

SALT LAKER ON STRANGE DANCE

Col. E. F. Holmes Writes About Whirling Dervishes at Constantinople

WITNESSES REAL CEREMONY.

The Dress, Beliefs, Ideas and Skill of Those Who Participate in Weird Rites.

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It is seldom now that one can see the real thing in the line of "dancing dervishes" or "howling dervishes" of the Mohammedan religion, attended by the fanatic intensity and zeal of the people of that faith.

To see this in Cairo is only to witness a put-up show for the benefit of tourists, or whoever will pay the price. Like the exhibitions of acrobats, the reality is not shown to outsiders, any more than was the secret of the Koran, which is their Bible. Like the Jews, they believe in the prophets of the Old Testament, and do not accept Christ as the Messiah. Mohammed Al was their Messiah, and the second coming of their Messiah is looked for, and when he does come, the whole world will be converted to their faith. This is why the late Mahdi, who so many followed, and that is why some great leaders of obscure origin might some day bring on a war between Christendom, when great loss of life might result.

ARE RELIGIOUS FANATICS.

In Constantinople, however, this extremely interesting ceremony can still be seen and there is nothing in it of a nature at all immoral or other than of serious import. These whirling dervishes are religious fanatics deeply imbued with the holiness of the act. You instinctively remove your hat in their presence. There are no feelings of mirth or levity. The poor, benighted beings that practise this rite may be pitiful, but they do it in all seriousness and with great deliberation. They are like a host of monkeys in the Christian world. They dance in a peculiar way and all nearly alike. The garments have a full skirt of woolen material reaching to the ankles; some shade of gray, maroon, or other shade of red. It has a fairly fitting body with sleeves, and a tall conical cap is worn—taller and of heavier material than the ordinary fez.

THE DANCE ITSELF.

Most of the dances are barefooted and the movement consists in turning round and round on nearly a fixed pivot, moving only six inches around the circle at each revolution, or about the distance of the width of the bottom of the man's skirt. The dancer whirls on the right foot, which is first lifted from the floor, the propelling power being the other foot, which gains a new position at each revolution. Thus the effort is considerable, or would be to one not used to it, and the skill required in the movement must require long periods of practice. Sixty revolutions a minute, or one every second, was the fastest that we timed, and some rather old men only half that. This motion, of course, causes the skirt to gather air underneath, so that it stands out as full as the material will allow. When under way they hold both arms extended to the right. With the right hand palm up the left a little below what would be a horizontal line across the body, but with palm turned down—the idea being that the divine current from heaven to earth thus passes through their bodies. Their eyes are closed, if nearly so, and after about 15 minutes the entire mass, as some sort of command is given by the leader, and they stop in their places without showing the least sign of dizziness. They will then open their eyes and even glance surreptitiously to the gallery where spectators stand and where the musicians are located. The regular instruments are played by beating time with the fingers, upon some kind of skin stretched tight over a frame, accompanied by some four or five voices in their sing-song drawing-tones—the least like music of anything one could imagine.

ATTENDANT CEREMONY.

The space set aside for the service is about 40 feet square and the floor of planed lumber is in no sense what might be called a dancing floor. Before the service commences all are sitting around the sides of this space, and one, an elderly patriarch, is squatted on the floor on one side. The daughters take position on the three sides of the room, dancing part time each passes before the chief dancing before he reaches him, passing to the other side, and bowing again. They all keep a sort of rhythmic step, and so make their way around the circle. The whole 18 dances do this; while at first the movement is rather slow and leisurely, but as the way, their arms are bent, then as they pass along up their chests and as the motion increases the arms become extended and are apparently quite rigid in that position. The whole thing lasted nearly three-quarters of an hour and the few of us visitors in

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the gallery had to stand all the time, but hardly a person moved, so interesting was the thing.

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.

An unbeliever to witness this rite, as in their fanatic zeal these devotees might attack them. Even to attempt to visit their mosques during service is attended with danger, and, indeed, the Mohammedans did offer to drown me up in Arab costume and smuggle me in, but naturally the offer was declined. Still he told us what they did, and it is little other than reading from the Koran, which is their Bible. Like the Jews, they believe in the prophets of the Old Testament, and do not accept Christ as the Messiah. Mohammed Al was their Messiah, and the second coming of their Messiah is looked for, and when he does come, the whole world will be converted to their faith. This is why the late Mahdi, who so many followed, and that is why some great leaders of obscure origin might some day bring on a war between Christendom, when great loss of life might result.

