

AGE OF MIRACLES FOR TURKEY

DAZZLING CHANGES COME IN RAPID SUCCESSION

Mahomet's Tomb Is Now Lighted by Electricity and Pilgrims to Shrine of Prophet at Medina Can Travel by Rail—New Railway Expected to Relieve Great Miseries.

These are dazzling, brilliant times in Turkey. It seems almost an age of miracles. One day a tyrant at the head of the government; the next, a constitution, with free press, free speech and unveiled women. One day the prisons full of political prisoners; the next, the prisoners liberated and the spies in full flight.

As a sign of the marvelous times—for Turkey—at hand, the tomb of Mahomet, at Medina—or, at any rate, the Mosque, which is believed to enshrine the tomb—has been lighted with electricity. Imagine it—Mohammed and electric light!

But this is not all. Almost out of nothing, the Turkish sultan, Abdul Hamid—take notice!—has constructed a railway 600 miles long, thrown it across the sandy desert, and linked Damascus with Medina, on the route to Mecca, surmounting overwhelming difficulties on the way, warding off dangers, and achieving success in the shortest possible time. In a year the railway will be completed, and trains will carry the faithful to the holy city of Mecca, with conductors crying out: "Mecca! Mecca!" Surely times change.

If Mahomet could come again—what would he think of these modern miracles, electric light over his tomb and passenger trains carrying the faithful to Mecca?

Dream Now Reality.
Ten years ago experienced and shrewd observers laughed at the railroad idea. A mere cloud-castle, they called it, a fitting occupation for an indolent Oriental lounging in his harem, or languidly watching the curling cloudlets rise from his chibouk and vanish into thin air.

But now the sultan's dream has become a hard reality. The American tourist in Paris can set out on his journey at the Gare d'Est and quit the railway coach in the very heart of the Hedjaz, of the isthmus which is the center of three continents, the cradle of three religions, those of Jehovah, Christ and Mohammed.

It is interesting to note, however, that the sultan's adviser in this road building scheme was the alleged reprobate king of spies and weaver of plots, Izzet. It is asserted that the original scheme, and largely, too, its execution, may be rightfully claimed by this trapper of men.

The motives of Abdul Hamid in building the Hedjaz railway were selfish and patriotic, private and national. The hold of the dynasty on the country in general and on the sacred places in particular, needed strengthening; then the interests of the empire had to be consolidated; and, finally, the claims of religion had to be considered.

Between Turk and Arab there is no love lost. Sway over the Arab tribes goes together with the possession of the shrines of Mecca and Medina. In future, with the railway, the government will probably be able to defend the holy cities effectually and keep the Arabs in order indefinitely, perhaps permanently. Anarchy and railways are expected to prove incompatible even in Turkey. With the railway completed, Ottoman troops can be thrown into rebellious districts to quell a rising as soon as it breaks out.

Desire to Pray.
Every Mohammedan is animated by a powerful desire to bow down and pray in the Kaaba square, in the city of Mecca, which was a holy place long before Islam was heard of. Today Mecca is visited by tens of thousands of Moslems from the farthest ends of the earth. But considered in relation to the number of Moslems on the globe—300 millions all told—only a very small percentage undertake the perilous journey, and of those many never reach Mecca or Medina and many never return home. For it is a trying ordeal, a visit to the Valley of the Shadow of Death.

Hunger and thirst, heat and disease are encountered. Bedouin bandits pounce upon them, take their belongings, and sometimes their lives as well. The pilgrims are a serious menace to the communities through which they pass. Cholera dogs their footsteps. Sanitary science is helpless at their approach. In the halting places, like Damascus and Man, foul-smelling and cruel aspects of the pilgrimage are visible.

These are some of the miseries the new railway is expected to alleviate. Today the zealous Mussulman may buy a ticket from Damascus to Medina for less than \$20—he buys the ticket and the company does the rest.

Strict Mohammedans of the purest faith and most stringent practice believe and tremble. They ask if it is right that the thorny path should be strewn with rose leaves and the road to heaven paved with steel? And some Moslem theologians are embarrassed. The merit of the pilgrimage, they argue, is proportionate to its difficulties. But enlightenment is expected to gain the upper hand. It is predicted that in five years for every thousand Mussulman who now pray in the Great Square there will be five or ten thousand.

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BOY SHOTS BROTHER.

Bullet from Gun Accidentally Dropped Ends Life of Portland Boy.

After aiming a .22-caliber rifle at his older brother and playmate this afternoon, Robert David, aged 12, dropped the gun to the ground, says the Portland Journal. The trigger was accidentally touched by his foot, and the tiny bullet went through Fred David's head, causing instant death.

The boys were fishing in the slough at East Second and East Salmon streets. Robert David and his friend, Millard Copley, covered with blood were brought to the police station, but their story of the shooting satisfied the officers that the boy's death had been caused accidentally.

The sister of the boys is an actress, at present in Chicago. A few days ago their mother, who is with her, sent word to the boys' grandmother, Mrs. Hammer of 164½ Union avenue, with whom the boys have been living, that she would soon come to Portland to see them. Their father is dead, having been poisoned in Seattle two years ago.

