

In the Twilight of the Turkish Empire

The Amazing Experiences of a Captured British Officer

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III--Starvation, Terrorism, Bribery and Brigandage CONSTANTINOPLE, THE CORRUPT.

It was as a prisoner at Nazareth... change after bread and water, varied by thin soup.

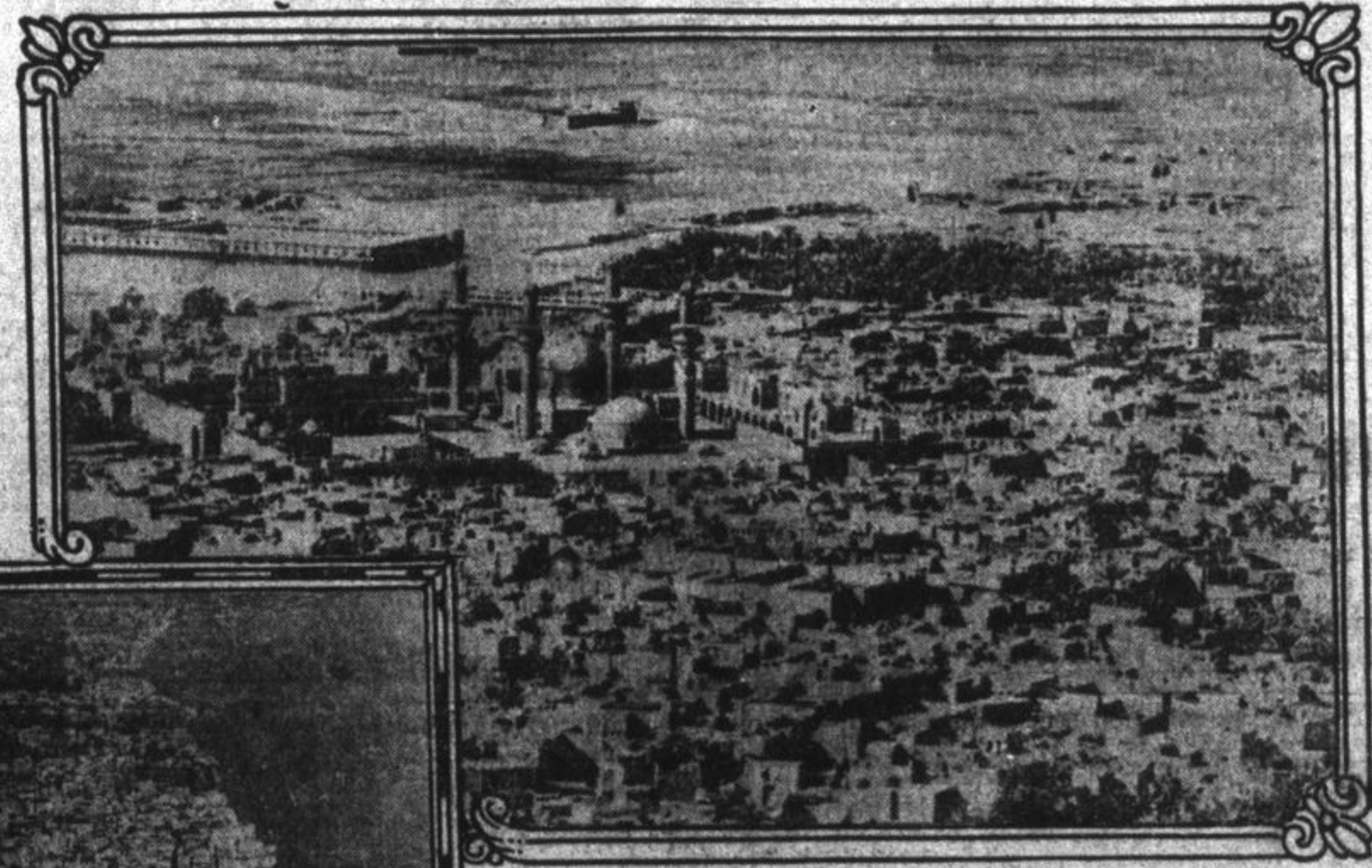
My Friend Jean Will. Sick and bitter of mind made me far from hungry, so that I was unable to eat much of what the Germans sent me.

