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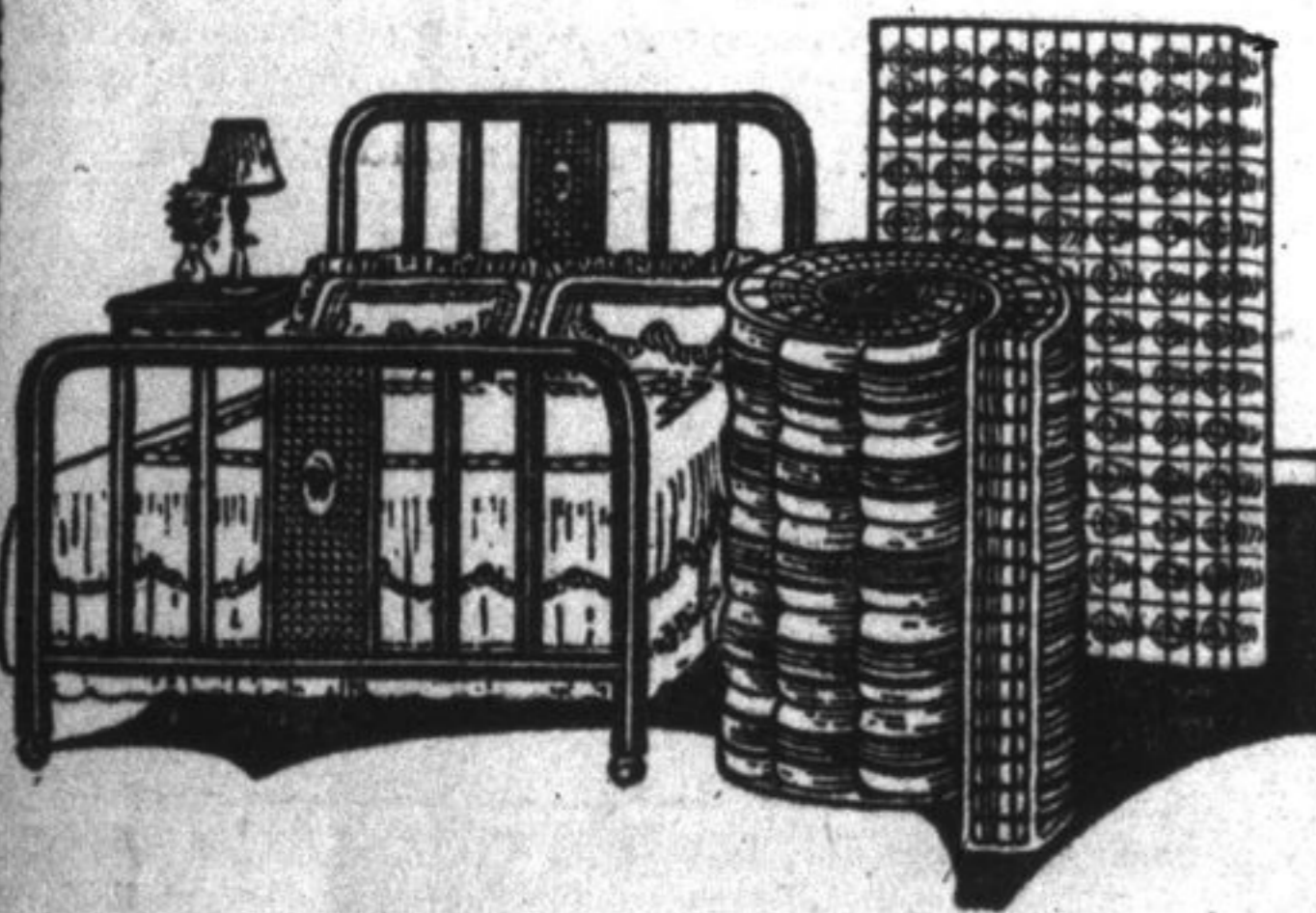
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A CONSTANTINOPLE LETTER

By F. Lyman MacCallum.

Constantinople, March 18. When one sets out to describe for Canadian friends the life of Constantinople and Turkey as it is today, the writer experiences such a rush of ideas to his head that he suffers a dangerous congestion of traffic. The fact is that Turkey is one of the most amusing places in the world to be in at the present. Between the things that one hopes for and the things one hopes to avoid, life is full of anticipation.

