

## GREECE AND SEA POWER

### What Greece Owes Russia, France and England.

(By Archibald Hurd.)  
The sea power of Britain, France and Russia rescued Greece from the cruel oppression of the Turks, and gave her independence; her appreciation of sea power, as represented by the men-of-war of the same countries, supported by Italy, has now prevented her from sacrificing the hard-won triumphs which flowed from our Navy's success.

Had there been no battle of Navarino in July, 1827, when the Allied squadron was commanded by Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Codrington, one of Nelson's captains at Trafalgar, there might probably be no King on the throne of Greece to-day, for it was that action which gave the country its freedom. In a sense, it was an accident.

The Greeks had for years suffered much as the Macedonians have been suffering; the Turks had passed the land, outraging, robbing, and murdering the population. At last, in 1821, there was a revolt; little Greece rose against mighty Turkey—a case of David and Goliath. The Sultan collected from Egypt—then part of his vast Empire—and all the ports of Turkey, a great naval force, and the work of repressing the rebellion was taken in hand with what Count Reventlow would describe, in terms of admiration, as "ruthlessness," for there is a close affinity between the Turkish and German methods. Greece—courageous in despair—was being bled to death, when Britain, France and Russia intervened, and each despatched a squadron to Grecian waters to "stand by." The Turkish commander, Ibrahim Pasha, was at first impressed by the demonstration, and then came to the conclusion that it did not amount to much, and resumed his murders.

**The Battle of Navarino**  
The massacre was continuing in all its Turkish ferocity when the Allied Admirals determined to see if something could not be done in a mild way to save the oppressed country. The British, French and Russian ships proceeded to Navarino, where the Turkish-Egyptian fleet was assembled. Pourparlers were to be conducted on the spot, for there was no intention to fight so impressive an assembly of men-of-war as Ibrahim Pasha had under his orders—at least, not at once, though Codrington had made the necessary preparation of counsels of humanity and reason failed.

The Turks had moored their vessels round the bay, so as to command the whole anchorage. Out of this arose an incident which precipitated the battle. One of the British ships,

the Dartmouth, sent a boat to a Turkish frigate requesting in the politest way that it should shift its position. The officer of the latter vessel was nervous and suspicious, so he opened fire and killed the officer in command of the crew. The Dartmouth then intervened, a French ship joined in, and one after another the vessels in the great harbor became engaged, and a general action occurred.

For three hours or so the battle raged fiercely, and when it ended the Turkish-Egyptian fleet had been practically annihilated. Codrington, in his despatch, summed up the result: "Out of a fleet composed of eighty-one men-of-war, only one frigate and fifteen smaller vessels are now in a state ever to again put to sea." No estimate was possible of the Turks' loss of life, but it was very heavy; our casualties were not inconsiderable, amounting to 650. The British people generally, whose sympathies had been moved by the sufferings of the Greeks, were delighted, and the Duke of Clarence, the Lord and High Admiral, reflecting popular opinion, dealt out rewards and decorations with a liberal hand; it is said that "more orders were given for the battle of Navarino than for any other naval victory of record." The Navy's and the nation's heart was in the right place.

**The Debt of Greece**  
Thus was the power of Turkey at sea broken, never to be revived, as events have shown. Ibrahim realized that he could not continue his terrible campaign after such a defeat, and withdrew from Greece. The Sultan at least agreed that Greece should be an independent kingdom under the protection of Britain, France and Russia, which, at no mean cost of life and treasure, had championed the cause of this little nation; and after a short period as a Republic, Greece became a Monarchy, and thus King Constantine happens to have a throne to-day.

And now the same Powers, with the assistance of Italy, have helped to save the Greeks from the results which would have flowed from any mistake which their ruler might have committed in the late crisis. The Greeks are sailors; their King is a soldier, brought up in the Prussian school. Like many other people, he is fascinated by soldiers, and does not realize that in a contest between "Mahanism and Moltkeism"—as the Berliner Tageblatt has put it—the former must win, and that on that victory the future of Greece must rest. Greece, in fact, owes everything to sea-power. It saved her nearly nine-

ty years ago from Turkish tyranny, and it has since made her what she is to-day. Though the country is not an island, it lives in the main by the sea. It is agricultural, and produces vast quantities of currents, olives, figs, grapes (for wine), and tobacco. Most of these products are luxuries, and consequently, though Greece is an agricultural country, and grows a good deal of grain, she is largely dependent on imported corn, though the possessions of Thessaly will render her less dependent than she has been. As in the case of the United Kingdom, the apparent balance of trade is always against Greece; her imports are in excess of her exports, and the balance is adjusted by the earnings of her mercantile marine; next to agriculture, shipping is her most valuable industry.

The Greeks are the Carter Patersons of the Eastern Mediterranean. They rule an immense number of islands, which can trade only by sea, and they are the carriers of produce for other nations; there is moreover, no sea, in which Grecian merchant ships are not seen. Since the war opened Grecian ship-owners have been reaping a rich harvest from the high freights which have ruled, for ship labor is cheap in Greece. Adhesion to the cause of Germany would have resulted in a stoppage of all oversea communications. Any interference with Greek shipping would prove a serious blow to the economic life of King Constantine's subjects. This would have been all the more embarrassing to the Greeks because this country is one of the Allies; the Greeks do between a half and a third of their trade with the United Kingdom.

The Germans put great faith in sea-power in the days when they believed that "Mahanism" was stronger than "Moltkeism." They are trying to convert themselves and others to the new faith, to which they are impelled by the failure of their navy. But the Greeks cannot have forgotten all that they owe to sea power; they can hardly have forgotten the sequel to the battle of Navarino—their growth in peace, prosperity and happiness from the day when Britain, France, and Russia, at no slight cost in life which events have shown was not more cruel and inhuman than that of Germany.

No one in the United Kingdom would care to anticipate any weakening of our pleasant relations with the Greek people. This country has tried to make Greece strong, as we succeeded in making her independent—even lending her a naval mission headed by Rear-Admiral Mark Kerr, in order that she might put her small fleet in good order. To Englishmen who cherish the memory of Byron, Coleridge, and other friends of Greek independence, any severance of friendly ties would have seemed little less than a crime against the men of our race—sailors in particular—who gave their all that Greece might be free.

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GEO. GRIMES,  
Dis. Chairman.

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A. MORGAN,  
Chairman.