Their small bodies were then removed for burial; and mothers left more infants against the walls and doorways.

separate from their families, with the intention that the lives of relatives or friends would pay for a breach of loyalty.

When a rich man—Turk, Greek, Jew or Armenian—really was conscripted he could always pretend sickness, bribe the military doctor to send him to a hospital, bribe the hospital who examined him, and, finally, bribe the medical board to give him leave.

When the passage of time, the need for soldiers became more urgent, the rates of police blackmail rose even higher.



Arab town of Kadimain from the Air.

Several times during the first few days I noticed men, women and boys walking in a huddled bunch, with guards round them.

to happen, and most people were hoping for it. All the gold in the Ottoman Bank (of which he was at the time an official had been transferred to Asia Minor, whither the Turkish Ministry had planned to retire.

back across Anatolia was unsafe in the highest degree. In every fastness one would be certain to meet a band of armed ruffians, destitute and utterly merciless, who would cheerfully kill for the sake of a pair of boots or a shirt.

and Armenians remained untouched, if they left politics alone. There was plenty of paper money about, and not a little gold.

Everybody swindles. Everybody was on the make. To take but a few of the swindles I remember from my Constantinople days, these were the Smyrna sugar graft, involving the barefaced theft of twenty truckloads of this commodity; the Regie tobacco graft; the cocaine and quinine hold-up, engineered by a few Jewish speculators, so that for a time the hospitals could obtain these drugs only at the price of twenty thousand piastres per kilo; the oil swindle, the match swindle, the flour-swindling swindle; and, above all, the cornering of the wheat supply, whereby many of the poor were starved.

funeral directing. Mr. Cornelius is fully acquainted with all the intricacies of the business, having commenced his apprenticeship when only thirteen years of age. For many years he was with the late W. M. Drennan and later took over the management of the undertaking establishment of T. F. Harrison. When Mr. Harrison retired from that business Mr. Cornelius became associated with S. B. Corbett and for twenty-one years has served him. Mr. Cornelius has now opened his premises and many friends in the city will wish him success in the endeavor for which he is so well qualified.

This same officer paid me further visits, for he was learning French and wanted practice. Once, when he was in my room, I saw in the window a strange procession. A few banners were carried at the head of it, then came some Turkish soldiers, and finally a mass of men and women, shambling along with bowed heads.

of my acquaintance urged him to relieve the distress. Rained Fishermen of Haifa. I remember being taken to the port of Haifa in May, 1918, and seeing line upon line of fishing boats stranded on the beach, with great hooks knocked in their sides so that they might not be floated.

Heart Fluttering Easily Corrected GOOD ADVICE TO FOLKS BOTH-ERED WITH PALPITATION, WEAKNESS, ETC. If your heart flutters, be careful. An attack is liable to come on at any time. Excitement, over-exertion or emotion may cause it.

The Plight of The Armenians. In the provinces the lot of the subject nationalities was dreadful. Most of the Armenians had been wiped out, and most of the few left alive had run through great hardships to the British zones of occupation.

Save the Children. Mothers who keep a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the house may feel that the lives of their little ones are reasonably safe during the hot weather. Stomach troubles, cholera, infantum and diarrhoea carry off thousands of little ones every summer, in most cases because the mother does not have a safe medicine at hand to give promptly.

TO-DAY IN HISTORY. Five years ago today, July 5, 1914—The Kaiser's Crown Council at Potsdam resolved upon war. Find General Von Hindenburg. Answer to yesterday's puzzle. Upside down nose near hands.