

WAR NOW FORCED ON GREECE

Those Who Favored Neutrality Accept The Conflict With Full Confidence

(By Adamantios Th. Polyziodes.)
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To the Editor of The New York Times:
From among the many reports that with more or less delay succeed in reaching us from Greece, one contradicting the other in many instances, one thing appears to be clear, and that is the nation-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 barracks life, and would also have the opportunity of strengthening their home and business affairs, which were neglected to the detriment and the suffering of the entire population of the country. Also, the classes of 1916 and 1918 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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Greece for a whole year has been watching the Teuton and Bulgar movements on her frontiers without getting much comfort from what she saw going on there. Germany, to be sure, made every promise to Greece to exercise all her influence on Bulgaria in the latter's military activities on the Greek border. Thus Berlin assured Athens that Monastir would never be occupied by a German or Bulgar force, thus proving that the two comrades at arms recognized Greek rights to a city which was Serbian only by right of conquest. Teuton diplomacy went even as far as to promise Monastir, with half of Albania, to Greece, provided she kept neutral for all the period of the war. It was then that Greece assured the Central Empires that, although not fighting, she considered herself an ally of Serbia, and therefore could not, under any circumstances, trade



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her neutrality in consideration of Serbian lands or even Albanian territory. Greece asked only one thing of Germany, and this was to keep the Bulgars out of Greek territory, and if possible to afford protection to the Greek element persecuted by systematic thoroughness by the Turks both in Thrace and in Asia Minor.
Monastir was taken by the Germans early last November, and the news created a great sensation all over Greece. Berlin, however, assured the Greek government that the occupation of that city was dictated by reasons of military necessity, and, in order to avoid hurt-

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ONE MAN'S TALE OF THE BIG PUSH

They were doing things along the Somme; the Teuton forces were being pushed slowly back toward the distant frontier. But all the pushing meant that men and men were being sent back to the hospital to recuperate for more of the dusty, bloody work. A Scotsman, wounded in the campaign for Pozieres, gives, according to the London Telegraph, a graphic and characteristic picture of the battling. We read: "Eh, min, it was hell, but it was grand. We've got a move on at last, and are paying the Huns out. For over a week our guns have been letting 'em hear 'em. Talk about the German gas in the early days of the war, they are not in it now. I was in the retreat from

they were sure to find only a slight Serbian resistance, with no one else to oppose them.
The attitude of the Greek frontier lasted invaders eloquently for the sentiments of the entire Greek nation in face of the Bulgarian advance. Greek intervention loomed large for a moment. In vain the diplomats of the Central Powers tried to convince the Zaimis government that occupation by the Bulgarian troops of Greek territories would not be permanent. Greek public opinion would not listen to any Teuton guarantees. What was worse was immediate withdrawal of the German as well as Bulgarian forces from the Hellenic lands, and this seemed impossible in the eyes of the Berlin and Sofia governments. A peculiar situation arose for the Zaimis ministry, which under no circumstances would act as a war ministry. And in the midst of this turmoil Roumanian intervention on the side of the Allies came unexpectedly and threw the whole of Greece into the wildest excitement. The Greek people in a moment understood that there was no time for neutrality any longer. If Bulgaria was to pay for her arrogance, this was the time, and if Greece was to preserve not only her independence, but her prestige as well, this was the only chance left her after two years of hesitation.

Premier Zaimis has wisely decided that in case of going to war on the side of the Entente there was a more expedient way to take the country through the new enterprise, and this is Venizelos, the man who could muster 80,000 men under his balcony in University avenue and who has the absolute confidence and support of the Entente.
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Mons, so I reckon I've seen some of the fighting.
"I got my packet Friday night," he added, referring to his wounds. "We were pushed up to our front line trenches early Friday morning. Long before daybreak the guns were at it worse than ever. The noise fair drove some fellows deaf, but the worst of all was waiting in the trenches for the order to charge. When that came we were over the top like a lot of dogs let loose. The ground was churned up for miles, and the front of the German trenches simply smashed to bits. We got there under cover of smoke, and fairly rolled in. I shall never forget the sight. The Germans were lying heaped up in all directions, and those who were alive showed no fight, but appeared to have gone 'clean potty'.
"Further on we got into the supports which had received a terrific smashing about, and it was there we had the scrap. At the last moment it seemed the Germans had rushed a crowd of chaps in, and they had hidden themselves in shell-holes and were taking potshots at us. We rushed them with the bayonet and bombs, and some of them put up a good fight. I had one fellow in front of me, and felt myself a 'goner', for I tumbled over some wire, when one of our chaps got his bayonet into him. The next second a German 'outed' my chum. 'Never fear, Jock,' he said, 'you did the same trick for me once.' That chap's left a wife and six bairns away up north," added the Scot.
Asked how he received his wounds, the Scot became somewhat bashful. "Oh, one of the Huns got in at me," he replied. Another wounded thro, however, took up the narrative. "He fair tumbled into a hole where there was half a dozen of 'em hiding," said the second man. "Jock comes of a fighting race, and he gave the Huns a bit for hiding."

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