

## 'In Europe You're Glad You Can Say I'm American,' Says Spandos



SAM SPANDOS AND SON, GEORGE

"AFTER you take a trip to Europe you will be proud you are an American."

And Sam Spandos, 18 Brighton road, who just returned from a seven-months tour of his native country, Greece, and a visit with his wife and daughter, meant every word of his statement.

Mr. Spandos has been in America since 1902 and this was his second trip abroad. He arrived in Columbus Monday.

The other trip was fine, he declared, but this trip had a special significance: he saw his 17-year-old daughter for the first time.

BACK in 1912 he took his first trip to Greece after coming to America and stayed until 1921, during which time he served eight months in the Greek army, fighting for his fatherland.

He returned to America late in 1921 and his daughter wasn't born until seven months later.

He gets a big chuckle out of his arrival in his native Sparta.

His wife and daughter expected him but did not know the exact day. They had planned on fooling him by having a girl

friend of his daughter's pose as his daughter.

"BUT I fooled them instead," he laughed. "I arrived at the house unexpectedly and picked my own daughter out right away."

Mrs. Spandos and her daughter expect to come to Columbus to make their home sometime before Christmas. A son, George, 19, is already here with his father, having come to America four years ago.

Of the war situation in Europe, Mr. Spandos relates that the various foreign countries are just waiting for something to happen.

"I'm proud I'm an American," he declared, adding that "Americans are always the first ones to be given attention at border lines and custom offices. It makes you feel good to say 'I'm an American citizen,' when they ask you questions."

### GRANDCHILD DIES

Dr. and Mrs. M. I. Powell and Mrs. Ida M. Dorney of 365 Alden avenue, were called to Dayton Saturday because of the death Friday of the day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Powell. The baby was given the name of Ida.



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