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NOT A HOLY WAR.

Herbert Temple, London correspondent of the Portland Journal, in writing to his paper, says that no holy war has been proclaimed to the Musselman world. The sultan of Turkey called for such a war, but the conflict entered upon by the Ottomans, is a political one, not a religious affair.

A holy war can only be started by the raising of the sacred flag of Mohammed by the chief of the Islam faith. This has not been done, which explains why a deputation of Moros from Jolo and Mindanao islands of the Philippines called upon Governor Carpenter the other day to assure him that the Mohammedan Moros would refuse to obey the sultan's summons.

It is claimed that the sultan's call was not in accordance with the teachings of the Koran, as it directs an attack upon only a part of the infidels and an alliance with another part. If the call had been genuine it would have provoked a revolt against the Germans in East Africa, against Austria in Bosnia and Herzegovina, against Italy's possessions in Africa and against the United States in the Philippines.

Since the conquest of Constantinople by the Turks in 1452 the sacred flag of Mohammed has been raised but once. This was when the present ruler's grandfather resolved to be rid of his household guards. It is a point of Mohammedan law that the sacred flag, once unfurled, cannot be furled until 70,000 heads are forfeit.

Missionaries are taking heart in the fact that a large part of the Mohammedan world has repudiated the sultan's call to a holy war. They say that the refusal of so many Mohammedans to recognize the sultan's spiritual authority will, in the end, destroy it altogether. As a result, the missionaries see greater opportunities in many places for modern ideas and the entrance of the Christian religion.

FACTS ABOUT DIVORCE.

Ida M. Tarbell, the well known journalist, contributes to the January Woman's Home Companion an article entitled "What Women Are Really Doing"—an article in which she answers with facts and figures some disturbing questions as to the status of women in the United States today. Miss Tarbell has made a careful study of the thirteenth census in order to get at the truth in regard to marriage, divorce, child bearing and other subjects. After proving that more women marry now than did formerly she takes up the subject of divorce as follows:

"There has been an increase in divorce. In the thirty million married women whom the census takers of 1910 reported, they found 18,560 who had been divorced. Considering the difficulties of married life,

the number does not appall. It rather gives one a greater respect for human beings to see that they can handle such a complicated relation with such a small percentage of disaster. There is no other human relation that can show anything like so large a statistical proof of success. The number of divorces found in 1910 is greater, proportionately, than the census takers unearthed in 1900, still larger than they found in 1900. In each of these ten year periods there has been an increase of one-tenth of one per cent. It is doubtful if this is due to loss of faith in marriage. A proportion of this is due to a higher ideal of marriage, an unwillingness to see the relation prostituted to a dissolute, cruel or unfaithful partner.

"A percentage is due, too, to the greater carelessness with which marriages are made under our changing social practices. We have removed largely from boys and girls the protective social devices by which we once guided their relations and choices. They go and come freely and, as might be expected, marry with less sense of the seriousness of their undertaking."

BRIEF AND BREEZY.

A girl thinks she is a first class cook if she can make fudge.

This is fine weather for doing one's Christmas shopping early.

There is no such word as failure in connection with the forbidden fruit crop.

There is always an overproduction of things until the consumer goes to buy them.

Cold weather warms the cockles of the coal dealer's heart—what ever cockles may be.

Imagination is responsible for half our troubles—and our fool actions for the other half.

The Illinois food commission intimates that some unscrupulous dealers are using dynamite.

Our ancestors got along without steam heat, of course, but just look at them. They are mostly dead.

War is the outward expression of hate, which is an emotion that Europe has been cultivating for some time.

Dismute seems to be a sort of prescription which the opposing armies take three times a day, after meals.

Joseph Cannon and some others will find that congress has learned many new lessons since they were there before.

General Sherman to the contrary notwithstanding, there is snowballing along the line of battle in west flanders.

As for ostrich for the piece de resistance of the Thanksgiving dinner, it is our opinion that piece de resistance is right.

Since the attack on Warsaw was a wonderful effort and the retreat therefrom was a masterpiece, everybody ought to be happy.

Now is the time to give liberally to the funds for the help of unfortunate Belgians, the innocent sufferers for other people's sins.

Like mercy, early Christmas shopping is twice blessed, blessing the shopper and the sales person, to say nothing of society in general.

With characteristic precision Japan has accomplished the part assigned to it in the honorable serimmage and now wishes to know what next its illustrious allies desire.

Christmas Holiday Excursions.

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We must also commend Vale for their excellent hospitality and true sportsmanship, as our reception there was cordial in every respect.

We were beaten in score but not in spirit—we cannot be excelled in that. When we have the gymnasium we hope for great results in the line of athletic prowess. Meanwhile we shall strive for the cause of the upbuilding of the standards of Nyssa High School.

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