THE DREAM

Maiser and Sultan proposed to empire was to be recreated throughout the Middle and Near East. Therefore, the Green Flag of the Prophet was waved every

MOSLEM WORLD AND THE WAR

Where Holy War Fails While Briton Matches Hun Suez, Palestine, Bagdad and Armenia Play Varied Roles

vain. The Armenian was mained loyal. The Arab was as powerless as disaffected. The times of religious wars were past. The Young Turks and Germans found they miscalculated.

ARMENIA'S FUTURE IS HANGING IN BALANCE

Refugees in Russian Territory Die Like Flies After Heroic Defence and Fearful Marches-Living on Eight Cents Per Day.

If this war has displayed few dra- the farcical declaration of the Kaisvinces of Turkey. When Russians Retired

ian population of the district. Then Arabs of Northern Africa, and Egypt powerful military factors. They are Then, too, from Arabia the power of Armenians of Van and cf. the province had raised the green flag—the em- annoying, like insects. They have Turkey all through the middle east fought a heroic war of self-defence, blem of holy war. At last the time worried the Baguad expeditions of the could be threatened. Damascus is and thus saved themselves from the But with the exception of a few stop the Anglo-Indian Posts. This ap- Aleppo and Bardad and Mosul. Congeneral massacres which the Turks murders in the provinces, committed plies mostly to the tribes of the in- querors have come out of the southern carried out in Armenia and Asia Min- by a class of fanatics against the na- terior. With the seafaring Arabs it desert before and may do so again, or. Though they bravely defended tive Christians, no sign of any re- is different. The desert man cannot only wearing khaki and puggarees inlatter retired. This with rawal of the mistake. A declaration of jihad trader who visits Zanzibar, Madagas as he is, unorganized and unorganized caucasia. They had no provisions Another fact made the jihad simply to fear from Arabia. Aden is a great little prestige to lose and much to Great. whatever, and, exhausted by hunger ridiculous. The real Moslem religious stronghold and commands a danger gain. In that country Islam has Seleucia itself was founded by lands of Egypt. The Holy War has Nile by the Assuan dam, from his and thirst, walking in dust and under war of olden time meant that every point on the route to India. It is everything to lose, for the home of Seleukus, son of Alexander's favorite the scorching sun, they suffered horfaithful Mohammedan male should in well garrisoned and from it as a base the Prophet and the capital of his general, Antiochus. The building ma. but that is rather a worn-oht and dullcause of Kultur and Constantinople. ribly on their journey. Those who such a case kill at first his wives and lagged behind were attacked by children, burn his nouse and property woman hrew them. The protect the castern end of the Suez. hosts of the greatest of Christian employed and the capital of the such a case kill at first his wives and the right and the capital of the British warships can operate to religion now sees the Fait.ful in the terial was furnished by the ruins of the wonder city, Babylon. For many gold and boasting succeed better and Egypt, of the Suez canal, of India. Kurds; many women hrew them and then take up arms for the cause Britain has other fortifie points along pires and others of the Faithful allied years the left bank of the Tigris, opposit of Archie and with the greatest of modern pages and others of modern pages. ish brutality; others dropped their obey its sacred orders and enjoy the Persian, shores of the ersian Gulf, ain and Turkey with Germany.

Terribly strained and fatigue! sided). Erivan and other Armenian Arabs and Even Kurds Disregarded centres in Transcaucasia, to find few measures taken for their reception. Typhus, spotted fever, dysentery, and, later on, cholera and other epidemics, ally decimated these homeless and whom the Germans expected to join Suez canal. The reason is that Germost part Turks, not Arabs, who have 3,500,000. Plenty of water from the journey, despite hurried aid from Rus- numerically stronger than any other attack upon Palestine and consequent in power in Northern Africa. ents have fallen, ave already been are hostile to the Turks. For years taken care of in various orphanages Turkish armies, one after another, and convents. Yet the mass of the have been annihilated in the deserts remnant of the Armenian population of Arabia. During the wir Arabian are crowded into camps under the antagonism toward the Government most unhealthy conditions, deprived of was well understood in Constantinople all elementary comforts or daily life; and it was not without reason that trying to live on less than eight cents about sixty Arabs, were hanged in a day per head, which the get as re Daines, and quite a number in Beirut. lief from the various distribution or and other Syrian quarters. Ten thouganizations. The existence of one of sand Arabian soldiers in the Dardn-'the oldest Christian nations in the elles were attacked, disarmed and sent East, the larger portion of which all back to Anatolia. If some Arab Sheiks hanging in the balance.

