a slogan of christendom for so long that the western world has taken it for granted that the defeat of the Ottoman armies and the downfall of the Enver-Talat regime means the expulsion of Turkey from Europe and the break-up of the Ottoman empire into its integral racial parts.

Now it appears that nothing of the sort is likely to happen. Unless there is a change in the situation, the Turk will remain sovereign in Constantinople and in possession of those parts of his former dominions which the great powers do not desire for themselves. Even the expectation of the Greeks that western Asia Minor will be given to them may not be realized; and the Italians are co-operating so closely with the Turks that no difficulty is anticipated in the return of Adalia by them.

**Ancient Wrongs Unrighted.**  
Incredible as it may seem, the eastern goal of the great war, except in so far as they related to the acquisition of territory by the allies, will probably not be realized. The age-old dreams of christendom are again to be disappointed.  
Cynicism, rather than sentiment, characterizes the old-fashioned diplomacy which still does a thriving business at the meeting place of two continents and two seas, this central crossroads of history. Having appraised conditions cold-bloodedly, the diplomats apparently have decided that there is a likelihood of each winning out against the others in the game of wits and intrigue by continuing the Sultan on the throne in Constantinople. Therefore they have ruthlessly "scrapped" all projects for taking out of the hands of the Turks the sovereignty of this pivotal city. The dream of the eastern Christians is at an end, for the present, at any rate.

Almost since the signing of the armistice there have been representations of the powers at work upon the Turkish officials.

What that one nation is doing rather openly and shamelessly the others are attempting more cleverly. The basic idea is that so long as there is life in the sublime Porte there is hope for the intriguing European powers. The minute the Porte closes, and a western nation gets control, it is all up with the unsuccessful claimants. Rich concessions and privileges are always possible from the Turk, but not from a European power which will, of course, grab everything for itself. Isn't it a pretty state of things to go under the name of civilization?

As everybody knows, Constantinople was to have been Russia's prize in the great war. This is one additional boon of which the bolsheviks are deprived. There is not the remotest chance that Russia will ever get Constantinople within the memory of living man.

Greece picked up hope, after she had finally committed herself to the allied side of the war, that the remnants of Byzantine glories might return to her. It was rumored that this was but held out by the Germans to Constantinople—and also to Tsar Ferdinand of Bulgaria. It was easy for Germany to promise to give away what she did not possess. After the armistice the big powers quickly let it be known that little Greece could not have Constantinople, for a variety of reasons.

France, with her tremendous financial investments in Turkey, was quite willing to take over the capital and the straits, but Great Britain would not assent to any such plan; nor, in turn, would France permit Britain to seize the prize. Both of these nations have their allies and dependants among the smaller nations, but that is a matter of the game not to be gone into here.

**Powers Dally, Turks Act.**  
This impasse was Turkey's chance. As of old she profited by European dissensions. All talk of "internationalization" became futile in the light of the attempts of the powers to work together at this place where individual interests clashed. Theoretically, to "internationalize" Constantinople in the logical way out, but everybody conversant with the actual conditions knows that it will not work. Therefore, by waiting and fomenting intrigue, Turkey stands to hold her old place and power at the gates of the east.

Had there been a common purpose among the powers to deal rigorously with the Turks first of all before seeking their own individual interests, the situation would have been different. A prompt heaving to the side of elements justly deserving saved the day for civilization. Instead, there was delay and dallying without end. No swift punishments followed the worst blood-guiltiness. Had even 500 murderers been hanged, irrespective of race, the fear of western law would have been put into the heart of the Turk.

As a result, Turkey now openly claims that Constantinople and all of the Turkish-speaking provinces must remain with her. She has made up her mind to relinquish Syria, Arabia and Mesopotamia and the Caucasus, at least, for the present. Delay has served her so well that she still pins large faith upon the policy.

But the one outstanding and surprising fact for the world's consideration is that the Ottoman Empire is to remain, and with its capital still at Constantinople.

## RAIL CONNECTION SOUGHT

Centralia Chamber Hearing to Consider Milwaukee Service.  
CENTRALIA, Wash., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—Word has been received by Mrs. Katherine Robinson, secretary of the Centralia Chamber of Commerce, that a hearing on a connection between the Northern Pacific O-W-N & N. and Great Northern railways and the Milwaukee railway will be held in the chamber of commerce on November 24.  
At present it is impossible for any of the Milwaukee Centralia to ship over the Milwaukee, as they have no connection, and it is also impossible for any of the larger firms to receive carload shipments over this line as they cannot be switched to their sidings. The shippers here expect to put up a strong case against the recall of such a connection for this city.

