

CARNIVAL OF JOY

Turkish Capital the Most "Wide Open" of Cities.

Nominally Under Allied Control, There Is No Interference With Any Form of Revelry That Could Be Thought Of.

Constantinople now combines all the frenzy of a new mining camp and a world seaport. It's "the end of the trail" for all the Balkan states and everything west of Suez on the Mediterranean.

Caucasian oil men, Donetz Basin miners, Anatolian sheep and cattle kings, Greek war millionaires and Syrian merchants rush to Constantinople to pop champagne in proof of their success. Soldiers and sailors of half a dozen nations swell the population and add to the cosmopolitan aspect of the streets and pleasure resorts.

Under allied occupation the city has become a wilder place than it was under the Turks. There are no civil courts. None of the allies desire to assume responsibility for reforms, other than are necessary to safeguard life. Italian, French and British troops cooperate with the Turkish gendarmerie in keeping order. But everybody's job is nobody's job. Consequently Constantinople is a very wide-open town. Midnight closing is enforced pretty generally, but until that hour there is little interference with dance halls, gambling dives and red-light districts unless murder is committed.

Lendville and Goldfield in their dullest days never offered anything wilder than certain sections of Constantinople, where jazz bands vie with Nonpoint orchestras and obscene singers in their efforts to attract wayfarers into the beer tunnels and dance halls filled to overflowing with the painted women of many nationalities.

Half a dozen summer gardens offer vaudeville programs which attract thousands of persons every night who seem to have far more interest in the drinks and restless crowds than in the Russian prima donnas and bare-legged dancers whose art is usually as meager as their attire. Turks, Arabs, Bedouins, Egyptians and Assyrians, gorgeously clad in native costumes, elbow their way among Cossacks and Georgians whose uniforms are far more brilliant than their recent military achievements.

Coal-black French colonials, resplendent in red frocks and green bluel, mingle with Sikhs and Punjabis, whose long hair and many-colored head-dresses are wrapped in somber brown. Civilians, soldiers and sailors from all parts of the world are hopelessly jumbled together in Constantinople crowds and are so busy looking at each other that tenses from the Petrograd opera, naughty French singers from Montmartre and Austrian strong-jawed ladies elude but slight attention.

Constantinople itself is a grand pageant every day. Its main thoroughfare, Rue Grand Pera, is more fascinating than any scene which producers ever can hope to stage. Camel-drivers lead their patient trains, burdened with charcoal, through the maze of street cars, shrieking army motor-cars and carriages, piloted over the rough paving at breakneck speed by Turkish hostlers who crack their whips and shout constantly at high pitch to pedestrians who venture off the narrow sidewalks.

Turks mounted on tiny donkeys move indifferently through the mad-strom. Occasionally Turkish peasants drive a flock of sheep or turkeys into this swirl of traffic and scowls often draw heavy carts along at a pace so slow that drivers of military conditions curse them in 10 languages.

The narrow, crooked streets of Constantinople are ill-suited to motor traffic and the slow-going faithful Turk is little inclined to change his pace. Consequently there are many accidents and the indifference with which foreign military cars are driven has done much to intensify Turkish hatred of foreigners.

Few American Linguists.

According to the Interborough World movement, thirty-two different languages besides English are spoken in New York city by some 1,700,000 people; but, in spite of our polyglot city population, native Americans are seldom gifted as linguists. The lines of class distinction in America, although elastic, are more of a handicap in that respect than they are in Europe. The European who lives near an international boundary comes frequently in contact with foreigners of his own social and intellectual interests, but most Americans see little of the foreigners among our people and neither inherit nor get by constant practice a facility in using other tongues. — Youth's Companion.

Gathering Up the Wreckage.

The uprising of wrecking companies since the war is one of the curiosities of the time. These concerns buy anything that is discarded for the purposes for which it was constructed, from a small shack to a battleship or a locomotive or even an entire railroad. Companies which conduct such business on a large scale are said to make immense profits and there is just sufficient element of chance to make it more or less exciting. It is simply the business of the old junk man glorified and enlarged in a way to produce fortunes in the reclaiming of waste material and the salvaging of what is considered valueless.

Christmas Birthday.

It is an interesting fact that Sir Isaac Newton, who effected more than any other person in rendering the world familiar to us from an astronomical point of view, was born on Christmas day, 1642.



CAUSE HENS TO LAY BETTER

Matter of Feeding During Cold Weather or Entails Use of Large Amount of Common Sense.

Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.

"On the feeding of the hen depends to a large extent not only the quantity of eggs but also the quality of the eggs which she produces. It is a subject, however, which should be studied with a keen interest of its own nature, for there are no hard and fast rules which can be laid down as applying to every case. The proper feeding and the general environment should be established by determining the right ration, and poultry specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture.

