

PREDICTS DEFEAT OF THE TURKS

Greek Commander - in - Chief
Has Great Confidence in
His Soldiers—Praise for the
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Smyrna, June 18.—(The Associated Press, by Mail.)—A complete victory of the Hellenic arms over the Kemalists of Turkey in the next offensive was predicted today by Major-General Anastasios Papoulas, the commander-in-chief of the Greek forces in Anatolia.

His army, he declared, had been enormously strengthened since the repulse at Eskishehr, and only by pure chance could the Turks now be successful. He further stated that his troops outnumbered the Kemalists by almost three to one and that his army was so mobile that it could attack at any point along the 500-kilometer front.

The Greek generalissimo, whose appearance suggests the old civil war type of soldier, received the correspondent in the ancient Turkish barracks overlooking Smyrna harbor. He had just finished admonishing a group of officers telling them that they must put aside factional political feelings, think only of

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the good of their country and leave politics to Athens. He exhorted them that they must consider themselves as fathers and brothers to their men, and be true to their duty to God and the King.

General Papoulas is about sixty-five years old, of commanding physique and impressive features and with a great charm of manner. He has been a soldier for thirty years and is held in great affection and esteem by his men.

"We are anxious to show the world that this time we can crush the Turk if given a fair chance," said the general sanguinely. "Our soldiers are impatient to begin the fight. Only this moment I received a message from them urging that they be sent forward. We

want to put an end to Kemal and his outlaw government.

"Our soldiers seek redress for the lives of their brothers and sisters who have been the victims of Turkish rapacity and murder. Our king is now with us; in his presence our soldiers will find renewed inspiration and strength. Naturally, I cannot say when the offensive will begin; but we are prepared, and I have no fear of the result."

The Greek commander-in-chief spoke in high terms of the work of the American Young Men's Christian Association, which, he said, had centers in all parts of the zone from Smyrna to the front.

"I cannot appraise in words the value of their material aid and moral stimulus to our men. The best appreciation of their devoted work is to be found in the hearts of our soldiers themselves, who look upon America as the protector of the world and the chief bulwark of democracy and humanity," the general declared.

The strength of the Kemal forces was placed by General Papoulas at between 80,000 and 90,000. He did not believe that they were receiving much assistance from either the Russian Bolsheviks or the Germans. He said he was sure that his own arm was given no material aid by the British, as has been frequently asserted; but he knew that the English military observers with the Greek army were kindly disposed and helpful.

Two small boys were discussing the various attributes of their respective parents, and the conversation had reached the highly critical stage and threatened to get even warmer still.

"Well," remarked Tommy Stupbs, "you can say what you like but I reckon your father's about the meanest man that ever lived!"

"My father is not mean!" screamed Bobby Roberts.

"Yes, he is mean," repeated Tommy, "or else why does he let you go about in such shabby shoes when he is a shoemaker by trade?"

"All right," answered Bobby, "but at any rate he is not so mean as your father. Why, he's a dentist, and yet your baby brother's got only one tooth!"



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"Ruth, don't you know me?" the mother sobbed.

"No, I don't know you," Mrs. Holman replied, and then broke down when further questions failed to bring coherent answers.

A ring and wrist watch Mrs. Holman wore when she disappeared were missing. She could give no clear account of where she had been.

CONFESSES LEADING NATIONAL THIEF RING

New Haven Prisoner Says His Band of
35 Men Has 14 Autos and Plenty of
Money.

New Haven, Conn., July 14—Russell Wells, alias Dr. Samuel Burton, alias "the oil magnate," has confessed that he is the leader of a nation-wide ring of thieves, numbering thirty-five men, who have been looting towns and cities in this country for several years. He added that the gang has fourteen automobiles and plenty of money to spend, since one of the men alone is worth a half million dollars.

Inquiry at the county jail here disclosed the fact that warrants of arrest for him as soon as he was released on July 27 have been received from the police of Worcester and Springfield, Mass.

