

### GRANT TO TURKEY MAKES NEW NATION

Sultan's Gift of Constitution, Though, Betrays His Weakness.

### LIBERALS WON'T BROOK TRICKERY

Young Turks Movement Began Years Ago—Demanded Liberty or Threatened Attack.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 25.—A new nation has evolved almost in a day from the chaos in which Turkey has existed for years. Following the official proclamation today by Sultan Abdul Hamid of a constitution to the country, diplomats believe the death of the Ottoman despotism is at hand and that a free Turkey is soon to be a reality.

The "Young Turks," however, who have been responsible for this great change, decline to allow the Sultan and his advisers to play the last card and are holding the rebellious armies intact until the promised constitution and reforms are actually inaugurated. The situation tonight amounts to an armed truce with the thousands of armed mutineers bivouacked, waiting until they are certain that the Sultan will not weaken under the pressure of unfriendly advisers.

**Sultan Betrays Weakness.**  
Never has Abdul Hamid's grasp on his throne been so weak. His concessions have betrayed his weakness to the rebel faction, and should he give any indication of an attempt to retrace his steps, the tottering throne might be sent crashing down. Although his advisers continue to impress him with his own strength, it is known that he is aware that his army is honeycombed with mutiny, and he lives in constant fear of treason and assassination lurking within his palace and even within his own family.

When he learned that a large portion of the third army corps, which he considered most loyal, had forsaken him and gone over to the enemies of the dynasty, it is said he threw up his hands and consented to the re-establishment of the constitutional government. The Young Turkey idea took definite form nearly a year ago, when representatives of various creeds and races of Macedonia met in Paris and formulated a campaign of action. Not until about two weeks ago, however, did open demonstration occur.

**Mutiny Began in Macedonia.**  
The mutiny of the troops at Monastir was the first spark starting the flame of revolution. Within a few hours

### YIELDS TO LIBERALS



ABDUL HAMID, The Sultan of Turkey, Who Was Forced to Submit to the Movement for Greater Liberty.

practically all of Macedonia was involved. Asia Minor then became affected, and the Sultan was warned that unless he granted a constitution by next Monday, 50,000 troops would march on Constantinople.

The constitution of 1876—which has been revised—embodied, among other things, the individuality of the empire, individual liberty, freedom of creeds, the press, and of education, equal legal taxation, a senate and two chambers, a general election every fourth year, the supremacy of the Sultan and the continued tenure of judges. Practically all of these reforms will be promulgated in the new constitution.

### Turkish Envoys Doubt If Women Go Unveiled

At the Turkish legation yesterday, the officials were inclined to doubt the report that Turkish women in their native country had at last been permitted

by royal edict to remove the veils from their faces.

"A custom in vogue for so many years," said one attaché, "could hardly have been violated with permission and consent of the governmental authorities."

Mehmed Ali Bey, minister to the United States, is at present out of the city and will not return for some time. Those in charge declare that any general unveiling of the women of the Turkish empire would be impossible both from a legal and social standpoint.

They point out that the appearance of a woman in public in Turkey without the sheltering veil about her face is equivalent to an American woman making a public appearance without a proper amount of clothing.

### HEARST'S PARTY AGAINST FUSION

Hisgen, of Massachusetts, Leading Candidate for Nomination.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 25.—"A straight ticket and a hard fight." Under this cry the new Independence party will be launched here at the convention which begins Monday night.

There will be no fusion with any other party. Independence party leaders already on the ground, delegates who are arriving, advisers from those on the way, all sound the same demand for a national ticket. Fusion has been the chief topic of discussion here today. The followers of William Jennings Bryan have talked it and the Independence men have rejected it.

Hisgen, of Massachusetts, appears to be in the lead for the Presidential nomination, with John Temple Graves, of Georgia, and Howard, of Alabama, dividing the honors as Vice Presidential candidates. W. R. Hearst's refusal to run, expressed in New York today upon his arrival from Europe, is generally accepted as taking him out of the race.

Former Mayor Spellman, of Rutland, Vt., brought in news today that the State ticket which the Independence party has in the field there is taxing the energies of both the old parties to keep pace with it. There is a definite hope that Vermont may be the first State to come over into the new party ranks. The State election in Vermont will be held September 1, and a tremendous fight is being made on all sides.

