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EJECTING THE TURK FROM EUROPE.

LONG ago the essential strategical weakness of Turkey was pointed out by Mr. GLADSTONE who showed that, as the Turkish Empire is cloven in twain by a water-way, there is not sufficient force in the Turkish government to prevent a British, or any other, admiral, backed by a fleet, from exacting the granting of any sort of treaty from the Sublime Porte. Herein lies the danger to Turkey, for, when the Great Powers shall give the word to the Osmanli clan to get out of Europe, the eastward exodus must begin. The events of the past few days in Turkey have again attracted the attention of the civilized world to its weakness and its hopeless internal dissensions. Recently, Lord SALISBURY, a sagacious diplomat if ever there was one, and a prudent statesman withal, made intimation to the Sultan that the Armenians must have justice done them, and no one believes that the British Premier would have done this without a secret understanding with all the parties to the Treaty of Berlin. All Europe knows that it is but a question of time when the unspeakable Turk must leave Europe, bag and baggage, and it is only the jealousies of the rival Powers that have prevented notice being given to the Sultan to prepare for a general evacuation. Russia, by its long settled policy, or by the terms of the somewhat mythical Will of Peter the Great, is bound to march to Constantinople and possess it, for nothing human may prevent the great northern Empire from seeking a southern winter capital and a port that shall command the Mediterranean. England, on the other hand, guarding in Egypt her newer route to her great Asiatic Empire, opposes every southward move of the Colossus of the North, and Germany, France, and Austria, have their reasons for desiring to hold Russia in check, although France, to spite England and to aid her new ally, the Czar, might forego her dream of making of the Mediterranean a French lake, could she give checkmate to hated Albion. But on one thing Christian Europe is united, and must needs be so if there is any foundation to its religious faith and that is that the Armenians and other Christians in Turkey shall not be tortured, their wives and daughters outraged, and their children foully murdered; the awakened conscience of Christendom is something that diplomats must take into account, and, if all that one hears of Lord SALISBURY's reported admonition to the Sultan is true, then the English statesman has sagaciously availed himself of the religious argument in gaining the consent of Europe to warn the Turk. All Arabs hate the Osmanli clan who rule in Turkey and it is only the possession of Turkey-in-Europe that gives the Osmanlis any prestige among the masses of Musselmen. If forced to cross the Bosphorus, that prestige fades away, and the centuries-old feud between Arab and Osmanli will break out in Asia with savage ferocity. The Arabs believe, and with reason, that the Osmanli tribe deprived them by fraud and intrigue of their rightful ascendancy among the followers of the Prophet, and they only bide their time to wreak vengeance on the arrogant occupiers of Constantinople. The Turk is a terrible fighter: his religion makes him entirely fatalistic, and, if he is served with notice to quit Europe, he will doubtless give his enemies a taste of his quality, and march away to the accompaniment of burning cities and to the harsh music of cannon. As he is unable, by the very nature of his religion to treat his Christian subjects humanely, it is only a question of time when he must be made to go back to Asia whence he came, abandoning for ever his secret dream of once more gaining an Empire for himself in southern Europe. What a magnificent drama it has been, the prolonged encampment of these sanguinary and valiant Asiatics on the soil of Europe, from the time of MOHAMMED II, the conqueror of Constantinople who seized Otranto in Italy and infused terror into the heat of Europe, through the glorious reign of SOLIMAN the Great, whose dream of European domination met effectual check beneath the walls of Vienna, down to the Russo-Turkish war wherein the Turk displayed a superb heroism, eliciting the unstinted admiration of his enemies! The great historical drama is drawing to its close and the Twentieth Century should see the Turk out of Europe.

ANOTHER IMMORTAL DONKEY.

A FRESH—very fresh—candidate for admission into the order of the Immortal Donkeys has appeared in New York where he informs the World that the real reason that Mexico, with 11,000,000 inhabitants (wrong by a million or two), keeps a standing army larger than that of the United States is that she is "waiting patiently for an opportunity to swoop down on Central America and attach all the territory she can. Territorial aggrandizement is not only a personal wish among the ruling classes but a means of popularizing the Government with the masses."

This is sublimely nonsensical. One notes how the pacific peon, who only asks to be let alone, is depicted as burning for territorial aggrandizement. Mostly, the peon is under the impression that Montezuma still lives and his desire to annex anything other than a few extra tortillas is not apparent to an observant mind.

