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Near East Turns Toward U. S. Moslem World In Upheaval

THAT there is going on in the Moslem world an intellectual upheaval finding political expression in the crystallization of new states and giving promise of a future economic development, was pointed out by Dr. Paul Monroe, head of the International Institute of Teachers' Colleges, who has just returned from a five months' visit to the Near East.

"Americans know little of the tremendous changes that have come over the Moslem world in the Near East," Dr. Monroe said. "An intellectual upheaval is at its height there. Coming as a result of the war, it has intellectual, political and economic implications, and we cannot very well overlook it.

Its Effect Politically

"This movement has found intellectual expression in a desire for education, a development of literature and a dissemination of information by means of establishment of newspapers. In Turkey it aspired to and accomplished a separation of church and state, and the significance of that is comparable to and as great as the Protestant Reformation. It has reached down to the unit of society, the family, and there is developing a complete rearrangement of family life, not alone in Turkey but in the Arab states as well.

"This intellectual upheaval has found political expression. Races that for centuries have been in subjection are gaining or have gained political independence. The British have withdrawn from Egypt; two Arab states have come into existence; Persia, while nominally a monarchy, has in fact banished the Shah, and Turkey has freed herself of western control.

"With the exception of the two Arab states, these countries have freed themselves entirely of western control. The two Arab states for the time being remain to some extent British pawns. In Iraq and in Arabia the British retain military control and guide the foreign policies of those States, but locally the Arab control is complete.

Turning to West

"Of course, the maintenance of these new political entities is difficult in the extreme. There are some very practical problems. Much of the population is nomadic, and even if they were agreeable to taxation it would be difficult to collect taxes from them because of their nomadic existence. Previously, of course, what the ruler or his agent wanted he seized. To substitute orderly contribution to the state is not easy.

"The future of the Near East gives promise of economic development. The Moslem world is beginning to realize that and is turning to western customs and imitating them and citing them as the ideal to be attained."

Lives Four Years On \$1,000

Now World's His Workshop

OWEN D. YOUNG is getting to be a sort of international handy-man. Only recently he returned from Europe, where he was a member of the Dawes committee which formulated the new German reparations plan. Now he is going back as agent-general of the reparations commission—in reality, official collector of reparations.

Owen D. Young is a long, lean, muscular man, 49 years old. He was born on a farm in New York state, Van Hornesville, Herkimer county. His ancestors settled there nearly 200 years ago when the population was 74—and it is still 74.

Young decided he wanted to be a lawyer when he was 14, largely because his impression of the profession was that men engaged in it "could sit in the shade and talk," while farmers had to get tired, hot and dirty in the fields. There was very little money to send him to school, but an uncle promised to come over and help on the farm in his place, so the following year he attended Springfield Academy.

After that he decided he must go to college. He was too young to win a scholarship—being only 15—so his father borrowed \$1000 and sent Owen to St. Lawrence College. Working night and day, he made the \$1000 do for his four years' course, and was graduated in 1894. He worked his way through Boston University Law School by tutoring and library work, did a three years' course in two, and graduated with honors in 1896 when 22.

He practiced law in Boston for the next 17 years, he and his partner making a specialty of organization, financing and operation of utilities companies. In 1913 he was made vice-president and general counsel of the General Electric Company of New York. This when he was 39. Now he is chairman of the board of directors.

He was a member of President Wilson's second industrial conference, chairman of Secretary Hoover's committee on employment, and a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He is also a director of the International Chamber of Commerce and of various electrical utilities companies and philanthropic organizations too numerous to mention.

Men All Alike Some Day?

College Head Sees Danger

THERE may come a day when individuals will think alike, act alike, and be parts of a standardized society, if the present-day trend toward standardization continues, Dr. Edward S. Parsons, president of Marietta College, believes.

"There is plenty of evidence to prove the existence of organized efforts to standardize society," he said recently; "to make this world a place to live in, where everyone will have the same political ideas, the same social philosophy, the same theology; a place in which no new ideas will ever be allowed to jolt us out of our complacency and dead-level uniformity.

"Society wants the same man—the Creole nature—the man who always is ready to conform his own opinions to those of the dominant group, who is quick to sense the attitude of those from whom he can profit and who shapes his course accordingly.

"It does not take any extraordinary measure of keenness to detect that there has gone abroad during this last generation, and especially this last decade, with great rapidity, a process of social standardization all over the world. People are becoming more alike.

"Now and then we run across an individualist who will not have a telephone in his house, or drives a hansom cab in the midst of Fifth avenue automobile traffic, but most of us have yielded to the standardization process without a murmur.

"There are a great many advantages in such standardization. Life is easier, more comfortable; it requires less thought."

