

## MARY BOYLE O'REILLY INTERVIEWS A KING



King Constantine of Greece and His Fine Family.

(Editor's Note—To Mary Boyle O'Reilly, our famous woman correspondent in Europe, has come the distinction of getting the FIRST interview ever recorded any journalist by the King of Greece. "For 55 minutes," writes Miss O'Reilly, "Constantine received me, talking freely with me, discussing the affairs of his own nation and asking me of my experiences in connection with the Beilis case in Russia and also interrogating me about 'your great United States.' Constantine is a wonderful admirer of America and is every inch a man," she concludes.)

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"I am glad to meet you!" said King

Constantine of Greece as he shook hands, and despite the absurdity, the phrase carried conviction!

Constantine, king of the Hellenes, unconsciously personified the eternal spirit of Greece as I gazed at him. A born leader of men, alert, impulsive, idealistic, his personality appeals. It interprets the Greek character to you at once: Guardian of the destinies of his nation, he glories in the Greece of yesterday, leads in the present struggle against barbarous Turkey, sternly accepts the responsibilities of tomorrow.

"The king consents to receive you tomorrow at eleven," announced the charge de'affaires, smiling. "It is best we go to the palace at half-past ten."

We mount a marble staircase to reach the anti-room. The first secretary of the American embassy, having