

## SUPERSTITION IS QUITE ABUNDANT IN GREEK CITIES

Ancient Fetishes Hamper  
Work of American  
Nurses in Athens.

BY MAJOR JAMES A. MILLS.  
ATHENS, April 16.—American nurses in the Balkan countries have met with some curious customs and superstitions among the natives, particularly in the matter of the care of children. In their daily round of duties they have encountered all the evils of witchery, charm cures and weird beliefs which the centuries have handed down.

They have found it difficult to overcome these hoary, moss-grown traditions and "wisdom" of the ages. The methods of the medicine men of the North American Indians are not more fantastic than those employed by the untutored mothers of the Balkans.

**Vital Point.**  
From the moment a baby is born the vital point in his life, as the mother sees it, is to protect him from the spirits of evil which hover over his cradle and follow him through the day, always watching, always waiting, always hoping for their opportunity. Some of the means employed by Greek mothers to banish these sinister spirits are most extraordinary. The poor child has to endure many strange ceremonies before his parents feel at all sure of his future.

One method much in vogue is to place behind the baby's ears a dab of mud. With this "charm" in position baby, his mothers think, has nothing to fear. Nearly all the children brought to the American Red Cross clinic in Athens have this smear of mud on them. Only after frantic pleading on the nurse's part was this weird custom abandoned.

**Nail Myth.**  
The finger nail myth is also much respected. The belief is that if a baby's nails are never cut and are permitted to grow pointed and long he will when he waves his arms about scratch the face of the demon or thief and the demon disliking it will fly away and not possess himself of the baby's soul. The crust that lack of care and dirt forms upon a baby's head is the subject of much superstitious reverence. On its charmed presence and thickness some Balkan mothers believe depend many vital things. The cutting of the infant's teeth, the sunning of vision, the activity of his limbs, and most important of all, his intellect, rely entirely upon its preservation. When the American nurses go to the root of the belief they find that it all revolves about the old fear of the soft skull opening and exposing the brain.

**Deep Seated.**  
So deep seated is the belief in evil that even at the solemn ceremony of the Greek baptism the priest and the godmother exercise the demons by blowing their breath in the form of a cross over the baby and also about the room and all the doors and win-

## The Last Review at Potsdam



Prince Sigismund and other prominent Germans who attended the farewell services when the non-commissioned officers' school at Potsdam was abolished. The review took place in front of the statue of Wilhelm I, who was the founder of the school.

## MOVE TOWARD SECESSION IN MEXICO GAINS

List of Loyalists Published by  
Carranza Fails to Show  
Strength.

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, April 17.—Civil war throughout Mexico between the forces of Pres. Carranza and Gen. Alvaro Obregon, candidate for the Mexican presidency, may break out if the federal government proceeds to suppress with military force the secessionist movement in Sonora, officials here feared today.

The Sonora movement is primarily an Obregon demonstration against the Carranza government, military intelligence officials here believed. They pointed out that Gov. De La Huerta of Sonora, is a

supporter of Obregon for president and that Sonora is Obregon's native state. The Sonora revolt may enlist other Mexican states, they believe, and develop into an extensive revolution against Carranza with the object of making Obregon president.

Few Give Allegiance.  
The Mexican embassy here today made public a list of state governors who have given assurance of allegiance to Carranza. Only a small percent of the states was represented. The governors listed were: Gustavo Espinoza Mireles, of Coahuila; Gen. Jose Santos, of Nuevo Leon; Manuel Alvarez Garcia, of Colima; Aurelio Gonzales, of Aguascalientes; and Gov. Esteban Cantu of Lower California.

The possibility of Gen. Pablo Gonzales giving his support to Obregon was speculated on by intelligence officers here. Gonzales is understood to have been Carranza's candidate for the presidency, but is believed to have been angered by the support Carranza gave Bonillas, former ambassador to the United States. Gonzales was not among the army generals listed by the embassy as having assured allegiance to Carranza.

## FLYING SQUADRON TO TOUR INDIANA

Party of Prominent Speakers  
Plan to Invade State on  
Charitable Mission.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 16.—The "flying squadron," a party of speakers of national prominence, will visit numerous Indiana cities soon in the interests of the Near East Relief. Arrangements for the tour were made by the Indiana committee of the relief organization.

The schedule, as announced, provides for visits to the following cities: April 11—Fort Wayne; April 12—Terre Haute; April 13—Evansville; April 14—Indianapolis. The squadron also is expected to visit

South Bend while in the northern part of the state. Included among the speakers are Dr. Milton S. Littlefield, New York and Brooklyn pastor; Lieut. Frank Connes, who was an interpreter for the American Red Cross in Europe; Mrs. Olin Floyd Lamson, a native Armenian who now makes her residence in Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Nixon Calvitt Clarke, Dr. William Ohan, Mr. and Mrs. James O. Arroll and Dr. Paul Leinbach, all prominent workers for the Near East relief.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE EASIER.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The foreign exchange market opened easier. Demand sterling was 3.35 1/2, off 2-4; franc checks, 16.32, up five centimes; lire checks, 22.02, up 55; marks demand slightly lower at .0161, and Canadian dollars demand .9165.

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