

SKOULOUDIS TO REMAIN CHIEF OF GREEK CABINET

Gounaris, Whose Party Won Recent Election, Renounces Claims to Premiership, Willing to Support Skouloudis—Claims Small Number Ballots Polled Showed Strength.

BERLIN, Dec. 27 (by wireless to Sayville).—M. Gounaris, whose party recently won the general election in Greece, has renounced his claims to the premiership, the Overseas News agency announces. An Athens dispatch says that M. Gounaris made a report to King Constantine on the outcome of the election and added that as the leader of the new majority party he was willing to support the ministry of Premier Skouloudis. Owing to political conditions in Greece, he believed a change in government to be not only unnecessary, but unwise.

Gounaris Interviewed

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Athens correspondent of the Matin sends the following:

"Having interviewed M. Venizelos on the subject of the elections and obtained from him an affirmation that his triumph was demonstrated by the small number of votes polled, I called upon M. Gounaris, who denied there was any considerable number of abstentions and claimed that even if the 300,000 soldiers mobilized had been able to vote, the result would have been the same. I then sought to ask about the foreign policy of Greece, but M. Gounaris interrupted me, saying:

"Greece's policy is unchanged. Greece is a small state which does not want to be dragged into the war which might involve a catastrophe like those which have befallen Belgium and Serbia. We are Greeks and nothing else. I am neither a Germanophile nor a Francophile, but just a Greek. Germanophiles do not exist in Greece.

Greece With Allies

"All Greece, even under the present circumstances, remains attached to England, France and Russia, to which she owes her existence and her development. But you cannot ask that the sentiment should go so far as to lead us, without absolute necessity, into the conflict, and we believe nothing now requires us to cease our neutrality. Greece always will feel keenly whatever happens for better or worse to France, but we cannot do more."

"I then asked M. Gounaris to explain how, if the Bulgarians are the hereditary enemy of Greece, the Greek people could agree to the allies' army falling back indefinitely before the Bulgars on Greek territory.

"Now you are going into the domain of the future," he replied, "and I cannot enter into that. I am speaking only of accomplished facts and the attitude they impose upon us. I cannot speak of the future."

"I remarked that such silence might be considered significant, and M. Gounaris explained: 'I do not even authorize you to draw deduction from my silence.'"

TURKS FIGHT FRENCH AT DARDANELLES AND WORK FOR FRENCH IN SERBIA



CIVIC SECTION OF CLUB MEETS AT LIBRARY WEDNESDAY

The first meeting of the civic department of the Greater Medford club will be held Wednesday, December 29, at 2:30 p. m., in the assembly hall of the public library. An invitation is extended to all interested in the city's welfare and betterment.

Plans for forming neighborhood clubs on every street in the city for the purpose of planting trees on streets that have none, replacing dead trees, transforming unsightly places, etc., will be discussed.

Ways and means for securing the Arthur Putnam mermaid statue from the San Francisco exposition will be considered, also plans for beautifying the reservoir site.

Ed M. Andrews has generously offered to donate the proceeds of "In-lanthe," to be given at the Page theatre early in January, to the civic department, thus helping to remove the handicap of no funds. Let us get behind this movement with a splendid enthusiasm and see that it nets a handsome sum for city improvements.

We have been most fortunate in securing the consent of Miss Dorland Robinson of Jacksonville to exhibit her paintings. Miss Robinson first studied in New York and Philadelphia—also in San Francisco, where her work is on exhibit in the art clubs, and where it is better known than in the Rogue River valley. One cannot view the work of this young artist without marveling at her masterly handling of a wide range of subjects, and we are most happy in being able to give local people the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful collection of paintings.

J. A. Westerlund, with his customary generosity, has offered the use of the Holland hotel for this event, which will probably be in the nature of a studio tea, with an informal musical program. Date and full particulars will be announced later.

It matters not whether you are a member of the Greater Medford club. We need your help in the civic work. Come and give us the benefit of your suggestions.

MRS. H. C. STODDARD, Chairman Civic Department.