For the largest profit a good proportion of the eggs should be gathered during the winter. If two extra cents a week can be obtained from each hen a good profit will be made, while if the product is increased by only one cent a week in winter, this amount will pay for all the feed she has eaten. To obtain this greater production and only should the feed be varied and of a good laying breed for the winter should have full knowledge of the proper feed and its preparation.

The ration in the feed of laying hens serves a twofold purpose—to repair waste and furnish food to the body and to supply the egg-making materials. As only the surplus food which is needed for the body is available for egg production, the proper feed should be fed in sufficient quantities to insure this production.

In supplying feed for hens there are three kinds of concentrates which should be present in certain fixed proportions if the desired results are to be obtained most satisfactorily. These concentrates are: mineral, vitamins and carbohydrates; all which are contained in corn, wheat, oats and barley, but not in the high proportion of the protein egg yield. In addition some animal feed and green feed should be supplied.



Green Feed is Quite Essential to the Production of Eggs in Winter.

In feeding poultry a variety of rations may be learned from nature. In raising the production of eggs in the winter is an easy matter. Loads of hay to pile up in the barns of corn and alfalfa feed on these times, which will give the birds a proper ration for laying hens. In addition to this they get plenty of exercise and fresh air. So far as the winter has passed, the feeder should aim to make the winter conditions suitable.

RED MITES VERY INJURIOUS

Insects Lower Vitality, Produce Anemia, Reduce Egg Production and Annoy Poultry.

Red mites are blood-sucking insects that live in the crevices of the cracks about the house, in the barns and around the poultry. They are very common and possess the power to pierce the skin and suck the blood of the birds. They are also very voracious and will eat the feathers, the skin and the flesh of the birds. They can be easily gotten rid of by pouring the infested places with kerosene or gas tar, diluted with equal parts with kerosene or gas tar. This should be done every week or two. It should be kept in mind that the mites do not bite the birds in the house and not the birds themselves.

CURE FOR EGG-EATING HABIT

Owner Should Make Good Use of Ax on Hen That Has Acquired Depraved Appetite.

The hen that eats her own eggs and those of other hens has formed a habit that cannot be broken. Cut off her head with an ax. A depraved appetite may be required by using some other hen cut in two, or crawling leaves from another to eat chickens. A lack of food or of grit, especially of meat scrap, may be a contributing factor.

PROPER SHELTER FOR SHEEP

Animals Do Not Require Expensive Buildings but Must Have Protection in Wet Seasons.

Sheep do not require expensive buildings but should have some protection from wet weather. A shed open to the south with a well-drained yard is excellent quarters in which to house sheep.

Fresh—"I want a leave of absence for over the week-end to visit my sister in New York."

"How long have you known her?" "Fresh—"About two weeks."—Cornell Widow.

ELWELL

Miss Bertha Wycoff of Alma spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wycoff.

Mrs. Clyde Jones of New York visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nelson last week.

Irwin and Irene Hilsinger of Vestal are visiting their grandmother Hilsinger and other relatives here.

Lois Pritchard is on the sick list.

Mrs. Ernest Maddon and son, Clark, of St. Louis, Mrs. Hazel Smyth of Grand Rapids and Mr. Cole of St. Louis visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marie Shingliff one day last week.

Mrs. E. J. Crowell and daughter, Alice, were Alma callers Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Harold Nevills of London, Ontario, and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hicks of Elm Hill and Miss Jessie LaPaugh of Beaverville were callers here on Wednesday evening.

Miss Olive Nelson and children of Grand Rapids spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dalrymple and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Dalrymple attended the Alma fair one day last week.

Miss Jane Pritchard is some better of this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry King, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Parker of Beaverville were callers here Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Geo. Lutz is on the sick list.

Mr. Baker moved to Alma last week.

Miss Maxie Talbot of Mt. Pleasant spent a few days last week with her parents and Harry Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. George LaPaugh attended the Alma fair one day last week.

Miss Florence Fairchild and baby, Miss Mrs. Ralph Fairchild and Miss Jane Robinson visited relatives in Alma Wednesday.

The Misses Doris Shingliff, Dorothy Allen, Lois and Lell Smyth, Glenna Handley, Mr. Smyth of Alma were at Bass Lake Thursday.

WRIGHT SCHOOL

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Isham, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rockefeller, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Ely Wolfe and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Metcalf were among those from this vicinity who attended the fair at Ithaca last week.

School commenced at the Brick school Monday with Mrs. Sadler as the teacher.

Charles Simpson of Jackson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Wiley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Bush entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ira Otto.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Erhman and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Erhman and mother of St. Louis spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Webb and Mrs. F. M. Webb.

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Mrs. Hazel Winslow is working in Owosso.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crist of Alma called on Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wiley Sunday.

School commenced Tuesday in the Eckert school with Miss Bolinger as the teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Pink attended the fair in Ithaca Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lentz spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Rogers near St. Louis.

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