SIGHTS WITNESSED

Social Life Lacking in 'Man's Town' and Crime Nightly Occurrence, Russian Prisoners Pitiable.

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Salonica, or Thessalonica, has alwaya been a central forceful and turbulent city. It made hard times for the apos-

ing speeches, and whose destiny is en-grossing the peace conference. Allen Soldiers Enlighten Citizens. Inquire of those who best know the Inquire of those who best know the life of this strange city, and you are told that the presence of the foreign armies has had a transforming effect upon the natives. They have appraised the characteristics of all the soldlers. They have learned new ways, new efficiency, new standards, new ideas. Old Salveign has been leavened, for better d for worse, by the fresh life which

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Foreigners, especially the British ared for the refugees who fied here rom Anatolia and Bulgaria. Since the remission many of these are making heir way painfully back to their old tomes. Two refugee camps are still maintained by the Greeks.

Even more pitiable is the plight of the prisoners. Up in Serbis, where the people have not food for themselves the Bulgarian prisoners, I am teld, ar actually starving to death. Those held here by the British have been well cared for, but when they are in the hands of historic enemies they fare ill. Russiar Prisoners Pitiable.

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Most touching of all the spectacles of prisoners I have seen are the large numbers of Russians held by the French. At the time of the Russian collapse there were two divisions on this front, who quickly became infected with revolutionary principles. They received the choice of fighting in the allied army, of doing labor work with the troops or, if they would neither work nor fight, of becoming prisoners. It needed the aid of French machine guns to disarm this last group, who are still held prisoners. Some of them, I learn from trustworthy sources, were shipped to the coast of North Africa to shift for themselves.

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SALONICA—April 16.—It was a sapicated beaton newspaper man who once asked Dr. James L. Barton, "Who are these Balans, anyway."

If the Balkans were peoples, instead of mountains, this would be the place freeks. Bulgarians, Roumanians, Turks, Iswa, Albanians, and the assorted small fry folk beside. Half an hour on the one long water front of burnt out Salonica—pronounce the name in any one of four ways and you will be in the vogue—will do more to visualize the Balkan problem than a year with the books. They are all here, plus the western military forces which the swirling Balkan malestrom drew hither. Greek troops predominate in numbers and British in influence, but the French, Italians and Serbians and Russian solders are also here, in one potpourri of tongues and traits.

Salonica, or Thessalonica, has always. Those who remain here are in sorry

Yesterday and Tomorrow Meet. Athens is the casternmost western city on the Mediterranean; Salonica is Athens is the casternmost western city. It made hard times for the apostile. Paul, and after a few days, amid its seething life of intrigue by day and murders by night, one can understand that the great apostle should write in his First Epistle to the Thessalonians of the early return of the Lord as the only solution of their problems. It was here that the Turkish, Bulgarian and Greek contended for mastery, and only the landing of armed forces of the allies prevented it from becoming a German center. At the present moment, I am told, the Greek government is arresting Bulgarian residents on the charge that they are committed is.

"Saloniea Spelis Mud."

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As a center of historic interest and of natural beauty, Salonica merits all that the books have said about it. But a traveller thinks first, after putting foot ashore, of the all-enawamping mud. From the transport that carried him into the harbor he doubtless admired the end of the town are hangars for airplanes.

Salling ships, with both ends turned up quite in the fashion pictured by the monotony of the roofs of the orionatal city, and the tents and barracks of the various armies.

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mud into which one's feet sink, and
upon which one silps and elides; mud
that encrusts the walls and is tracked
into all buildings; mud that splashes like
rain upon pedestrians on the narrow
sidewalks (if any) from headlong army
motor trucks; mud that finds its way
intoone'sclothes and bedroom—squashy,
oegy, filth-filled mud. There is no slory
is soldiering here; it is merely a life
submerged in mud.

What a wonder it is that amid such
conditions—dwelling in cellars and tents
and lean-tos and dwellings on side
streets where the mud alternates with
deep pools of water—men and women
maintain any of the romance of life.
Existence is so bedraggled that it seems
incredible that these slouching, furtive,
and justice and national pride and
glery. Yet these are the people and
such are the sentiments that make
up the Balkan problem. Yonder hamal,
or burden hearer, with his cumbersome
yoke or harness of carpet-covered reeds
on his back, upon which he carries incredible leads, is more than a human
beast of burden; he is the man about
whom President Wilson has been making speeches, and whose destiny is engrossing the peace conference.

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hard burden in the distant
rhee nations, with saucy little submarine chasers flying the American
flag.

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flag.

