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PROMOTE TRADE IN NEAR EAST

Aims of the American Chamber of Commerce for the Levant Are Set Forth.

TO OPEN UP IMMENSE FIELD

Constantinople Destined to Become the "Chicago of Europe" Says New President of Organization—Opportunity for American Capital.

New York.—Constantinople is destined to become the "Chicago of Europe," according to an interview published by Mr. Lemuel Ivring Thomas, a director of the Standard Oil company of New York, which company has extensive business throughout Asia and the Balkan states.

Mr. Thomas lately returned from a visit to Europe. He returned, while in London, that he had been elected president of the American chamber of commerce for the Levant, said Mr. Thomas. "I refer to the new organization, American section of the chamber, now functioning unofficially in New York. It will cooperate with the long established chamber of the same name which has its seat in Constantinople.

"The organization of this chamber is a direct movement to promote relations more intimate between American and that great area—including Near Europe, Asia Minor and Near East—of which Constantinople is the capital.

Gateway to Near Empires

"It is not generally recognized that Constantinople is the best of commercial gateways. Mr. Thomas said. "The best of reasons for this statement are the geography of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus. Those straits are the gateway to near empires of population and trade. Some Russian. When we realize that Russia is the most commercially naive land on the globe, on the United States has the economic tide not yet turned for the greater part of the vast empire. Those straits are the doors through which commerce must flow through Constantinople when Russia will a hundred millions of her people wealthy and her commercial world."

Those remarks Ambassador Morgan made with his further emphasis on necessity of great national development with a prompt organization of Constantinople. Bulgaria has waited for a strong and aggressive commercial, has her commercial people, has her commercial people, and the Black sea. And even in the farther side of the Black sea is a group of states which eventually will perhaps be an important place in commerce trade.

Russia, Persia, now has it also its relationship with Old Russia, with population of over 14,000,000, has of course, two trade routes via the Adriatic and another via the Danube to the Black sea. Without any doubt the Danube is sure to play a much more important part in the trade of the Balkan states than it has ever done in the past.

Has Natural Wealth

"Back Jugo-Slavia and Greater Greece will have a more important position than now in the Levantine trade of the future. Egypt is growing into a land of commercial significance. While certain territories have been detached from Turkey since the war there remains much fertile and valuable land. Turkey is rich in minerals of all kinds.

"The war and its aftermath upset exchange throughout the Near East, and this has made commercial trade actions difficult for the present. But the natural wealth is there, and a population for the most part industrious. Trade must surely grow.

"A high official of an international bank, one who is recognized as having unusually broad and accurate knowledge of Ottoman financial affairs, stated to me at Constantinople that in Turkey fully $1,000,000,000 in gold is hoarded by the people in stocking-leg banks and not dependent at all with the public banks. In this connection it should be remembered that the ottoman mind is accustomed to think financially in terms of hard money, and that prior to the European war only gold and silver were in circulation to any extent in Turkey. There is evidence that great private wealth exists there today in gold, silver and jewels, not to mention other valuables, and this wealth will come into the current market as trade returns to normal.

"The Levant offers a splendid opportunity for the investment of American capital in a wide range of enterprises. One of the great openings of the present is for the construction of dwellings, warehouses, harbor improvements, and so forth. Constantinople alone has lost 25,000 to 30,000 houses by fire since the war began, and affords a magnificent opportunity for homebuilding activity. I know for a fact that the Turkish authorities would welcome anyone coming there for the purpose and that they would even be glad to offer concessions. The prevailing spirit is progressive." Modern industrial equipment, too, is now sought where formerly it was shunned. I recall that a long time ago, prior to the coming into power of the Young Turk party, a business cablegram was intercepted by the Turkish authorities because it contained an offer to import some electric dynamos capable of 7,500 revolutions per minute. The very adviser of Abdul Hamid is said to have thrown up his hands at the suggestion and remarked with some heat that Turkey had enough revolutions on her hands at the moment without encouraging those revolutions.

Opportunities Are Great.

"Constantinople now has an independent system to provide adequate harbor craft for use in the waters around Constantinople. People living on the other side of the Bosphorus need sufficient facilities for commuting to Constantinople.

"The development of roadways on the European side of the Bosphorus is another matter for business enterprise. If the Bosphorus is not the most beautiful body of water in the world, I should like to know where it is to be found. A proper driveway along the shores of the Bosphorus would return to the memory of a world-traveler is really anything more charming.

"Opportunities for homebuilding and other forms of construction are open in the other cities of the Levant as well as in Constantinople. There is widespread need for national construction and rehabilitation, while at the moment modern docks and wharves and up-to-date freight handling equipment must be provided.

"The Levant should become a growing market for American machinery and manufactures of all kinds. Importations from the Levant must be encouraged, too, in order to improve the exchange and credit situation so that the Near East can buy more from America. Tobacco, licorice, valonia, olive oil, hides, opium, silk, dried fruits, gum, sponges, and wheat are among the products coming into the United States from the Levant. It will be the aim of the American chamber of commerce for the Levant to bring American trade connections between responsible parties in this country and those of the Levant, to furnish all possible information, and to encourage in every way the development of these exchanges to those in this land."

Time is Ripe

Officers of the American chamber of commerce for the Levant include, in addition to Mr. Thomas, president, the following: Chairman of the board, Mr. J. W. Davis of the Tobacco trust; vice president, Capt. Jack J. F. Lance of the Lance Manufacturing company; treasurer, Joseph Freedlingham of the American Express company; secretary and manager, Mr. R. E. Ewing.

