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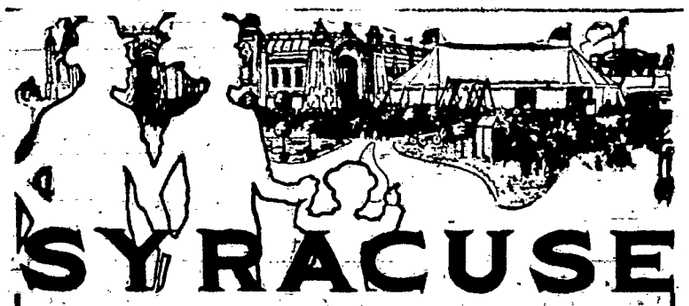

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PREMIER VENIZELOS MAN OF THE HOUR

Holds the Scales of Peace or War in Balkans.

In the very center of the huge kaleidoscope which the war god is moving before the gaze of the world stands at present the Great statesman, Eleutherios Venizelos. He is in the completest sense the man of the hour. His recent recall, after five months of voluntary exile, to the premiership has fixed the eyes of the world upon him.

During the past month the psychological moment for all the Balkan states has been approaching with a continual growth of its own importance, not to the Balkans alone, but to the world. Now it seems to have come. A steady stream of propositions has flowed to Bukharest, Sofia and Athens from the Teutons on one side and the entente powers on the other, all striving to induce the governments seated in these three capitals to abandon their policy of hesitation and to adopt one of definite action, be that a formal promise of enduring neutrality or participation in the world struggle. The world has been looking to Venizelos to cut the die to bring about a solution of the problem.

Photo by American Press Association.

ELEUTHERIOS VENIZELOS

Cabled dispatches from Europe state that Venizelos agreed to resume his position, at the head of his country's government and director of his country's foreign policy on condition that the king should not oppose armed [illegible] when it might become opportune to [illegible] territorial concessions, if adequately compensated, that might be demanded by Servia, Bulgaria or the entente powers. Also that one of the [illegible] use his influence for the re-establishment of the Balkan league [illegible] after the [illegible] war, of which he was the author [illegible] welfare of [illegible] for their [illegible] especially Greece.

Venizelos [illegible] has [illegible] the power of dividing the [illegible] throughout the Balkans and especially throughout this Balkan [illegible] agree of Europe is in his hands.

CROSS AND CRESCENT MEET.

Prisoner of Dardanelles Pressed Into Service as a Hair Cutter

The illustration shows a Turkish soldier, a prisoner of war, trimming the scalp of a British "Tommy" in the Dardanelles. The allies now seem to be quite optimistic over their operations in the Gallipoli peninsula and prophesy that they will enter Constantinople before long. Perhaps the British "Tommy" is getting spruced up in the belief that he will shortly march into Constantinople. Anyway, he looks cheerful while his locks are shorn, and the barber also seems to enjoy the operation.

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TURKISH SOLDIER BARBER.

SIRES AND SONS.

Paderewski could [illegible] the piano when he was three years old.

General August von Mackensen of the German army was born in 1849 in Saxony.

Antonio Salandra, Italy's premier of war, was not so long ago professor of public law in the University of Rome and is described as simple, modest and domestic in his tastes.

James Ford Bell, the Minneapolis miller, whose ancestry goes back to England through Philadelphia, is the sixth of his name in direct descent to be engaged in the milling business, and he proposes bringing up his infant son to be a miller.

Henry Suzzallo, professor of philosophy in the Teachers' college of Columbia university, who has been elected president of the University of Washington, is well known as a public lecturer, author and contributor to educational magazines.

Professor W. G. Foye of the Harvard division of geology has been sent by the Sheldon fund to study the coral reefs, the uplifted limestones and the volcanic rocks in the Fiji islands. His investigations will occupy the better part of a year and are expected to add materially to the scientific knowledge of the regions covered.

Echoes of the War.

A year of war has ended and a century of peace begins.—Chicago Herald.

Would it be a surprise if the war should stop as quickly as it began?—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Write on the credit side of the war ledger: An increased knowledge of the proper care of wounds.—Chicago News.

The war is in its second year, and there never was a more terrible youngster of its age.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

One drawback to cutting war melons in Europe is that each slice has to come out of some other fellow's melon.—Washington Post.

When the number of trading ships that have been sunk is considered it is clear that the United States is the only country that is going to need a new merchant marine when the war is over.—Indianapolis News.

