

VENIZELAS ASKS GREEK LIBERALS NOT TO BALLOT

King Accused of Overturning Constitution and Defying Will of the People as Expressed at the Polls—Ancient Regime of Tyranny Re-established—Trickery Supplants Law.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—Eleutherios Venizelos, ex-premier of Greece, has issued a manifesto addressed in the name of the liberal party to the people of his country advising them not to vote in the forthcoming elections. The manifesto was issued November 14, but its transmission by telegraph was prevented by the Greek authorities and it reached here today by mail.

The manifesto calls attention to the fact that the internal crisis was brought about solely by the wresting of power from those to whom the people had confided in at the last election.

More Scrap of Paper

"Day by day," says M. Venizelos, "the constitution is deformed into a simple scrap of paper, and we find ourselves at present in a deviation from our policies amounting to suppression of the constitutional regime."

Ex-Premier Venizelos points out what he calls the entire absence of necessity or excuse for an appeal to the people for the second time in a few months amid the confusion of war.

He declares the chamber of deputies overturned the Greek cabinet not for the mere pleasure of exercising its opposition, and that it would have accepted the new cabinet with the sole exclusion of the minister who had insulted the chamber, and says:

Tyranny Re-Established

"In spite of the affront intentionally inflicted upon the national representation by the promotion of that minister to the highest grade at the royal court, and in spite of his maintenance in the reconstructed ministry, the opposition contented itself with declaring that it would abstain from the sessions.

"The chamber had in view only the defense of its own dignity and had no interfering with the passage of urgent laws. All these concessions were insufficient to turn the government from its decision to dissolve the chamber and to proceed with the elections while all the men in the kingdom who could be mobilized were under arms.

"The ancient regime that was thought to have been abolished by the revolution of 1909 came again to life with the ministry of the month of February. Beaten in the elections, this regime concentrates all its forces today in a supreme effort to suppress the liberties of the people because it cannot live otherwise."

A Political Comedy

After calling attention to what he terms the difficulties that make fair elections impossible, M. Venizelos declares that the government is secretly arranging to have home on leave all mobilized men which it can count upon to vote for government candidates, while all the adversaries of the government are being refused leaves of absence.

"The duty of the liberal party," says the ex-premier, "is not to participate in the political comedy whose object is to prevent a manifestation of the national will and to gain an appearance which would be false, that the elections approved the non-execution of the treaty of alliance, thanks to which Greece has extended her frontiers as far as Nestos."

TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE TO DISCUSS BUDGET

J. A. Westerlund announces the appointment of the following committee, pursuant to the resolution adopted at the Jackson County Taxpayer's league meeting, authorizing the appointment of a committee to formulate plans for the further activities of the league: W. C. Allaway, Bert Anderson, Medford; W. H. Brower, Rogue River; John Carlin, Medford; E. V. Carter, Ashland; H. H. Sargent, Jacksonville; V. J. Emerick, Medford; E. J. Kaiser, Ashland; Ben H. Lampman, Gold Hill; F. V. Medynski, P. J. Neff, Medford; James Owens, Wellen; George Putnam, Medford; I. C. Robinson, Central Point; W. I. Vawter, E. M. Wilson, J. A. Westerlund, Medford.

The first meeting of the committee will be held in Medford Saturday, December 11th, at 3 p. m., for the purpose of organization.

PROFESSIONAL MEN AND MERCHANTS MUCH INTERESTED

By W. W. WATSON

Impressions received and expressed in our daily business intercourse are not always prompted by motives of charity or a sense of justice. For instance, a farmer, discussing a problem of a more or less serious nature, said to me yesterday:

"I see that the merchants and lawyers and doctors are all very much interested in the proposition of our getting the beet sugar factory, general irrigation for the valley and several things that the farmers alone are interested in. After all, the farmers do the work necessary to support these things and get merely a living out of it, at best. What business is it of theirs?"

That view of the matter is both morbid and unjust. The merchants, the lawyers and the doctors have a great deal "to do about it." Absolving them from mercenary selfishness in their insistence on these matters, ought they not to be given credit for manifesting a kindly feeling of helpfulness for the farmers? Should they not find enjoyable interest in the increased successes of the farmers? Are they not concerned about the prosperity of the farmer? Indeed, they ought to be more deeply concerned in the proper and profitable development of the farming districts than they generally proclaim themselves to be. Suppose they were to say: "These are farmers' problems. Let the farmers solve them." Then, in truth, should the farmers feel aggrieved.