ARABS ARE ROBBERS

Despise Town-dwellers Whose Power Ends at the Desert

The most picturesque visitors to Bagdad are the Arabs: the Bedou, with his keen eyes cast from long habit on the Lorizon; the grave sheikh with his staff, his long grey beard and steadfast gaze, and turban bound with the black asgal. The Bedouin distrust the Turks, and their antigathy is seasoned with contempt. Outside the city they were free as the wind. ties for plunder and brigandage, con-There was no armed control beyond sidered by a Kurd an honorable occushelkhs of the tribes were subsicized only did not respond to the call of to let the camel post go through to the jinad, but, on the contrary, taking Damascus, and the Turkish Govern- advantage of the general confusionment had no hold on them unless one and anarchy, began to plunder, kill of their number came into the bazaars and devastate everything within their of Bagdad for supplies. I made the reach, without distinction of race or journey across the desert with an old religion. In some places they joined haji, who guided himself by the stars, the Russians, in others the Turks. Twelve days on a fast dromedary. There have been Kurds who have riding eighteen hours, at a stretch taken part for a time with the Ruswith two short halts for meals, and sians, then with the Turks, and vice the beast had only one drink between versa. the Euphrates and Damaseus. I was held up and robbed a day and a half from Hitt, and swed it to the haji that I got through live -- London Mail correspondent

known to every Moslem throughout an Italian-Abyssinian half-caste, who the world; Mecca, in fact, occupies no told me that he had had French les greater place in Islamitic thought and sons from General Gordon in Khar-

STAGING OF THE JIHAD :

matic developments on the European er's own Holy War. The declaration battlefields it has undoubtedly shown of jihad in Constantinople was several tragical turns on the remote nothing more nor less than a comedy, Transcaucasian front-tragical at least writes a neutral correspondent. The for the Armenian people, whose exist. Turks have no religious ceremonies, ence was shattered from the begin- nor any special ritual for such occaning of this war. Speedy marches of sions. The Sultan, the Sheik-ul-Islam, the Russo-Armenian forces into Turk- the Fetva Emini, attired in newlyish Armenia, a heroic battle for self- invented uniforms, walked in procesdefence followed by a victory of the sions, with Ministers and Hadjas, Armenians of Van and the expulsion with the soldiers and people of the of the Turks from that city, a disas. Mosque of Santa Sophia, used for the trous retreat of the Armenians into first time as the cathedral of the Mo-Transcaucasia for safety and other hammedan world, and there, with events of a similar character have prayers and reading the Koran, the succeeded each other with dramatic Fetva of jihad was signed by the rapidity. After over a year of such Khalif, by the Sheik-ul-Islam and by vicissitudes, about 180,000 refugees, the Fetva Emini, and then proclaimed. part in the world-struggle the least the last remnant of the Armenian Next morning dancing dervishes made distinct. It is generally thought that element in Turkish Armenia, were a procession in the main streets, car- Arabia does not matter, but evidently quartered within the borders of Rus- rying before them the ancient flag Britain's agents and leaders think difians, Nestorians and others now quar them by the Khalif. The Turkish ferently. To most Arabia is just a tered in Persia. The greater part of papers published inflammatory edi. geographical expression, but from the these Armenian refugees have come torials and ready-made sensational activities of both Briton and German from the city and province of Van; news of a general Mohammedan ris- agents it must be judged that the the remainder constitute the aggre- ing all over the world. They said Powers count Arabia in in making gate of what used to be the Armenian that the Ameer of Afghanistan was their strategical calculations. Yet element in the various Armenian pro marching with 300,000 soldiers to In. Arabia is hardly a nation. She has dia, where all the Islams had enlisted not that unity or driving power which in the jihad, and were driving the the first Mohammed and the Caliphs "hateful and tyrannical" English out and their new faith gave her. The At the outbreak of the Russo of the sacred lands of India. The land is one of wild tribes, faithless Turkish War the speedy advance of Caucasus was of course in revole and friends, treacherous foes, but not posthe Russian army into the Euphrates the Muscovites were evacuating Tif- sessed of the wealth, knowledge or ly built their Damascus to Sinai rail-Valley saved almost the whole Armen- lis. Odessa was in flames. The organization which could make them way away east of Jerusalem.

children and continued the frightful promises on earth or in heaven. And The coasts are safe and that is all

Call-Some Aid Russia

ready massacred by the Turrs, is and Arab tribes have joined the Turkish army operating against the English advance in Mesopotamia it is en tirely due to the lavish distribution of Prussian gold and promises of future rewards and compensation.

