

ARE OF CHRISTIAN ORIGIN

Possibly Less Than Half the People of the Ottoman Empire Have Moslem Ancestry.

Probably less than half of the men, women and children called Turks over their ancestry to the Mongol and Moslem tribesmen who migrated from inner Asia to Anatolia.

In the heart of what we call the Turkish empire approximately one-fourth of the population are avowedly Christian; approximately a fourth of the remainder, the Shiias, are nearer in sentiment to Christians than to regular Mohammedans.

TO RESTORE FAMOUS PARK

Bowling Green, With Its Ancient Fence, Will Again Become Show-place of New York.

Modern New York will probably better appreciate its Bowling Green fence, recovered and restored to view by the Broadway association, for the accidental publicity of the restoration.

Insisted on Showing His Patriotism.

He was full of patriotism, and the elderly man walking up State street the other evening, and it is possible that an unprejudiced observer might have suspected that he had taken something else aboard during the hours just past.

The Knightly Pledge.

"Wats this Knights Commander of the Bath decoration they're hanging onto our generals over in England?" asked one wounded doughboy of another.

"Hub!" exclaimed his companion from Tennessee. "Reckon that must be th' prohibition division of the British service. All they gets to drink is the two well-known waters—hot and cold."

Not Exactly.

"Mother," said a small girl, after contemplating her baby brother for some time, "was I a baby once?" "Yes, dear; we were all babies once."

China After Industries.

Chinese government agents have been sent to several countries to study the manufacture of telegraph and telephone equipment with a view to producing all such apparatus at home.

WERE CHRISTIANS AT NIGHT

Time of Stavri in Trebizond Long Practiced Deception on Their Turk Overlords.

Not far from Trebizond (on the Black Sea in Asia Minor) live the clan of Stavri, descendants of the Greeks who kept a Greek kingdom in being until after Constantinople had fallen.

A few years ago these Stavri determined to throw off the mask and return to their Christian allegiance, and they did so, though at the cost of much government pressure lasting for years.

"I never tried to deceive God," was the answer. "He always knew just what I was. I tried to deceive you, and in that I succeeded."

NATION WAS NEVER MORE FIT

American People Have Learned Many Valuable Lessons Under Great Stimulus of War.

"Under the stimulus of war we have sweated off mental, moral and physical fat," says the New York Medical Journal. "We have been forced to curb our appetites. We have learned to sacrifice without complaint, to dare without bluster, and sink our will in the common weal."

"There is a great lesson in all this. Flabbiness is man's greatest sin against himself. It begets sloth, fear and selfishness. It undermines the mind, the character, the body. Is this lesson, learned at the cost of lives and limbs and worldwide sacrifice, to be lost?"

Fishes in Shipyard.

To catch a nice mess of fish right in the middle of a shipyard, without the trouble of walking to the river bank, is a novel as well as a pleasant incident of any shipbuilder's noon hour.

"A year ago I stood about where the office is today," said Adams recently, "and got a basketful of smelt. Dredges were at work clearing out a fill and the pipes were run past here, carrying water and sand to fill up the swamp. The smelt run was on and it wasn't a difficult matter to get all of 'em you wanted as they came up through the pipe. Some fishing!"

He Didn't Have to Learn.

Ernest Hutcheson, the noted pianist, tells a story related to him by the head of a European conservatory which will entertain many teachers. A new pupil arrived at the conservatory for examination. The teacher struck a note on the piano and asked: "What note is that?"

Try This on Your Parrot.

As the automobile party passed one corner they saw a soldier on guard, a big white dog beside him, and then a beautiful American flag. Of course this combination attracted the attention of everyone in the car.

Curious Collection of Pens.

In the prison at Lyons, France, there is a curious collection of pens. They are the pens with which the executioners signed the regulation receipts for the prisoners handed over to them to be guillotined.

NON TIME TO SELL COTTON

Columbia, June 4—Declaring that the world is facing the greatest shortage in the supply of cotton ever known in its history, R. M. Mixson, president of the South Carolina Division of the American Cotton Association, today issued a statement asking everybody holding their cotton not to be frightened into selling it now.

To Men Holding Cotton

There is a tremendous combination at work to break the cotton market. Lots of cotton was sold months since at very low prices, for future delivery. The sellers have grown desperate. The spinners are helping them all they can by giving them all the time they possibly can, to make delivery, and all of them including the financial interests, have combined to break the market this summer in the interest of this short interest.

Don't let the combination discourage you, simply hold your cotton until they pay you your price. They must have our cotton and that very soon. We are facing the greatest shortage in the supply of cotton ever experienced in the world. We have had four short crops. Scarcely any carry-over and now conditions surrounding the new crop are such that, in my opinion, we will have the shortest crop this year we have had in five years.

Today I have been over the route from Palestine to Troupe, Tyler, Gilmer, Mt. Pleasant to Texarkana, and I found all kinds of crops, from not planted and the ground covered with weeds and grass, to up and plowed and chopped to a stand. The first 100 miles traveled, or well into Upshaw county, the cotton had nearly all been planted and fully three-fourths of it up.

"Over this 100 miles the rainfall has not been excessive and really ideal and about right; after that they have had more rain and the ground is now too wet to plant or cultivate with any good results. Considerable cotton that has been planted and is not nearly to a full stand and much not even half a stand and the ground is becoming covered with grass and it will grow much faster than any kind of crop."

"While the condition now surely is not favorable, still with a few weeks of favorable weather and some cultivation, it could improve wonderfully. All the streams from small creeks to the river in this part of Texas or in north or northeast Texas have overflowed and covered the bottom-land fields and will necessitate replanting all such land after the water goes off and the land dries so work can be resumed and it will make such crops very late, indeed."

