

Bucknam Pasha of Ottoman Navy

Bucknam Pasha, the American Who is a Turkish Admiral.



BUCKNAM (Ransford D. Bucknam) [1] PASHA, EX-ADMIRAL, DEAD; American Who Served Former Sultan and Reorganized Turkish Navy. BEGAN LIFE AS CABIN BOY Served Seven Years as Adviser to Abdul Hamid, and Then Became an Oil Magnate. May 30, 1915, Sunday | Section: Picture Section Rotogravure, Page 16, 1227 words

ISTANBUL, May 29. -- Bucknam Pasha, an American citizen, who was formerly Rear Admiral in the Turkish Navy, died on May 27 after several weeks of illness. He left a widow, who is now in the Turkish capital. The funeral of the former Turkish naval officer, which took place at Constantinople yesterday, was attended by most of the members of the American colony.

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[1] RANSFORD DODSWORTH BUCKNAM (b. 07 Jun 1869, Hantsport, Hants, Nova Scotia, Canada-d. 27 May 1915, Istanbul, Turkey) as he was known when he lived in America, a Nova Scotian. Bucknam Pasha, at one time marine superintendent and navigating officer for the Cramp Shipbuilding Company, of Philadelphia and delivered the war ship Mejidieh to Constantinople arriving on July 4th, 1904. The Sultan saw him and took a liking to him; then he became Bucknam Bey, and later Bucknam Pasha, admiral of the Turkish fleet. And through all the storms of Turkish politics Bucknam Pasha held his favor with all parties. After the Sultan was ousted Bucknam did not get on well with the young Turks, so he retired to civil

life, forming the Ottoman Anglo-American Company, of New York, representing great American firms for locomotives, ships, electric power and traction and military supplies. With the outbreak of the Italian war he aided the Ottoman government by successful expeditions of blockade running to the Tripolitan coast. Married to ROSE THAYER, 02 Jan 1904, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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The Register, Wednesday Evening, June 9, 1915

Bucknam Pasha Dead.

The death of Buckman Pasha, admiral of the Turkish navy, or Ransford D. Bucknam, as he was known when he lived in America, a Nova Scotian, was announced in despatches received May 31st from Istanbul. Bucknam Pasha, at one time marine superintendent and navigating officer for the Cramp Shipbuilding Company, of Philadelphia died in Constantinople on Thursday, June 3rd, after several weeks' illness. The funeral was held Monday, and was attended by most of the members of the American colony in the Turkish capital. Bucknam Pasha is survived by a widow, who is now in Istanbul. He was born in Halls Harbor, Nova Scotia. He used to be Rans Bucknam until the Sultan of Turkey saw him and took a liking to him; then he became Bucknam Bey, and later Bucknam Pasha, admiral of the Turkish fleet. And through all the storms of Turkish politics Bucknam Pasha held his favor with all parties. After the Sultan was ousted Bucknam did not get on well with the young Turks, so he retired to civil life, forming the Ottoman Anglo-American Company, of New York, representing great American firms for locomotives, ships, electric power and traction and military supplies. With the outbreak of the Italian war he aided the Ottoman government by successful expeditions of blockade running to the Tripolitan coast. -- Phil Vogler .

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Marriage: 02 Jan 1904, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

(Source: "A Bucknam/Buckman Genealogy" Anne Theopold Chaplin, Gateway Press, Baltimore, 1988, p 181.)