

# AMERICAN CONSUL IN JERUSALEM STRONG

## Life During One Adventure After Another.

### TURKISH OFFICER DEFIED

Almoner of More Than Million Dollars, Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, Preacher-Consul, Saves Many.

BY WILLIAM T. HILLIS. Published in the Oregonian. Jerusalem. It will be many years before the full story of the dramatic and tragic events behind the scenes in Turkey are fully known to the public. America has her heroes here, both men and women; and one of the most picturesque is the American consul, Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook, of Virginia, who is now back at his post and the recipient of many tokens and tokens of gratitude from the diversified population of this cosmopolitan city.

For soldier service Dr. Glazebrook has the soldier's spirit. His experiences with the Turks make a patriot's blood tingle. He is that could be said in palliation of what he had done. Nevertheless, it was Dr. Glazebrook's duty to save his life if possible. So he read the letters with every sign of his own indignation. Then he handed them back with the unexpected remark: "Dear is not a name for a man. Don't you think, sir, that to execute him would be merely to deliver him from the consequences of his offense? I would certainly advise you to keep him alive, in a sure prison and later award him a fate commensurate with his offense."

Britain's Archives Saved. There is the incident of the Turkish attempt to seize the British archives before America broke relations with Turkey. The papers and work of all the consular officials, and of some neutral, had been turned over to the American consul. How important the safeguarding these is had been revealed in Beirut when the French consul had scooped between sunset and sunrise, without disposing of his documents, or dragged about in a sack and examined these, and on the evidence discovered hanged 40 of the leading citizens of Beirut. This incident against the French; for when your neighbor's neck is in your keeping, you are expected to exercise care for its safety.

Some time after the Beirut hangings, and while the whole country was still exercised over it—for news runs swiftly by underground channels in the east—Dr. Glazebrook, in a kava, or dragoman, appeared in his office and announced, with the imperturbability of some orientals: "There is a Turkish officer with his soldiers at the gate, who have come to get the English archives."

"What is that you are saying?" inquired the consul, unwilling to believe that he had heard aright. "The kava repeats his message. 'Go out and learn what the officer really wants. You haven't got the message right. What you say is foolishness and impossible. Dr. Glazebrook himself has such an exalted sense of the proprieties, with all the traditions of the British consular gentleman of the old school, that he cannot conceive of others violating the fundamental code of diplomatic usage."

Dr. Glazebrook stands firm. Back came the kava with the same message, prefaced by apologies, but repeated with further insistence. The officer, who with real deference and distress of mind—for Glazebrook had won the sincere respect of the Turkish general Djemal Pasha down to the private soldiers—explained that he had been instructed by the military governor to bring to the American consulate for the British archives consular to be there. "Orders are orders," he offered, in apology.

Calm, dignified, but ablaze, Dr. Glazebrook said: "Sir, I am astonished and affronted that the Turkish government would dare to offer such an insult to me. Don't you understand that you might as well come to tear down that flag over the gate and trample upon it? This consulate is United States territory, and you might quite as reasonably propose to invade the White House in Washington and seize the president's private papers, as to ask to come here and take away documents given to me in trust, and in full accord with all international law. My country's flag means protection, or it means nothing. Of course, sir, you understand that when you have got the British archives I will not be alive; nor will the 15 armed kavasses of the various consulates whom I have here in the compound. Do tell his excellency the governor, that I am grieved and amazed that he could for an instant suppose that I could brook such an attack upon my honor and upon the honor of my country."

Turks Are Thwarted. Embarrassed and thwarted, the officer withdrew, with further apologies and protestations, to report to headquarters. Then came the governor, to be met with an attitude of aggrieved dignity on the part of Dr. Glazebrook. "I am surprised, your excellency, that your friend could think so meanly of me as to suppose that I could ever return to America after having failed in my trust. What you have proposed is an insult to America—an assumption of a state of hostilities. Does Turkey mean to go to war with America?"

That was the one thing the Ottoman government particularly did not desire. Nevertheless, the governor was in straits. With most profuse apologies he protested. "But, my dear Dr. Glazebrook, it is my head! Djemal has ordered me to get those British archives. If I do not I may lose not only my position, but my head. What can I do?"

Then the innate diplomacy of Dr. Glazebrook took charge of the situation. It was plain that the Turks would not dare push to extremes their threat to search the consulate by force, great as was their desire to duplicate their discoveries in the French consulate in Beirut, and to anticipate, it was learned upon the return of the British to Jerusalem that many eminent men would have lost their lives had the Turks learned the contents of the archives. Dr. Glazebrook was fighting not only for his own and his country's honor, but also for the lives of many of the most enlightened Syrians. A way out must be found to save the governor's "face" and the situation as a whole.

America's Strategy to the Rescue. Without so much as a wink, and quite as if making his first response to a government request, Consul Glazebrook said to the panic-stricken governor: "If your excellency insists upon searching the British consulate for the papers you desire, I suppose I cannot prevent you, and I will accordingly break the seals and open the doors. Then you may deliver to your government whatever you find. Of course, both men knew that the

British consulate was as empty as a last year's bird's nest, and that the coveted documents were all packed away in the American consul's residence. Nevertheless, they went through a formal minute examination of the British premises, and the governor solemnly reported to his superiors that he had made an exhaustive search for the desired documents, and was able to report conclusively that the English had destroyed them all before their departure from Jerusalem.

