



A GREAT GREEK

ELFHEIMERS DEZELOS: HIS LIFE AND WORK. BY DR. C. KEROFILAS. With an Introduction by M. TAKE JONKOS. Translated by BRUCE BARROW. London: John Murray, 3s. 6d. net.

DR. KEROFILAS' biographical sketch of M. Venizelos requires an epilogue. It is as nearly as possible up to date, and records his return to office on August 23 last. But while it was still in the press, a difference of opinion between King Constantine and M. Venizelos, upon the extent of Greek military operations in case the recent mobilization of the Army should lead to war, brought about the sudden fall of the Premier.

Somerset House, however, is not content merely to try to reverse the policy maintained for over a century of local assessment for Income Tax. It is also, as other evidence shows, clearly inspired by a desire to cancel such economies as Mr. McKenna has been able to effect by means of the temporary staff of the Land Valuation Department.

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THE DANGER OF BUREAUCRACY

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As the Bill was passing through Parliament many of these cases were cut out but in the Act as passed a great many still remain. In subsequent Acts the same principle has been further extended, especially in the Acts dealing with national insurance. The explanation of this tendency is fairly simple. In practice Acts of Parliament are drafted by permanent officials who are invariably anxious to increase their own authority. The Minister in charge of the Bill habitually accepts the view of his Departmental officials, and unless some political issue is raised, very few Members of the House of Commons take the trouble to bestir themselves merely for the sake of defending the liberties of the subject. The public has no chance at all unless it happens that there is some well-defined interest in rivalry to that of the Government Department concerned. In the present case the interest involved is the answer to the question, what chance at all happens that there is some well-defined interest in rivalry to that of the Government Department concerned.

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LETITE, N. B. Mrs. Randall Matthews, Mrs. William Tucker, and Mrs. William Matthews spent the week-end in St. John. It is rumored that the Letite Copper Mine is to be in operation again. The church presents a fine appearance. The work was done by Harry Epps, of St. George.

FAIRHAVEN, D. I. There has been no lack of wind for the past weeks, and there is every prospect of continuing. Carl Stover has been very busy moving the store built by his father many years ago, and occupied last by the Fairhaven Trading Co. to the other side of the town. Mr. George Matthews, sr., was taken to the Chipman Hospital last week to undergo treatment.

BEAVER HARBOR, N. B. Owing to the severe storm on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 22, the steamer of St. John on her usual trip. Edward Lee narrowly escaped drowning on Friday when he was knocked overboard from his vessel by the fore-boom. John, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Colby McNichol, fractured his arm by falling from a wooden pile.

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CUMMINGS COVE, D. I. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hanes and son, Norman, and Mrs. William Stover, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Westworth at Fairhaven on Sunday. Mrs. Edgar Chaffey and little daughter, Mabel, visited Mr. John Calder and Mrs. Calder on Sunday last. A number from the Island attended the opening of the new Hall at Wilson's Beach on Tuesday evening last. A very large number was present, and the utmost hospitality

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