A Case of Mutual Interest

As a matter of fact, historically and commercially impressed on human mind since men began to divide themselves into business classes, every trader, every professional man, every artisan and every teacher and demonstrator in every walk of life has been primarily and fundamentally interested in the success of the men and women who till the soil. It is the great garden from which the world is fed. Without its annual harvest, how could the business world exist? Without the bounty of its fields, how could we stay the destructive progress of famine? Is it yet necessary to teach the farmer that his business is the very foundation of civilization? Let us believe that it is not; and let us hope that the farmer quoted above stands alone in his narrow view of the matter.

Mutual helpfulness extended through a sense of brotherly concern for one another is the cornerstone of our best religion. Let us not permit it to crumble through the alchemy of selfishness. Without it, both the material and the spiritual business of the world would fall into ruinous decay.

The lone farmer, however, has succeeded in the argument that will drive him out of his own trenches. He has brushed the cobwebs from an important truth which he himself has long protected in its concealment. He has suggested the answer to the question as to why the merchant, the doctor and the lawyer are interested in his projects. He has invited the information that they are not his projects alone.

They Are Ours as Well

The merchant knows that his success depends on the success of those in the farming districts surrounding him, just as the national government itself depends on the profitable agricultural development of the entire country. The lawyer, the doctor and the merchant know that their businesses prosper only in proportion to the increased prosperity of the farmers, including every department of the farming business. Hence, when the farmers fail, they, too, fail in a proportionate measure. When the farmer can't pay his bills, they can't pay theirs. General depression is the field marshal of the situation.

HELEN KELLER, BLIND GENIUS, WRITES ON DEFECTIVE BABY CASE MORE BOYS THAN GIRLS IN ASHLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Charges That It's the Policy of People Who Profit to Encourage Large Families Among Workers—"Give Us More Children!" Cries the Factory Moloch.

By HELEN KELLER. (Copyright, 1915.)

When Dr. H. J. Haiseldens permitted the Bollinger baby to die in a Chicago hospital, he performed a service to society as well as to the helpless being he spared from a life of misery.

No one cares about that pitiful, useless lump of flesh, but that baby has lived not in vain because its death has brought us face to face with the many questions of eugenics and control of the birth rate—questions we have been side-stepping because we are afraid of them.

The hue and cry raised about the "murder" of this poor, mindless, crippled, half-dead little creature, indicates a deep-rooted error in American thinking.

It shows that we do not understand the meaning of life or its laws or its great, beautiful purposes—joy, beauty and achievement. Our puny sentimentalism has caused us to forget that a human life is sacred only when it may be of some use to itself and to the world.

We have refused to listen to the Dr. Haiseldens when they have tried to rub into us the fact that the world is already flooded with unhappy, unhealthy, mentally unsound persons that should never have been born.

Their declaration that we can prevent the birth of more such unfortunate persons, and must prevent it, has angered unwilling hearers to whom such wisdom is blasphemy.

The sentimentalists' ire has smoldered long while thoughtful men discussed whether the insane and defective classes should be prevented from propagating themselves. And now the life and death of this baby is the match that has set fire to all this combustible material.

The case of William Sanger, whose wife formed the Birth Control League, should open the eyes of all intelligent persons to the forces of work against the spread of this new idea. A short time ago Sanger was sent to prison in New York for giving away a pamphlet, "Family Limitations," that his wife had written. It was her answer to many appeals for information from men and women who could not support large families, and who could not pay a competent physician for the information they wanted. Its purpose was to help distressed parents to limit the number of their offspring and give a better chance of health and happiness to the children they did have.

Now, most of those who have large families are working people. Why should not the idea of having fewer children be fostered among them?

The imprisonment of Sanger reveals the fact that there are persons who do not want this idea to be disseminated among the workers. These persons, for the sake of profits alone, deliberately encourage the

of the doctor or the lawyer when he needs him. Is there?

So, also, stands the merchant's case. They should concern themselves with the farmers' problem—aye, more than they do.



Helen Keller, reading with her finger-tips. She has a sheet of paper printed by the Braille system of raised dots. Each arrangement of dots means a different letter, and Miss Keller can read by this method as easily and rapidly as a person with eyesight can read these lines. Even better—for she can read in the dark!

workers to have large families, that their little ones may be driven to labor—that the factories shall have them—to the end that there shall be no dearth of hands and therefore plenty of people to take such wages as is offered them.

Incredible as it seems, employers of others' brains and bodies may, and do, claim a right over the lives, the frail limbs and tender souls of others' progeny—for profit. To such persons the new knowledge about birth control is odious.

