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"LIVING GREECE NO MORE."

It is classic ground the modern Greeks are defending from the Turks, as the ancient Greeks might have defended it against the Persians, had not the Thessalians played them false. The plain of Thessaly was the garden and battleground of historical Greece, like Belgium in Europe. Here alone was space enough to make wide farms and move great armies. It fed Rome with wheat and saw the greatest battles of history.

Thessaly was the fairyland of mythical Greece. Peneus drains it. It is entered through the lovely vale Tempe, cleft by Poseidon and celebrated by Greek poets from Anacreon to Walter Savage Landor. Olympus, Pelion and Pindus mount them in and overshadow the plain. The Salammbria is the ancient Peneus, and the Gulf of Volo is the ancient Pagasse. From here Jason sailed with his Argonauts and Achilles led his Myrmidons to Troy. Thessaly was the home of the Faecidae. Silver-footed Thetis had a temple there and Chiron nourished the goddess born in the caves of Pelion.

This plain was the stage of many world-dramas of history. Nereus crossed it, with connivance of the Thessalians, on his way to Thermopylae, and retreated across it after Salamis and Plataea. On it Cynoscephalae, twice famous in battle, saw Thebes victorious and Philip of Macedonia crushed by the Roman power. One and a half centuries later, and only a few miles away, the fate of the Roman world was decided at Pharsalia. Caesar's legions came through the Pindus passes, where Turks and Greeks are now struggling, to meet Pompey's eastern forces on the plain between present Larissa and the Gulf of Volo. Two thousand years later Europe and Asia are in combat on the same ground. Seventeen years after Pharsalia, the young Octavian, defeated Mark Anthony and Cleopatra off Actium, which is the very point from which the Greeks have been bombarding Prevesa. The old Ambracian gulf became Antony's Bay of Actium, and is now the Bay of Arta, separating Thessaly and Epirus. Land and sea here reek of battle memories like the low countries.

Glorious traditions cluster about Thessaly, but cold-blooded ethnologists insist that the modern Greeks have small right to claim their inheritance. These Greeks can be Hellenes only in name. Fifteen centuries of political servitude and social chaos separate them from the pure race the Romans found, spared and preserved. But after the Romans came Goths, Serbs, Huns, Bulgars—barbarians who ravaged Greece with fire and sword and enslaved the survivors, mingling their blood with their own. After these came Norman and Italian crusaders, Venetian and Florentine merchants, and finally five centuries of slavery to the Turks.

Not less than ten of these fifteen centuries were times of such grinding and mixture of human material as destroys all continuity of race. Under the Roman and Eastern empires and the feudal monarchies of the Crusades the Greeks lived and reared families, though in political slavery. But Goths, Bulgars and Turks regarded life and domestic ties no more than if dealing with beasts. Greeks of purest strain were ravished as slaves, and all of ambition and energy sought relief in exile. Probably the purest Hellenes now are those whose ancestors never saw Hellas. Only the dregs of the native population remained to mix with the low-

est of successive waves of invasion and produce the hybrid race now battling under a Danish king in the name of Hellenic traditions. Scholars think that probably this race is nine-tenths Slavic. If so, it might be well content as a member of a Balkan confederacy under Russian protection—Oregonian.

The Democratic wing of the Corbett push is again in evidence. This time Salem furnishes the material in the person of Ahasuel Bush, who goes back to Washington to shed more light on the senatorial proposition. Bush has the proud distinction of having been sat upon by Cleveland and afterwards packed up by that gentleman, a brand from the burning, a scrap from the waste basket. He and H. W. Scott ought to "fix Corbett plenty," and we think they will. "The push" has yet the ubiquitous U'Ren, the versatile Bourne, the picturesque Barclay, the amusing Bilgen, besides the general job-lot of the Salem solons. There is still the Hon. F. N. Jones of Sheran's Bridge, really "the biggest man of the lot," who ought not to be overlooked, and who weighs sixteen ounces to the pound, avoirdupois. There is Miser of Crook, who will work as well as a measure of weight, as a weight itself. There is Joe Simon. In fact, when one considers the heavy reserve force, one is forced to wonder why the small fry like Noltner, who couldn't possibly control his own vote; Scott, who couldn't control any one's else, and Bush, who wouldn't know how to vote any how, should be sent to the front to fight Mr. Corbett's battle.

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