COLLECTIVE JOY UNDER MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE

BY W. W. WATSON

Standing humbly alone in library park, it was a beautiful Municipal Christmas tree, jeweled with tokens of love, brilliant with lights of joy. Silhouetted against a dark curtain of cloud that shut out the twinkling sparks of the Milky Way, its graceful boughs reaching out toward the gloom beyond, it stood a gleaming shimmering symbol of peace on earth, good will toward men. At its portal, with folded wings, knelt Spirit, with a message of gratitude for the purity of the child-heart which imparted to this happy event its sacred meaning.

For a moment of hush without suspense, a silence that yet seemed to whisper life, the great throng awaited the minister's prayer of dedication.

The soul of the multitude was in and about the tree, imparting to it an atmosphere of holiness and embodying it with an aura of singular beauty and intelligence. So strong and pure was the spiritual sentiment investing the Christmas emblem that the physical representation appeared to fade away, leaving only the miniature res-

plena of the Star of Bethlehem suspended above the quiet throng as upturned faces, expressing in feature and in consonance a sense of divine relief.

The beauty of the inspiration and the joy of expressing in a communal manner a recognition of its eloquence in a silent appeal to spiritual sense were not lost in the minds of two thousand children present, many of whom whispered their admiration of the simple beauty of the tree. Gaudiness was not there to awaken in their minds the thought of noisy demonstration, as on occasions of grosser entertainment, and yet the solemn joy of the celebration was expressed freely in happy, becoming exultation.

The Municipal Christmas tree, in its initial appearance here, was a marked success. It proved to be a concentration of the prayers of joy upon the sole object symbolized in the exaltation of the Star, rather than the divided sense of belief under a limited temporal government of solitary creeds. The full import of the spirit-vision created was found in joyous expression of the purity of childish faith, rather than in vain outburst of enthusiasm over the success of competitive display in many places.

The words of the dedication and benediction were fervently spoken; and the songs of the children were rendered with unfeigned joy and gratitude.

It was a composite revelation of beauty, amplifying our inspired perception of an eternal law of the universe, the Law of Love.

AUTO COLLISIONS WITH RESULT IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

Two automobile collisions yesterday evening at the corner of Main street and Riverside avenue have put the auto drivers squarely up against the real thing in the matter of obedience to the road laws and the city ordinances relative thereto hereafter. There will be no further leniency and no further explanations asked for violations of these laws. Arrests will follow and heavy fines will be imposed. This statement is made on the authority of Chief of Police Hittson and Police Judge Gay.

The maximum fine for exceeding 16 miles an hour on the streets of the city and eight miles while passing street intersections is \$50. If offenders in future get the limit, they may charge it to their disinclination to abide by the lawful regulations of speed on the highways.

Joe Wilson, of Talent, last evening ran into the automobile of H. C. Garnett, on the turn at Riverside and Main street, tearing up both cars considerably, but not seriously injuring their occupants.

The cars of Houdinot Connor and O. V. Myers collided last evening at the same corner, resulting in breaking both machines rather seriously. In this case no one was severely hurt.

Both parties in each case will be arrested, so the authorities have said, and the offenders fined.

In addition to disobedience of speed and road laws, many drivers are ignoring the regulations against "cutting the corners," leaving the machines in the streets without lights and many times, in the residential district, on the wrong side of the streets, where they are permitted to stand for one or two hours.

Life on the streets is seriously endangered by this sort of carelessness and it is both the duty and the purpose of the proper authorities to protect it by enforcing existing laws.

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The picturization of Charles Kenyon's play "Kindling," in which Charlotte Walker makes her debut as a Lasky star on July 12, is now complete and has attracted enthusiastic comment when shown at private exhibitions. This photodrama tells the story of a fence-woman, about to become a mother, who steals in order that she may hear her child in the west under better environment.

"Kindling," when first produced on Broadway, created a tremendous stir among all the people interested in social welfare work. The photoplay is naturally more vivid than the drama and bids fair to arouse an unparallelled sensation, at Star theatre Monday only.

OBITUARY

Died—At Sacred Heart hospital, Friday, Dec. 24, 1915, Thomas F. Reddy, age 28 years, of droopy. He had been a resident of this city for eight years. He is survived by four brothers, Owen Reddy of Grants Pass, J. F. Reddy of Medford, Martin J. Reddy of Medford, and Patrick Reddy of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. C. M. DeLinn of Medford. The funeral services will be held Sunday at 9:20 o'clock from the Catholic church the Rev. Father Powers officiating. Interment in Jacksonville cemetery.



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