

SYRIA, REBUFFED BY ALLIES, LOOKS TO U. S.

Nations Aided by Arabs Deaf to Independence Plea.

ITALY'S ATTITUDE DEFIANT

Trouble Looms at Peace Parley as Result of Latins' Position Towards Serbs and Jugo-Slavs.

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PARIS, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The peace conference inevitably faces many complications and difficulties, some of them seem most serious, some merely perplexing and picturesque.

Perhaps the most amazing involves the future of the ancient land of Syria. Back in the early days of the great war Great Britain and France made a secret treaty agreeing on the division of the Turkish empire in Asia, under which Syria was to become a French colony.

The Arabs fought with brilliancy and it was an army under the command of Sherif Faisal which actually captured Damascus. Now that the war is won the Arabs are bitterly opposed to Syria becoming a French colony.

Appeal Made to Wilson. To the two great powers involved he has appealed in vain. France is unwilling to give up promised possession and Great Britain is willing, but bound by treaty with her French ally.

Now the Arabs have sent Sherif Faisal to Paris to appeal to President Wilson to intervene in their behalf.

Has this crazy world produced any more amazing spectacle than that of this Arab chieftain coming from Asia to the palace of Versailles, there to ask the President of the American Republic to interpose between Great Britain and France in the interest of the independence of Syria?

More immediately serious, if not dangerous, is the situation which involves the Italians and Serbs and Jugo-Slavs. At a preliminary conference held in London three weeks ago, attended by Premier Clemenceau and Marshal Foch on the part of France, Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister Sonnino, on the part of Italy, and participated in by Lloyd George and other members of the British Cabinet, it is understood that Italy was told it must modify and lessen its demand to Albania and the Dalmatian coast. But Italy was not willing, and has now announced it will not fix a date for demobilization of the Italian army.

The most formidable difficulty of all is what may be called the Anglo-American disagreement over President Wilson's freedom of the seas plank and the final disposition of former German colonies captured and now held by the allies.

Britain's Policy Fixed. Opportunities which I have had to talk with Englishmen of importance convince me that Great Britain will never consent to any diminution of her sea power. The British position is that the very life and existence of the islands and their people depend on control of the seas. The war with Germany has made the whole English people more determined than ever to keep the white ensign of British sea-power nailed to the mast.

On the disposition of German colonies.

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nies, British policy is equally fixed. The British Empire, say leading Englishmen, does not want any more colonies, but in the war with Germany the great self-governing English dependencies played a heroic part. Australia, South Africa and Canada sent splendid armies overseas to fight for the mother country. The empire owes them a debt which has been sealed in blood. Now Australia says it must have the German islands in the Pacific as a matter of self defense and protection against future attacks. Great Britain says it must accede to these appeals because the dependencies have earned the right to make them, to say nothing of the fact that refusal might

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WAR'S GREAT BLUFF TOLD

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN SPONSORS TALE NOT GUARANTEED.

Huns Fooled Into Paying \$20,000 for Dover's Secret Barrage Devices for Submarines.

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LONDON, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The story of the greatest bluff of the war is told by the Manchester Guardian, a well-informed newspaper. When her submarine campaign began in earnest Germany was getting many submarines through the Straits of Dover despite all the British anti-submarine boats could do against them.

A wonderful fixed barrage then was designed for the straits only, designed to fall into the hands of the German well-informed newspaper. When her secret agents. It was said Germany paid \$20,000 for them. Then there was peace in the Straits of Dover.

The next barrage—on paper—was too formidable and complete for the German submarines in that stage of their development. Germany knew, or thought she knew, when she was beaten, and for more than six weeks there was no attempt to break through the barrage. There was, however, no barrage, except as it existed in the signs which had been foisted upon Germany.

England had neither the right mines nor the mechanism to make them ready at the time. This story is not guaranteed by the Manchester Guardian, which, however, declares it is no more astonishing than some authenticated naval legends of the great war.

FRENCH ARE IMPATIENT

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grave concern. There is a report that Foreign Minister Pichon may be sent to Rome to confer with Premier Orlando on certain aspects of the situation. It is the opinion of French publicists that there must be thorough understanding between the entente powers and the United States concerning measures to be taken to reconcile the aspirations of the Jugo-Slavs with those of the Italian Irredentists on the Adriatic littoral.

Italy Not in Agreement. It had become obvious that Italy is not altogether in agreement with some features of the Jugo-Slav programme.

The arrival of Baron Sonnino, whose long tenure as Italian foreign minister lends special weight to his opinion, has aroused keen interest. Under the caption "Light Clouds," Gustave Hervé, who has been an ardent admirer of Premier Clemenceau, writes in part as follows: "There is a bit of bad humor in Paris against our Nationalists."

At the start he had against him only about 40 Bolsheviks and others whose opinions were negligible. The number of present malcontents transcended the sentiment of an increasing action of public opinion against the ministry. The tiger was taken as was chief because of his pluck, his combative spirit and his implacable hatred of Germany.

Need of Statesman Seen. "But with the finish of the war the country remembers that the terrible war chief has all qualities except that of administrator. It is a great administrator that we need at the present hour."

"In a few days there will assemble an allied conference at which peace conditions to be imposed upon Germany will be discussed. Premier Clemenceau will be there of course. There will be need of his prestige and perhaps of his claws, although Germany will not be in position to defend herself much."

"But the fangs and claws so necessary in battle are not sufficient in the negotiations of peace. Will the tiger decide to have himself accompanied at the peace congress by some of our statesmen, who, lacking his fangs and claws, have certain qualities he himself lacks?"

Discharged Men to Wear Chevrons. WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Secretary Baker today directed that soldiers honorably discharged be furnished with two scarlet chevrons, to be worn on the left sleeve as a recognition of his service to the country. The chevrons will be of the same size and shape as those prescribed for service abroad.

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LONDON, Dec. 19.—The British government still was without definite information this evening regarding the exact date on which President Wilson will visit London. The officials, however, are making tentative arrangements to greet him immediately after Christmas, as that is the time suggested by Mr. Wilson for coming to this country.

King to Entertain Wilson. President Wilson will probably be the guest of the King at Buckingham Palace during his visit to England. This official announcement was made tonight.

There is undisguised confusion in American centers here as to the result of the sudden change in President Wilson's plans regarding his coming to London and the most directly interested are anxiously awaiting an official notice of the President's early coming, which was not to be until Christmas.

With nothing more definite than the British official announcement of last night to work upon the naval representatives are making endeavor to reach American naval headquarters in

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Paris to learn what they can concerning the President's trip.

Navy Notified Late. In the absence of such notification it is recalled that the President is reported to have ceased to consider himself an official guest of France when the official reception ceremonies ended.

It is also pointed out that the American naval authorities abroad were not notified that the President was coming to Europe until he was almost here, and that the plans of the Navy to escort him were in reality unofficially planned.

It was suggested in American centers today that the President might come to England in a French vessel, although there is nothing available at the British Admiralty to show that such plans are contemplated at present.

U. S. Army Not to Participate. All of the American battalions that were in European waters have sailed for home, but there are plenty of American destroyers for the escort of any vessel bearing the President.

The reception of the President in London will not be participated in by the American Army to any extent, according to indications.

Major-General John Biddle, commander of the American forces in England, is still here, but most of the troops are homeward bound or are preparing for the trip. British army officers, ever since it was announced that the President was coming to England, have been expressing the hope that they would have the entire honor of supplying whatever military forces are required for the protection of the President and for his guards of honor and for any occasion when the presence of troops might be desired.

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