Dr. Parsons asserted he was not " inveighing against standardization," but "simply illustrating" it.

"The supremely important question," he said, "is whether the country is prepared to approve such standardizing of people."

Thought—Your Best Friend

Going to Nature's School

By CLARK KINNARD

THOMAS HUXLEY defined education as the instruction of the intellect in the laws of nature, under which name he included not merely things and their forces, but men and their ways; and the fashioning of the affections and of the will into an earnest desire to move in harmony with those laws.

"It is important to remember that, in strictness, there is no such thing as an uneducated man," he said (in an essay, "A Liberal Education").

"Take a supreme case. Suppose that an adult man, in the full vigor of his faculties, could be suddenly placed in the world, as Adam is said to have been, and then left to do as he best might. How long would he remain uneducated? Not five minutes.

"Nature would begin to teach him, through the eye, the ear, the touch, the properties of objects. Pain and pleasure would be at his elbow telling him to do this and avoid that; and by slow degrees the man would receive an education which, if narrow, would be thorough, real and adequate to his circumstances, though there would be no extras and very few accomplishments.

"And if to this solitary man entered a second Adam, or better still, an Eve, a new and greater world, that of social and moral phenomena, would be revealed. Joys and woes, compared with which all others might seem but faint shadows, would spring from the new relations.

"Happiness and sorrow would take the place of the coarse monitors, pleasure and pain; but conduct would still be shaped by the observation of the natural consequences of actions; or, in other words, by the laws of the nature of man.

"To every one of us the world was once as fresh and new as to Adam. And then, long before we were susceptible of any other mode of instruction, nature took us in hand, and every minute of waking life brought its educational influence, shaping our actions into rough accordance with nature's laws, so that we might not be ended untimely by too gross disobedience.

"Nor should I speak of this process of education as past, for any one, be he as old as he may. For every man the world is as fresh as it was at the first day, and as full of untold novelties for him who has the eyes to see them.

"And nature is still continuing her patient education of us in that great university, the universe, of which we are all members."

MAN'S capacities have never been measured; nor are we to judge of what he can do by any precedents, so little has been tried.

This is the philosophy of Henry David Thoreau, who preferred solitude to company, and suggested that life is not for complaint, but for satisfaction.

In his works we find these ideas: Nothing was ever so unfamiliar and startling to a man as his own thoughts.

Our thoughts are the epochs in our lives; all else is but as a journal of the winds that blew while we were here.

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them.

The universe is wider than our views of it. The man is the richest whose pleasures are the deepest.

The only excuse for reproduction is improvement. Nature abhors repetition.

Life is so short that it is not wise to take round-about ways, nor can we spend much time in waiting. The highest that we can attain to is not knowledge, but sympathy with intelligence.

Aim above morality. Be not simply good; be good for something.

One may be drunk with love without being any nearer to finding one's mate.

There is more religion in men's science than there is science in their religion.

A man's ignorance sometimes is not only useful, but beautiful, while his knowledge, so called, is oftentimes worse than useless, besides being ugly.

In mildness is the preservation of the world.

HOW'S YOUR HEALTH?

By Dr. W. F. Thompson

OH, what a fever Poor Willie has had; He camped in the open Where "skeeters" were bad.

No brains—no brakes; no brakes—no brains.

To get at the root of the evil have your teeth X-rayed.

Don't tamper with tumors; nothing short of radical removal is safe.

It's highly important That all should observe: There's always some danger In rounding a curve.

Light exercise before a light breakfast makes a light heart after.

In the treatment of insomnia nothing beats a warm bath and a cool bed.

As a disinfectant a current of clean air beats a dollar's worth of deodorant.

We may "kid" ourselves, but we can't "kid" cancers.

There's this to consider, When planning a tour: It's safer to stop where The water is pure.

The father who used to lay rails ten hours for one dollar now has a son who lays brick one hour for ten dollars.

Those who can not swim should not rush to the rescue of the drowning. The loss of one life is deplorable, but the loss of two, in this instance, is unnecessary.

In Maine or in Texas, Wherever you turn, You'll find freckled faces And rosy sunburn.

Drain your swamp and you won't your purse.

Oh, trap the rat, go call the cat; we dread bubonic fleas.

When speaking of bathing, It's a singular thing That it has to be done At a mineral spring.

The best cough mixture is a mixture of milk, eggs and common sense.

So often the fellow who thinks he's the "whole cheese" is only a piece of limburger.

One attack of appendicitis, without operation, may or may not be followed by another without recovery.

The wharf rat carries deadly fleas, Mosquitoes carry ague; The redbug totes no germs at all, But—Lord! Don't he plague you?

A successful business man is one who knows the price of potatoes to his trade, but doesn't know the price of indifference to his health.

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