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Against treachery, even the Son of God was helpless.

Judas at the British Foreign Office has worked to frustrate the glorious Serbs.

The cold, premeditated, long-calculated treachery of Sir Edward Grey might, indeed almost make Judas of old time blush! For what do we learn? We learn that Sir Edward Grey definitely said, not long after war broke out, that IT WOULD BE A GOOD THING IF SERBIA WERE ANNEXED TO AUSTRIA! Yes, he thinks it would be a good thing for Serbia to be annexed by Austria, although Serbia is the barrier and protection of the British Empire against Germany and although a strong free independent Serbia will be more than ever needed after the war in order to prevent the Balkans from slipping under German rule.

The latest revelation of Sir Edward Grey's state of mind finally proves two things which were indeed very evident before. It proves:

(1) That Sir Edward Grey, when he opposed the sending of British help to Serbia, desired the defeat and even the destruction of the Serbian Army, that army being an obstacle to the annexation of Serbia by Austria!

And (2) It proves Sir Edward Grey desires to see Germany in control of the Balkans and beyond, master in fact of a new German Empire in the Middle East, because a free Serbia NOT annexed to Austria, but secure in her integrity and independence means the frustration of this pan-Germanist scheme. That Sir Edward Grey has said in words that Serbia ought to be annexed to Austria (which means Germany in practice) is not, after all, surprising, because he has been saying it even more plainly IN DEEDS. He refused to have British preparation made for the better defence of Serbia.

HE REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE REPEATED OFFERS OF GREECE TO FIGHT FOR AND WITH SERBIA AND THE ALLIES GENERALLY. Prince George of Greece came, we understand, to negotiate the matter and was treated with scant consideration, the offer he brought being brusquely and as all must agree CRIMINALLY rejected. This it would seem for the sake of Bulgaria who was throughout acting as the enemy of ourselves and of our Allies! Sir Edward Grey actually admits that while he thus played into Bulgaria's hands (consequently into Germany's hands) HE ALWAYS KNEW Bulgaria's sympathy for our enemies and for many months knew Bulgaria's commitments and engagements in that quarter. This obstinate pro-Bulgarianism on Sir Edward Grey's part (in practice pro-Bulgarianism was and is pro-Germanism) alarmed and alienated the other Balkan nations, including Serbia our Ally and those still neutral.

Greece in April wanted to fight with us on condition that we would guarantee the integrity of her territory. But NO! Sir Edward Grey was bent upon giving the Greek port of Kavalla to Bulgaria and this although he has never been much concerned to get new ports for Serbia and Montenegro our loyal and self-sacrificing Allies.

The effect of this uncompromising desire to give a new port to Bulgaria who already has outlets to two seas is indicated by the following passage from M. Venizelos' speech of 3rd November:

And the keeping of Bulgaria away from the Aegean at this moment is of greater importance to-day than we realised in 1912. The radius of action of the submarines in the course of this war has been such that Bulgaria, being in possession of three ports in the Aegean, Porto Lagos, Mairi and Dedeagatch, will possess three naval bases and in the event of war could with only ten submarines make our position very difficult, prevent the prompt concentration of our troops, principally those from the islands which have, excluding Cyprus, a population of 1,300,000 souls and provide us with 130,000 soldiers.

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dependent upon the outcome of the war, Bulgaria ("washed by two seas" as King Peter of Serbia expressed it in the last war of defence against his treacherous neighbour) rugged to Serbia across ever to one part, that of Salonica. The demands of treacherous and hostile Bulgaria, wrongfully bent upon Balkan hegemony and acting as the partner and advance guard of Germany, have been deemed positively SACRED by Sir Edward Grey, who at the same time was ready and willing TO LET SERBIA'S LIBERTY AND LIFE BE TRAMPLED UPON BY AUSTRIAN, BULGARIAN AND GERMAN TROOPS. Neither Greek, nor Italian, nor Portuguese help has Sir Edward Grey accepted for the saving of Serbia while the sending of British help to Serbia he obstinately opposed.

Has there in all the world been treachery such as this!

And not the half is yet known of his wanton and calamitous rejection of Greek and their aid.

As the sequel to all this evil work, Greek friendship and readiness to help gave place to a different attitude. Since then the situation has been handled in a strange manner. Of the long drawn out and puerile negotiations with Greece which have dragged their weary length while Serbia has been fighting for her life and liberty and for OUR life and liberty against two big Empires and their Bulgarian accomplice!

The whole question was and IS one of force. Greece now needs pressure to secure the maintenance even of benevolent neutrality where before her active help was freely offered. She wishes in case of need, to be able to plead to the Kaiser that all she did, she did under coercion by the Allies' fleet. To be able to make that plea seems to Greek neutralists to be the best safeguard against the possibilities of the tortures and massacre to which Sir Edward Grey has betrayed the Serbs!

And when, having shown us some degree of benevolent neutrality, the Greeks found that (at the instigation of a Howel, and as a response to German intrigue in London and by the wish and urging of Grey) it was proposed to withdraw the British naval and military forces, they naturally felt contempt and anger.

When all possible has been said in condemnation of the criminal neutrality of Greece, the fact remains that the one who is above all guilty is Sir Edward Grey.

"They believe that Germany is going to win." Such is the view attributed by many to still neutral Greece and Roumania. It is no wonder if they DO think so, because Sir Edward Grey in his Balkan dealings has shown an utter lack of that WILL TO CONQUER which is the first and the essential condition of victory. Greece and Roumania have seen Sir Edward Grey truckling to Bulgaria (Bulgaria being as they know a glove that covers Germany's mailed fist). Greece and Roumania have seen Sir Edward Grey slighting, neglecting and finally betraying Serbia, the true and devoted Ally AND BETRAYING HER TO THE PROFIT OF BULGARIA, AUSTRIA AND GERMANY!

Roumania and Greece have seen Sir Edward Grey refusing offers of help in the Balkans and have heard him cry "too late! too late!" in answer to all appeals for help made by and on behalf of Serbia - this false and wicked cry "too late" being raised at the very outset and being continued during the long and tragic two months that the Germanic Alliance, in spite of their triple attack, found necessary to get the Serbian Army out of their path. Greece and Roumania know that Sir Edward Grey is directly and criminally responsible for preventing the junction of the French and Serbian forces because it was owing to the delay, caused by him, in the arrival of British troops that that junction could not be effected.

And now Greece and Roumania and all the world have seen Sir Edward Grey, in defiance of the British Government's renewed pledge, in defiance of the elementary obligations of an Ally, in defiance of common humanity, desiring and trying, though fortunately without success, to withdraw the British forces from the Balkans and thus make final and irrevocable the desertion and betrayal of Serbia.

And when we demand the resignation of Sir Edward Grey, it is objected: "But who is there to put in his place?"

We are not makers of Cabinets, but this we will affirm: If there were really no wiser and more honourable man to fill the place dishonoured by Sir Edward Grey, then things would be very ill with our country and no victory could save it.

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