Another element on which the Turks counted was the Kurdish tribes. The Kurds are entirely nomads, scattered in Eastern and Southern Asia Minor. divided into hundreds of small tribes having no bond of union among themselves, and (their whole number is hardly two millions. They are supposed to be Moham.medans, but in fact they are in a very immature stage of life, their religion consisting of a few superstitious ideas; and they are powerful in proportion to their abilt-

Cosmepolitan Crowds My companions in the hotel at Da dad, writes a globetrotter, were a Greek, a Jew, a Turk, an Armenian, one city which is a Levantine, a Bombay Eurasian, and



The valleys of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers where a great :ampaign has the Panama, but, strategically speak. Palestine were building barracks and been waged between the British and Turks. The exact location of the ing, it counts more for the Empire, strategic railways through the Holy Garden of Eden has not been fixed to the satisfaction of many scholars. both in war and peace, than its en- Land, and all pointing towards the There is a theory that two existed; one, Semitic, that of the Sons of gineering achievement or carrying desert of Sinai and the canal beyond the Biblical garden was at Kurna at the junction of the two rivers.

British, but by themselves could never very near the Arabian desert, likewise The result is that Britain has little Mesopotamia. In Arabia Britain has cay after the death of Alexander the wild fare-first tribes in all the black from his contentment, from his

Holy War in Egypt Terribly strained and fatigues.

HOLY WAR'S FAILURES

Arabian peninsula so securely to her jihad might have made some impresside that an attack could be launch sion in the present war, perhaps, was existence of its very important straside that an attack could be launch- sion in the present war, perhaps, was existence of its very important straed upon Palestine from the desert in Cairo and Alexandria, among the tegic base by taking the left bank side. Britain coming upon the Jordan mobs of those cities. Even there the of the Tigris and founding there the country from the east like the Midian- agitation is of political rather than city and fortress of Ctesiphon. ites or Monbites of old would be more religious origin, being the work of The new city grew rapidly. It is than interesting. It would paralyze the so-called Young Egyptians, who said that when Saud took it, it had

isia. Some 20,000 orphans, whose par- race in the Ottoman Empire, generally

modern cations

Jerusalem, Sinai and the Mount of Olives were turned into Turk'sh driff every little detail, but no use to them and remain the only dominant Power included. It is said to have once been were erected where the Moslem hosts might learn to shoot the Christian.-Norman Lindsay, in Sydney Bulletin.

Remarkable Population of These Ancient and Storied Cities

themselves against great odds the ligious excitement was shown. Be. appreciate sea power. It is nothing stead of turbans and carrying the Valley, materially and intellectually. hammedan country raised to pros- The British officials have control of the prosecution of the prosecut Armenians of Van had to retreat in sides, the Turks as well as the Ger. to him that the German flag dare not Union Jack instead of the green flag The fertile soil of the district yielded has impressed Islam. But should the whole Armenian element of Van was meant war against the Germans, Aus. Car, Bombay or Alexandria knows and able, nomadic, barbaric, distrustful and armorers were thriving in pros.

