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BUSHELS OF GOLD AND GEMS

On Wednesday last, according to the cable dispatches, our minister to Turkey, General Lew Wallace, and our minister to Austria, Mr. Phelps, were permitted to inspect the Imperial treasury at Constantinople. The privilege, it was added, is one very rarely granted, and the two diplomatists were impressed at the amount of treasure displayed to their view, when the forty officials in attendance had, with many formalities, opened the locks. The Sultan's treasury, to which so few strangers are ever admitted, is situated in the inner court of the Seraglio, in one of the heavy stone outbuildings of the ancient palace. Three massive walls have to be passed ere the building, roofed with lead and closed by heavy iron doors, kept constantly locked, is reached. A low arched doorway leads into a heavily vaulted room about eighteen feet square, lighted by small, grated windows. Another room of the same size opens from it. Each room has a gallery running round all four sides, and the walls of the floors and galleries are occupied by glass cabinets, while in the center of each apartment there is a large glass show-case. Guards in black broadcloth and red fez stand motionless around the walls at an interval of four or five feet. In the center of the first room is a throne about a yard square, with a cushion of cloth of gold, embroidered with diamonds, rubies and pearls, surrounded on three sides by a low rail supported by miniature columns about eight inches high. It is all covered with plates of gold and the rail is crusted with clusters of blazing diamonds, rubies and pearls. In a corner is the throne of Nadir, Shah of Persia, the seat and the canopy of wood inlaid with ivory and pearl, and having suspended over the occupant's head a huge ball of gold, decorated with precious stones. Even more costly is a cradle for the babies born to the crown, of cord of solid gold, bassinet, and rockers, the two ends a foot high, connected by a golden bar on which to hang a curtain or veil. Every inch of it, Mr. Dwight records, is crusted with rubies, pearls and turquoises. In the galleries are effigies of all the Sultans down to Mahamoud the Reformer, clad as the sovereigns represented, weighed down with jewels, with large turbans bedecked with diamonds, and weapons of priceless cost. Thus, the dagger of the conqueror of Constantinople has for a hilt an emerald two inches long and nearly as thick. The last of the series alone appears in European costume, but with the plume of the bird of paradise fastened by an aigrette of diamonds. There are antique arms and armor heavy with gold and jewels; innumerable horse trappings and saddles, covered with plates of gold and studded with emeralds, rubies, topazes, diamonds and pearls, and saddle-cloths embroidered with precious stones. As backgrounds to the articles in the various cabinets hang sofa-covers with seed pearls, some of them worth \$15,000. There are golden bird-cages, some with clocks at the bottom, face downward, for the convenience of the darlings of the harem, lying lazily upon the divans beneath; school satchels of velvet, embroidered with diamonds, pearls and gold; "sampplers" of red velvet, on which texts from the Koran have been worked in beads of diamonds; amber mouth pieces studded with diamonds and rubies; coffee-sets and tea-sets of all degrees of

magnificence, and vases of crystal, agate and onyx, some of them profusely bejewelled. There are inkstands and snuff-boxes innumerable, all glittering with priceless gems. There are royal knives and forks, and spoons of solid gold with jewels on their handles, and there is a vast array of clocks. Of toys there are many. For instance, there is a tea-set of tortoise-shell as thin as paper, a parasol of white silk exquisitely embroidered with gold and having for its staff one single spray of red coral, unique in the world; there are fans innumerable. There is one toy—a throne—Sultan sitting upon a canopy of gold ribbed with rubies and emeralds the whole structure being some six inches in height. The turban of this doll is made of diamonds, its body is a single huge pearl; the lower extremities were carved out of a tortoise. After every conceivable use has been made of the jewels, the surplus unmounted stones are gathered by handfulls into the crystal bowls at one end of the cabinets in the second room, among them being such trifles as three uncut emeralds, the largest as big as a man's fist, and the smallest larger than a hen's egg. Apart from the historic value of the treasures there collected, the intrinsic value is incalculable. During the last war with Russia the government borrowed \$30,000,000 from the bank, the officers of which took away to their own vaults as many jewels as would away three boxes of precious stones, and yet no appreciable gap was left in the collection. Such is the treasure house of the most hopeless bankrupt ruler in the world.

From Europe to the United States.

