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2. The mythological references are garbled and unclear.
3. I do not know what 'Turkish-Tarni' means, and in any case the Turks of 2000 years ago lived to the north of eastern Central Asia and were not minting anything.
4. What reference comes from the 'Globe Publishing Company Encyclopedia'? You do not put your citations in quotation marks.

The medallion may be a forgery or it may be of real interest, but on the basis of the information you have provided there is nothing I can say about it. If you do go to the American Numismatic Society, please take the medallion with you so they can examine it carefully. In cases of this kind,

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With all good wishes,

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