British hands and in shaking Form crops in profusion, and in the city invasions from Palestine succeed in public buildings and harbors and whole Armenian element of Van was meant war against the Germans, Aus. car, Bombay or Alexandria knows and able, nomadic, barbaric, distrustruit is decidedly pro-British. It is to his and treacherous Arabia can hardly be and armorers were thriving in pros-British hands and in shaking Egyphand. It has a great native army at the local treacher of the shaking Egyphand. It has a population which decumstances. Only twenty-four hours neutral Christian nations. Conse. In the British fleets would looked to as a certain avenue of perity. Though Persian in religion, security of British prestive by Religion and the beauty of British prestive by Religion and the beauty of British prestive by Religion and Religion. was given them to quit their homes. Quently by publishing a second Fetva drive him too off the seas it he dared British advance. British advance. British prestige be gone. It is small wonder that the Cor. Shaden will be considered by the later and the la and there were very scarty means of all the faithful were war, of against interfere with traffic through the Suez Arabia as a buffer. She can hold the of the later schools of Greek philos. It is small wonder that the Gergiving supply of water. The Sphinx transport. Some 250,900 people, all the faithful were war, d against threatened with traine through the state schools of Greek philosophy. Seleucia and Ctesiphon were mans have sent emissaries to all the has fascinated the Hun and lures him countries around Egypt as well as for ready sorely tried during the previous tions. The distinction destroyed more the oil steamers from the Persian Guif ing her attacks upon the infinitely built to take the place of Babylon, hard months, had to walk a distance than half the fervor for the jihad in as they go to supply the British fleets. Ficher and more accessible lands of which latter city fell rapidly into de-

Kurds; many women hrew themselves into the River Bendimahu in
of religion. This is the promise of
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Turco-German Holy War ful state. Seleucia lay on and commanded the main road from Syria to

Besides the Turks, there are other the Turco-German power in Palestine are nothing more than a second edi- over a million inhabitants, while the broke out in virulent form and liter. Moslem elements—Arabs and Kurds— and would end all the Kaisc.'s dreams tion of the Young Turks of Constan- population of the territory, north, east of invading Egypt from across the tinople, and the leaders are for the and south of it, numbered no less than the jihad. The Arabs, who are many and Turkey anticipate' a sea resided in Egypt since the Turks were Tigris and a most fertile soil, two essentials which in the hot climate of

MOTORS IN THE DESERT

Incidents of War in Desert of Meso-

A British officer taking part in the Mesopotamia campaign, writing to relatives, says: "At Nasirych, they've hammedan religious fanaticism of oldbeen having lots of fun. Some piquet en times—a kind of re-institution of in the outpost line there is selected almost nightly for attacks, and bullets had partly encircled Europe in a chief Hun's Visit to Damascus and fig into the remotest corners of the crescent shape. The Young Turks, as camp. We have had a certain large and fairly powerful Arab tribe, led by a celebrated cut-throat of the name of "Jamie" (at least that is exactly how the Khalifate of Stamboul. The emistishman, we found the old city turning are responsible for these little excitedays ago and burned a couple of their villages, but haven' yet heard whether the war had gone forth from the Ot- nized, if I had been wise, as "the this has had a salutary effect or not. From the Comment of the Parties, to writing on the wall," the mark of the They did rather an amusing thing one night. They got into the slaughter house, where there were about 300 for the cause of Islam.

To Divide the World

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To Divide the World They did rather an amusing thing one Egypt, to the Caucasus, Persia and beast, the beginning of all this coil

until we had everything absolutely were to be won. England, France and wore on every carriage the same ready, and wheat once launched there Russia had most of the Islams under livery. And, last profanity of all, even was no going back on our side. The their yoke, while Germany had none, at Boelbec on the temples of Jupiter Turks fought amazingly well up to a and the Turks were told that all their and the Sun was inscribed the legend certain point, and then all of a sud- co-religionists were to be liberated "Imperator Germanorum visit avit." den crumpled up, and next mement from the Christian yoke and united were in full flight with our cavalry with the Osmanli, thus creating a and armored motor cars in pursuit and great and powerful Mohammedan Em-

SUEZ CANAL IS VITAL TO EGYPT AND INDIA

Beacons Leld's Great Stock-buying Coup Has Great Effect on Present War-Why Germany Stirs up the Islantic World-Why Egypt is Loyal

Apart from its fascinating con-, the watchful British eyes that look and motor truck, Soudanese and Lon- To the west in the desert b Suez Canal, as well as the base of easily made restless. In the him control of the canal England and In- civilization. dia are separated, the head from the body. As the body needs the head, so Hind needs the British Isles.

