THE SULTAN'S SOLDIERS.

The Races from Which the Ottoman Army Is Drawn—Uniformity Required Only in Religious Belief.

In no army in the world, perhaps, except our Indian army, says *The St. James's Gazette*, is there to be found a greater variety of race and hue than in that of the sultan of Turkey. In one essential only is uniformity required—that of religious belief. To the follower of Mohammed alone is it permitted to bear arms in defense of the dominions of the padishah, and, if fate decrees, to become a *chehid*, a martyr for the faith. No Christian or Hebrew subjects may enter the combatant service of the sultan, but they render tribute for exemption in the *bedel askerich*, or military tax.

Foremost among the peoples which furnish the best material to the Turkish army is the peasantry of Anatolia. Of a hardy and industrious race, singularly patient and long suffering under trial and privation, the Anatolian battalions have always been among the most trustworthy soldiers of the sultan. The best troops with which Mehemet Ali in the Bulgarian quadrilateral confronted the Russians in 1877 were from Anatolia. Their disciplined bravery was the admiration of all who witnessed their conduct in action. Mehemet Ali himself thought rather better, perhaps, of his Bosnians and Herzegovinians. Hardy and enduring as the Anatolians, they often showed a more fiery courage, due probably to their Slavonic blood, and, in the hands of officers capable of leading them, would have proved irresistible. But thanks to the ignorant rashness of Suleiman, their magnificent battalions were decimated at the Shipka. It was with the remnants of the Bosnian regiments that Baker subsequently covered the disastrous retreat of Suleiman's army by Ichtiman and Tatar Bazardjik. With the occupation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria this element of military strength has been lost to the sultan. Almost on an equality with these first two were the troops recruited among the descendants of the old Turks settled in the country north and south of the Balkans—the troops with which Osman held Widdin and Plevna and the country to the westward of the Osma in 1877. Less impetuous than the Bosnians, they did not yield to them in the stubbornness with which they would advance to or repel attack. War largely diminished their numbers, and some (not many) have remained in Bulgaria and Roumelia. The majority of the survivors have returned into Asia, from whence, five centuries ago, their ancestors crossed over to spread the terror and power of the Ottoman name in Europe. The Mussulman Bulgarian, the Pomak, lacked many of the better qualities of the true Turk; and there is evidence that some of the worst crimes committed during the atrocity time of 1876 were the work, not of the descendants of the old Ottoman Turks, but of the Pomaks. Following these came the Albanian contingents to the Turkish army. Here three very diverse elements were found under one designation, varying in courage and submissiveness to discipline. The best of these men are the Tosks (the race which gave some of its most renowned and distinguished leaders to the Greek insurrection of 1826) of lower Albania and Epirus, the country of the Souliotes and Ali of Tepelen. After them may be reckoned the Arnauts of northern Albania and the Ghegas of the center. These last were held in little esteem by the Turkish commanders, by reason of their want of discipline and the difficulty of controlling them in garrison or among the Christian population. They are, besides, much under the influence of the desire for *platchka*, or loot, and the prevalence of vendetta between the members of different families and tribes often rendered it difficult to preserve peace among the northern Albanian regiments. For this reason they have always been among the first troops disbanded after war.

Coming after these men, but at same distance, are the Syrian Arabs. The Syrian troops that formed a portion of Mehemet Ali's army in 1877 showed very little ardor in fight, and many of them took advantage of any skirmish to inflict on themselves slight wounds to escape a service that was distasteful to them. Among the most worthless of the contingents sent from Asia to reinforce the army in Europe in 1877 was that composed of Zobeds, drawn from the country behind Smyrna. These picturesque but cowardly and bloodthirsty warriors were utterly useless against the enemy in the field; but woe to the prisoner who fell into their hands. Long before the war had terminated they were sent out of Bulgaria, to the great relief of the Turks and the population generally. But the element which most completely belied its reputation was the Circassian. Vagabonds and truculent, the conduct of the Tcherkess throughout the war was a bitter disappointment to the Turks. A more unfortunate hospitality was never exercised by the Turkish government than when they gave refuge to those mountaineers of the Caucasus after their subjugation by Russia. Planted along the banks of the Danube and in the Dobrja in the hope that they would be useful against Russian invasion, they proved a scourge to their neighbors, and were detested alike by Christian, Turk, and Tartar. Cattle-lifting was common with them, but horse-stealing was preferred, so systematic were their arrangements for passing on their booty that they completely evaded the ordinary authorities, who, however, were suspected of being in collusion with them. They never could be got to face the Russians in open fight, but occasionally stampeded their horses and surprised Cossack vedettes, who invariably paid for their want of vigilance by the loss of their heads.

Such are the races from which the Ottoman army is still drawn. They do not all make good soldiers, but some of them do supply first-rate men; and properly commanded, regularly paid, decently fed and clothed, the Turkish army is still capable of holding its own against the soldiers of the czar.

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