

### U. S. CITIZENSHIP IS EXPLOITED IN SYRIA

#### Naturalized Immigrants Hasten to Leave America.

### WIN BUSINESS ADVANTAGE

#### Exemption From Rules of Native Country in Handling Financial Ventures Obtained.

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JERUSALEM.—Two American problems arise here before an investigator, looming larger than the tower of the German hospice on the Mount of Olives. One is the abuse of American citizenship by residents of Syria, and the other is the flood of immigration that will pour into the states from these parts as soon as conditions permit.

Out here American citizenship papers are a very tangible asset. Their use has long been a scandal. Men have gone to America, acquired citizenship, and sailed for the east the next day. There are records in the consulate here of men who prior to the war acquired passports the very day after attaining citizenship and left the country the day thereafter, with no intention of ever returning. Their citizenship was exclusively for foreign use. A surprising number of instances are on file here of persons who by shrewd use of all contingencies obtained their citizenship papers within the shortest time possible and then left the country immediately, having fulfilled the purpose for which they went to America.

#### It "Pays" to Be American.

Such a procedure rather mystifies a native born American. Is citizenship such a spiritual benefit that the mere possession of it is to be cherished even in foreign lands?

Here is how it works. Under extraterritorial law, such as prevails in the Orient, the citizen of another country enjoys special privileges, both political and commercial. Especially is he immune from military service imposed by the local authorities, only his own consul having jurisdiction over him. Therefore, an American for revenue only comes out here, the consul of an American having been paid for by his family, and takes charge of the family business. All the property and assets are put in his name. His actual investment in the enterprise may be small, but since his citizenship entitles him to registration in the American consulate he outranks all his partners. No matter what regulations may be adopted for native businesses, those registered at the foreign consulates are exempt and flourish like the green bay tree.

There used to be an "American line" of steamships on the Mediterranean, with Smyrna for the home port. Each ship had a consul of an American state. Yet the boats, and the whole enterprise, were a scandal to the American consul in Smyrna, who never had dared to touch at an American port. On some of them not a single officer or member of the crew spoke English. They violated every rule of safe seamanship, but they made seas of money, and the men raised the standard of a nominal owner was a naturalized Greek.

One of the amusing side lights upon international politics as played in Turkey was the habit of some thrifty families of having one member represent each of the various foreign powers. Thus, in a single household there would be persons claiming citizenship in Russia, Britain, France, Germany and America. When trouble or need arose the family would claim the protection of which ever nation was strongest at the moment!

#### Safeguards Asked for Flag.

American officials in this part of the world entertain strong convictions upon certain points. They believe that citizenship should never be granted for export purposes; in other words, that a man should receive naturalization papers who does not intend to live in America.

A time limit upon the validity of citizenship abroad, such as now technically exists, should be rigidly enforced. During the war there was necessary laxity in this respect. According to law, citizenship lapsed automatically in the case of naturalized persons, after two years of residence abroad.

The calculating and cynical way in which some men have been given American citizenship was recently illustrated in Aleppo. A man who had more than once escaped arrest by fleeing to the consulate was about to be married. But he had a wife in America, who had written to the consul. The latter warned the man that he would be punished for bigamy. "Oh, you can't touch me," he said. "I've been away from America and am no longer an American."

"If ever that man goes to America I'll see that the law gets him," declared the wrathful consul.

Another reform advocated by those jealous for the sanctity of the American flag is the refusal of use of the name "American" and of the national emblem to any enterprise or business that is not predominantly and in good faith represented by American citizens. For the sake of our national reputation it is desirable that our name and symbol shall not be made use of by those not entitled to do so.

#### Immigrants Met En Masse.

Whenever one goes in the near east he meets men eager to emigrate to America. So sadly upset is this oldest part of the world, and so grievous the experience men have undergone, that there are hosts of them—millions in the aggregate, in the near east alone—who purpose to take the short, but sure way-out of their difficulties and go to the United States. They are tired of trouble. America is prosperous and safe; therefore to America they will sail by the first ship that will carry them.

Among the Armenian survivors this feeling is strong. They would rather live in America than in the new Armenia about which the politicians talk. Their experience of their own leaders during the years of ordeal has not been happy; whereas the Americans have been bountiful and tireless in sympathy. They refuse to see any reason why America, having done so much for them, should now shut them out of its gates. The proposal was seriously made to me, by representative Armenians, that America should arrange for the transportation of 100,000 Armenians, en masse, to the United States via the Pacific.

This same spirit abounds among the Assyrians, or Nestorians, who have been decimated by Moslem persecution. Many of their number have been in the United States and Canada; now the survivors want to follow in their footsteps. Like most other war victims, they have been sorely unsettled in their minds, and

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Unquestionably if it had been known that only one class of our workmen would have been given consideration those soliciting funds for this purpose would have met with a different reception. There can be no objection to employing union men, nor do the business men whom I represent ask for anything save an equal opportunity for all, as we believe the open shop is a principle and not a condition, but the time has passed for discrimination against law-abiding citizens and taxpayers who do not belong to unions.

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bound to America by a further tie through the co-operation of Mr. Rathbone. The foreign debt of France, M. Klotz pointed out, was only 20,000,000 francs, of which the swiss had fought for the nation.

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SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 6.—The highest price ever paid in Spokane

for a fat steer was paid today at the Western Royal Livestock show when a local hotel bought the champion yearling fat steer of the exhibition at 50 cents a pound on the hoof. The prize animal weighed 1260 pounds and was sold by Duncan Dunn of Wapato, Wash.

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