Train and Track.

The Erie Railroad company has put up signs telling the names of the rivers it crosses and of the railways that it intersects.

The Southern Pacific company now has on its veteran corps roll between 600 and 700 and has paid out in pensions over $2,000,000.

The value of railroads and their equipment in the United States is placed by the federal census bureau at [illegible], of street railways, $4,000,000,000.

So that baggage cannot fall out on passengers' heads a new rack for railroad cars is almost completely inclosed, access being provided by sliding doors.

Flippant Flings.

International law is like Colonel Sellers' eye-water: The more you take the more you need.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Favorite sons in the different states are beginning to be as virtuous as the small boy just before Christmas.—Chicago News.

The freeing of Cuba cut slides suggests that its name originally should have been "Ivory Albany and Susquehanna."

A St. Paul man announces that he will not have his hair cut until the European war ends. Barber shop war prices must be awful.—Minneapolis Cleveland Plain Dealer.

SHORT AND SHARP.

It seldom pays to think unless you intend to act.

The man looking for trouble can lose his eyes and find it.

Admiral Seldom Knows what he doesn't want until after he acquires it.

Nobody can know how many lives that new sea wall saved.—Galveston.

A self made man generally thinks that he has accomplished a real work of art.

In the confusion of greater clashes the dumdum bullet seems to have been lost sight of.

It is an easy thing for a man to resist temptation if he has something better in sight.

Some people never put off till tomorrow what they can get somebody else to do for them today.

When a man is old enough to know better doing a foolish thing won't make him look young.

Do not blame the ass for being stubborn. He would not be a perfect ass if he were otherwise.

When you have to take back things that you have said you are likely to find the goods somewhat damaged.

Our system of education makes children wiser than their parents. But the children are no wiser than their parents were at their age.

It is hard for a talkative person to understand that another may be silent for no other reason than that he has nothing to say.

SWITZERLAND'S CITIZEN SOLDIERY

United States May Follow Swiss Army Methods.

NOW that there is so much agitation for an enlarged and stronger national defense there is special interest in an examination of the army of Switzerland, for here is a "citizenry trained and accustomed to arms" such as Washington advised for the United States and an idea which has been advocated by President Wilson.

On Aug. 3, 1914 forty-eight hours after the Swiss federal council had issued orders for the mobilization of the entire army of Switzerland, 300,000 men stood at their appointed posts, ready to defend the neutrality of their country. The accomplishment of this feat won the admiration of even the much engaged belligerent nations, for it furnished eloquent proof of Swiss military discipline and efficiency.

Switzerland, with a population of 3,800,000, maintains the largest armed forces proportionately of all European lands. France comes second, Germany and Sweden next. The per capita cost is relatively small because of a rational military system which is both economical and democratic.

The army of the Swiss confederation is a citizen army. Every Swiss citizen is liable to military service from his twentieth to his forty eighth year. The federal forces consist of three divisions, i. e., the so called auszug, the landwehr and the landsturm. To the auszug or elite, recruits the young men up to the age of thirty two, the landwehr or first reserve comprises the soldiers from thirty three to forty years of age, and in the landsturm, or second reserve, are [illegible] from forty [illegible] years of age.

No Swiss [illegible] from military duty [illegible] height of five feet one inch [illegible] Citizens who are [illegible] military service and who are [illegible] from [illegible]

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filling their [illegible] on account of their residence in [illegible] country are obliged to pay a [illegible] tax.

Military [illegible] the exemption [illegible] by respect [illegible] added by the officers. The [illegible] and lower ranks. The recruits are sent immediately [illegible] schools for recruits [illegible] throughout the country. Those intended for the [illegible] military training [illegible] days, cavalry [illegible] days, other days [illegible] seventy five days, infantry [illegible] forty two days and [illegible] days.

Since the year 1907 when a new military organization took place in the Swiss army, [illegible] the cavalry and all the forces of the auszug have to attend a special repetition course lasting [illegible] days.

There are special courses and training for those desirous of advancing to a higher grade. There is a central military school. There for the instruction of officers of the general staff and another for regimental officers. In cavalry instructors receive their training in a school of that description at Basel, and there are furthermore courses for shooting especially for officers, also for ambulance work, etc.

Every soldier is moreover obliged to do a certain amount of rifle practice each year, and a record of his capacity in this line is carefully kept.

