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FUNERAL OF M. VENIZELOS.

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Monsieur Venizelos, called by his mourners, the 'giant of Greece' comes home. He died in Paris at the age of 72-years. He was born in Crete, when the Island was a Turkish possession. He returns to

it for burial, for it is now Greeian soil.

His first political aim was to free it from Turkish rule, and after suffering banishment for it, he at last achieved

his desire. Later he was sentenced to death in exile for rebellion

against the republic of Greece. A political enemy

suggested that a reward be offered to anyone who carried out the execution. Monsieur Venizelos

survived five death

sentences and three rebellions, dying at last peacefully at his

adopted home in France. Few politicians, even liberator politicians, have lived a more adventurous life than he did. He achieved much, but the results of his work never satisfied his exacting patriotic desires. Peasants of Crete mourn him as a dead saviour. Greece, or for that matter, any other country, can ill afford to lose men of such courage and faith as he.