### Stampede for Bryan Would Fail, Says Evans

Victor J. Evans, president of the Independence League in this city, and a delegate to the national convention of the Independence party, which assembles in Chicago tomorrow for the purpose of nominating candidates for President and Vice President of the United States, left for Chicago yesterday evening.

Mr. Evans, in answer to a question, said an attempt to stampede the convention into an endorsement for Bryan and the Denver platform would prove a dismal failure, as would Mr. Gompers' attempt to deliver the labor vote to Bryan.

"The Democrats are making much over Mr. Gompers' statement that he will deliver the labor vote to Mr. Bryan," said Mr. Evans, "but the president of the American Federation of Labor will find before the campaign is many weeks old that labor can not be bartered and sold like a lot of cattle."

"The men in the ranks of organized labor are intelligent and can think for themselves, and they will resent the efforts of professional labor leaders to deliver their vote to any party."

### Shush! Golden Silence Reigns Throughout National Capital

Even the Trees Are Muzzled to Prevent the Bark From Being Heard—Major Sylvester Insists on Quiet.

Silence reigned! And, lo, the stillness was so intense that the falling of a pin held all the multitude in suspense. Even the rustling of the leaves ceased like the boom of many cannon wafted on the breeze. No violent patter of horses' hoofs or the splash of rain upon the roofs marred the quiet of the night. No chime of clock to stir or rock you from your quiet sleep, or knock of bluecoat's stick upon the block to let you know that all is well.

The newsy's siren roar will sound no more to rouse you from your peaceful slumber. But then the snore must be no more, for snores, you know, are awful bores, and like the car wheel without grease, rob the village of its peace. The "growler" must not growl out loud, and noisy Tom cats must not crowd upon the fence and disturb your happy dreams.

**No Dog Is Allowed to Sneeze.**  
Muzzles on the trees will stop the penetrating bark that rends the air, even if the muzzle on the pup doesn't let it sneeze. Now, this you think may be in jest, but really it is for the best. It is only done to give you rest. Really, reader, this is not feigned. Silence reigned!

All this is the way things are going to be in Washington within a few days; that is, if the crusade against UNNECESSARY noises is successfully carried out. In a general order to the captains of the different precincts, Major Richard Sylvester, who is chief of police in Washington, and big chief of

the UNNECESSARY noise crusader, last night handed out a few hot ones on "How to keep quiet."

The major thinks there has been too much UNNECESSARY noise. The Commissioners agree with the superintendent of police, and it looks as if UNNECESSARY noises must go.

In the first place, Major Sylvester has switched things around so that, beginning today, the bicycle squad will do duty by a new plan.

**Police Are Given Orders.**  
Explaining the reasons for detailing the men in the new manner, Major Sylvester says:

"These details will be especially active after nightfall with a view of keeping down disorder."

"The captains will see to it that populated alleys and localities where disorder has established a reputation, are given continued attention by footmen until changes are effected in conditions; in this regard it might be well to have the footmen visit thickly populated alleys at brief intervals, from ten minutes to half an hour, during their tours of duty, involving short beats, for the purpose of letting the disorderly and the 'growler' ruffians understand that there is a change expected in social conditions."

"The police regulations should be enforced with regard to the crying of newspapers on Sunday mornings, and noises by milk, bread, and other wagon drivers which are unnecessary, and, in fact, everything that pertains to the producing of a creditable situation."

### JAPAN FORTIFYING PORT ARTHUR FORTS

Citadel Being Made Virtually Impregnable in Anticipation of Chinese War.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 25.—Japan is fortifying Port Arthur in such formidable manner as to make the citadel virtually impregnable, according to information received by the ministry of war today from Russian agents in the Orient.

The work is being carried on with the greatest secrecy. It is known, however, that the fortifications have been extended and that special attention has been paid to the selection of positions for guns.

A series of signal stations is being established on the hills and strategic roads are being cut from point to point all the way to Mukden. Work is also being pushed at the bottom of the harbor and mines have been laid out into the sea for several miles.

Military men here attribute Japan's activities at Port Arthur to her belief that China will be the next nation with which she will have war.

### JAPANESE SEALERS UNDER SURVEILLANCE

United States Gunboat Will Prevent Piracy on Alaskan Coast.