It has been generally admitted by military experts that Switzerland, among the nations of second rank, possesses the strongest and best drilled army—a veritable model of democratic organization. The fact that a small neutral nation like this is obliged to maintain such an elaborate military system does not indicate in the least that the people are advocates for militarism. On the contrary, Switzerland is ever active in the spreading of peace propaganda, but the present war has already proved the immense value of her military system in safeguarding her territory from invasion and a violation of her neutrality.

Harvest Time In Shantung.

Now, come and see a harvest in Shantung. Here, too, it is the time of supreme interest to the whole family. Life in the country is practically measured by so many wheat harvests, and every old man and woman hopes to live to see one more. For weeks before all plans are made with reference to it. Carpentry, masonry, work of every kind must either be finished before "pulling wheat time" or laid aside at that time to wait until the harvest is over. No matter how important in the eyes of a foreign resident the work in hand may become, he cannot beg or buy his workmen to continue when once the wheat is ripe. In the hospitals all the patients want to get well by wheat pulling time. Some must stay on, but many a one incapacitated in hand or foot for real work goes home to take his or her place in "watching the gate," that all the rest of the family may go to the field and threshing floor.—Christian Herald.

The Irish of the Balkans.

The Servians are the Irish of southeastern Europe, with all the virtues and some of the weaknesses of the Irish people. They are especially proud of their national poetry, which they possess as no other nation possesses in modern times, for they still have their national bards, men who live by making national song, not highly cultured poets, but men in the street. They do not go to a newspaper to report what they hear, but to the next inn or coffee house, and there take up their instruments to recite what they have to say. Virtually our bards are ancient reporters. The old ones sing. Those of the present day stenograph. The Servian language is the richest and most musical of the Slav dialects. The Russian language has that reputation, but it is not so musical and clear and rich.—Miyatovitch, Servian minister to England, in the Manchester Guardian.

Clouded Windows.

Many people have a window or a part of one which they would like barred to the too curious gaze of passers-by or, possibly, of neighbors.

This can be managed by prettily crystallizing the window glass as follows. Fill a tin pot one third full of gum arabic and add a little hot water. Let this soak for some hours and when the gum has quite dissolved add the same quantity of epsom salts. Then stand the jam pot in a basin of hot water and stir well until the salt has quite dissolved. Apply the mixture to the glass quickly with a camel's hair brush.

The effect is like crystallized ground glass, and, while light is admitted, no one can see through it. The effect of plain ground glass is obtained by using a linen rag instead of a brush and putting the preparation on thinly.—Exchange.

It Was a Nice Stone.

General Sir John Younghusband, the well-known writer on military subjects, was once cleverly victimized by some Indian natives. At a village where he was encamping the dusky inhabitants brought to his tent a number of sapphire-like stones, which they stated had been dug up at a spot some distance from the village. Sir John was convinced that he had luckily hit on a treasure mine. He bought every stone the natives possessed.

"I had dreams of boundless wealth," said Sir John when relating the story, "and on my arrival at Calcutta I hastened to have the stones valued. Lovely [illegible] light, perfect, not a flaw, worth 50 [illegible] apiece if they were not made of Birmingham paste," was the expert's crushing criticism."—London Tatler.

Story of a Postal Card.

Don't despise the badly written postal card, moralizes a writer in Business. He received a card that was written in a sprawl and showed signs of having been in the writer's pocket for some time after he had signed it. But it was answered just as if it had been written by a reputable business man. And it was. It seemed that the card had been hastily written on the cars, put into the merchant's pocket, discovered several days later and then mailed. "We have since," concludes the writer, "done a very nice business with this man."

His Music Room.

"And you call this your music room?"

"Yes."

"But there are no musical instruments in it?"

"No. It's so constructed that I can't hear any of the surrounding music that may be turned on from time to time."—Violin World.

A Lesson In English.

Teacher—Now, Clarence, can you tell me what "can't" is an abbreviation of? Clarence—It's the abbreviation of "cannot." Teacher—That's right. Now, Edgar, what is "don't" the abbreviation of? Edgar—"Doughnut."—Chicago News.

Try to Deserve It.

Contentment in old age is deserved by him alone who has not lost faith in what is good, his persevering strength of will and his desire for active employment.—Turgenieff.

Splendid Scheme.

Mother (of her son)—He has a beautiful voice, and we have had him taught the flute so that he can accompany himself.—Exchange.

He Did.

"Did Simkins get any damages in that assault case?"

"Did he? My dear fellow, you ought to see his face."