

some light to throw on the above. What, however, we wish to point out is the mistake of identifying Western Civilization with Christianity. So long as Europe was wedded to Christianity, it had no civilization. In was wallowing in the degeneration of the Dark Ages when even the Science of medicine was punished as witch-craft. It is common knowledge that the West set its foot on the path of civilization the day it threw Christianity overboard. We are inclined to credit the young Turk with enough knowledge of history to understand this. Just the opposite is the case with the world of Islam. So long as that world held fast to the ideals of Islam, it founded a civilization which is the pride of history. The decline and decay set in when the Muslims lost that original urge of Islam and substituted instead a bundle of life-less rites and rituals. We suppose the Turk is not so bad a student of history as not to know this lesson of history.

Ghazi Rauf Pasha in Lahore

It was a most inspiring address which in perfect fluent English, Ghazi Rauf Pasha, ex-Premier of New Turkey delivered the other day March 23 in the Islamia College, Lahore before a huge gathering of the Muslim *elite* of Lahore. The Ghazi was one of prominent figures in that grim drama when the Turkish nation rose as one man to purge the sacred soil of Fatherland of the scourge of Greeks and of all foreign influence. He was, in fact, the right hand man of Ghazi Mustafa Kamal and one of the builders of modern Turkey. Tracing the history of the rise of Turkish Empire on the ashes of the Byzantium, the Ghazi kept the audience spell bound with the glorious exploits of those early flag-bearers of Islam. The Turks, he said, were the first people in Europe to introduce the system of a standing paid army which was unknown to Europe till then. The early Sultans freely mixed with the people and found out for themselves their weal and woe. Then followed a period of two centuries, when Turkey remained stationary whereas Europe took long strides along the road of progress. This weakened the position of Turkey. Realizing this danger, Sultan Salim III, tried to introduce up-to-date methods and equipment of warfare. The Turkish Mullahs denounced the measures as anti-Islamic and declaring him as Kafir, roused the army against him. The result was that the palace was besieged by the army and the Sultan murdered. Sultan Mahmud II, realizing that in the presence of such an army no rule was possible, managed to crush that army of 40,000. The result was that Turkey fell an easy prey to Russia. This was the first national loss Turkey suffered at the hands of the Mullahs.

The second great loss inflicted by the Mullahs was during the reign of Sultan Abdul Hamid when the young Turkish Party brought about a bloodless revolution and put Turkey on a fair way to progress. The Mullahs sprang

up and denounced all their reforms as *Kufr*. The result was the annihilation of 35,000 troops and the Balkan War came on its heels. The military power of Turkey was so weak that when the Great War came, she could not but throw in her lot with Germany who supplied her money and munitions.

The third attack of Mulla's *Kafir*-making came after the Great War when Greece invaded Anatolia and carried sword and fire wherever they went. The whole of Europe was at their back. A handful of patriots, realizing that their very national existence was on the point of extinction, rushed to Anatolia and rallied the Turkish nation, even up to old men and women carrying babes in their arms to rise in defence of national freedom. Just at this critical juncture, the Mullahs issued *Fatwas* declaring this handful of national heroes as *Kafirs*. Any one who should kill any of these heroes was called a *Ghazi* or a *Shahed* in case he should himself die in the attempt. The result was that under these *Fatwas*, there were thousands of Muslim Turks who fought shoulder to shoulder with the Greeks against the nationalist forces of Ghazi Mustafa Kamal. This was the third most dangerous attack of Mullahs but thank God, the Turkish nation had grown wiser. Within two weeks the Greeks were driven out and along with that was sealed the doom of Mullaism in Turkey. It was the great sacrifices of the Turkish nation that won them back their freedom. The father, brother, or husband of each and every Turkish family was in the field whereas the wives, daughters and sisters— even those carrying suckling babes in their arms— carried munitions and rations for them in a weather 20 degrees below freezing point and under conditions when they could not provide these daughters of the nation so much as an overcoat.

Hitlerism

The West may rightly be described as a continent of "isms". Capitalism, Socialism, Bolshevism, Facism, Communism— these are the so many manifestations of a restless soul seeking after some true solution of a social system. On the top of them all now comes in Germany what may be called Hitlerism. Whether, this new tide will take the German people back to the promised land flowing with milk and honey is yet to be seen. In the meantime it has launched a bitter campaign of hatred against the Jews who, as reports show, are subjected to severe persecutions all over Germany. This is deplorable, to say the least and no movement based on hatred can be expected to blow any good to humanity. Europe in quest of a social order has tried so many isms, each having landed it in deeper social bogs. Will it not give a trial to the one "ism" that sprang from the soil of Arabia and which combines all that is best and is free from all that is evil in all the "isms" it has so far tried—*viz.* Islamism?

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