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### PECULIARITIES OF WAR.

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD  
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Salonica, Nov. 2.—(By mail)—The sun goes down like an explosion in a paint factory in this part of the world. All the mixtures of tongues and uniforms and ships and flags of the various armies and navies centering in Salonica are not in greater contrast than the melange of color which falls the evening skies as the sun sinks nightly behind the peak of Olympus where the Greek gods lived and played.

Even greater than the variety of color in the city or the sky is the variety of opinion in the cafes when the thousands of men of many races gather with the lighting of the evening lamps to talk over what the future holds.

There are Germans here; they didn't move away when the allied armies came. Salonica is as much an ally headquarters as the headquarters in France, but the Germans haven't departed because Greece is neutral.

The Germans are sure that, sweeping past us 400 miles to the north, the German hordes are pouring through Serbia toward Turkey. Some of them think that the time is not far distant when the Germans will be in Salonica, too.

Then what will these British and French do? Where will they run to? But you don't hear Germans talking this way, loudly. It's among themselves they say such things, in their own cafes.

Englishmen are divided. Most of them are glad the allies came to Greece, others say it was a mistake.

"Why don't Italy send an army to help up in Serbia?" asks a Frenchman. "She could easily send 100,000 men. She ought to do as much as the allies, for her future is at stake."

"But Italy isn't fighting Germany. She's fighting Austria, and she's going to put up such a stiff fight on the Italian frontier that the Austrians will have to withdraw troops from Serbia to keep the Italians back," explains an Italian newspaper correspondent.

Turks, in their red fezzes, sit in the same cafes in Salonica with English officers fresh from the Turco-British fighting in the Dardanelles. Two weeks ago the Englishmen were popping away with his rifle at every fez he saw. Today he passes them as placidly as if peace had been declared.

Indeed, it is a sort of peace that you see in Salonica, a peace of shooting but not of thinking. Bullets don't fly, but opinions do. All the different opinions held in every corner of the world regarding the World War may be found here in this city of 185,000 persons and every evening after the sun has set the pace with the riot of

color in the Olympian sky, the occupants of the old Greek city fill, with their riot of opinion, the Salonican cafes.

Through it all there's a tension in the atmosphere. Servian refugees are in the city from Belgrade, Nish and Uskub. They are living reminders of that cyclone of war that is raging to the north of us.

Will that cyclone sweep past Greece and leave it unharmed? Or will the Germans come down to Salonica? And if they come shall we people of the city flee as the Servians have done?

Or will the Greeks go with the Germans and try to drive the allied armies out of Greece? All the men of Greece are mobilized; you can see them digging trenches along the Aegean sea as you come toward Salonica.

Will the Grecian king give the word to his army to fight; the Queen of Greece, you know—his wife—is a sister of the Kaiser of Germany, and the king's word is law, now that all the men of Greece are no longer mere citizens but have become soldiers.

Or perhaps the Greeks may go with the allies, is that possible? Will they the allies, is that possible? Will they Bulgarians try a dash at Salonica, this city where Bulgarians and Greeks fought one whole night through the streets, three years ago with the result that Salonica over night, became a Greek city, while the Bulgarians fled?

All of these questions you hear discussed in the excited cafes of Salonica, these warm, semi-oriental nights. Just now all the questions that the world is asking about what is going to happen in the neighborhood of Salonica are being asked in Salonica itself. The folks here don't know any more than the folks in New York.

But will the answer be any more important to them, near as they are to the scene, than it will be to New York? What happens in the Balkans, within the new few weeks, may send tidal waves to the ends of the earth and to the ends of human history.

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Albany Fire Department Elects.

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the city council at the next meeting.

War News of One Year Ago Today. A general allied advance in Flanders and Northern France was not denied by Germany. Berlin said the Russian Silesia-Posen offensive had failed and that the Russians are retreating throughout Poland.

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