The limiting of families is a matter of the gravest necessity to the workers. In spite of our boasts of national prosperity, poverty is steadily increasing. The cost of living mounts higher and higher, and wages do not advance in proportion.

If the families of the workers are left to the uncontrolled caprice of nature, we shall have a larger percentage of children that are forced to toil in mills and factories—who are denied their birthright of education and play.

Already countless mothers are obliged to work outside their homes and leave their little ones without proper care. Unwatched, exposed to all the influences of evil, these children of the poor grow or waste away as they may, like plants in sandy soil, among rocks, weeds and rubbish, bereft of light and sunshine. Those that survive bring into the world, in spite of themselves, an even larger number of deformed, sickly, feeble-minded children. And the incalculable mischief of an uncontrolled birthrate saps up the vitality of the human race. This is the real race suicide that we must combat.

The destruction of the poor is their poverty. Only by taking the responsibility of birth control into their own

hands can they roll back the awful tide of misery that is sweeping over them and their children.

Anyone who will take a peep into life's back yard will see a huge junk heap that will set him thinking.

Once it was necessary that the people should multiply and be fruitful if the race was to survive. But now, to preserve the race, it is necessary that people hold back the power of propagation.

VON PAPAN AND BOY-ED DENIED SAFE CONDUCT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Developments which have followed the request for withdrawal of Captain Boy-Ed and Captain Franz von Papan naval and military attaches of the German embassy indicated today that the state department would conduct a wide investigation of foreign consular officials in the United States who suspected of activities, in some instances, are looked upon with extreme disfavor.

Should the investigation disclose that any of the officials have acted in a manner considered improper, their executors will be cancelled or the state department will find other means of having them discontinued in the offices they hold.

It was said at the department tonight that no decision had been reached in the case of Alexander von Nuber, Austro-Hungarian consul general at New York, whose name frequently has been mentioned in connection with the activities of Boy-Ed and von Papan.

Stella's Bargain Counter We'd like to know how a leopard can tell when a thing hits the right spot.

MORE BOYS THAN GIRLS IN ASHLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ASHLAND, Dec. 6.—The recent school census has been revised up to December 1, and the boys outnumber the girls by 11, the figures being 678 and 657 respectively. The total is 1335, a gain of 26 over 1914, when the enumeration was 1309.

The family of Frank M. Dacker, residing at 129 East Main street, is the banner one in the schedules with eight children enumerated. Their names and ages are: Sylvester, 18 years; Marion, 16; Lawrence, 13; Vernon, 11; Bertha, 9; Allen, 7; Clifford and Paul, 4.

Mrs. J. H. Ryerly of 83 Granite street, R. Roberts of 84 Dewey and E. J. Arant of 449 Euclid avenue, each have seven children enumerated.

John A. Ruger of 340 Hargadine street, Frank Potter of 471 Mountain avenue, Joe Hoskins of 314 Granite, W. J. Keeton of 248 Wimer, S. M. Ramsey of 140 Orange and W. E. Lloyd of western city limits, each have six children. These families collectively head the lists as represented. Others range from one to five, the majority being in the one and two classifications.

The local district has levied a 9-mill tax which will yield a trifle over \$30,000. This amount, in addition to state and county aid, makes a fund of \$47,212 available for 1916. The levy last year was 7 mills, the increase being necessary on account of diminished county school revenues.

"DADDY LONG LEGS" TO PLAY IN ASHLAND

One of the most remarkable achievements that stand to the credit of "Daddy Long Legs" which comes to the Vining theater in Ashland on Tuesday evening, December 14, is the record established by the famous play in San Francisco last season.

"Daddy Long Legs" ran thirty-one weeks in Chicago, and recently ended a run of a season and a half at the Gaiety theater in New York. But in San Francisco, where it was interpreted by Renee Kelly and the other members of the cast to be seen here on December 14, "Daddy Long Legs" upset American theatrical traditions by running five consecutive weeks to capacity business at the Columbia theater in that city. No other play in the history of the American stage, prior to "Daddy Long Legs," has been offered in any first-class theater west of Chicago for a period of time greater than three consecutive weeks.

ABOUT 300,000 BABIES DIE BEFORE ONE YEAR

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Leave Ashland daily except Sunday at 9:00 a. m., 12:50, 2:30, 4:30 and 6:15 p. m. (also Saturday only at 12 midnight) and Sunday at 10:00 a. m., 12 noon, 4:00, 6 and 10:30 a. m.

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