Headquarters of the new chamber are at 200 West Fifty-ninth street, New York city. It is expected that after May 15 the chamber will be located in the Broadway district of New York.

Those represented on the directorate of the chamber, or are the more prominent, are:

American International corporation, E. C. Dodge de Nemours Co., E. R. Bishop, Co. Guaranty Trust company of New York, General Motors corporation, Amory Brooks & Company, Great Lakes Trust company, Commercial Trust of America, Lockwood, Greene & Company, Remington Typewriter company, A. B. Farquhar company, Robert H. Ingersoll & Bros., Robert Gidney, James A. Farrell, U. S. Steel corporation, Phelps-Dodge company, Brown Shoe company, International Western Electric company, H. J. Heinz company. The membership covers a growing list of merchants, shipowners, bankers, manufacturers and other business men of the United States.

GAINED AND LOST FORTUNES

English Dandies Played for High Stakes in the Latter Part of Eighteenth Century

Almack's was one of the famous and fashionable clubs of London. It was at its height in the latter part of the Eighteenth century and the play there was enormous. It was not uncommon for the losses in a single night to amount to upwards of $100,000.

The young men, dandies all, who intended to play set about the matter with a great deal of ceremony. They wore aigrettes with wide brims, flower and ribbon trimmed, the brims intended to keep the light from their eyes, and that the spectators might not see their emotions they often wore masks. They also often took off their ruffles and silk or satin coats and wore in their place a rough great-coat or else wound leather bands about their arms to protect the delicate lace and hose of their coats from the soil of the table.

At each player's side was a small table that held their fan, wine cakes and rolls of rouleaux or coins. Most of the players wore long curls, eyeglasses mounted on long sticks, were perfumed, powdered and painted like court ladies, and some of them even affected a mincing ladylike walk. But those who made the error of thinking them ladylike in their fighting ability made a mistake that often cost a life, for the gay young sparks would draw swords at the drop of a hat and meet death with a laugh.

Confusing Incident.

"How was your after-dinner speech received, dear?"

"Not so well. While I was talking one of the guests actually snored."

"You should not have stopped for a little thing like that."

"I had to stop. The other guests woke him up and wanted to know where he got it."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Helpful Hints.

Jones—I want to do something big and clean before I die.

Bones—Wash an elephant.

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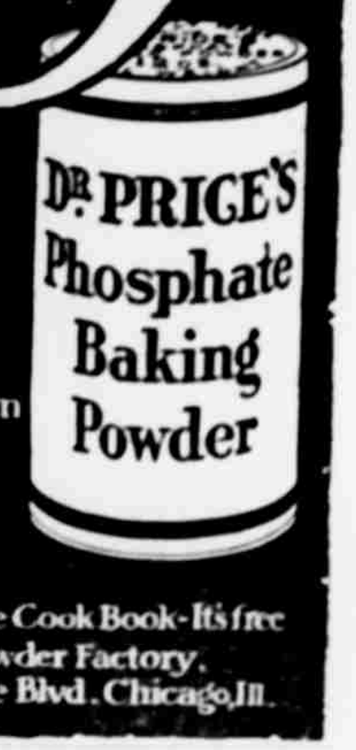

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"Run Down" People Easy Prey To Serious Disease

When you get "run down" it merely means your system is disordered—working poorly. If the disorder stays small, you may remain just "run down." But if it gets worse, you are downright sick.

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NOT IN WHOLESALE BUSINESS

Amount of Rouge This Damsel Would Require Many Times Dropped Carried in Stock.

The drug store was quite over the dazzling belt, but the druggist was not a dotard and had been in bad many places where he was accustomed to the varied mingling of the sights and.

With sweet words of compliment he passed himself from the young lad.

"Where did he remark, what, or some pure wholesome do a girl," he stammered pulsatingly.

Throwing up the bedroom window he allowed the free cool air of night to cool your hot. Then put the head on.

Below he saw a young lad.

"What can I do for you, sweet?" he inquired. "Is anyone dying?"

"No, no!" came back in sweet tones. "But I'm dancing at the ball down by, and I have quite run out of rouge."

"Dummy!" muttered the disappointed damsel. "I am very sorry, but I never keep enough rouge in stock to cover a dance like yours."

Then he closed the window down and returned to bed.—Chicago Daily News.

Luck.

Edith—I have only two gold crowns and they were given to each other.

Mabel—How romantic!

Nothing succeeds like success—in stirring up detraction.

JUST MATTER OF DEDUCTION

As the Boy Explained It, the Finding of Horse Was Really Quite Simple Matter.

Speaking of the development of the short-selling habit in stocks, Richard Dehaven, the actor, is fond of relating this incident.

Some years ago a prominent citizen of a town lost a horse. It was the talk of a town. In fact, it was talked to the rye and spavined. But, perhaps as a result, Dehaven says, the prominent citizen wanted the horse. So he advertised offering $5 reward for its return. The town lighted, a lot of discussion, with a lurking name the afternoon saying the horse with a string around the neck of a showering, in the prominent citizen's door. The horse was soon was placed.

"How?" said the citizen, scowling a good, suspicious and perhaps an accusation. "Now, my lad, there's your $5, and I'm glad you found my horse. But, tell me, how did you know you found my horse?"

"Easy as ABC," said the lad. "I was thinking if I was that old horse where I would go, and I did and he was."

He got the extra five.—Kansas City Star.

It a man owns street-railway stock, he never recommends walking as an exercise.

A man is as old as he feels—and usually considerably older.

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