

SYRIAN UPHEAVAL
HANGS IN BALANCE

Rule by France or Zionists Is Bitterly Opposed.

VOICE IN MANDATE ASKED

American or British Protection Hoped for by People Who Rely on Promises of League.

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DAMASCUS, via Cairo.—The world will one day awake to the existence of a grave situation here, a situation that is more serious than that in the Adriatic, and which, in certain respects, is not unlike that in France, while the statements made to me by an American official who has recently returned here from Paris.

"The peace conference is entirely unaware of the situation in this country," he said. "It is moving calmly on its way, apportioning territory among the old and new powers without reckoning on a militant local sentiment."

"Nobody in Paris with whom I talked had any conception of the unanimity of the opposition of the foreigners and natives in Syria and Palestine to the political Zionists. It is simply impossible to turn Palestine over to the Jews without precipitating a great massacre."

"Likewise the world outside Syria and Palestine believes that the secret treaty giving Syria to France meets local approval. My judgment is that it would be impossible to carry out this agreement except at the cost of a religious war and continual fighting. The clergy and the adherents of the Roman Catholic church are France's only supporters in Syria. The masses of the population—Moslem and non-Catholic—is utterly opposed to France."

Reprisals on Christians Feared.
"Should the peace conference allot Syria to France, reprisals by the Moslem majority would quickly extend to the Christians."

"All people here take seriously the promises of the league of nations, contained in the league's covenant, that the wishes of the people shall be consulted in the matter of a mandatory. The people here are resolved that they will not be turned over to either the Jews or to France. Only the censorship keeps the full truth of the situation here from being known to the people of America and Europe."

Propagandists are working overtime and at present are directing their efforts toward discrediting the American commissioners, Henry C. King and C. R. Crane, who are investigating certain industrial questions here. It has been openly declared that this commission does not represent the peace conference, and came here only as a camouflage to try to "save President Wilson's face," since France and Great Britain are determined to stick by their bargain.

Another report, quite false, quotes one of the commissioners as saying that America would refuse to accept the mandate here.

Propaganda is Circulated.
Another propaganda move urges the natives to support France, since she is the only anti-Jewish nation and would be sure to suppress Zionism.

Still another report is to the effect that France will refuse to abide by the decisions of the peace conference unless she gets Syria.

It would be difficult for an American in the United States to realize the extraordinary impression created in the Holy Land by the appearance here of Mr. King and Mr. Crane, who were named by the peace conference to study conditions in Syria and Palestine. The cities were plunged into these commissioners reached this country calling on the people to prepare their claims for presentation to them. The excitement was intense and widespread, since the whole future of the land was at stake.

Every utterance, every word of the commissioners was looked for eagerly and what a commotion was reached they said such as these plain-speaking Americans never intended should be conveyed.

Thus a remark reported made at Jaffa by one of the commissioners started a panic report that America would not accept any mandate. This at once disheartened the people, who still count on America as the only solution of this critical international situation.

Native tendencies are well defined. They are:

- 1. The independence of undivided Syria, including Palestine.
- 2. Opposition to a British mandate.
- 3. An American or British mandate.
- 4. Protection from Zionism and Jewish immigration.

This last issue is a serious one here. One objection to a British mandate is the promise of Arthur J. Balfour, British foreign minister, to the Zionists.

Doubts when the prejudice abates somewhat a compromise will be reached permitting a realization of the aspirations of the moderate Jews.

It is clear to all competent observers here that the situation in Palestine and Syria is likely to develop into an armed conflict if the peace conference decides wrongly in connection with the mandates for these lands.

At the Theaters.

Pantages.

THE famous Kelly Field Players, a group of 12 men forming the only official military act authorized by the war department for vaudeville, tops the



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BROWNSVILLE LEFT
IN CHAOS BY FIRE

Tents Are Being Erected by Homeless Residents.

CHURCH IS LEFT INTACT

Edifice in Worst Part of Conflagration Stands Alone and Undamaged.

BROWNSVILLE, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—The town is a scene of chaos today, with smoldering ruins on every hand, telephone and electric light wires hanging in confusion and fallen, people homeless and tents erected in various places, results of Saturday night's fire.

Typical of the distress occasioned among the town folks is the case of Arleigh Arthur, recently discharged sailor. Mr. Arthur was married a few weeks ago, brought his bride from Dover, Md., and Saturday while he and his young wife were out of town the flames destroyed their house and all their belongings, including the bride's trousseau. Arthur, real-estate man, was in town on Saturday night to see the walls of his home fall in.

Attorney Arthur, who lost his offices in the business district and his home in the block adjoining, interested in rescuing his law books and valuable papers, he did not succeed in saving anything else, and today has not a coat to wear. Many of the papers carried out were straightway blown back again into the flames by the strong wind, and many were buried sky high miles away. Goods hastily carried forth from the doomed stores burned in the streets, and gasoline and oil barrels, rolled from the garages, exploded where the tired men left them.

FOREST FIRE SPREADS

FIGHTERS RUSHED TO BLAZE NEAR CRATER PARK.

Conflagration in Anderson Creek District Makes Path Up Side of Mountain.

