

SALONIKI THE CITY OF DREAD

Men Curse, Yet Love, Wierd Old Site With its Strong Appeal to Warriors of Every Nation.

In the little guide book to Salonika published for the use of the Allied armies, a brief sketch of its history is given. But that little sketch is headed "Catastrophes, Pestilences," and that history is a catalogue of plague, pestilence and famine, of battle, murder and sudden death, of persecutions, fires and massacres. Kings have been assassinated there, revolutions planned there, its walls are still scarred with the bullets of invasions and revolts.

Having known all the horrors of war in the past, it appropriately has known all the horrors of Armageddon. Zeppelins and airplanes have deluged it with bombs and crashed to destruction as they tried to escape. There is nothing it has not known, save security, nothing it has not experienced, save peace.

Nothing But Evil
And now it has flamed up in a night. A city with such a past could not have suffered itself to be ignominiously battered down wall by wall at the hands of the French, but if it had to die and rise again, realize its destiny and become a great modern city, it would choose to die as it had lived, violently, and let new Salonika rise from the very ashes of its splendid old squalor. So it perished and in "its passing was almost unwept, dishonored and unsung." Those who have never known it have heard nothing but evil concerning it. The exiled soldier is not greatly stirred by historical evidences; the glories of the time past leave him a trifle cold. He found Salonika grimy and unsanitary; an ice house in winter, a stifling furnace in summer, and inhospitable always. He considered the French, the "Cercle Unique" the most appropriate comment on the city of St. Paul. He was too fed-up (cheerily and bravely fed-up) to realize that he himself was playing a part in the greatest pageant in the history of one of the most famous and coveted cities in the world, that as he swung down Venizelos street in his helmet, shirt sleeves and shorts, jostling representatives of fifty races, he was participating in one of the most picturesque events—crusades if you like—in history.

He did not realize it then, but all the time he was unconsciously falling a victim to that insidious charm which Macedonia possesses. The writer has never talked to anyone who has come back from Salonika who did not nourish a vague sentimental affection for the old city and the splendid, untamed region of which it is the queen.

Curse It But Love It
When the memory of hardship, thirst, frost, weariness and pain had grown dim, the sense of glamour blazed brightly up. Men who have been in Macedonia may curse it heartily and eloquently but it is significant that they love to talk about it, and their curses do not always ring true. Cursing Macedonia is orthodox and habitual, but it is not always sincere.

When the history of the Salonika campaign comes to be written, whatever else may be said, this must be said also, that it was the Testing Ground of the Grand Alliance. Consider what that means. In any of the big cafes around Venizelos St., one could see any day French, Italian, Russian, British, Serbian and Greek officers and men sitting together. No where else in the world could such a gathering of the clans be seen.

Moreover, Macedonia being what it is, had there been ill-will, lack of trust, jealousy or selfishness on the part of the Allies, there were endless opportunities for display, opportunities for friction were there for the asking. Give and take was the first commandment in the Bible of the Salonika forces. This can safely be said, that had the Great Alliance been inspired by less unselfishness and good-will, international bickering would have made life almost unlivable. As it was, the very grimness of the test revealed the real grandeur, an dome believes, the grandeur of the great co-partnership. There was everything to breed short temper, but sweet temper was there instead.

Turks and Huns
There is one city, its near and mightier neighbor Constantinople.

It is because of these things that Salonika retains its place in the memory of those who have fought there. They come home and are impatient at the apparent neglect with which it is regarded at home. Victories, they know, do not accomplish everything. Perhaps the finest fruit will spring from the harvest of friendship sown at Salonika. For there the Allies have fought together and met all the experiences of hunger, and thirst, frost and sun, monotony and Bulgars, boredom and Bosches. They have suffered and played together, and when brave men of different races suffer and play together they learn in a few months what a thousand years of stiff, official, cultivated "ententeism" would never teach them.

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where the conditions are comparable to those at Salonika. There Bosches and Turks mingle together and plot their nefarious schemes. But unless all the evidence is wrong and every traveller's tale a lie, it is not a very harmonious process. The Mailed Fist has descended and the other members of unholy Alliance writhe impotently beneath it; but a few stiffed groans rise to heaven, and those who fought at Roumania can testify how much the Turk really loves the Hun, and how he shows it on the rare occasions when he gets a chance.