Thus it will be seen that Dr. Glazebrook exercised "savagery in modo" as well as "fortiter in re." His natural gifts enabled him to keep upon good terms with Djemal Pasha, who became his real friend, even bringing Enver Pasha to call upon him. Many other Turkish officers looked upon Dr. Glazebrook as friend and counselor, and when Germans tried to intrigue against America it was his friendship for the gentle and gracious consul that foiled them.

Englishman's Head Saved. In Jerusalem I have seen many other well-known independent missionary and lecturer, who has traveled much in America. He was in prison throughout the war and is out now, though broken in health. One day word came to the American consul that an Englishman had been arrested and was to be executed straightway. Since all British interests in Palestine were in the hands of Dr. Glazebrook, he straightway sought out the commanding officer, and found him a man of indignation. Yes, it was true; the man was in jail and was to be hanged the morning after the next. "I think he should be read these," handing to the American consul a sheaf of letters.

Here was a delicate situation. The missionary, always noted for his independence, had put his head into a noose. By all the laws of war he deserved execution. There was nothing that could be said in palliation of what he had done. Nevertheless, it was Dr. Glazebrook's duty to save his life if possible. So he read the letters with every sign of his own indignation. Then he handed them back with the unexpected remark: "Dear is not a name for a man. Don't you think, sir, that to execute him would be merely to deliver him from the consequences of his offense? I would certainly advise you to keep him alive, in a sure prison and later award him a fate commensurate with his offense."

Audacious? Undervalued? Yes, but the man's life, even if that man had played the part of a villain, there's life there is hope," said Dr. Glazebrook afterward. "All I could aim to do was to save the man from immediate death and trust to later measures to preserve his life. And now the man is walking about the streets of Jerusalem, perhaps not knowing how near to death he came."

Million in Gold Distributed. As an Episcopal rector in Virginia Dr. Glazebrook had received no training to prepare him for what proved to be perhaps the most delicate and difficult post in the American consular service; no training, that is, except a spotless integrity and a soul deep solicitude for the welfare of his kind. Yet when the day came that he was practically the only official representative of Christendom in Jerusalem he proved equal to all the extraordinary demands made upon him. Jews and Christians alike had no channel for the distribution of relief to the people of Palestine through the American consul. The gate over which flew the American flag became "the gate beautiful" to thousands of hungry and sick and perishing.


More than a million dollars in gold was distributed by Dr. Glazebrook in nine days. He worked in gold; the gold piece was lost in transmission. American warships brought the money to Jaffa, and Dr. Glazebrook, his faithful dragoman, and a kava (who later passed two years in exile and lost his son as a result of his service) transported the gold to the consulate. At times the house was full of gold. "I stood on gold; I was surrounded by gold; I worked in gold; I thought of gold; I dreamed of gold," says Dr. Glazebrook. "Was ever a poor minister of the gospel in such perplexity?"

One afternoon Dr. Glazebrook, overburdened with the yellow metal, deposited \$25,000 in gold eagles in the Imperial Ottoman bank of Jerusalem. Musing over the matter on his bed that night, he concluded that the consulate was a safer place for the money than the bank, so he went to the president of the bank the next morning and told him that he wanted to take the money back. Well and good; but would Dr. Glazebrook wait until after banking hours to remove the bags of gold so as not to excite comment or start a run on the bank? Nobody is more obliging than the American consul, and the request was entirely reasonable.

American Money Removed. In British Columbia sections there is material improvement over the field of last year and the quality is reported to be the best that the province has known. In the Okanagan valley (B. C.) it is expected that the crop will exceed last year's yield by 30 per cent, due to the prolonged dry weather; it is estimated that the district will show an improvement of 15 per cent over last year. On Vancouver island the crop is reported to be from medium to good. In Eastern Canada also reports an unusual crop, but a considerable amount of scab. Nova Scotia's crop is estimated at 1,500,000 barrels, of which 200,000 barrels will be consumed within the province. New Brunswick has an unusual crop of all varieties. About the only unfavorable report from Canada comes from Prince Edward county, Ontario.

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Washington, Oct. 18.—Canada's apple crop, like that in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, is exceptional this year, according to late consular reports received by the department of commerce.

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### LEGION FIGHT INDORSED

Spanish War Veterans Join in Campaign Against Disloyalty.

At a regular meeting of Scout Harpington Camp No. 15, United Spanish War Veterans, department of Oregon, held at Veterans' hall, Hillsboro, on October 16, the following resolution was adopted:

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Whereas, such lack of patriotism and open and defiant disloyalty on the part of citizens, aliens, and generally undesirable elements is a genuine menace and

Whereas, the United Spanish War Veterans as represented in this camp are for "All Americanism," ready to stand back of any and all loyal and patriotic endeavors; therefore

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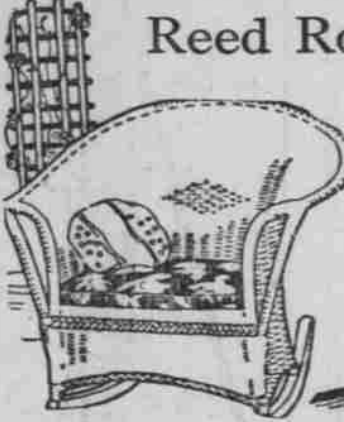
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