



Quelle

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Shortly after one o'clock, the assembled guests sat down to a sumptuous dejeuner à la fourchette, with champagne and other choice wines, servers by Messieurs Vallauri, the Pera confectioners, on several elegantly arranged tables on both sides of the Pera station. At the dessert, Mr. Albert, the general manager, proposed "The Health of His Imperial Majesty Sultan Abdul-Aziz." He said that the Sultan, having deeply at heart the welfare of his vast empire, had always, from the beginning of his reign, encouraged the extension and development of roads and railroads, means of communication which were chief element in the prosperity of the nations. It was in that spirit that His Majesty had granted the concession for this Underground Railway which now brought together the shores of ancient Byzantium. It was also to be hoped that the Metropolitan Railway would prove a new link of fraternity to cement the friendship between the Eastern and Western elements which met in Constantinople. Mr. Albert's remarks were greeted with much applause. The band played "The Turkish National Anthem." Baron Foelckershamb, as representative of the company, proposed "The Health of the Queen of England," the most ancient ally of the Sultan. The Company which had executed the railway was, he observed, formed in England and it was the result of British initiative and enterprise, applied to an undertaking of practical utility in Turkey, which had gathered them that day [...]. The Band played "God Save the Queen" [...]. Baron Foelckershamb again rose and proposed "The Health of all other Sovereigns" who had their representatives there. All, he said, had a common interest in the universal mission of civilisation and progress, and that the dignitaries present on that occasion had manifested their sympathy with a work of improvement and public utility, which would, he trusted, prove of advantage to persons of all nationalities settled in Constantinople.

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