At the head of the country is a band of men who are determined to shake Turkey awake. It is not a comfortable process, of course. The world is doubtless sick of hearing of how we put on hats over night, but that change is exerting a steady influence on our mentality. Recently it was discovered that a lot of weavers were out of work and their explanation consisted of the one word "Hats." The material they wore was used almost entirely in making the long gowns that Anatolian men affect. The wearers of these gowns discovered that when they went abroad in hats they were subject to rude laughter from their friends, for the combination of hat and gown was extremely quaint. Now they wear three piece suits, while the unlucky weavers twiddle their thumbs, martyrs to progress.

The interminable Armenian tragedy is said to be entering upon another acute phase down in French Syria. Practically all the Armenian survivors from southern Anatolia took refuge in Syria four or five years ago and have lived there, precariously, in refugee camps as unwelcome guests. There was no place else they could go. Now the Druse troubles have dislocated business in Syria and made the food and employment problems acute. The hungry Syrian glares at the hungrier Armenian and says, "Get out. There's food for only one of us." What a long time the Armenians are a-dying!

In Angora the supply of male factors for public hanging seems to have fallen off lately. Your correspondent recently met two Ontario ladies fresh from Angora with a most extraordinary fund of impressions.

"Did you see the hanging?" someone asked them in a small and politely horrified voice. "No," one lady fairly roared. "We were simply furious! The gentleman who was showing us round thought we were some sort of mid-Victorian females and didn't breathe a word for fear it would spoil our breakfast! When we did hear we tore down to the square, but of course we were too late. They were just casting the bodies away." "Brigands, too," sighed the other with infinite regret.

The visit of these Canadian ladies was made a cause for editorial rejoicing in the official government paper at Angora. Careful inquiry at the American Embassy had brought out the fact that these travellers were not newspaper women. On the contrary they belonged to one of the highest and richest families of Canada. Since no mercenary cause could be assigned to their visit it took on the air of a pilgrimage of respect to the shrine made famous by President Mustafa Kemal Pasha. But there were evidences that his fame had reached even farther than Canada. A lady had written from Van Diemen's Land asking how she could secure a photograph of the Turkish President. Angora has taken its place beside Moscow, London and Paris as a world capital!

A recent observer described Turkey as being in that youthful stage which says, "Watch me; see how

high I can jump." A good many corns get tramped on in the ensuing gyrations and our respectable European neighbors are saddened by the display but that pleases us all the more. The fact is it's terribly good to be alive, to go as we please, and especially to snap our fingers under certain haughty European noses. One of these years we'll settle down and live respectably, if less happily, ever after.

After diseases has run its course the human body needs an unusual amount of nourishment to repair the wastage. The same holds true for the former Sick Man of Europe. We find ourselves fifty years behind Western Europe in transportation, sanitation and education. Catching up with the Joneses is an extremely costly process and taxes are high. A venerable Turk recently furnished a delightful explanation of this painful phenomenon. "We Turks," said he, "are notoriously lazy. Our and become like other nations so he loaded us with these heavy taxes. Now we must either work or starve—and most of us prefer to work." The enthusiasm of the people for their Ghazi, (which means "hero") Mustapha Kemal, is touching. Our admiration for Lloyd George, even in his palmiest days, was a faint shadow of their hero worship.

We take our politics seriously—this corner of the woods. Our football team has just been winning some victories down in King Tut's old parish. And did the howling fans exclaim, "Attahoy, Red!" or "Jump on his neck, Pep!" Not if the sporting writers are to be trusted. According to them the delicious crowds howled, "Vive Mustapha Kemal Pasha! Vive la Republic Turc!"

An intelligent Turk was recently enlarging on the method of procedure pursued by the Grand National Assembly. When a law is to be framed a committee listens to experts on the matter in hand and proceeds to draw up and present a bill to the Assembly. With an all but unanimous voice the Assembly says "Passed" and there is all there is to it. A few reactionaries, who oughtn't to be allowed to continue in the Assembly, register their hostility towards progress by refusing to vote. A much simpler arrangement that the antiquated two party system still-clung to by countries which should know better.

The various codes of criminal and civil laws are being drafted complete, from several European countries, especially France, Switzerland and Holland. The other day a couple were married at Angora before a civil judge, without any religious ceremony. As the law covering such marriage has not yet been presented to the Assembly the uniting couple promised to abide by whatever matrimonial laws the Assembly should pass! The Turks are a courageous people.

