

THE REVOLT IN ARABIA

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649332939

The Revolt in Arabia by C. Snouck Hurgronje

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.

Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

C. SNOUCK HURGRONJE

THE REVOLT IN ARABIA

By C. Snouck Hurgronje

The Holy War, Made in Germany

Mohammedanism

The Revolt in Arabia

The Revolt in Arabia

By

Dr. C. Snouck Hurgronje

Professor of the Arabic Language in the University of
Leiden; Councillor to the Dutch Ministry
of the Colonies, etc.

With a Foreword by

Richard J. H. Gottheil

Columbia University, New York

STANFORD LIBRARIES

STANFORD LIBRARIES
WORLD WAR
COLLECTION

G. P. Putnam's Sons

New York and London

The Knickerbocker Press

1917

FOREWORD

ALL those interested in Mohammedan affairs were much surprised to learn, through a despatch from Cairo on June 22, 1916, that the Emir of Mecca had revolted from Turkish overlordship. Much speculation was indulged in regarding the causes for such an uprising and its probable or possible outcome; for there are few parts of the habitable globe about which the ordinary student of international affairs knows so little as he does about Arabia. Life there has remained in much of its mediæval primitiveness; and even scholars who are specially concerned about Mohammedanism, and about the several hundred millions of its devotees, are little better situated in

receiving accurate information of that which is occurring in the "Holy Land" of Arabia.

No one living knows its history better than does Professor Snouck Hurgronje of the University of Leiden. To his vast knowledge upon all subjects connected with Mohammedanism and gained from an extensive reading of its literature, he has added personal observation during the year that he spent in Mecca and Jiddah. He has been able to get an insight into the various questions involved in its tangled history at the present day, and to learn at first hand of the parties which are rivals for leadership there. In the Dutch newspaper *Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant*, July 14, 1916, Professor Snouck Hurgronje gave a lucid explanation of the situation created as he saw it, by the proclamation of the Emir. The following pages contain a translation

Foreword

v

of these articles. I have added, as an appendix, the official proclamation of the Shereef to the whole Moslem world as it appeared translated into English in *The Near East* for August 25, 1916.

Since these articles were published in Holland we have heard very little as to what is happening in and around Mecca. News has come that an attempt at administrative reconstruction has been made at Jiddah; that the new Shereef has appointed a special agent at Cairo in the person of Omar Bey al-Faruki; and that the new government has decided to publish a weekly paper called *Elkiblah*, which is to be edited by Fuad Effendi Khatib of Gordon College, Assuan. What is of greater importance is the alleged assistance offered to the Emir Husain by the Emir Abd al-Aziz ibn Sa'ud, the head of the Wahhabites in the Nejd—the district east of Medinah—and by the Zaidite Im-

am Yahyah in the Yemen against the
Turkish troops stationed there.

RICHARD GOTTHEIL.

Dec. 23, 1916.
Columbia University.

CONTENTS

	PAGE
FOREWORD	iii
I	
THE SHEREEFATE OF MECCA	I
II	
THE SHEREEFATE OF MECCA (<i>Continued</i>)	16
III	
SHEREEF AND CALIPH	29
NOTE	41
APPENDIX	
PROCLAMATION OF THE SHEREEF OF MECCA	43