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REYNOLDSVILLE BOY VISITS RUINS OF ANCIENT GREECE

Duncan Dunsmore Writes Entertainingly of Historic Spots Visited While Cruising in the Mediterranean.

Taken from a letter written to D. M. Dunsmore, Sr. from Duncan M. Dunsmore, Jr., dated Piracus, Greece, Oct.

"After a two days run from Palermo, Italy, we arrived here yesterday. On our way here I saw to great sights one, the active volcano, "Stromboli" and the other Mt. Etna. The first is an island while the latter is on Sicily. I only saw the base of Mt. Etna as the top was wreathed in clouds. It is over two miles high and an active volcano. It is said that the ancients put condemned criminals on Stromboli and they perished from the lava. We passed betweer Crete and Greece on our way here and after passing there the "West Virginia" and "Pennsylvania" joined us coming from Naples. Piracus, (Py-rec-us) is a small town eight miles from Athens, both are clearly visible from each other, they are connected by a steam and an electric railway run on the third rail system.

I went ashore yesterday and went right to Athens, getting there about 2.00 p. m. Fortunately a Greek saw me who had lived in Haverhill, Mass, for three years and of course I was greatly benefited by his English speaking abilities; he acted as a guide for me. He is going back to America on the White Star line. The first place we went to was the King's Palace, and for its saw the great throne room for King George, the different reception rooms and a great hall for card playing and dancing and many other amusements. I cannot describe it for the decorations were something great. I was not in the living apartments and did not see the King. After leaving there we went to the Stadium, which I suppose you have read about. It looks a great deal like a dry dock, it fills up a great valley and is composed entirely of marble, opening into it is a tunnell used by the Greeks in hiding from the Turks in their ancient wars. Leaving the stadium we went to the Temple of Jupiter.

It is made of enormous columns, some are fallen down a- you will see in the postal card. From there we went to the Acropolis, which you can see up on the hill. The greatest ruin there is the Parthenon; It must have been a magnificent structure once, as the ruins show. In a museum near by are the remains of the statues taken from the Parthenon and also models of how it was. On the wall still remain some paint that has lasted for 20 centuries. At the foot of the Acropolis is the Ampitheater shown on the card. On top are the statues of Godesses; Herods Theater and the other ruins are on the Acropolis and I saw them all. Right near the Acropolis is Mars Hill from which St. Paul preached while in Athens. It was about the finest four or five hours I ever spent and certainly profitable. I got a good bed through my guide and had a good nights rest and next morning I came back to Piraeus and got back aboard on time. Do not ever class the Italians and Greeks together as I did before I came here. Italy is full of beggers, theires and pickpockets, and I never saw as much as a begger here. The people are thrifty and industrious and in every way superior to the Italians. The "Glacier" supply ship, one of the vessels taking the "Dewey" to the Phillipines is on her way back to the States. We leave for Port Said, the northern entrance to the Suez Canal, in a day or two.

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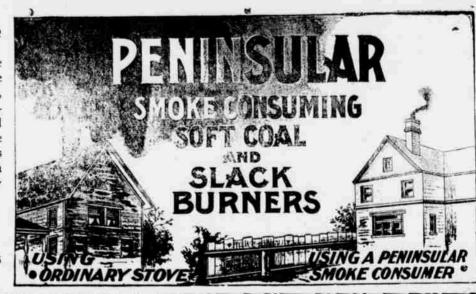
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