Taking a new tack, this ex-diplomat (as he calls himself—shade of Talleyrand!) goes on to say:

"The union of Cuba and Mexico, in the first place, would strengthen and benefit a neighboring nation that is notoriously unfriendly to the United States. It would encourage Mexico to a still further show of contempt for our Government and people! Commercially, it would be infinitely better for the United States to have Cuba a province of Spain than annexed to Mexico. Very little of what annually accrues to us now from Cuba in the way of commerce would result to our benefit, in case she secured annexation with Mexico.

"Despite our contiguity and the railway and shipping connections that we have with Mexico, our commerce with that country *is infinitesimal compared with her imports from European countries.* She sails as close as possible to the wind in interpreting the 'most favored nations' clause in our Treaty of Commerce, and discriminates against the United States whenever she can do so with safety."

Considering that out of Mexico's imports nearly one half come from the United States, and that Mexico tried to secure reciprocity with the great northern Republic but failed by reason of the hostility of the House of Representatives at Washington, it is an impudent and illogical statement that is here made.

The soon-to-be-admitted candidate for Immortal Donkeyship goes on to say:

"My residence in that country proved to me that all classes of the population are bitterly antagonistic to the Americans. Foreigners of all other nationalities are cordially greeted, but for the 'Gringo,' as they call us, they have nothing but loathing, and they seize every opportunity to manifest it. To beat the United States in this Cuban business would be a cause for unbounded rejoicing, and Gen. Diaz would be canonized by his countrymen if he could bring about the annexation.

"For the Cubans to try to obtain annexation to Mexico would be blind folly. Their material prosperity would be hampered instead of promoted. Their taxes would be increased, and keep increasing year by year, as is the case in in every Mexican State."

"Foreigners of all other nationalities are cordially greeted," etc. Plainly, the wail of our Spanish friends at the insults of the populace has not reached the long ears of this fresh critic of Mexico, of whom it is a waste of good white paper to speak further as he is probably some adventurer with frayed trousers who failed to receive from the Mexican Government that recognition which he deserved. Now, filled with the east wind, he doth bray like the Precious As that he is on the banks of the Hudson.

THE HERALD OFFERS A FAIR FIELD TO ALL.

SOME of the friends of the Protestant missionaries here have, we regret to say, felt that THE HERALD was not inclined to give them as fair treatment, and as much space in its columns, as has been accorded to their antagonists. The missionaries are too retiring; THE HERALD has equal space for whatever they may choose to say as for their rivals of the Elder Church. We offer to all Catholics and Protestants, and to all Agnostics of the HUXLEY type, an ample arena wherein they may fight out their disputes, and will act merely as an umpire to see fair play! This journal has no distinctive set of religious opinions to maintain, for it is a public newspaper. It has advocated, and will continue to advocate, the return to this country of that admirable order of religious women, the Sisters of Charity, who are sadly needed in our hospitals and at the bedsides of the sick and dying. There is ample room in Mexico for the labors of all good and Christian men and women, and even the Agnostic, swayed by a love of humankind, can accomplish much. We believe that the lower orders of people here need, at present, instruction in the elements of civilization more than in dogma, a wise course which has been adopted by that eminently practical organization, the Catholic church. Soap, and water, and the spelling book, are about all they can take for some years to come, and, believing with St. Paul that cleanliness is next to godliness, we would urge the soap-and-water treatment first, and let catechisms and bibles come later. It means much to get a dirty man washed and combed. That done and half the battle is won, as the Salvation Army has demonstrated. So let us all work together, believers and infidels, for the gradual elevation of the ignorant masses who are as dear to God as the wisest and the wealthiest of us, for the solidarity of humanity is proven by Science and by our conscience. We are of one flesh and one blood, and a common destiny awaits us all. "He prayeth best who loveth best," and, casting out malice and evil thinking, and all uncharitableness, let us every man and woman of us try to do a little good every day of our lives, and so leave this sad old world somewhat better for our passage through it. We shall not come back again, and there is plenty to do, and let us not make the mistake of thinking that all good, all virtue, and every hope of salvation, are to be found only in our creed, or our peculiar way of doing things. St. Francis is a good model for Agnostics, Protestants, or Catholics.

THE New York chamber of commerce has been interviewing members of the next Congress with the result that it finds only 88 representatives out of 356 who will vote for the free coinage of silver and 39 out of 88 senators likewise minded, by which it would appear that free silver is not a living issue any longer. Still Mexico continues to laugh her low, sweet, silvery laugh and grow more and more prosperous, while CARLISLE stands, in gloomy mood, hat in hand, at the door of the bond syndicate, waiting for MORGAN to take him in out of a cold unsympathizing world.

