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NEW ALPHABET OF TURKEY IS GIVING TURKS HEADACHE

By Peisecella Rink. (Associated Press Correspondent) ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—The new Turkey is having a bad attack of mental digestion. She has tried to swallow at one gulp the titanic mouthful of a brand new alphabet and the result is national mental dyspepsia.

Even spokesmen of the government are admitting the crisis. Yacoub Cadi Bey, influential deputy and member of the Ghazi's entourage, has thrown a bomb into the atmosphere of perfect praise which has until now officially marked the ABC reform, with an editorial which has just appeared in the semi-official press.

"Unless the government immediately takes radical measures," he writes, "the alphabet reform will fall and the Turkish nation's intellect will go to the depths of an abyss deeper than it touched in even the darkest days of its history. We are approaching that black doom with the strides of a giant."

The deputy develops his gloomy thesis with some startling figures, showing that the nation's intellectual capacity, as evidenced by its appetite for reading, was small enough when the old Arabic alphabet was in vogue, but has faded to almost nothing with the sudden change to the Latin characters.

The ten magazines published in Constantinople had circulations of 20,000 to 30,000 just prior to the lightning transformation from the old to the new ABC's. Now, forced to appear entirely in the new letters, these magazines have seen their circulations drop to 2,000, 1,000, and even to 500 copies. The majority of them, thus ruined financially, have quit.

The average circulation of daily newspapers has likewise fallen more than fifty per cent. The government has spent millions of lire in teaching a million and a half of its people the new ABC's, but these kindergarten adults have not turned out a million and a half readers.

The only remedy which Cadi Bey offers in his article is for the government to subsidize publishing houses so that works of authors who cannot at present find a publisher may see the light. The government must see that books once published are advertised so that they do not, as at present, remain on the publisher's shelves.

But where the government, hard up as it is, is to find the funds for this book-selling campaign, the writer does not point out. Nor does he follow the first part of his argument to its natural conclusion, namely, that even if books are cheap, those who are not readers, even though they may know their ABC's, will not buy them.

NEW YORK, May 31.—(AP)—William W. Merrill, well known leather and canvas man of Cleveland, is a benedict. That's the name he gave for the nonce, as he explained when he introduced his bride, the former Katherine Fisher, Cleveland switchboard operator, to guests at a wedding party in a hotel. Mr. Merrill is known in the ring as Billy Wallace.

GOLD BULLETS

by Charles G. Booth

SYNOPSIS: Peebles is startled by Mrs. Landy's revelation that Alex Peterson—the counterpart of the murdered Andrew Ogden in Skull Valley—had shot her husband 30 years ago. She tells the story of Peterson, who came to Torridity with \$10 in his pocket and amassed great wealth.

By Peisecella Rink. (Associated Press Correspondent) TORRIDITY, Torridity (AP)—"I had heard nothing from anyone who lived in Torridity at that time. And I don't want to!"

I meditated a moment. "You mentioned Alex Peterson's brother, Jerry," I said hopefully. "Can you tell me anything about him?"

"Very little. I saw him only once. He had his brother's large face and arrogant eyes, but I heard that he was wild and undisciplined. I shouldn't be surprised if the boy came to a bad end."

I could not answer for I was thinking of what Deacon and I had stumbled over in the Two Brothers mine.

"Didn't the size of that check Ogden gave you surprise you?"

"Yes, it did," she said frankly. "I had been collecting subscriptions about the avenue and I met Mr. Ogden at the gate. He didn't seem interested until I happened to mention my name. Then he looked at me sharply and asked me if my husband's name had been 'Joe.' I said it was—that he was still alive. He looked at me hard, then he in-

CHAPTER 32
What About "Jerry"?

Joe and Peterson ruled Torridity," Mrs. Landy said on "such a political base as our cities. Joe hated Peterson because of his success and his good looks. Joe wanted to ruin Peterson and I suppose that shooting came out of his hatred. The town was too small



A sign of joy—the fugitive Jerry had returned—with Lucy.

for both of them, and Joe would be a dangerous enemy. Is there anything else, Mr. Peebles?"

Her question disconcerted me. It implied that she had little more to tell. I was bitterly disappointed, for actually she had told me nothing that illuminated the problem of Andrew's death.

"I was only there a week," she went on, reading my thoughts, "and thankful to get away. I always recall that week with loathing. After my return to Los Angeles I heard nothing from my husband."

"But when he was brought back you surely heard what had happened?" I explained. "About the shooting, I mean. It's dreadfully important, Mrs. Landy."

She shook her head sorrowfully. "Joe came to me on a stretcher. I have had him ever since. All I know is that he was shot—by Alex Peterson."

"Who brought him to you?"

"Torridity was abandoned about that time and Joe was taken to Peiskella by his men. One of the men telegraphed me from Peiskella that Joe was there—that he had been shot by Peterson, and that a doctor who had been working as a miner had attended him. I had Joe brought to my home and I have

visited me into the library. His first question was the one you asked me. Was I the wife of Joe Landy who kept a resort in Torridity 30 years ago? The question angered me, but he promised me \$1000 for the cause if I would answer it. So I told him what he wanted to know."

"How did he take it?"

"He seemed dumbfounded. At first when I told him that my husband had not died in Torridity and that he was still alive, his face crimsoned and he began to pace up and down the room, muttering to himself. Then he sat down and wrote me that check for \$1000. You may imagine my surprise. He asked me for my address and showed me out."

"Where is your husband now?" I went on.