A Geneva letter says: For good or for evil, railways, steamboats, and the United States are revolutionizing Europe. By the mere force of attraction, America is acting on the population of the old world as the moon acts on the waters of the earth, agitating them and drawing them thitherward. The human tide is moving westward, and every new railway that is laid down, every new steamboat that is built, facilitates and intensifies the movement. The effects of the enormous emigration which is now in progress, as well on the social as on the political condition of Europe can hardly fail to be both momentous and lasting. Whole districts are losing more than half their population. Last year alone 15,000 persons emigrated from Wurtemberg, equal to nine per thousand or nearly one per cent of the population. Even if the exodus does not increase and is increasing, Germany will lose one tenth of the flower of its people during the next ten years. But this statement gives only an inadequate idea of the significance of the movement. The emigrants are not drawn in equal measure from parts of the country. There are local causes that tend to make the movement much more brisk in certain districts than in others. In a speech made a few days ago by Herr Pfleger in the chamber of deputies, he said, that during the last three years two thirds of the population of Baden Oberland had emigrated. At this rate in two more years the Baden Oberland will have lost the whole of its population. The emigration from Switzerland though less in proportion than from South Germany, is still on an extensive scale. The number who left the Confederation last year, reached a total of 10,900 against 7,600 in 1880, and 4,450 in 1879. If the increase

should continue at this rate for the next eight years, the emigrants of 1890 will number something like 200,000. But that is hardly possible. Emigration is one of those tides in the affairs of men which ebb and flow, and it is now on the flow. It should be remembered on the other hand, that in the opinion of the most competent observers, the flow is far from having reached its height, and that either war or revolution, contingencies which are always on the cards, would vastly swell its volume. The two last wars in which Germany was engaged were followed by a great increase of emigration. For the present exodus several reasons may be assigned; but the main causes are doubtless a desire on the part of those who emigrate to better their condition and escape from the blood tax, which in Germany especially, is exacted with such merciless severity. On this side of the Atlantic there are hard work, and not too much of it, little pay, scant freedom and the conscription, with the contingent liability of being called out for service in the field and maimed or killed. On the other side of the Atlantic, for all but the idle, there are careers with untold possibilities, good wages, unrestricted freedom, no enforced military service, and a chance of war so remote as to be hardly appreciable. The wonder, after all, is less that so many go to America as that so many remain in Europe. If the United States continue to prosper as it is now possible that emigration should not increase. The destination of nine-tenths of those who cross the ocean in search of fortune is the great Republic of the West.

Pictured Rocks.

The editor of The Dalles Times thus describes the pictured rocks a few miles above The Dalles. They are painted on an abrupt bluff, about four miles up the banks of the Columbia from this city, close to the place where the water from a spring courses down an embankment. They are of a peculiar color, somewhat similar to the Venetian red, and are very dissimilar in shape. Some are half-circles, with a border of pointed darts, others are crescent-shaped, and then a number of circles can be discovered, one within the other. A rude-shaped face is painted upon one of the projecting rocks, and close to it something like a Greek cross, surrounded by a distinct line. Below these are the outlines of a club and arrow-heads. The most reliable information which could be elicited from the oldest Indians in the vicinity, lead us to believe that these pictures were commemorative of battles with contending tribes, in which the Wascos were victorious; but nothing like an intelligent interpretation of the language of the rude pictures could be given by any of the Indians.

A Remedy.

So far as farm products are concerned, the farmer can depend on himself, and with judicious management and thorough cultivation, can produce good crops; but the disposal of them can be better accomplished after the adoption of co-operation. How to effect this is the present question. When wheat growers complain of the speculator in tonnage, the question arises: Why not co-operate and load ships for yourselves? When he says too much is made off his wheat, we ask: Why do you not establish a commercial agency, deal direct with foreign markets, and save whatever the speculator makes, for yourselves?

There is no monopoly that prevents this. It can be done. If the farmer will take the chances that exporters take, they can get all their wheat is worth in Europe, and their business can be done at small cost if they will all, or even a fourth of them, co-operate. So with their wool and other products. Then, again, we hear complaint of evils in government. Considering that producers have numerical strength to control elections, why don't they insure honest politics and good government? Sure enough; why not? Monopoly, too, rides rough shod over the world! Legislation can curb monopoly, and laws can be made to protect popular rights in every particular. The producers are really omnipotent if they will act together. With this fact constantly apparent they should assert themselves in prudent, dignified action, and not complain when every complaint reflects upon themselves.—*Willamette Farmer.*

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