

A TALE OF TURKEY.

Queer Things That Happened in the Name of the Constitution.

The ignorance of the Turkish masses concerning political questions, says Sir Edwin Pears in "Forty Years in Constantinople," is shown by certain incidents of the revolution of 1908. The hamals, or porters, in the towns, like the peasants in the country, when they heard that his majesty had sworn to be faithful to the constitution, inquired what it was. Was it a person? Was it a new caliph? And very few could give any clear explanation. The words "liberty" and "equality" meant something good, although they could not have said what. To some they signified general license.

Two English friends of mine were motoring outside Smyrna when a number of Turkish boys set upon them and stung them with stones. The Englishmen gave chase and caught the principal offenders. The eldest was asked why he had thrown stones.

"Hurriet var," was the reply. "There's liberty. We can do what we like now."

The Englishman replied, "Hurriet var, and I am at liberty to give you a good thrashing, am I not?"

One of the boys said yes, he supposed that would be so, but he hoped the liberty would not be used. The Eng-

lishman replied that it would not be used that time, but if the offense were repeated he would use it to the fullest extent.

The workmen on a newspaper during that time asked for a large increase of wages.

"But why?" asked the owner. "Because there is a constitution."

The tramway men struck for higher wages, and the only justification that they put forward was that there was now a constitution. Yet men of all classes cheered in the instant manner for the constitution. Throughout the month of August smuggled tobacco was openly sold in the streets at a very cheap rate. Buyers and sellers alike considering that the constitution allowed men to set aside the law that had made the sale of tobacco a government monopoly.

CURIOUS CORDOBA.

This Spanish Town is So Compact It Looks Like One Building.

Cordoba is scheduled on the European itinerary as a half day stand. Those who go from Seville to Granada and those who go from Granada to Seville take Cordoba on their way. Fifteen minutes for the cathedral, five for the alcazar, an hour for luncheon and on to further discoveries—that is the Cordoba program. The hotels of Cor-

doba are, in consequence, unpretentious, a circumstance in itself which endears the little town to the judicious. I do not believe there is a lift in all Cordoba, and if your wife wishes for any reason to buy a new hat she must go out of the hotel for it, and then it will be three years old.

At night all the tourists are gone to Seville or Granada, and you and the Cordobans and the stars share the amenities of Cordoba's one boulevard, of which everybody is very proud, because it is much superior to anything that Paris or even Madrid can show. It was a lucky chance which caused them to build Cordoba so handily between Seville and Granada. It has provided a still little backwater for the traveler's repose, a spot where he may forget that American bars exist, eat his meals untroubled by the squeaking of a tango band and adventure himself among the mysteries of a bill of fare jellied in blue and illegible Spanish.

You could put your hat over Cordoba, and very little would protrude. It is the compactest little town. From the tower of the cathedral it all looks like one building. You can hardly perceive the streets, so closely do they wriggle among the houses. The roofs are yellow, brown, gray, red; the walls and their shadows every color in the world. Among the buildings the green of

huts, soothe the glare struck eye. The Guadalquivir snakes through its red plains from the faraway flat hills red gray brown, yellow, and over all are the great sky of the south and the huge sun of the south, which imposes at leisure on the world till night shall set the guitars buzzing.—William Caine in Century.

CAUSE OF RHEUMATISM

Cavities Holding Pus, It is Claimed. Breed the Dread Ailment.

In the American Magazine is an article on rheumatism by Dr. Arthur H. Reynolds, who says:

"The cause of rheumatism is pus formed and imprisoned in some part of the body. It gets into the circulation and is carried by it to the region affected. These pus places may be in spots more or less closed up, so they are not easily drained. They may be located about the teeth, at the end of the roots of dead or diseased teeth, in the crypts of the tonsils, in some of the sequestered places in the nostrils, in the bony sinuses of the head. They may be in the bladder, the kidney, the gall ducts or other places. The pus producing spot may be as small or smaller than a pea or it may be larger. Its existence is frequently unknown to the patient, especially if it be hidden in soft tissue like the tonsil. It may

even exist in the bony socket of a tooth without giving pain.

"Several different organisms produce pus, and any or all may produce rheumatism when transferred to the joints or the heart.