It is now reported that the new issue of postage stamps will go on sale the fifteenth of March. Whenever they appear Turkey will be represented by a series of which any country might be proud. They were designed by a Turk and engraved in London. A most interesting novelty is that they bear in Latin characters the Turkish word "croush," which signifies "plaster." These stamps are the first official indication of the impending change by which Turkey will learn to write Turkish in Latin rather than Arabic characters. It will be a tremendous and difficult step but we are determined, whatever the cost, to become Europeans.

PICTON

Picton, April 2.—Dr. E. M. Herrington has returned to his home here from Toronto General Hospital much improved in health.

J. C. Beacock has accepted a position with the G. M. Hicks undertaking and furniture business. Mr. Beacock came to Picton from Ottawa, having also had experience in Toronto and Peterboro.

Miss Gussie Shorey and Mr. Percy Shorey are spending Easter holidays at the family home, Main street west.

Mrs. George Leslie is visiting friends in Toronto this week.

Harry B. Dayton has returned to Rochester after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dayton.

Roy Leavitt has taken possession of the Perry Clark grocery of which he recently became owner.

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BUDGET OF NEWS FROM WELLINGTON

Charles Fritz Passed Away After a Few Weeks' Illness.

Wellington, April 1.—Charles Fritz, who had been seriously ill for several weeks, passed away on Sunday evening, March 28th, at the age of sixty-seven years and nine months. Charles Fritz was born at Trenton, and moved to Wellington forty years ago. He was employed on the railway, and for thirty-eight years was section foreman, maintenance of way department. He received his pension two years ago. He was very fond of gardening, and in his spare time he raised tomato plants and flowers, etc. During the past two years, he devoted his time to this work. He was a good neighbor and was highly respected in the community. The funeral service was held on Wednesday afternoon, March 31st. A number of beautiful floral tributes were received. Interment took place in Wellington cemetery. His wife survives, also six sons and two daughters, Wilbur, at Trenton; Sparrey, Hillier; Henry, Quebec; Emily, (Mrs. William Cox) Picton; Ernest, Harrowsmith; Dorothy (Mrs. Townes) at home; Cecil, Wellington; Arthur, Coe Hill.

her marriage. Surviving are two daughters, Ellen and Rena, and one son, Arthur, all of Trenton.

While working at his property near the livery, A. A. Morden fell and injured his back. He was confined to his own home during the week-end.

Fred Bonter was seriously ill during the week-end. Charles Bailey, who has been employed in Detroit during the past few months, has returned to help in the butchering business.

Rev. Rufus Garratt and his wife have returned after spending a couple of weeks at the Faith Mission, Trenton. The March meeting of the Ladies' Aid was held at the home of Mrs. David Vandervoort.

Bessie Shephard was taken to the county hospital last week and underwent an operation for appendicitis.



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COOKE'S FATHER AND SON BANQUET

Held on Thursday Evening—Dr. L. J. Austin Was the Chief Speaker.

The ninth annual Father and Son banquet of Cooke's Church Comrades' Club, was held in the school room on Thursday evening, with a large attendance of the members, with their fathers. The Mothers' Council prepared a bountiful repast. Mr. Bert Simmons, president, occupied the chair, and was supported by the chief speaker of the evening, Dr. L. J. Austin of Queen's University, and the pastor, Rev. T. J. S. Ferguson.

The programme consisted of address by Miller Douglas on the father and son idea, given by the company, led by Mr. F. L. Newman, with orchestra accompaniment.

The fourfold work of the club was taken up by the members and explained as follows: Intellectual, W. McNab; physical, Hector Melver; spiritual, Eldon Boyd; social, W. Harkness. Bert Findlay, in a very entertaining manner, told the fathers how they could do more for their sons, while Mr. C. C. Simmons championed the cause of the fathers by telling the sons how they could help the fathers. Dr. Austin was greatly enjoyed in his very interesting and instructive address. He traced the history of

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surgery for several centuries, and pointed out what wonderful advancement had been made during the last forty years.

Votes of thanks were tendered Dr. Austin for his able address, and the Mothers' Council for the excellent spread they provided. Mrs. Charles Simmons, president of the council, replied for the mothers.

After an illness of several months John Findlay passed away at his home in North Elmley on Saturday in his eighty-fourth year. He had been ill practically all winter.

Wednesday passed peacefully away on Wednesday, Malcolm A. McRae, highly esteemed resident of the 9th line of Beckwith. Deceased was born ninety-five years ago.

Victor Truelove Fernoy, was acquitted at Brockville on a charge of stealing a watch and some money.

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