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The telegraph situation, so far as the sending of messages is concerned, is but little better than at any time since the strike. A woman came in to the meeting of strikers this morning and stated that she filed a message at Ogden a short time ago, for transmission to Elko, Nevada, where her grandson was supposed to be staying, and ascertained here that no word had been received from eastern relatives.

Judge Lewis, Mrs. Sanborn secured an attachment against defendant, who is the proprietress of the Manitou hotel, and garnished the money that was due the latter from her boarders. Mrs. La Forge claims that the action was one of spite, as she does not owe Mr. Miford any money, and that the reason that she gave her note to secure the loan mentioned in the complaint and the note is not due for more than two years yet.

FOR THE OIL BURNERS.

Work Starts on Storage Tank for San Pedro Locomotives Here.

Salt Lake is to have an oil storage tank for oil-burning engines of the San Pedro road, and work has already begun on its construction in the Short Line yards. Its capacity will be 15,000 gallons to be supplied by a train of tank cars from Los Angeles as may be needed. This is the 15,000 gallon tank at Lyon, and the 30,000 gallon tank at Miford will supply the oil burners with all the fuel needed.

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INTERESTING PROGRAM.

Daughters of Pioneers Hold First Meeting, Making it Big Success.

The Daughters of the Pioneers held their first meeting yesterday in the Lion House, and an interesting program was rendered. A paper was read; Mrs. Gates delivered a brief talk; Mrs. George Ingalls sang; and John P. Meakin delivered one of his characteristic poetic addresses, eulogizing the pioneers. Those who contributed towards making the afternoon so pleasant, entertaining and instructive were given a vote of thanks.

A course of study in twenty lessons on Biblical subjects, have been taken up. New members are being enrolled.

DEATH OF J. C. LAMBERT.

Bright's Disease and Pneumonia Call Him at L. D. S. Hospital.

James C. Lambert died last night, at the L. D. S. hospital, from Bright's disease and pneumonia, the first of which had been afflicting him for some time, while pneumonia developed only a short time ago.

The deceased was a son of Charles and Mary A. C. Lambert, and born Dec. 21, 1878. His immediate family consists of a wife and three children. Mrs. Lambert, before her marriage, was a Miss Waddell, daughter of the Rev. Dr. William M. Waddell of this city. The funeral will be held from the Seventh ward meeting-house on Sunday.

RECRUITS ARE WANTED.

Enlistment in the Army is Not So Popular as Heretofore.

The local army recruiting station is taking in recruits at the rate of 10 a month, a number that the state in charge says will increase as the season progresses. Recruits will be needed at Fort Douglas shortly as on the fourteenth instant, the time of enlistment of some 50 soldiers in the Twenty-first infantry will expire, and before the Fifteenth infantry arrives here, and the time of the remaining enlisted men in the battalion now at the fort, will approach, leaving the post without a garrison, and will recruit men to fill the vacancies. The 18 or 20 men left over from the Twenty-ninth infantry have been drafted into the Twenty-first regiment instead of being sent to other posts.

An intelligent non-commissioned officer said today, that the reason why the regular army is dwindling down so largely through refusal of discharged men to re-enlist, was because of the neglect of Congress to raise the pay of the men 10 per cent as has been proposed, and the result of the reduction is entirely unnecessary.

Weekly practice hikes about the country. The hikes have been, it is true, reduced to three days in the month instead of three days per week, but the men object to it all the same as a steady, though, although for recruits to show that they may be entitled to the field if it is all right. It is said that the reason why the enlisted men do not receive the increase of pay is because of the opposition of the commissioned officers who are by the proposed legislation given only an increase of 10 per cent, while they claim the same rate of increase as the enlisted men.

HARRIMAN COMING.

Railroad Magnate and Two Sons Are Due This Evening.

E. H. Harriman and two sons left Sparks at 7:30 o'clock this morning and are expected to reach Ogden at 8 o'clock this evening. It is not known whether the Harriman special will come down to Salt Lake or not. If it does it will be here for a short time only. Mr. Harriman is hurrying back east after a trip to the coast.

C. H. DEERE GOES TO HOSPITAL.

Chicago, Sept. 5.—Charles H. Deere, the millionaire plow manufacturer of Moline, Ill., after a three years' search in vain for relief from stomach trouble, is a patient at a private medical clinic suffering from an amænæmia, usually a fatal disease. Mr. Deere, who is 70 years of age, has little chance for ultimate recovery, according to the medical men.

