



A STURDY FISHING BOAT NEAR KAVALLA

Although Greece has a long coastline and the large number of fast days causes a great demand for "meat without blood," the fisheries are not highly developed. Refugee fishermen from Asia Minor are introducing improved methods and equipment.

see the supreme glory of all, the south side of the Acropolis with waving willow boughs gently veiling and revealing the beauty of milk-white columns stark against a velvet sky. Silence pervades the spot. The most crass of curiosity-seekers is hushed by majesty. Dinner parties come laughing up the approach of the Acropolis and chatter before the yellow lantern of the ticket-seller; but once in the presence of the Parthenon they fall silent and the dignity of that immortal shrine to the gray-eyed virgin descends on all.

MINIATURE DRAMA IN THE CITY OF SOPHOCLES

One thing the vivacious Greek has lost—the ability to enjoy himself.

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arouse frequent applause. The arrival of the "talkie," sounding the death knell of moribund drama, caused the girl ushers to blossom forth in bright new costumes, but Athenian life went on unchanged.

In Constitution Square, near the Zappeion, or along the boulevards, a thousand dramatists improvise, ten thousand comedians keep alive such patter as sows smiles. A tiny cup of coffee, a powdery cube of *lokoum*, a liqueur, or an ice, and the stage is set. Actor and audience interchange. People come and go. Orchestras, hidden among the pepper trees, provide a background of soft music. But the real stage is a café table, the real actors prosaic citizens of Athens.

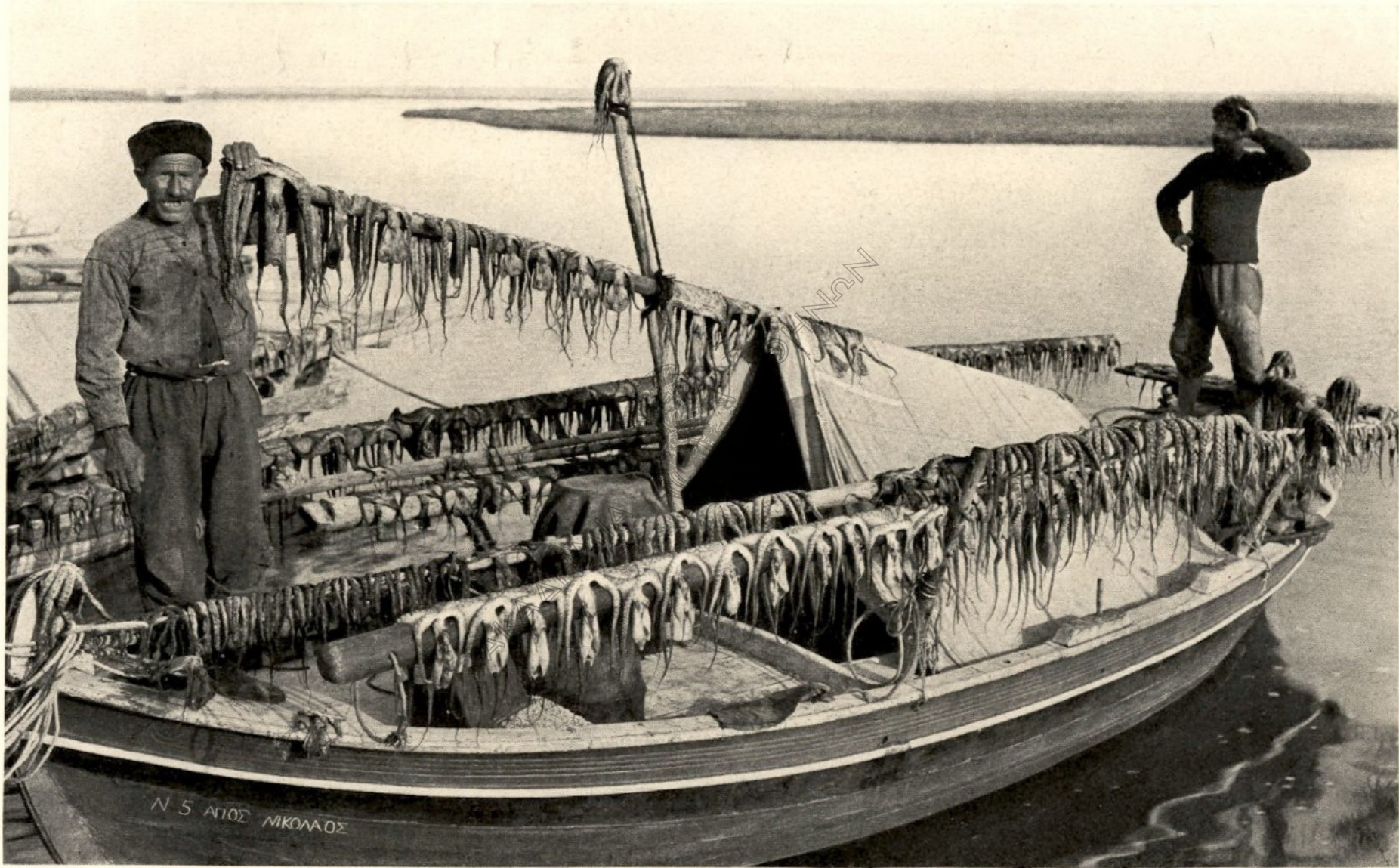
Nothing is ponderous, nothing boisterous. Crowds of pretty girls with bright shoulder scarves over light sport suits

onia, it commanded the Via Egmatia from
yrrachium (now Durres) to Byzantium.
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center for water power, as there is a
sharp break of several hundred feet from
latau to coastal plate-

not neglected, and at Porto Lagos men were spearing octopuses with the aid of glass-bottomed buckets. A twenty-pound octopus is not a pleasant bathing companion.

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OCTOPUSES DRYING AT PORTO LAGOS, NEAR KOMOTINI

The boundary between Macedonia and Thrace has frequently moved back and forth. At present no fixed political boundary exists. When Kavalla and Porto Lagos flew diverse flags, both were important. Now that both are in Greece, Porto Lagos is waning. But in the shallow estuary leading to an important fishing ground, octopus-spearing thrives. Despite its repellent appearance, the octopus is highly regarded as food.

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