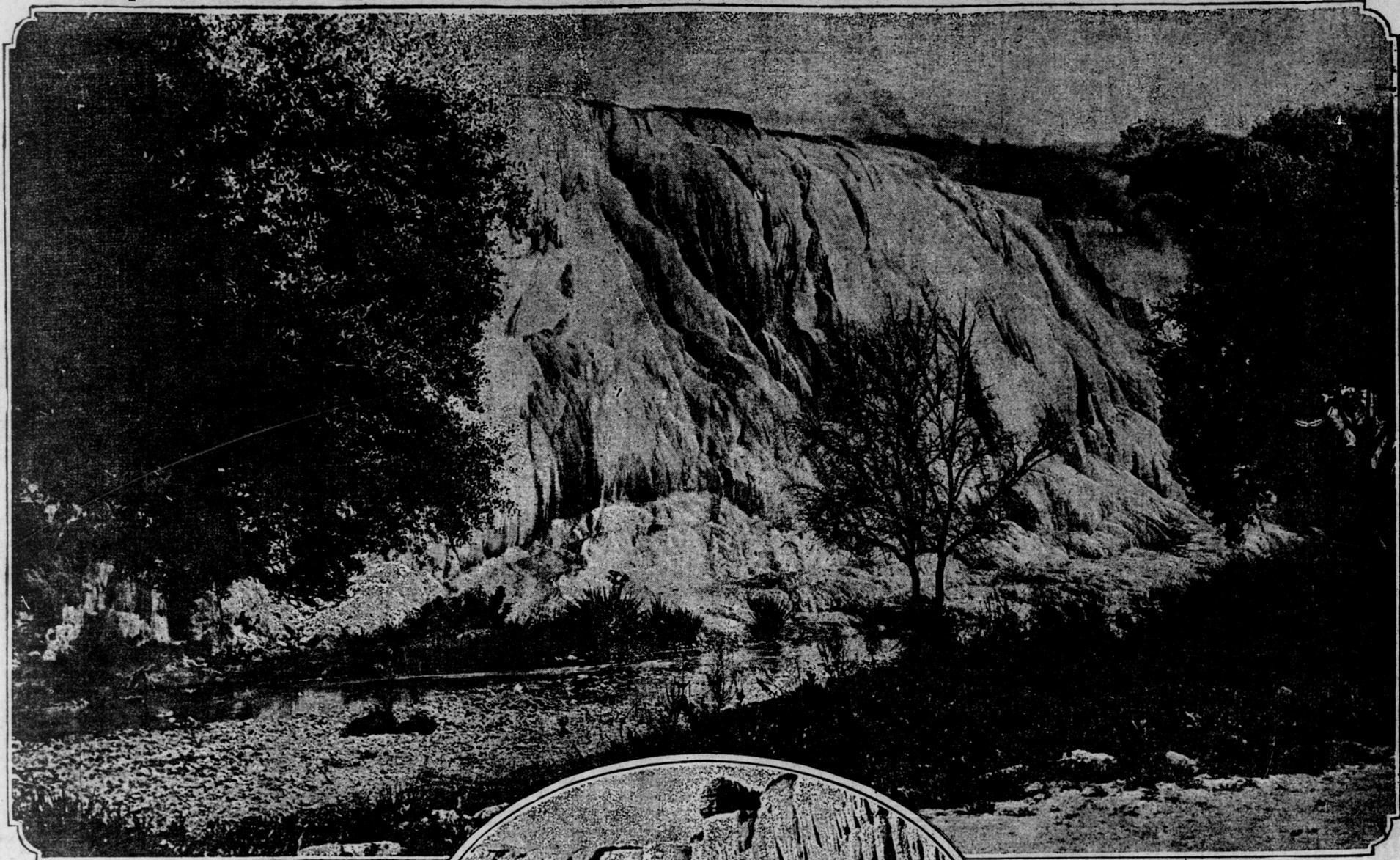


"Bath of the Damned," Algeria's Petrified Cascade, Perpetuates a Strange Legend of Allah's Wrath



Great Petrified Cascade of Hamman-Meskhutun (Bath of the Damned), Algeria. From the Illustrated London News.

