

AUSTRIA TRIED TO DIVIDE BALKANS AGAINST ALLIES

Ruler of Albania Tells of Rejecting Bribe to Proclaim War on Side of Central Powers—Declares Entente Defender of Small Nations—Albania Wants Free and Independent Government.

Athens, Sept. 4.—(Correspondence of Associated Press.)—Essad Pasha, the ruler of Albania, who is now leading the Albanian brigade on the Saloniki front and who will later cast the vote of Albania at the peace congress, today gave a representative of The Associated Press one of the secret chapters of the outbreak of the European war which has not before been disclosed—that Austria-Hungary, wishing to divide the Balkan states and turn them against Serbia and the entente allies, offered him a life pension of \$200,000 a year if he would proclaim Albania as an ally of the central powers.

The proposal was rejected with contempt, Essad Pasha said. He dismissed the representative of Austria-Hungary from Durazzo, the Albanian capital, and soon thereafter declared war against Austria-Hungary and all its allies. He felt then, as he feels now, that the interest of Albania was with the entente allies as the defenders and upholders of small nations, and he preferred that with all the hardships of war which he has since experienced, rather than the luxury and leisure which Austrian diplomacy held out to him as the price of Albania's leading the Balkan states into the German camp.

Essad Pasha was a striking figure as he related this incident in the course of a talk on Albania's part in the war, and what they are looking forward to at the end of the war. He had just come from the Saloniki front for a short rest and to confer with the high officials here and at Paris. He was in full uniform of tan grey, fitting snugly after the French form. The red facings on the collar showed the stars of his high command, for as a ruler of Albania he is commander-in-chief of the army and navy, with the status of a sovereign accompanying his troops. On his breast was a cross of war, placed there only a few days ago by General Sarrail, the French commander of all the entente forces on this front. His dark face and black eyes and mustache give him rather a fierce look reflecting the adventurous life he has led—a sort of Rob Roy of the Balkans—once one of the Abdul Hamid's most trusted generals, through a score of bloody campaigns, and now the ruler of Albania with the casting vote of that sovereign state in the final peace congress.

Defends Albania.

Essad Pasha was asked as to the charges that Albania is backward and semi-Barbarous and not entitled to be ranked as an independent nationality.

"That is usually the charge," said he, "when powerful nations have political designs and ambitions on small states. The first charge always is that the small state is not capable of looking after itself and needs some strong nation to watch over it. That is the preliminary to absorption and conquest. Albania has naturally attracted the covetous eye of some of the stronger powers. It has a great sea front lying along the eastern Adriatic, with ports and harbors which are of great strategic and com-

mercial advantage to any power which possessed them.

"That is doubtless one of the reasons that Albania is often represented as backward, needing some powerful neighboring state to look after her. It has always been one of the favorite methods for political extension and conquest in the Balkans. Austria felt that Bosnia and Herzegovina were not capable of looking after themselves, and needed her help in order to be governed.

"Judged by modern methods, Albania has not enjoyed all that progress and development of the more advanced communities. But there is a very good reason for this, namely: that these other communities have been free to develop themselves, while Albania has been under the rule of Turkey up to a few years ago. It is really a tribute to the virility of the Albanians that they have been able to preserve their race and language through five centuries of subjection to Turkish rule. Through all this period every method was employed to Turkify Albania, to do away with the language and the schools.

"It is not the only time the Albanians have shown their remarkable national unity, for they are the only nationality which successfully preserved their racial identity against the sweep of the Romans, then the Venetians, then the Slavs, and then the Turks. It has been a steady struggle for independence and to preserve the nationality from conquest and absorption by some alien power. As such, Albania furnishes the modern theorists on nationality a real example of what a small country has gone through to preserve its nationality."

For Independent Albania.

Essad Pasha's emphatic declaration for an independent Albania, was directly opposed to the recent action of Italy in proclaiming a protectorate over Albania, and he was asked as to the Albanian policy toward a protectorate.

"We are opposed to all foreign protectorates," he said, "and the Albanians will never consent to give up their rights of directing their own affairs in their own way. That has been the cause they have struggled for through centuries, and they feel the sentiment all the more now that the European war has brought ambitious designs from all quarters on Albania. What Albania wants is the same rights of free development that other small states enjoy, and as a distinct nationality with its own race and language it feels it is entitled to this same status that is accorded to all other small states. This is a war for the protection of small states, and not for the absorption by protectorates."

While Essad Pasha was here he conferred with Premier Venizelos and M. Politis, minister of foreign affairs, and there is reason to believe Greece is in full accord with the view expressed by the Albanian ruler for a free and independent Albania, with no foreign protectorate. Serbia and Rumania will doubtless be of the same view, so that the solid Balkans will be arrayed against a foreign protec-

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Catcher Lew McCarty, of the Giants, the gallest of the players that Manager McGraw put into the world series with the Chicago White Sox, reached for Leibold at the home plate in the second game. He fell heavily and hurt his arm and had to be taken out. This no doubt had much to do with the poor showing of the Giants, because they recognize their catcher as being one of the men who does not lose his head in important situations.

torate over Albania. Essad Pasha's protest against the Italian protectorate has been expressed in a formal document laid before the ministry of foreign affairs.

Austria Great Menace.