No more illuminating contrast could be drawn than between Salonika and Constantinople. There could be no more convincing evidence of the innate superiority of the cause of the Allies and its incomparably grander conception of civilization, than a journey from one city to the other. The traveller who made that journey would see far better than words could describe the essential differences between the bond of trust and self-sacrifice which links the Allies, and the sordid thievish bargain, the loot-distributing partnership which binds insecurely the Unholy Alliance.

Worthy of a Pilgrimage
The traveller would not have to stay long in Salonika. All that would be necessary would be for him to pay a visit to the "Cercle Militaire Francaise," which can be called with-



GENERAL LINDEQUIST, one of the German commanders on the western front.

out hyperbole, a fine flower of French genius for hospitality. It is simply a club, founded for French officers of the army of the Orient, which immediately extended its hospitality to officers of all the Allied armies. That small but cheery bun-ghello deserves immortality, for it would do the heart of any citizen of an Allied country good to make a pilgrimage there. He would see how quickly and unostentatiously the Grand Alliance was cementing itself. He would come away from that tiny shrine feeling that all was well.

RESTORE RELATIONS.
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GETTING WOOD FUEL FOR NEXT WINTER

Coal Shortage Likely to be More Acute Than This Winter

The fuel situation in Eastern Canada will be fully as bad if not worse next winter, and it is imperative that steps be taken at once to provide substitutes for coal. With an increasing labor shortage in the United States, increased demands upon the railways, increased requirements for American coal for domestic and export purposes and the placing of Canada on "war rations" by the United States, Fuel Controller, it will be fortunate if Canada secures as large supplies of coal as it has this season.

We must fall back upon our forests. Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick contain vast quantities of hardwood which has little present value except for fuel purposes. A cord of seasoned hardwood, such as hard maple, beech, birch or spruce, is approximately equal in heating value to a ton of anthracite. Under normal conditions, coal has been cheaper, but at present prices, the difference in cost is not very great. What is needed now is immediate action on the part of municipal authorities to lay in an emergency stock of wood fuel, both on account of the shortage of labor for cutting and hauling, and the necessity for having the wood cut to dry during the summer. The city of Winnipeg laid in a reserve supply of 14,000 cords of wood this season, and the Mayor reports this was an important factor in averting a fuel crisis. Ottawa also has decided to establish a civic fuel yard.

To supplement the efforts of city and municipal governments, co-operation of the provincial governments is in many cases essential. Where timber on Crown lands is sufficiently accessible, a special organization is needed to facilitate the completion of arrangements, including the organization of labor for cutting on a large scale. The Provincial Forester, or some one working under his direction, should take the whole matter up vigorously with the respective city and municipal governments, and assist in determining the needs of the local situation in each case, and how best to meet them. A business in this direction has already been made in Quebec, and it is reported that Ontario is offering wood in Algouquin Park free to municipalities and is co-operating with them in organizing production.

Experience has shown it is quite feasible to materially relieve the coal shortage by a more extensive use of wood in the following directions:

1. By farmers and rural communities generally, within easy reach of wood supplies, making a general use of this fuel as possible, to relieve the demands for coal and freight cars alike.
2. The general substitution of wood for coal in furnaces and stoves during early autumn and late spring, as well as during mild weather in winter.
3. The heating of wood of churches, lodges rooms, halls, etc., where warmth for only a limited period of time may be necessary.
4. The eking out of limited stores of coal by burning wood in the day-time, reserving coal for holding the fire over night.
5. Running furnaces low to keep the house in general only warm enough to prevent water pipes from freezing, and supplementing this by using wood in stoves or grates to keep the living and dining rooms comfortable.
6. Using wood much more generally than at present as a substitute for coal in cooking.
7. By making windows and doors tight and by insulating furnaces, boilers and pipes, as suggested by Senator W. C. Edwards, who also advocates that slabs and mill waste, instead of being burned in incinerators, should be reserved for domestic heating.—C. L. in "Conservation."

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