"The physician today seeks for the pus cavity when he meets a patient with rheumatism, and he endeavors to clean it up. Rheumatic pains have been stopped with magical promptness by simply extracting the offending tooth. It is not always easy to find the pus places in the hidden parts of the body. The X ray shadowgraph is essential in locating the trouble. It shows definitely and accurately all trouble about the roots of the teeth, and its use is therefore of the first importance in ferreting out the pus in the deep structures."

"I don't like the family I'm with. Seven courses at dinner."

"That's style."

"Not when you gotta wash the dishes from one course before you can go on with the next."—Louisville Courier Journal.

Had His Hands Full. Judge—Why didn't you seize the thief when you found him? Policeman—How could I? I had my club in one hand and my revolver in the other. Filzigende Blaetter.

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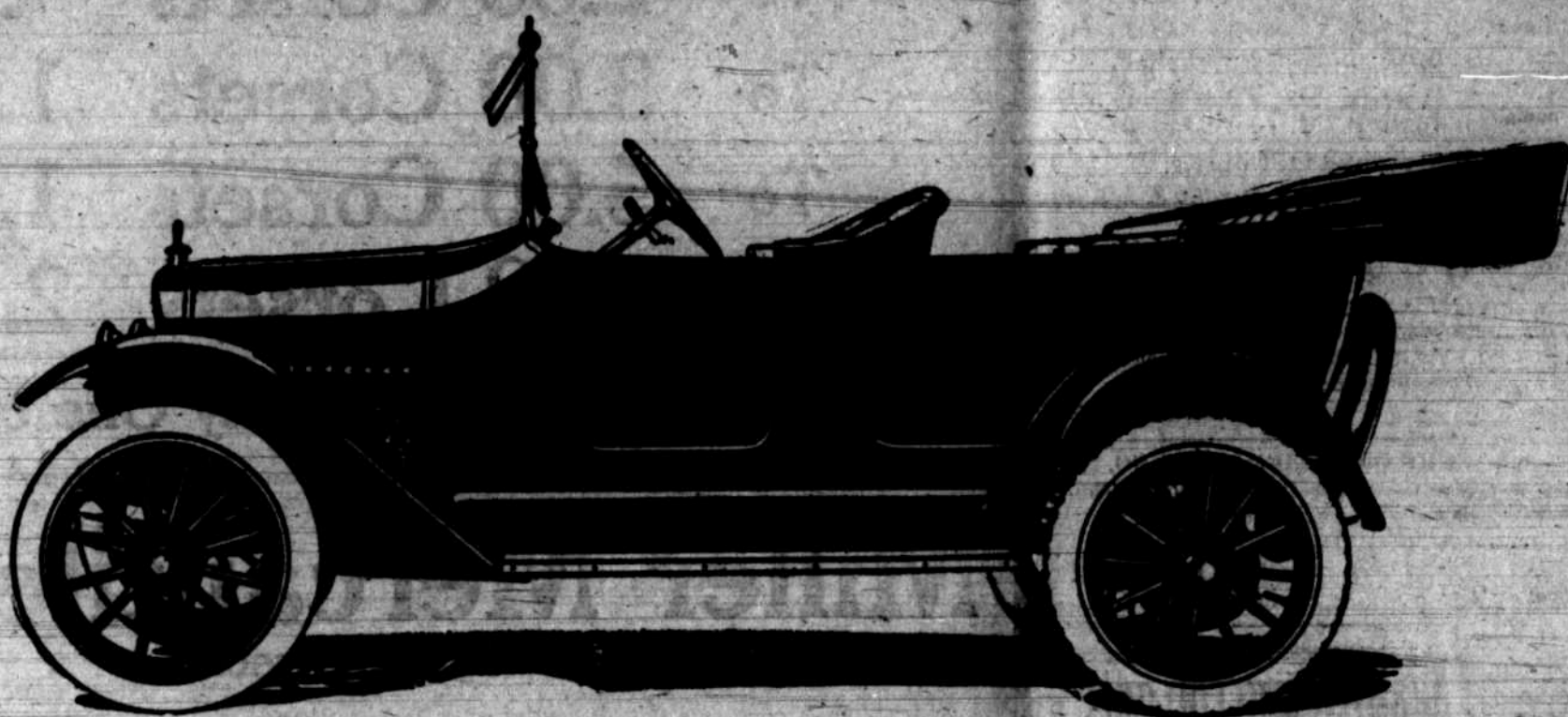
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