WITH all the beauty of a cataract of living water, there is in Algeria a remarkable petrified waterfall which recently has been engaging the attention of scientists. This is the Hamman-Meskhutun, which means "The Bath of the Damned," and is located 62 miles from Constantine, on the site of the ancient town of Cirta. This solidified cascade is the production of calcareous deposits from sulphurous and ferruginous mineral springs issuing from the depths of the earth at a temperature of 95 degrees Centigrade.

Constantine, which gains its name from the fact that the Roman Emperor Constantine rebuilt it on the site of Cirta, was captured by the French in 1837. There is still an abundant flow of hot water from sources which gave birth to the petrified cataract, although in the course of ages the flow has been diverted.



The Stone Cascades of Pambuk Kalesi, Asia Minor. From the Illustrated London News.

Hierapolis, a city in Phrygia. Hierapolis was so famous for its hot springs and cave, Plutonium, that it was held

sacred by the old Romans. Its cascades form a remarkable group of fluted surfaces and the petrifications are remark-

ably regular in their grouping and form an extremely pleasing, artistic ensemble.

Liberty Only Is Denied to Prisoners in Atlanta

IN recent years none of the world's great prisons has attracted more attention than the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga. Interest in the institution being due in large measure to the humane policy which the government has adopted toward men who have broken the laws. The fact that many of the most famous prisoners of the present day have served and are serving sentences there has kept the prison in the public eye, but its revolutionary method in dealing with offenders is the feature that interests most persons.

More than 900 men are serving sentences there at the present time, the list including murderers, bank wreckers, counterfeiters, burglars and men who have used the mails to defraud their victims. They are sentenced there from all parts of the country and many of them are desperate characters, but no matter how serious their offenses they are given the chance to show they are still worthy of some consideration.

Every effort is made to make the men contented, the inmates being allowed to work at callings to which they are accustomed as far as is possible. The hated stripes have given way to uniforms of blue gray, the silence rule and lockstep have been thrown into the discard and the men are not compelled to avert their faces at the approach of visitors, as is the case in most prisons.

He Is for "Divorce Made Easy" and Alimony for All Former Wives

INTERESTING to members of every stratum of society is the divorce question. It is a problem for the working man, for the man of wealth and social distinction, for the state and for the church. Recent studies of the divorce situation and the appointment of a commission in England to investigate the causes and the justification or nonjustification for the prevalence of petitions for divorce have created heated discussions throughout the English speaking world.

In touch with the discussions on this subject and are familiar with the attitude of certain clergymen toward divorce will have no difficulty identifying a prominent Roman Catholic prelate and a well known Episcopal bishop referred to in the book.

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY HANDSOMEST IN WORLD

ACCORDING to those most entitled to speak on the comparative pulchritude of the police, the Royal Irish Constabulary bear off the palm from all policemen in all other parts of the world.

Liberty is about the only thing denied the inmates of the prison. Comfort, cleanliness, entertainment, physical exercise, well cooked food and plenty of it, tobacco and good reading are some of the compensations that fall to the lot of the man who is deprived of his freedom.

That any married woman should be entitled to a divorce for the mere asking without being compelled to give reasons; that husbands should be compelled to support wives they have divorced, no matter how serious the offenses may have been; that divorce should be made easier; that the marriage laws should be reconstructed along scientific lines without regard to the wishes of the church, and that the unfriendly attitude of the church toward divorce is responsible for a large share of the world's misery.

that she desires a separation is deeply significant. "If the man she once thought worthy of her adoration has now become hateful, so much so that she wishes to be released from him, the law has no moral justification in requiring her to remain subject to his pleasure and power. She should be freed instantly and placed in a position to dictate to such a husband the terms of their future relation."

"Under no circumstances," he says, "should a divorced husband be permitted to ignore or in any manner evade the payment of a fair portion of his income toward the support of his former wife until such time as she remarries or of her own free will absolves him from further responsibility."

The author does not offer much in the way of a solution of the vexing problems, scarcely touching on the disposition of the children of the divorced couples. He is hopeful enough to believe that the time is not far distant when a divorced man will refer with reverential respect to "my devoted sister who was my wife," and the worthy woman who in the past filled first place in his mind and heart will thenceforth know him as "my noble brother who was my husband."

desirable a union where love is not; that men and women involuntarily and unconsciously—but in obedience to the law of affinities—seek each other just as the metals combine and harmonize their atoms, just as the pollen of the flower finds its kind."

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