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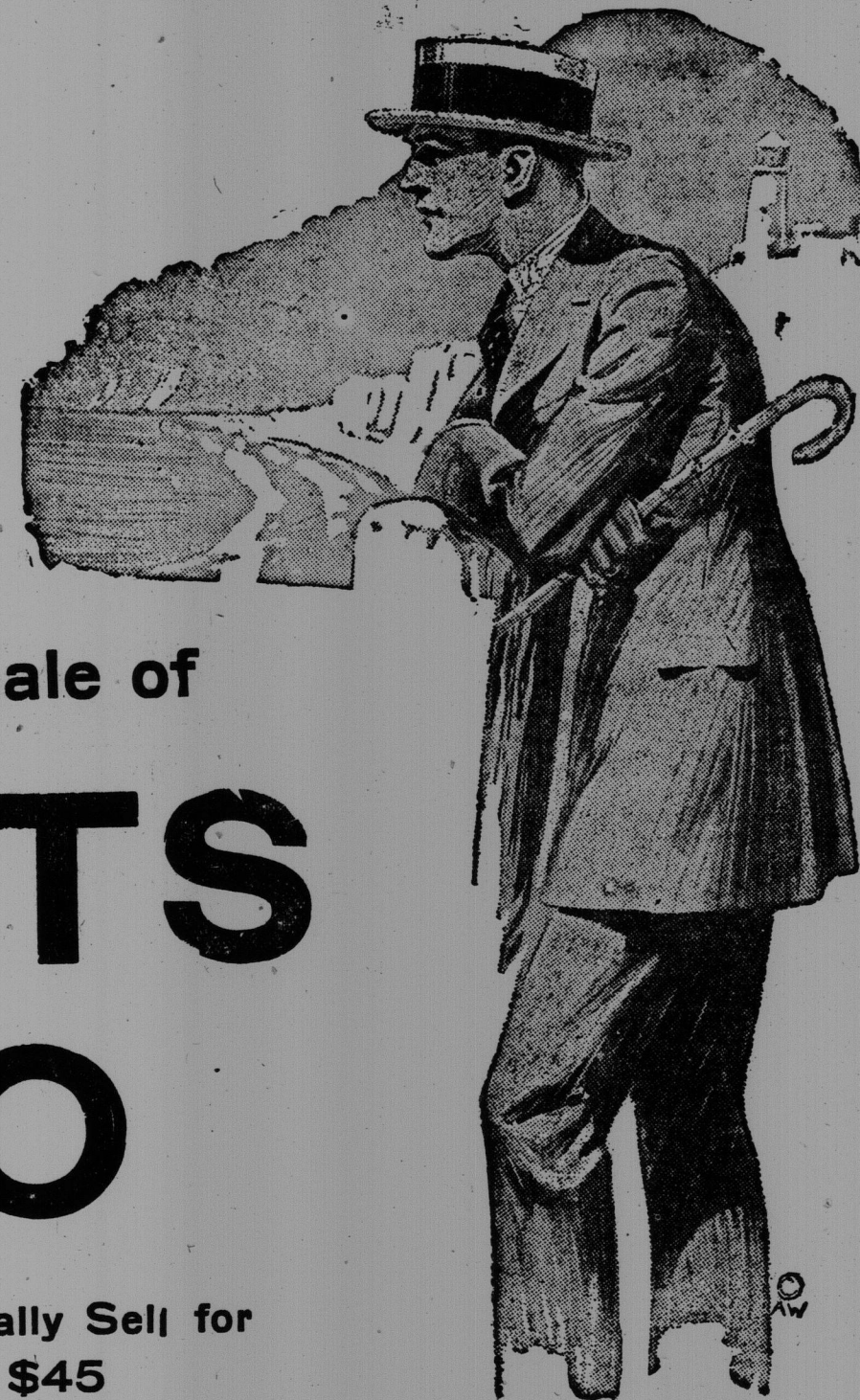
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