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## MORE LOOP FUNDS ASKED

COUNTY WANTS ASSURANCE OF CASCADE RESERVE ROUTE.

Representative McArthur Asked to Ascertain if Government Will Give \$1,250,000.

Unless that portion of the proposed Mount Hood loop road lying through the Cascade forest reserve can be completed by the government within a reasonable time, Multnomah county commissioners are loath to spend \$170,000 in improving 18 miles of the highway between Saddy and Zig Zag, lying in Clackamas county.  
In a letter sent to Representative McArthur by County Commissioner Holman yesterday, he is urged to find out if \$1,250,000 can be made available for the road in the forest reserve, as on this 87 miles of highway the entire success of the proposed loop rests. Commissioners Hoyt and Mack are in sympathy with the idea, neither desiring to spend Multnomah county funds for the improvement of Clackamas county roads beyond Sandy. If there is no assurance of return on the investment to Multnomah county, Mr. Holman intends

calling an early meeting of the Mount Hood Loop Road association, of which he is president, to consider the situation.

Present prospects for the loop road are gloomy. It is admitted by the local commissioner, unless generous government co-operation can be secured. The total expenditure to be met in the laying of this stretch of the loop road through the reserve, in addition to \$214,000 available, reaches the total of \$1,193,000. Mr. Holman is asking for \$1,250,000.

## TRIAL FOR MURDER BEGINS

E. J. Swiger, Who Drove Street Car During Seattle Strike, at Bar.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 4.—Charged with murder in the first degree on the allegation that he premeditated killing one man, but instead shot and fatally wounded another bystander, E. J. Swiger, who drove the first street car out of the Jefferson-street barn during the strike last June, is on trial today before a jury in the superior court.

**Bird Hunters Kill Cow.**  
HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—Youthful pheasant hunters yesterday killed an imported purebred Jersey cow on the dairy farm of Bruno Franz in the Franklin district. Small bird shot penetrated the ani-

mal's heart. She was valued at \$250. An examination showed that she had been shot earlier in the season, a charge of small shot having been found lodged under the skin just behind the horns. An investigation is being conducted to determine the identity of the boys.

## BONDHOLDERS RUN LINES

No Change at Present in Spokane & Inland Empire Railway System.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 4.—Bondholders of the Spokane & Inland Empire railway system who purchased the company's holdings for \$2,600,000 at receiver's sale last Saturday, will continue to operate the lines, it is announced.

F. E. Connor, who had been acting as receiver, will continue in the management, according to George E. Taylor of Chicago, representative of the bondholders. Mr. Taylor stated that the new owners would seek ultimately to merge the system with that of the Washington Water Power company.

**Centralia Man Heads Teachers.**  
CENTRALIA, Wash., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—Edgar Reed, superintendent of city schools, was elected president of the Washington Educational association, which was held in Seattle; the last three days of last week. One of

the main topics of the session, according to Mr. Reed, was the shortage of teachers in the United States, there being a shortage of 30,000 at the present time.

## ROOMING HOUSE CLOSED

Baker Woman's Place Said to Be I. W. W. Headquarters.

BAKER, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—The license of Mrs. Charles Anderson authorizing the running of a rooming house at 213 1/2 Main street has been ordered revoked following a week's consideration.

At the last previous meeting of the commissioners a request from Mrs. Anderson was presented requesting that this action be taken. According to the police, Mrs. Anderson's house has been the headquarters for I. W. W. in this section, and she was placed under arrest about two weeks ago charged with the irregular keeping of her hotel register.

**Sulphur Miners Go North.**  
SEATTLE, Nov. 4.—Men, machinery and lumber left here today aboard the steamer Norwood for Agun Island, western Alaska, to develop sulphur mines and build smelters for a local sulphur company. About

\$250,000 is to be spent on the plant, it has been announced.

**Family in Fight; All Fined.**  
CENTRALIA, Wash., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—To settle a family fight, Judge Hodge fined all four participants \$10 and costs in police court. John and Dan Dossar quarreled with their brother, Mes. Ray Powell joined Mes.

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In the debate which ended in a free-for-all fight. Complaints and cross complaints were filed and the judge could not decide exactly which one, two or three were to blame, so he fined them all.

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