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THE TURKISH JANISSARIES

Any terms stands for the fighting of the Ottoman Turks, is that of Janissary. Take up a page of Ottoman history anywhere between the 14th and 15th centuries, and the Janissaries figure in it for some deed of reckless valor, warrior zeal, military rapidity, or the terrible cruelty borne of the that is fed on battle and slaughter. They were the first standing army of the modern world and antedated the beginning of even the French royal army by more than a hundred years. It is not generally known that though they were the soldiers of Mohammedanism, the terrible right arm of the Sultan for punishing the foes of Islam, for spreading the faith of the prophet and widening the bounds of Moslem power they were for the most part three hundred years of their existence entirely Christian.

Never has the cunning of the empire builder devised a more ingenious way of feeding its forces from the bosom of the conquered than that which was birth to the Janissaries. It was in the reign of Emir Orkhan, who ruled the Ottoman tribes in Asia from 1256 to 1359, that the conception was first formed, when Alaeddin, his son and grand vizier, carried out the idea of an army entirely of Christian children chosen from their captives and instructed at once into the profession of arms and of the Moslem faith. For this purpose 1000 of the finest Christian boys were selected the first year and 1000 every year succeeding, and trained assiduously. As they were then at a tender age from their trembling parents and were at once surrounded by Moslem influences and fired with Moslem inspiration, they soon forgot their Christian faith and grew to be ardent, ardent and terrible Islamites. Their life was filled with color and excitement. They were well paid and held high office was open to them. They were forbidden to marry or to wear a beard, but were not denied the pleasures of the senses, save as the Koran forbade. They were trained as soldiers, which was a remarkable piece of military foresight at a time when the weight of practice and tradition rested the mounted soldier as the perfect warrior. Some idea of the spirit of the corps may be caught in the story of its beginnings.

When the first thousand boys had been trained for a time, Orkhan marched before the Dervish Raddi Beg and asked the holy man to give them a blessing to the corps. Laying his hand upon the head of the youngest boy, the flowing sleeve of his

mantle falling over the lad's shoulder, he said: "The troop which thou hast created shall be called Yemi Toheri (the new warriors). Their faces shall be white and shining; their right arms shall be strong; their sabres keen and their arrows sharp. They shall be fortunate in fight, and they shall ever march from the battlefield as conquerors." From the words Yemi Toheri the western nations have fashioned the single word Janissary.

Filled with enthusiasm, the young soldiers ever after this scene were as part of their uniform a cap of white felt like that of the dervish, with a strip of woollen hanging down behind to represent the sleeve of the holy man. But their uniform and camp outfit carried other symbols. They were children and the head of their new organization was specially the Emir and later the Sultan Padisha himself, and so they called him lovingly their head nurse. They took the titles of their corps officers from their kitchens. Their Aga or commander was called Tohol-adj-bachi, or head soup helper, the colonel was Achet-bachi, or cook, and the captain was Saggi-bachi, or water server. They wore their spears in their caps. Their camp kettles were sacred in their eyes. They used them as drums, beating on them with wooden spoons, thus giving rise to the word kettle drum, an origin we ignore when we hear its modern equivalent in a great orchestra. When the Janissaries overthrown their kettles it meant revolution.

The course of study of the young Janissary lasted seven years. Unquestioning obedience was the first and foremost tenet of their curriculum. They carried at first a bow and a sheaf of arrows, a yataghan or short sword and a khandjar, or cut-throat. Later they carried muskets and a pistol. The standard of the Aga of the Janissaries was of pure white surmounted with horse-tails. In the three centuries of their original formation it is calculated that they furnished half a million Christian born soldiers to the Moslem rulers. They were kept in the highest state of discipline and physical fitness and always counted at least 10,000 in active life with the colors.

It was the custom of the Turkish commanders of the great battles and sieges of the time to hold the Janissaries in reserve. The battle opened with the advance of the Arabs or light infantry, whose lives were sacrificed without a thought of compunction. The Spahis and soldiers or cavalry were used for flanking and harassing, but at

the supreme moment the Janissaries were flung upon the enemy in a terrific charge and in hundreds of great fights the charge meant sweeping victory. Then followed awful slaughter, looting, ravishing and nameless horrors as the maddened Janissaries indulged their lust for blood and plunder.

The growth of such a corps as long as conquest was possible and comparatively easy only added to the power and vigor of the sultan's rule, but as the Turk at last faced Europe and victory was not always certain, the Janissaries became a menace to the throne. They were certainly in the flower and usefulness to the Turks when Mohammed II. undertook the tremendous task of besieging Constantinople in 1453 and overturning the Greek empire, which represented a thousand years of the rule of the Caesars on the banks of the Bosphorus. In the memorable, epoch making siege, which is the culminating point of the late General Lew Wallace's historical romance, "The Prince of India," and which is presently to be put on the stage at the Colonial theater in Chicago in the dramatization by J. I. C. Clark, the Janissaries figure for much in the world shaking event. It was one of their number who first mounted the wall that had been unmounted by a foe for centuries; it was the Janissaries who madly followed him and gave up the city to slaughter and rapine. That charge of the Janissaries has remained a blood red mark in history.