"At our home in Los Angeles." "Is he able to get about?"

"Yes."

"Mrs. Landy, have you ever heard of a poker game played for a man's life?"

She frowned. "Yes, I have. My husband has talked about such a game in delirium several times."

"Has it ever occurred to you that the shooting of your husband and that poker game he talked of in

delirium were connected?"

"Yes," she admitted. "It has occurred to me. But I don't know. And I don't care—now."

"Mrs. Landy, you did not recognize Andrew Ogden?"

"I never saw him before. Her face became thoughtful. "No, I am not sure, now you speak of it. There was something familiar about him. His face, his voice, his manner—I don't know which."

"You haven't guessed why he gave you that check?"

Her nostrils quivered a little, but her face was calm.

"He gave it to you," I said slowly, trying to steady the edge of my desk, "because—30 years ago—he was Alex Peterson."

She stared at me, becoming ashen of face.

"So that was it?" she cried. "A thousand dollars to pay for 30 years of misery! The best of my life given to looking after a broken bulk while Alex Peterson grew rich! Well, I am glad he is dead! I wish my hand had driven a dagger into his neck!"

But as I stared at the woman, shocked by her venomous words which, in the intensity of their bitterness, I had never heard equaled on human lips, her face was slowly transformed.

"No," she said, in a rapid voice, lifting up her spiritualized face. "I didn't mean that. I should thank him, for through him I came to the truth."

And as I marveled at the transforming power of those mystic beliefs she dropped her eyes to mine.

"You self-complacent people with your traditional creeds think our faith absurd. You call us neurotics. You say that we are afraid of reality, that we are trying to escape from life. We are. And can you blame us, when reality has made life unbearable. My faith has anchored me to sanity." She stood up. "Is there anything else?"

"Only this," I muttered, subdued of spirit. "Go down to police headquarters and tell them what you have told me. If you don't the first policeman you meet will take you up."

I let her out through the front door and gave her the bills Mrs. Moffat had left on the porch. When she had gone I stood in the hot sunlight thinking over what she had told me. Andrew, in his Alex Peterson days, had shot the resort-keeper, Joe Landy. Was this why Dillon had blackmailed him? If it were—and surely it was—no wonder Andrew had given the woman a check for \$1,000! The irony of being blackmailed 25 years for a crime one hadn't committed staggered me. Poor Andrew! Had he become blind with fury and reverting to his former reckless character, attacked Dillon and been killed by the man? Perhaps. But why had he shot Landy? And what about the man, "Jerry"?

On the threshold of my den I stopped with a shout of joy. Jerry—dressed in khaki—and Lucy were standing at the French window, hand in hand! And Deacon was behind them.

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Jerry and Lucy are back! Jerry makes a startling revelation in tomorrow's chapter.

Give Child Garden —Plant Essay Seeds

Now is the time to prepare a pleasure for the children that will keep them busy, amused and happy during summer vacation. Give them a corner of the garden for their own, and help them to plan it.

The amount of space to be allotted and the age of the child will determine in a large degree the varieties of flowers and vegetables should be grown. For the first garden, however, none but annuals and fast-growing vegetables should be chosen.

It is best to start the garden indoors, using a few cigar boxes as coldframes. As the average child prefers a variety of flowers to one or two kinds, he will require only a few seeds of every sort. Perhaps two drills for a variety will be sufficient. On that basis, five or six boxes should be enough for a real garden, with several of the most popular annuals and vegetables.

Among the annuals which are easily grown and which will grow with the care given them by the average child are China asters, callendulas, callipais, cornflowers, galliardias, sunflowers, petunias, marigold, nasturtiums, hyacinth beans, morning glories and cardinal climbers. Annuals which will grow in partial shade are schizanthus, gloethias, pansies, snapdragons, sweet alyssum, irisias, memphias and butterfly flowers.

Vegetables which may be started in cigar boxes include beans, beets, carrots, peas, radishes, tomatoes, lettuce, cabbage and parsley.

"And one thing more," says the American Home article, "it makes any youngster proud to see a vase full of his own flowers on the living room table, or some of his vegetables on the dining room table."

Disbud Rhododendrons to Same from Suicide

Rhododendrons, especially when they are newly transplanted, are likely to commit suicide if they are neglected. If left that they mope and pine and refuse nourishment. They are far too robust to go into a decline. Instead of blowing their brains out they bloom their heads off. They will so overload themselves with flower buds that when these open with a glorious burst of color the energies of the plant are utterly drained. That is why, according to the May American Home, bud pruning is essential to the health and happiness of the rhododendron.

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many trusses to expect in May or June. If there are so many blubs that the plant seems likely to be strained by excessive flowering, the excess should be removed.

Careful Cutting Needed

To disbud, cut out the flower bud only, using a sharp knife. Be careful to cut no lower than necessary, or you will remove the small buds just below, from which new stem and leaf growth must come.

Immediately after the blossoms fade, most rhododendrons put out several inches of new growth, branching from the tips that have not flowered, and a little later around the flower clusters themselves. Disbudding usually increases the number of new tips, giving a dense and fuller shrub.

Plenty of foliage is essential to the rhododendron's beauty as well as to its health. Too great profusion of bloom, while striking, affords less real beauty than a moderate amount of bloom. Flowers should not hide the leaves, for otherwise the shrub lacks contrast both of line and color.

New Inventions

Disks of solid carbonic-acid gas, with a temperature of 114 degrees below zero, are quickly made in the drug stores, to keep ice cream from melting while it is being carried home in a paper or other containers.

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