ASH PIT FOR EVERY HOUSE.

Among the objects that invariably attract the attention of tourists in Denver are the ash pits at every house. These are made necessary by the character of the coal commonly used for domestic purposes and by the high winds that prevail.

The ashes of the lignite coal are extremely light and the remaining cinders often blow away.

If these red hot ashes fall on the ground, they will burn up almost as mysteriously as the fog.

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What the Organ of the Grocers Thinks of the Newspapers.

The newspapers of Salt Lake City have shown neither fairness or common sense in the controversy. They have shown the worst kind of partisanship, they have proved that body and soul they are for self. They have espoused the cause of a lot of grafters for the graft there is in it for them. They have lied barefacedly; they have distorted whatever has been said or done by any member of the B. & G. association, imputing to them the worst motives at all times. They have baited their honor for a mess of potage, and lost the respect of all fair minded people. They have succeeded in exciting a few old brabecles like themselves or a few brainless coxcomb, and possibly a few housewives, but they have not deceived one single honest business man with them. They have lied barefacedly to the members of the B. & G. association simply and solely for the money they see them out of, they know the real estate sharks as well as everyone else knows them and possibly better. They know their records and esteem them accordingly.

They have waged a villainous and unfair war against the best class of citizens in this city, and the end is not yet. They have not had the decency or the moral courage to give the other side a fair hearing, in fact they ridiculed, distorted their views, the sayings and doings. They have used them like hounds, night and day, for the past year. No man in his right mind can stand good a phœnix. If you are still under the impression that the members thereof are simply slaves to dance at the dictum of any one of them they will stand supinely all your villainy and abuse, as he once undecedent. When public newspapers will wantonly and with malice aforethought blackmail, because the objects are really bairns and not men, they overshadow the world. Some of them may know as much as their do, and are not good or better breeding than any of them and finally they do not sell their integrity for money as they have done.—The Retail Merchant, official organ of the Retail Merchants' Association of the State of Utah.

Kansas Cucumbers.

A young man in Kansas went out one morning after a rain, and to sow some cucumbers. Having had a hard deal of the productiveness of the soil he scattered the seeds and ran off. He could not outrun the growing vines and got entangled in them. After 10 hours of escape was to use his pocket-knife to get his hand through the tangle of vines he was alarmed to find his pocket-knife or pipe cutters—judges Library.

Alexander approached jocosely. That was his way. He had all sorts of nerve.

"Doggone old buck," quoth he, "how much will you take to be my guide, philanderer friend?"

"Kindly shoooff!" snarled Alexander.

"I've been a guedy philosopher for long to be anybody's friend. Will you be my companion of my light, and shall I call you an officer?" and that was all there was to it.—Puck.

TELEGRAPHERS IN NEW POSITIONS

Half of Striking Operators Employed in Other Lines Of Work

RAILROAD DEMAND IS HEAVY.

About Thirty Strikers Leave the City To Take Permanent Places at Higher Rate of Wages.

28th DAY OF STRIKE.

With the telegraph strike four weeks old tomorrow noon, the situation is no better than it was when the men first walked out to begin their series of daily meetings, and to organize for a long siege.

From local appearances an effective settlement is now an impossibility, under any conditions, and the regeneration of the service will not be consummated through any series of orders to return to work, or patching up of any kind of a truce.

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The strike was appealed to the court and was brought to recover \$5.35 on the first cause for money loaned and \$5 on the second cause of action for money loaned.

SKIRLIS WINS.

Judge Armstrong Grants a Non-Suit For the Defendant.

Arguments on Motion to Dissolve Attachment by Mrs. Sanborn.

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REGULAR P. M. SALES.

Daily Judge—200 at 6:30.

May—700 at 5:30.

Uncle Sam—500 at 1:45; 500 at 4:30.

B. 30.

Beck Tunnel—400 at 1:35; 100 at 1:35.

Black Jack—200 at 50.

Colorado—100 at 7:25; 500 at 7:30; 100 at 7:45; 200 at 7:45; 300 at 7:45.

Diamond—200 at 1:35; 100 at 1:35.

Goldfield—200 at 1:35; 100 at 1:35.

Iron Blossom—1,175 at 1:35.

Iwoy—1,44 at 1:35.

Joe Bowers—.02 at 1:35.