After Constantinople had become Turkish, and Turkish power spread over what is now known as Turkey in Europe, but over lands in the Balkans, the Southern Russia long since won back from the Moslem, as well as over all western Asia, the Janissaries became an imperium in imperio, and the Sultan no longer called their souls their own. Their discipline fell away; they became fractious, insolent, overbearing, lawless. Mohammed II. had increased their number to 12,000, and later they were still further increased. They no longer remained unmarried. They shortened their terms of service, but were Janissaries in the fields and towns, whether pensioned or waiting service. They coerced Selim to raise their pay until he had almost to empty his treasury to satisfy them. He raised the corps to 20,000 men, established the corps of invalids and nominally enrolled himself in their first regiment. He flattered them in every way. At the camp of another regiment he took a cup of sherbet and pledged them, saying, "We shall meet again at the Red Apple," which was the tempting way they referred to the dream of taking the city of Rome. By the time of Orkhan II. (1688) the Janissaries had become the chief curse of the empire, and tyrannized over sultan and people, and from that on to their awful extirpation in 1826, their history was written in the dethroning and murder of sultans, the deposing of political and religious chieftains and the continual rise of their exactions. They were allowed to marry. They were recruited from Moslems as well as Christians. Their camp at Broussa became a center of disturbance to the whole empire. All attempts to end their power had failed until Mahmoud II. took his measures with great skill and cunning. Suddenly a fetra or royal sentence was read from the pulpit steps of the Mosque of Aehmet denouncing the crimes of the Janissaries and ordering the execution of the corps. And bloodily and to the letter it was carried out. An overwhelming attack was directed upon the Etmeidan quarter, which had been a home for the sedition of the Janissaries for centuries. The fight was bitter, but the sultan's will prevailed and the corpses of 10,000 Janissaries choked the streets of Etmeidan when daylight came the following morning. In their barracks alone 8000 perished in blood and flames. The mosque of the regiment was leveled to the ground, and the bodies of 200 leaders lay in front of the ruins, and so the name of Janissary passed into history, with the crimson stain upon it that it made its own from the beginning.

Want a Constitutional Convention.
Baltimore, Jan. 31.—There is a strong sentiment in favor of the bill of Senator Baits which provides that the question of holding another constitutional convention shall be submitted to a vote of the people of Maryland at the next November election in 1907. The bill is in accordance with the provision of the present constitution that every 20 years the people have a right to call a constitutional convention for amending the present instrument or for drafting a new constitution.

It is held that during the last ten years many defects have become apparent which need remedying and some of the parts of the present constitution need important changes to bring them in better harmony with the demands of the time. It is safe to say that, should the bill be passed, there will be an overwhelming vote in favor of a constitutional convention at the November election next year.

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WAS IT ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP

Maud M. Sheek of Portland Bound and Gagged at Her Home

Maud M. Sheek was attacked, bound, gagged and left helpless Sunday night by two men who dragged her from the home of L. A. Elrath, 489 Schuyler street, where she was a visitor.

Was it the object of her assailants to carry the girl off to destroy her, or were the criminals obsessed by insane infatuation for the young woman, hoping to compel her later to consent to a marriage with one of the other?

Every avenue of inquiry pursued by detectives and others has ended in doubt of the motive behind the attempt and in baffling lack of clue to the identity of the men who perpetrated the cowardly assault.

Interest in the case is increasing, with the difficulty and apparent hopelessness of unraveling the skein of incidents leading to the climax Sunday evening, when the girl was left fainting and helpless near the woodshed at the Elrath home.

Followed and watched for months, living in perpetual fear, and finally fighting bravely, desperately, unaided against two powerful ruffians, the unfortunate girl now lies exhausted and nerve-shattered at the home of her friends. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Sheek, of 38 Wheeler street, are fearful of her future health, while Mrs. Elrath, in whose home the stricken girl lies, is shaken and unnerved almost to the point of physical collapse.

This attempt to kidnap Miss Sheek is considered by police and headquarters detectives as the most daring and startling misdemeanor in the annals of Portland's criminal history.

During three nights the ruffians practically remained on the premises near the home of L. A. Elrath, at 489 Schuyler street, where Miss Sheek had visited for the past month.

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Poultry Shows in Two Cities.

Schenectady, N. Y., Jan. 31.—The annual pet stock and poultry show opened at the state armory today and will remain open for the rest of the week. The display is larger and of a much better quality than in former years, and over 2000 birds are shown. The list of premiums is unusually large.

Toledo, O., Jan. 31.—The annual exhibition of the Toledo fanciers' association opened here today with a large and interesting display and an unusually large attendance. Besides the usual number of prizes a number of valuable cups have been offered this year, which has caused a considerable increase in the interest for the exhibition by local and outside fanciers and breeders.

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