The following are comments from a letter from Texas of May 16th: "No doubt considerable damage has been done to the fields and growing crops by exceedingly heavy, washing rains and in low lands by overflowing streams."

"We would now be glad if we could have dry weather and allow both cultivation and planting, and we need more time for both than we would need in ordinary times, for now we cannot plant or cultivate quickly with a grand rush like we have been able to do in others years, on account of the shortage of available labor on the farms. The labor available does not do the amount of work in a day that it did in 1914 or even later years. All the best help that once did work on the farms have left and only that kind of labor that is worth very little anywhere is left to do the farm work."

"The crop is from four to six weeks late. I will try as best I can to keep you well informed, but until farmers can plant and get the cotton up it is very hard to say much that is good." This was the condition on May 26th. Texas is covered with boll weevil. An early start is imperative, if they expect to make a crop. Under these conditions the prospects for a crop looks blue. These are facts. Yet this combination is turning heaven and earth to force down the price of cotton.

Based on the prices manufacturers are getting for their goods, they can pay eighty cents for middling cotton and still make a handsome profit. Notwithstanding the cotton mills are paying handsome cash dividends, they are also declaring from two to three hundred per cent. stock dividends. They are all getting immensely rich. We only ask for an equitable distribution of profits. Let the producer have his share. Don't let them stampede you. Hold your cotton. Yours truly, R. M. MIXSON, President.

SOME TIMELY RECIPES.

Apples Stalked With Banana. 2 large tart apples. 2 bananas. 2 tablespoonsful of butter. 1 orange. 2 tablespoonsful sugar.

Bakewell Tart. 2 eggs. 4 tablespoons butter. 6 tablespoons sugar. 2 ounces ground almonds. Jam. Paste. Line a tart tin with a good short paste, spread with a layer of jam.

Banana Pie. 1 1/2 cups milk. 2 egg yolks. 1/2 cup sugar. 2 tablespoons cornstarch. 1 large or 2 small bananas. Mix sugar and cornstarch together.

Stuffed Onions. 6 onions, centers removed with apple corer. Stuffing: 1/2 cup bread crumbs, stale not dry. 1 tablespoon grated cheese. Yolks 2 hard-boiled eggs.

Parsnip Chowder. 2 cups parsnip. 1 cup potato. 1 pint water. 1 cup milk. 2 tablespoons salt pork, diced. 2 tablespoons onion, diced. Salt, pepper. 2 tablespoons flour. 2 tablespoons butter.

Chocolate Sponge Cake. 1 square chocolate. One-half cup butter. 2 cups brown sugar. One-half cup sour milk. 2 eggs yolks. 1 teaspoon soda. 2 cups flour. 1 teaspoon vanilla. 1 cup boiling water. 2 egg whites.

Parsnips Sauted. 2 large parsnips, cut in thick slices. Parboil the parsnips in salted water ten minutes. Drain thoroughly, dip in salted flour and saute until well browned in oil or fat. Serve as vegetable with meat.

Apricot Dainty. One-half pound dried apricots. 1 cup marshmallows. Cocoanut or chopped walnuts. Sugar to taste. Cook apricots until tender. Mash and add enough sugar so they will not be tart.

Onion and Orange Salad. 1 Bermuda or Spanish onion. Sugar. Oranges. French dressing.

Caramel Custard. One-half cup sugar. One-half cup water. 2 eggs. Pinch of salt. One teaspoonful vanilla. One-half cup sugar. 2 tablespoonsful flour. 1 pint hot milk.

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GOVERNOR ALLEN STARTS SOMETHING

Will Offer Labor Plank As Republican Platform. Chicago, June 4—Gov. Allen, of Kansas, announced that he would offer a platform plank declaring for the judicial settlement of industrial disputes.

Ames Corner. The phrase "amen corner" is said to have originated in London, where at the end of the Pateroster row, the monks at one time finished their recitation of the "Pater Noster" as they went to procession on Corpus Christi day at St. Paul Cathedral.

TURKEY GRANTED AN EXTENSION

Given Fifteen Days to Answer Allied Demands. Paris, June 7—Turkey has been given fifteen days extension in which to reply to the peace terms presented by the Allied nations, according to an announcement made here today.

Small Daily Task. Nothing surely is so potent as a law that may not be disobeyed. It has the force of the water drop that hollows the stone. A small daily task, if it is really daily, will beat the labor of a spasmodic Hercules.

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WOMEN DEMOCRATS

Going to San Francisco By Special Train—Some Things They Will Advocate

New York, June 4—Led by Mrs. John Sherwin Crosby, called "the Mother of New York Women Democrats," a special train carrying fifty-four women delegates and alternates to the National Democratic convention in San Francisco, will depart from New York, June 19.

The delegates at-large from New York are Elizabeth Marbury and Barrett May Mills and the alternates at-large are Mrs. Maurice Connolly, of Corona, L. I., and Mrs. Nellie Hewitt, of Carthage, N. Y.

Mrs. Crosby organized the first Women's Democratic Club in the United States in 1904. It was located here and subsequently, in 1912, she founded the Women's National Democratic League. Two years later she established a New York State branch of the national body.

Some of these ideas, Mrs. Crosby said, were government ownership of oil wells and coal mines, railroads and other public utilities; a modification of the prohibition enforcement act to permit the manufacture and sale of light wines and beer; a plank to make it a felony to profit in necessities; higher pay for postal employees; advocacy of the Sheppard-Towner "maternity bill"; providing for government care for every expectant mother and her child and making it unlawful for anyone to employ a woman in that condition; more rigid child labor laws; shorter hours for working women, 12,000,000 of whom are now said to be in industries and professions; more equitable taxation and the stimulation of building and other industrial enterprises by the removal of restrictive burdens.

Candidates' Cards.

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