During the intervals of their fishing the boys, Robert and Fred David and Millard and Virgil Copley amused themselves by firing at a target. Robert finally picked up the little target rifle, and, aiming it at Millard, said he would shoot the button from his cap. He pulled the trigger, but the gun snapped. Then he aimed the weapon at his brother Fred, aged 14 years, and again the rifle snapped.

In laying the rifle on the ground Robert touched the trigger with his foot, and before any of the boys had realized what had happened Fred David was dying, for the bullet discharged by his brother's action had entered the skull at the right ear.

"Fred had been working for the Western Union since we came here, a short time ago," said the grandmother "and he quit work last night because we were going away. He thought that he would have one day to play. We were going to Blaine, Wash., tonight."

The dead boy bought the gun Tuesday against the wishes of his grandmother. She had never allowed either of the boys to have even blank pistols she says, and when Fred brought the gun home she told him to take it back, but he refused and went fishing with his small brother.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

It is the easiest thing in the world to fall into the mistake of thinking that any fur is becoming to any woman. Nothing should be selected with greater care than the fur. For instance, a sallow-skinned, dark-eyed, dark haired woman will look the very worst in sealskin. She should wear the lighter shades of mink, red fox, yellow fox and silver grey fox. Red haired blondes can wear sealskin, but the genuine brunettes with dark hair and eyes may wear golden and light brown shades, such as mink, martin, brown or wolver fox, and chinchilla.

Belts.
Short suede kid belts will probably never go out of style, and those for early fall can be found in a large variety of shades. Among them are browns, from chamois color to golden, plenty of blues, red to crimson, greens in all tones and many in heliotrope.

The Correct Gloves.
Opera length silk gloves will again be largely worn this winter with short sleeved frocks for every occasion save the most formal. Many of the afternoon costumes are shown with the long tight fitting sleeves. Silk gloves are very popular also for wear when a muff is carried. They do not sweat the hand as a kid glove does.

Marie Weldon, fashion editor of the New York Times, has this to say about the glove: "For evening wear there is no doubt that the elbow and short sleeves will prevail as usual, and therefore long gloves of 12, 16 or 20 button length will be worn. In purchasing silk gloves for evening wear, the long lengths should always be selected, as when properly worn, they go with the elbow short sleeve."

Hat Buckles.
Buckles for hat trimming are only a little smaller than the gigantic roses which are now so popular. Some measure fully nine inches on each side. The roses are in dark tones shading through deep rich greens, reds, etc.

The Laundry Question.
New York women, and in fact, women all over the country, are buying silk underwear in self-defense against the laundries, which ruin dainty muslin lingerie. The advantage of the Italian silk is, that it may be washed at home, and in those houses where no laundress is employed the usual maid of all work can easily wash the silk underwear with success.

The laundries in many big cities have such a press of work that they cannot give the fine pieces any care in handling. The women are retaliating by equipping themselves with silk. This seems at first an expensive method of self-defense, but it is not when the extraordinary strength and wearing qualities of the Italian silk are considered.

A New Hat Pin.
One of the most recent novelties in Jewelry is the heavy sterling silver hat pin of Japanese hand work. Japanese designs are seen universally in much of the popular jewelry.

Save! His Boy's Life.
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MISS GEORGIA HARPER IN "OH, WHAT A NIGHT," AT NEW OREGON

WALLA WALLA FAIR WILL HAVE DAILY PAPER

Walla Walla, Oct. 10.—As the first daily newspaper that was ever published on the fair grounds during a fair in Walla Walla the Washington Printing and Book Manufacturing company of Walla Walla will publish the "Fair Sluggo" during the six days of the fair which will open next Monday morning.

The printing company will install a linotype machine in its booth at the grounds, as well as a printing press, and fit up a newspaper office in detail which will be open at all times to the public. Few people outside the pale of printing and newspaper offices have a chance to see a newspaper office in all its workings, but the exhibition planned will give everybody a chance to see just how a newspaper is made from the time the reporters gather their stories, to the time they are rushed to the "machine," put into type, the forms put on the press and the paper gotten out ready for distribution.

Three young ladies have been employed as reporters, and a city editor, as well as a man to handle telegraph matter, will be in the booth. The paper will be made exclusively at the fair grounds, and those who visit the fair can gain an excellent knowledge of the manner in which a big newspaper is published.

Married Man in Trouble.
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Use Leaves for Fertilizer.
"The article in the Tribune regarding the burning of leaves," said a resident Wednesday, "makes me think it's a good time to say that leaves could do a great deal of good if they were left in the garden and plowed under instead of being burned."

"Leaves," continued the speaker, "make a fair and cheap fertilizer. If they are scattered over the garden, allowed to rot and then plowed under the soil will be benefited. Many people plow before the leaves rot and claim the result is just as good."

The citizen above quoted is not the only one who sees where the use of leaves as a fertilizer is better than burning. Many people use them in alternate layers with manure and claim the benefit to the soil is great.

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