THE American people are beating their cousins from across the sea in yachting and athletics, but when it comes to capturing multi-millionaire girls, and writing saleable novels, the Americans get left. The DOYLES, WEYMANS, CAINES, DU MAURIERS, and KIPLINGS write books that cause American readers to neglect the home product. Really, Chicago ought to take this matter up, and, perhaps Boston, after wiping its spectacles and ceasing to adore itself, might write a book that somebody would care to read.

THE growing sympathy in London literary and artistic circles for the specially infamous OSCAR WILDE indicates a certain degeneracy of sentiment. The plain English of it is that WILDE is an unspeakable brute who neglected a charming and cultivated wife for the company of the vilest of the vile. In any sane-minded community he would have been stripped, whipped, and hanged in short order. He was always a cultivated egomaniac and as heartless as a plucked fowl.

THE Hawaiian Government has given a concession to a company composed of planters out there to lay a cable to the United States and will pay them a subsidy of $40,000 for twenty years. That is a step toward annexation, which is written in the book of manifest destiny, and, when the little man who wears Grandfather's hat gets in again, the first bird he goes a-gunning for will be fair Hawaii.

UNLUCKY earl! Now comes the Saturday Review asking, "Why has Lord DUNRAVEN never been a success in English politics?" Perhaps it is on account of the "perceptible, though subdued, Yankee twang" the captious Saturday notes as his characteristic. That is hardly English fairness to accuse the earl of so many defects right on top of the Valkyrie fiasco.

THE Pall Mall Gazette, speaking of the Finerty Irish Republic convention says:

"We can afford to smile at Mr. Finerty's statement," says the Gazette, "but if the Irish will formulate their demand, and agitate for redress in the manner adopted by Englishmen, they will find England more than ready to meet them half way. Threats only stiffen our back and dull our hearing."

That's a way John Bull has. There is much ginger in the old gentleman yet.

PRESIDENT FAURE could not see why the likes of him should speak to the likes of the "*Lor Maire,*" when that worthy went recently to Paris and essayed, with ridiculous result, the role of international politician. Perhaps, had the "*Lor Maire*" taken his resplendent state coach, the French President would have been more impressed with his greatness.

LYNCHING trainmen because the pastime of walking on the track pleased an unfortunate pedestrian seems to suit the Sonorenses, but it never seems to occur to them that trains have to stick to the track and people can walk elsewhere.

GOVERNOR MORTON as a presidential possibility excites comment as to his age. But MORTON is a boy compared to GLADSTONE who is still vigorous. He would make a safe, conservative President.

ALL the MARLBOROUGHS have been prone to marrying for money. They are a practical family and know that money makes the Mareborough go.

IT is refreshing to learn that, when Little Lord Fauntleroy was young, he used to be properly and frequently spanked. "Dearest" did it, too!

THE ex-Duchess of MARLBOROUGH expresses satisfaction at her stepson's engagement. She is of the marrying kind herself.

Sarah Bernhardt has presented her two pet gorillas to the Jardin des plantes of Paris. She is now anxious to engage a sea-serpent for the season.

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In the matter of "old families" in the United States it is difficult to find any more proudly superior than those of Portsmouth. They look down on the old residents of Boston and view with pity all land-owners whose ancestors did not get their estates by direct grant from the Indians.

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Fifty-four members of the new British House of Commons—about one in twelve—have written books. Most of them are on subjects on social and political economy, and next in number are those on history and philosophy. The Marquis of Lorne figures as the author of a "Guide to Windsor Castle," though he has written poems and at least one romance.

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"Tom" Reed has very few intimate friends He is a very approachable man, fond of a joke or a good story, but he confides in only one or two intimates and his popularity is only skin deep. The fact is that Reed is not a politic man. Among his bitter enemies he numbers men in his own party who would be extremely useful to him at the present moment. His sarcastic tongue has been no ally to his ambition.

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The oldest magazine in existence is "The Gentleman's Magazine," which has not missed an issue for the last 164 years. It was first published in January, 1731, and was edited by Edward Cave, an enterprising bookseller who had a shop close to St. John's Gate, London. Last year there were 2061 magazines published in England, of which 470 were of a religious character. The United States still has room for a considerable number of new monthlies before it approaches the English allowance.

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