Since Beaconsfield made the greatest stock market, and at the same grand object has been alway: and is time political, coup ever made by a still the Suez canal. Since England statesman in purchasing a controlling abandoned the Cape route with its interest the foreign policy of Britain great waste of time the Empire has and the domestic policy of the India pinned its faith to the canal, a much Office has been centred around the shorter if more vulnerable route. The Suez ditch. It may not carry as much vulnerability did not appear until it traffic as the Sault Ste. Marie canals was found that the German explorers

Prestige Counts

and Germany. With Mohammedan attack on the Suez canal, the Cape Egypt loyal the loyalty of Mohammedan India is much surer than otherwise. What happens in Cairo is soon carried to Calcutta and prestige is the attackers. The reason for this Seleucia and Ctesiphon, under the half-civilized Moslems. In Egypt is it furnishes great supplies of food, countries around Egypt as well as to on. But the Hun must arouse the

trasts of ancient and modern, Sphinx out from Egypt have a busy time doner, Mohammedan and Christian and everything else, Egypt rivets inevitably the attention of every military man in the world and of every British patriot. For Egypt is the base of operations for the defence of the operations for the defence of the operations for the defence of the operations. of operations for the defence of the chener a score of years ago were recuperation for the other Mediter- land of the French colonies in Algeria ranean and Oriental campaigns. The and Morocco the wild tribes have canal is the vital thing in the Anglo- been remarkably active since the Hun Indian empire. Writers call it the took to turning every available and jugular vein of this empire. Without guilible race against the forces of

The object of all this stirring up may have been partly to embarrass colonial governments and hold large When their raiding cruisers were caught and their Grand High Seas The fact that Egypt is a part of Fleet bottled up in the Kiel canal the Mohammedan world is also of the Germans, essentially land fight the greatest importance to Britain ers, saw their chance in an overland route being beyond them.

Britain's Strong Hold But not all the advantages are with

One of History's Jokes

Proved a Fiasco-Years of Plot- the world a century ago.

mans had well persuaded the Turks speak the last word. of the possibility of a revival of Mothat Islamic power that in the past the old Turks of Abdul Hamid's time, thought-out methods by the Germans We saw painted on all the facades of for the last four or five years before the houses what I should have recog-

Before the outbreak of the war Ger. liam, the friend of Abdul, had visited without anybody knowing anything man representatives approached the the oldest city in the world. The about it till the next morning. After Turkish leaders and put the question Sultan was—literally perhaps, figurthat the entrance to the slaughter of a general religious war against such atively certainly—to be clasped in a house was mined, and a couple of Christian powers as were in conflict tight and, as after events may prove, nights later, when, I suppose, they with Germany. Their arguments were a suffocating embrace. Not a sacred were trying the same game on again, not enforced with mere words; they dwelling was spared, not even the they exploded the mine, an i bazzed promised men and money, and to start with, \$2,500,000 was deposited in the St. Paul was let down in the basket; the German banks in Constantinople, and the little mountain train that "Our latest attack was not made with which the Mohammedan chiefs takes one on to Lebanon and the sea

Day of its Declaration Was Test- in their hands, very much like the ing Time of a Great Plan That when they agreed at Tilsit to divide Gun Wasn't Loaded

Paradise was promised to the Turks, and they believed they could get it The fact that the Turks put their and anything else they wanted. As lot in the balance with the Germans obedient pupils of the Germans, they was due chiefly to two main causes. followed them, were caught by the bait, echoed their call, and declared Central Southwest Asia, produced First of all, the Turks having their the Djihadi Sherif (Holy War of remilitary instructions from German of ligion). But, as the Oriental proverb ficers, and some of the Turkish of says: "The bargain made at home has ficers, as for instance, the present War no value in the bazaar"; so, whatever Minister, Enver Pasha, having him- they had on paper, whatever they self resided for a time in Germany had in mind, did not work in reality, they were acquainted with the Ger. man military conditions and had as they had imagined. After years formed a firm belief in the strength of the German army and their prepared. times of religious war have cone, and ness. In the second place, the Ger. it is the money and the gun that

COMING OF THE KAISER

Ancient East

A Declining Population

The present population of the Basra region, of which Ctesiphon is the cenin the long run. There seems to be in the West. Hence Turkey in the 10,000,000, but the decrease has in no something irresistible about our Orient and Germany in the Occident way affected the strategic importance were to have the realm of the world of the district.