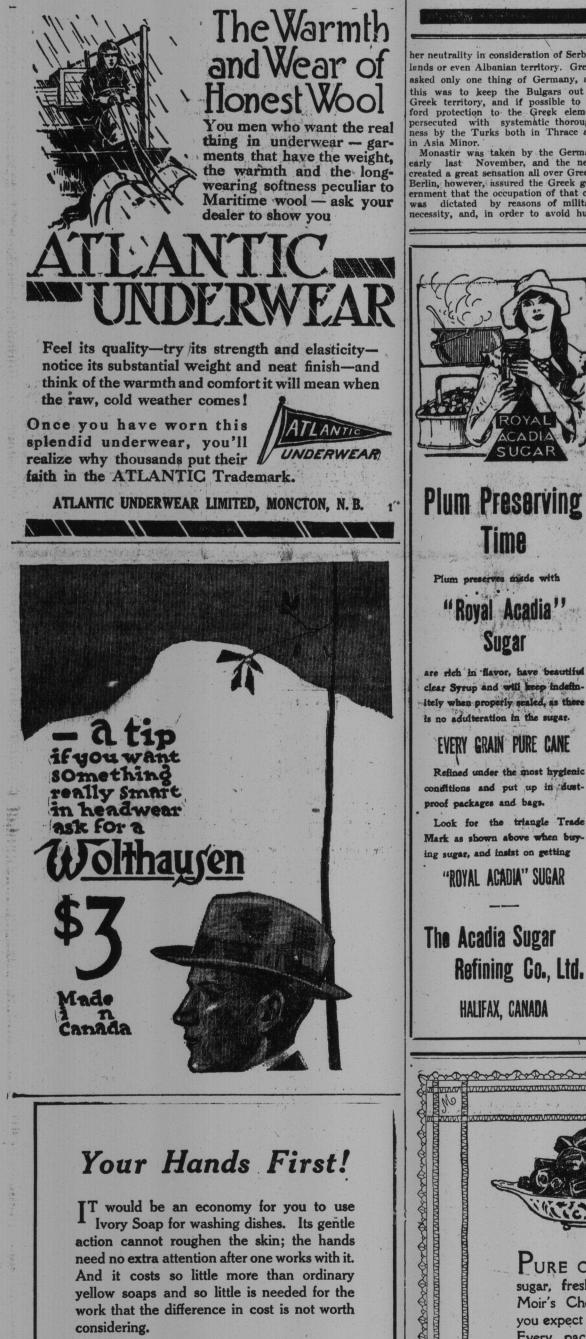
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Those Who Favored Neutrality Accept The Conflict With Full Confidence

(By Adamantios Th. Polyzoides.) New York, Sept. 1, 1916. To the Editor of The New York Times: I no less than 75,000 to 100,000 first-class troops. Greece for a whole year has been

New York, Sept. 1, 1916. To the Editor of The New York Times: From among the many reports that ing us from Greece, one contradicting the other in many instances, one thing appears to be clear, and that is the na-tion-wide resentment of the Bulgarian invasion into Eastern Macedonia. Had it not been for that Greece would be willing to continue a neutral policy, at least till next spring, at which time the demobilized reserves would have had a much needed rest after ten months of camp and barrack life, and would also have the opportunity of strengthening their home and business affairs, which suffering of the entire population of the suffering of the entire population of the country. Also, the classes of 1915 and 1916 now being called to the colors would have every chance to get ready for field service, thus strengthening the army by



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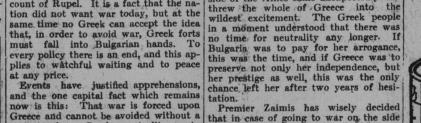
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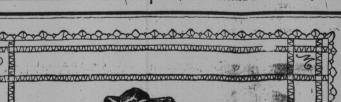
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every poncy at any price. Events have justified apprehensions, and the one capital fact which remains now is this: That war is forced upon Greece and cannot be avoided without a castastrophe. Greek neutrality up to may have brought certain will the prestige as were the after two years of near tation. Premier Zaimis has wisely decided that in case of going to war on the side of the Entente there was a more ex-perienced man to take the country through the new enterprise, and this is through the new enterprise, and this is Venizelos, the man who could muster 50,000 men under his balcony in Uni-versity avenue and who has the absothere is no advantage which can nce and support of the En-

pay Greece for the loss of her Eastern Macedonian provinces and the subse-quent Bulgarian aggrandizement at the expense of Hellas. The Skouloudis gov-ernment was wrong in that it thought that Germany and Bulgaria might be satisfied with oilly the occupation of Rupel; the Greek nation, on the con-trary, knew that Rupel was the begin ning of a carefully planned campaign of Bulgaria to use Germany as a shield for occupying in a peaceful way the richest territories of Greek, Macedonia. How was this to be avoided? There was only one way; namely, to attack Bul-garia and her allies whenever any fur-ther attempt was made to invade Greek territory.

gain and her alleg whenever any inr-ther attempt was made to invade Greek territory. Alexander Zalmis, who formed the new cabinet, took up patiently the task of fulfiling the requests of the Entente as expressed in their ultimatum. De-mobilization of the army started immed-iately, and, as in the opinion of the Entente's ministers the process was tak-ing some time, they insisted upon hav-ing it shortened by one month, a de-mand which was acceded to by the Greek government. Everything seemed to enter upon a new phase of relative tranguility, conditions were getting bet-ter, the misunderstandings created in the last ten months between Greece and the Allies seemed to be vanishing under sway of mutual explanations, the En-tente ministers gave repeated assuranc-es that what their governments wanted of Greece was not her intervention, but a continued sincere and benevolent neu-trality, and the Greek people, just re-leased from the burdens of military life, were eagerly returning to their homes and families, whom they had not seen for ten months.

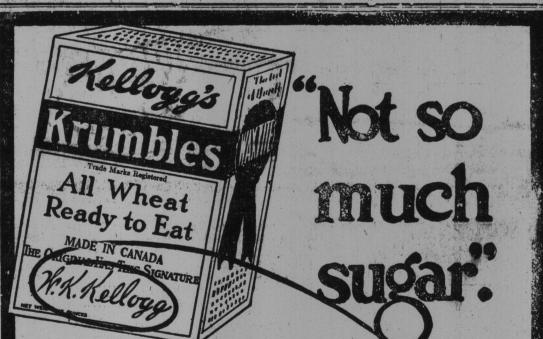
and families, whom they had not seen for ten months. Then suddenly came the latest allied offensive on the Balkan front. From Florina to the Nestos and the Aegean Sea the cannon started booming. The Bulgars, beaten in their first counter-attacks, soon got the upper hand, and then the Greek people clearly saw that the Bulgarian army was not trying to meet the Entente's forces on the points where they were opposing them, but on the contrary advanced on points held by Greek troops, such as the forts of Lizz, Phea Petra and Starchista, and the banks of the Nestos, and finally Kavalla, Serres and Drama. On the Doiran front, where strong Franco-British for-ces opened á strong attack, the Bulgars withdrew, but they advanced within the Greek treitory of Biglista and Nal-bankioi and Koritsa and Kastoria, where



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