Asked what he had succeeded in doing in establishing a stable regime in Albania, Essad Pasha said:

"For 17 months prior to our entering the war, I had been administering the affairs of the country. This was at the request of the powers, following the unsuccessful experience of the Prince of Woid. Considerable progress was made, and the experience of those 17 months showed Albania to be organized on a self-governing and independent basis. But the coming of the war interrupted our plans. Austria was our greatest menace, almost encircling us on the north and pressing toward the Adriatic. It was at this time that Austria made her overture for an Albanian alliance with the central powers, and following their rejection I declared war against Austria and later against her allies."

"We made a stand for a time, but Albania was in no condition to resist the advance of such a military power as Austria, with her men and equip-

ment all along our frontier. They have overflowed the country, down to Valona where the Italians have landed, while our Albanian troops have been concentrated with the allied forces on the Saloniki front. So that northern Albania is for the present occupied by the enemy, and southern Albania is occupied for military purposes by the Italians. But all this occupation will be regulated at the final congress of the powers, when we are sure Albania will be restored as an independent nation."

Proud of His Troops.

Essad Pasha is proud of what his Albanian troops have been doing on the Saloniki front. They are on one of the most exposed sectors, near Monastir, where they have seen some of the hardest fighting against Bulgars and Austrians. They are a hardy lot of men, most of them mountaineers, and their fiery rushes have won the admiration of British, French and all other allied forces. It was this same class of men who used to be considered by Abdul Hamid as the very pick of his fighting men when Albania was under Turkish rule. They are used to the climate and the hard life of the Balkans, and they fairly thrive on their fighting while most of the other allies are fighting against the conditions of the country as much as they are against the enemy.

Based on his military experience, and having watched the two sides in contest during the last three years, Essad Pasha says there can be only one outcome of the war—the victory of the entente allies. At the front he has noted the steady decline in the initiative and power of the central powers, and the steady increase of the entente forces. The entrance of the United States in the war has been, he says, one of the most stimulating influences on the morale of the entire entente army along the Saloniki front. Declaring that he had seen in Saloniki moving pictures of the American troops, Essad Pasha said they gave him and General Sarrail, the commander-in-chief of the entente forces, "a good idea of the splendid military qualities of the Americans who are joining us."

NEW WORDS TO AN OLD TUNE.

Oh, say, can you see, o'er the wide-heaving deep,
Broad stripes and bright stars on the salt breezes riding,
While in darkness below steal the sharks of the foe,
At his ruthless command on their grim errands gliding?
Yes, the red-white-and-blue, and the shot speeding true,
Give proof to the world what our good ships can do;
And the Star-spangled Banner shall fearlessly wave
For the cause of the free, in the ranks of the brave!

Oh, say, can you see, on the torn fields of France,
The fair flag of hope over brown regions flying,
With its broad stripes that blaze, and its bright stars that dance,
The pride of the living, the faith of the dying?
Yes, the red-white-and-blue, borne in battle anew,
Gives proof to the world that our hearts are still true;
And the Star-spangled Banner shall fearlessly wave
For the cause of the free, in the ranks of the brave!

And thus be it ever, when Freedom shall stand
And call to her lovers to work her salvation;
Then with ships and with swords may the answering land
Serve the Power that first made and preserves us a nation:
Till the sea and the shore shall be safe evermore,
From the sway of the Sceptre that signals to war;
Then the Star-spangled Banner shall peacefully wave
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!

—By Helen Gray Cone of The Vigilantes.



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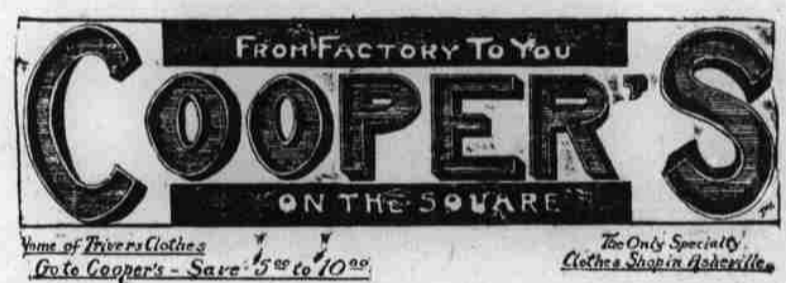
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But how is the easiest way to make

this small self-denial demanded of us?

In the first place, we can use more freely poultry, rabbits, fish and sea foods in place of the beef, pork and mutton needed by the Allies. We can at least see that these latter foods do not appear more than once a day on our tables, and then in smaller amounts.

We can also see to it that whenever we buy meat no scrap of it is wasted and that all the odds and ends go into the soup-pot and left-over dishes. Especially must we be careful not to waste a scrap of beef. Already our heavy demands for this kind of meat is one of the reasons leading the butchers to kill the calves and cows thus cutting down our milk supply. This means that not only our allies, but our own children, will pay the price for our thoughtlessness. Children are so largely dependent on milk for their sustenance.

And it is just thoughtlessness, isn't it, to use so much meat, whether it is beef or some other kind, when human lives depend on our saving it, and especially when there are so

many substitutes we may use instead? For instance, baked beans, raisins, nuts, rice, eggs fish and a large percentage of vegetables can be combined in any number of ways to make tempting dishes with practically the same nutritive value as meat to take the place of a part of the meat that would otherwise be used.

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