Along the streets plod Jewish women,
all but the very young seeming prematurely aged, wearing a green and
gold headdress such as even east side
New York never sees; and Moslem
women, draped in all-enshrouding
black, but with their veils lifted, and
British and American Red Cross women.
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gold headdress such as even east side
New York never sees; and Moslem
women, draped i amid Salonica mud. The horizon blue of the French and the khaki of the American and the English give the prevailing color note to the street scenes. Practically all the foreign forces are being demobilized as fast as possible only the Grants remains as possible, only the Greeks remain-

> There is practically no social life in alonica, and it is a man's town. "A discrable hole!" the British officers miserable hole;" the British officers call it, indifferent to the more or less normal life of the 150,000 permanent residents. There is one large restau-rant beside the White Gencese Tower, he Salonica landscape; but its standthe Saionica landscape, and service are those of the Bowery rather than of Fifth avenue. Still, it is the principal sort of officers,

Fire Destroys Paul's House.

Mud and fire are the newcomer's first impressions of Salonica. The greater part of the city, including the entire business section, was burned in August, 1917, and save for one-story bazzars or shops along a few of the principal streets, it has never been rebuilt. The government has a fine plan for a new and greater Salonica, with wide streets and modern buildings, but many conand greater Salonica, with wide streats and modern buildings, but many considerations, including total lack of materials, delays its execution, and in the meantime many of the homeless lead squatter lives on the outskirts of the city Naturally, disease takes a heavy toll of them. A large proportion of the people show the sallow faces of victims of maiaria or pellagra. Even the foreign troops have suffered a heavy mortality here from disease. At present there is a fresh outbreak of typus. Salonica is built on the slopes of the surrounding hills, which descend to the beautiful harbor. The location is ideal. The fire, which gained its headway in the Turkish quarters owing to Oriental carelessness, swept clear up to the city wall and destroyed everything—houses,

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and a brazier. Back of Salonica, the principal gate-

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upon the decisions of the peace conference. For two years, military activities have dominated everything else. This fact, added to the fire, has been a heavy blow to Salonica trade.

Recently the British have taken over the railway to Constantinople, and only those persons go through who are approved by the authorities. The near east is still closed to ordinary travelers. This line makes the journey possible in about three days. The trip by sea takes less time, unless one of the many floating mines is atruck. At this writing, heavy snows complicate he railway travel.

Many Wish to Become Americans. The American Red Cross, which was rapidly increasing personnel, has alonica as its headquarters for southcountry is reached by way of Rome. Bases for food distribution and for medical and social service are maintained at Monastir, Uskub, Pirot and a score of village subsequent

half of Students Expelled.

way to Maccdonia, lie the Balkans and all their problems. In former times this city handled most of the trade of the hinterland. Now that a greater Serbia, or Jugo-Slavia, is to have its own ports, the commercial importance of this city may diminish. A good deal depends

Olcott asking that he intercede on be-half of the young men.

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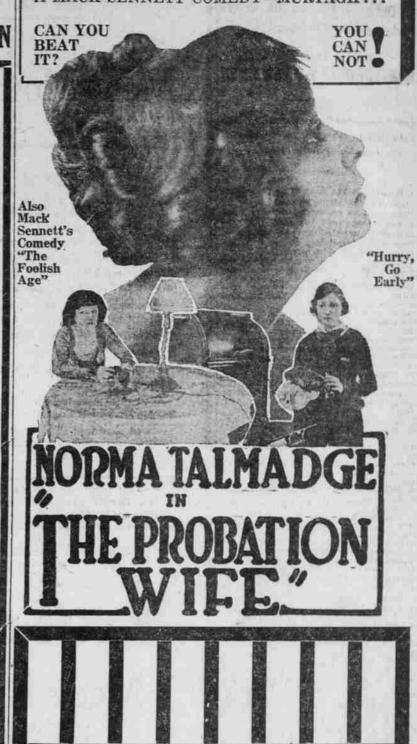
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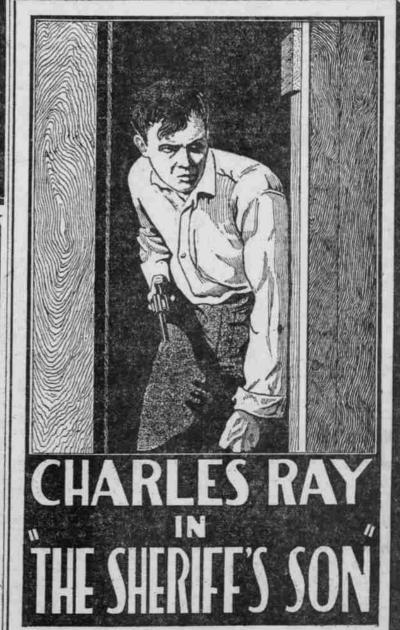
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