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ABOUT GREECE.

A war, or even the prospect of one, always bring out a great deal of information about the countries indulging in it. And so it is in the case of Greece in the present war. The New York Sun furnishes this information about the country of the Hellenes:

It has a population of 2,187,208. It is called "Hellas" by its people. The mean temperature of Greece is 64 degrees at Fahrenheit.

No part of Greece is forty miles from the sea or ten from the hills.

About one-half of the population are agriculturists and shepherds.

It is an area of 24,977 square miles.

It is the only country in the world whose armies are provided with the Oras guns and paper-covered cartridges.

The Greek flag is a white cross on a blue ground—the Bavarian colors and the Greek cross.

Greece is more thickly populated than any other country in Europe, with the exception of Sweden and Prussia.

It has few rivers and many hills. None of the former are navigable, and many of the latter are fortified.

Its present boundary limits were determined by an arrangement among Great Britain, France, Russia and Turkey concluded at Constantinople on July 21, 1832.

Only about 70,000 of the inhabitants speak any language other than Greek, and only about 20,000 profess any religion other than the orthodox.

The chief characteristics of the average Greek are his inquisitiveness, fondness for excitement, love of discussion, desire for knowledge, an aptitude for learning, and aggressive patriotism.

The climate has two striking peculiarities—the heat in summer and the cold in winter are far more intense than those of any other country in the world lying in the same latitude. Gell once remarked that in traveling through the Morea in March he found "summer in Messina, spring in Laconia, and winter in Arcadia, without having moved beyond a radius of fifty miles."

PERHAPS VERDANT.

The Walla Walla Statesman, commenting on what we said recently concerning the sending of White to this city, remarks:

This is the same man who came here a few days ago from Huntington, and therefore the Chronicle is wrong in stating that he should be a charge of this county. He was here but one day, and received some assistance on his way to California. The Wasco county officials are somewhat verdant or they would ship him on to some other place.

It may be that Wasco county officials are "verdant," or it may be that Walla Walla county officials are void of the commonest human instincts. It is probable Wasco county will have a few dollars to pay for the care and burial of a human wreck, flotsam of humanity, blown hither by the chilling winds made doubly cold by having been in contact with the hearts of men. It may be our officers are "verdant," but as we looked upon that helpless and hopeless derelict provided with shelter, rough though it be, where for a few days, his last, he may be administered unto and die, we cannot but feel thankful that in Oregon, at least, there are still verdant hearts, too tender to fire a dying man by the brakebeam route into some neighboring town.

We owe much to the Greeks; that is, Christian civilization does. We

owe them our religion, our liberty, our art, and the legendary lore that lightens and makes perfect our literature. Commencing with Lycurgus the history and example of Greece has been the history and measure of the world. Under Philip of Macedonia it awakened to the measure of its powers, and under Alexander it sent the tide of its civilization across the deserts to mingle with that of the Indus. The wealth of oriental imagery, added to the modern language and literature, was in our opinion immeasurably more valuable than the gold or silver or plunder taken from the followers of Vishnu. Against the Persian, Greece at Thermopylae made that heroic resistance that saved Europe from subjugation and taught the world the value of freedom. Later against the vast armies of Mahomet III the Emperor Constantine did royal battle, and only surrendered bare walls and famished treasuries to his enemies. Greece fell a prey to the Turk, but falling she broke his power so that Charles Martel was able to stop him and save Europe. Since that time her fate has been hard and undeserved. It is in accordance with the eternal fitness of things that Germany, France, Austria, and the balance of the countries that would never have existed but for Greece, should turn their guns upon her to support and protect Europe's enemy, the Turk.



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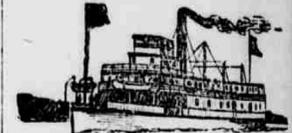
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