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UP, and read the civick election results, and two of my candidates did not win, so had a word with May Byers, the mayor's secretary, felicitating her upon not having to instruct a new incumbent into the mysteries of office, and then congratulated Mayor Lewis, and then read Mr. King's statement to the Commons concerning the war, an able summing-up, methought, and his words about the task that confronts us, i.e., "it is going to take all that all of us can give," ought to be writ large before the peoeple; but I could not accept his implication that while the rest of us were clamoring for visible action the government in its omniscience did not yield forasmuch as it was endowed with far-seeing wisdom. The news this day is that the Greeks do keep the Italians on the run, but could not find the places they mention on my newspaper maps, the reason being that they date from the beginning of the Greek war, when the mapmakers expected the Roman invincibles to live up to their own valuation, the result being that they made maps shewing all the towns in Greece but few on the Albanian side of the fighting line.