Five Japanese schooners have been discovered sailing in the vicinity of St. Paul, one of the Pribiloff islands, Alaska. So far as has been reported to the Government the vessels have not come within the proscribed limits, but their actions are being carefully watched in order to prevent the possibility of a recurrence of the piracy upon the American seal herd last summer and the summer before by Japanese, which led to international complications.

Commander J. H. Clennon, of the gunboat Yorktown, which is on seal patrol duty about the Pribiloff islands, sent this information to the Navy Department yesterday by wireless from off the Yukon river.

### RELIGIOUS BEGGING STOPPED BY POLICE

Women Are Ordered to Stay Out of District Saloons.

Six young women wearing the insignia of the Salvation Army and the Gospel Army were summoned to the office of Police Captain Williams, of the First Precinct, last night, and informed that they would have to stop soliciting money from patrons of saloons and other resorts in the downtown section of the city.

Captain Williams had the women summoned to his office individually, and to each of them he gave a full explanation of exactly what the police intend doing along these lines.

**Many Complaints Made.**  
Women members of these religious bands have taken this means of obtaining money for years, and heretofore there has been no police interference. Not only have there been numerous complaints from the proprietors of saloons, but Captain Williams believe that it is not right for women to go into such places, which are patronized only by men.

The order was a severe blow to the heads of the two organizations, and it is probable that an appeal will be made to Major Sylvester tomorrow to allow the women to continue the practice. It is stated that a large percentage of the revenue of the two organizations has been obtained in this manner.

**Approved By Sylvester.**  
Major Sylvester was out of the city last night, but it is known that the action taken by the police of the First Precinct meets with his approval, and it is not considered likely that he will have the order rescinded.

Captain Williams told the women that the practice must cease at once, and if they continued going into saloons they would be arrested as vagrants. The police regard this form of soliciting money the same as begging, and if the young women refuse to comply with the order they will be treated the same as mendicants who beg on the street.

### MINE-LAYING SHIP FOR THE NAVY

The United States ship San Francisco is to be the mine-laying ship for the United States navy. The work of converting the vessel for this purpose has just been begun under orders from the Navy Department.

The department's original plan contemplated making use of the Baltimore for this purpose, but it has now been decided that she will be fitted out as a cruiser.

It is now planned to have the San Francisco available for this important purpose on the Pacific coast, and when the Atlantic fleet has returned, convert another vessel to act similarly on the East Coast.

### The Advertisement

### The Man Who Inserted It

### What Happened



—Photo by Faine Studio.

In The Times

A Remarkable Offer Made by a Remarkable Man Who Has Built a Remarkable Business.

F. H. Kramer

Kramer, the Florist, has again come to the fore and done something entirely unique in the annals of business—and that without any blare of trumpets or grand-stand play. The little seven-line ad reproduced above is the only indication he gave of his intention to give away FREE FOR THE ASKING 10,000 EVER-BLOOMING ROSE BUSHES, but it was enough to bring 16,000 people to his store in one day.

Kramer was equal to the occasion. Rather than disappoint anyone, he sent post haste to his greenhouses for 6,000 more, making 16,000 rose bushes in all given away. No one was expected to buy, and nothing whatever was sold.

It is safe to say that never before has anything even approximating such a magnanimous offer been made by any florist in this broad land. It was a big thing to do, and it took a big man to do it, but the people of Washington have learned to expect the unexpected from Kramer, the Florist. The action was typical of the man and his business methods. He is a man with a genius for getting things done. While most people would be arranging the details of an advance procession to call attention to what was about to occur, Kramer, the Florist, has the thing done, and everybody talking about it. And while the talking is going on he is quietly evolving other new and original ideas. Not is he famous only for the originality and bigness of his ideas—these are but an index to the character of the man and the quality of brain back of the business. The cultivation of rare and beautiful roses is not a work to be entered upon by one merely as a choice of business. It is a work that may be brought to successful development only by a master of the craft—which means the possessor of a sympathetic brain delicately attuned to beauty, analytical ability of no small order, and keen business acumen all matured by years upon years of study and experiment. The rare beauty of the blooms produced by Kramer fully attest the remarkable skill, patience, and knowledge of the master.

# F. H. KRAMER, The FLORIST

"Who Grows His Own Flowers"

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Branch Store 722 9th St. N. W.

Stand in Center Market