MEDFORD, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—A forest fire, which may grow to serious proportions started early this afternoon in the Anderson creek district. The blaze on the mountain side spread rapidly to the top of the mountain. The fire is outside the boundaries of the Crater National forest, but is in the state fire patrol association territory.

The forestry office of Medford was quickly notified and Deputy State Forester, Fire Warden Garrett, soon started for the scene with 35 fire fighters. It is the first forest fire of any consequence in this section and the heavy smoke and path of the fire could plainly be seen from Medford.

ASHLAND, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—The first forest fire of the season in the district between Anderson and Coleman creeks, eight miles west of this city, was reported today. The fire is blowing and it is believed that it will be comparatively easy to get the fire under control.

MISSOULA, Mont., July 14.—A new fire of serious proportions at Black Pine, in Granite county, reported today to district forest service headquarters here, was the first of its kind reported in northern Idaho and western Montana.

The forest service is sending many gangs of fighters into the woods.

INTERCHURCH MOVE HERE

OREGON MINISTERS TO HEAR FROM VARIED AUTHORITIES.

Co-ordination of Different Denominations Is Aim of Well-Sponsored National Movement.

Authorities from all parts of the country on the inter-church world movement will address a conference of region ministers to convene Wednesday and Thursday at the Young Men's Christian association building.

The conference will be concerned largely with the city and rural survey movement and working relations and the fundamental objects of the movement are to get the churches of various denominations into closer touch and working relations and to secure overabundance of churches in those districts which cannot support so many.

The objectives of the inter-church survey and the auspices under which the local survey is to be conducted will be dealt with by Rev. W. P. Shriner of New York and Rev. John H. Voris of San Francisco, of the national organization for the survey committee and the details connected with it will be the subject of Rev. Roy B. Guild of New York.

The conference on the rural survey work will be conducted by Dr. E. DeS. Brunner of New York, national director of that department. Other noted speakers at the conference will be Rev. F. Watch and Rev. F. Gale of Seattle, Rev. George W. Knepper of Spokane and Rev. A. L. Morrison of Portland. Mr. Pratt and Rev. Levi Johnson of Portland. About 50 pastors, representing all the Protestant denominations and from all parts of the states, are expected to attend the conference.

DIVER BREAKS HIS NECK

James Botting, While Enjoying Self in Umattilla River, Meets Death.

ECHO, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—James H. Botting, aged 26, well-known young man of Echo, died last week as the result of injuries sustained while swimming in the Umattilla river west of Hermiston.

With several companions he had been swimming and diving and enjoying himself. Some one in the party missed young Botting and the body was seen lying where the water was only four feet deep. He was taken out immediately and a doctor called, who found that Botting was paralyzed from the head down. He had broken his neck in diving.

He was taken to the hospital at Pendleton, where he died Thursday. The funeral was held here yesterday.

Official Casualty Report.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Following is a list of additional casualties reported:

- OREGON. Killed in action—Walter W. Rainier, WASHINGTON. Killed in action—Frank John H. Adkinsburg. IDAHO. Wounded slightly—Edward, Charles M., Lewiston. IOWA. Killed in action—James O. Lewis, O. OTHER STATES. Killed in action—Eugene R. Pine Island, Minn. Lewis, McCoy, Wooton, Ky. Quinn, Paul, Lathrop, Me. Sherman, Elmer C., Minneapolis.

WASCO JAILER HAS TRIP

G. L. COLEMAN OF THE DALLIES MAKES 1062-MILE JAUNT.

Central and Southern Oregon as Well as Northern California Points Are Visited.

THE DALLIES, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—G. L. Coleman, jailer for Wasco county, has just returned to The Dalles from a 1062-mile automobile trip through southern and central Oregon.

The trip required two weeks. Mr. Coleman, with his wife and three children, left The Dalles on June 28, going first to Portland, where Mr. Coleman attended the Shriners' convention. From Portland they went through the valley as far south as Hornbrook. Stops were made at all of the valley towns and at Crater lake. They returned to The Dalles by way of Bend and Wasco.

Mr. Coleman reports that Klamath Falls is making great preparations for the state Elk's convention and says also that the Elk's of Bend have obtained an auto truck and are taking tents and camping equipment to Crater lake, where their delegation expects to set up a camp.

RAILROAD SPUR FOR SALE

Timber Men Negotiating for Line Built by Government.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—Negotiations are now on between the government and the Boutin interests of Minnesota and holders of vast tracts of timber land here, for the

R-34 DELAYS DISCHARGE

Hood River Lad Says Service by Company Was Ordered.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 14.—(Special.)—Writing his mother, Mrs. A. D. Moe, Mark E. Moe, just back in America with an aero squadron, says his discharge was delayed by arrival of the big British dirigible, the R-34. Members of the 88th, in which squadron Moe served, and other recently returned aviation units acted as a guard at Mineola, L. I., for the big machine after her remarkable flight from England.

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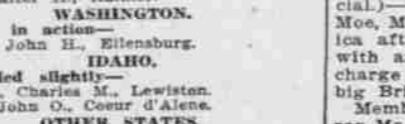
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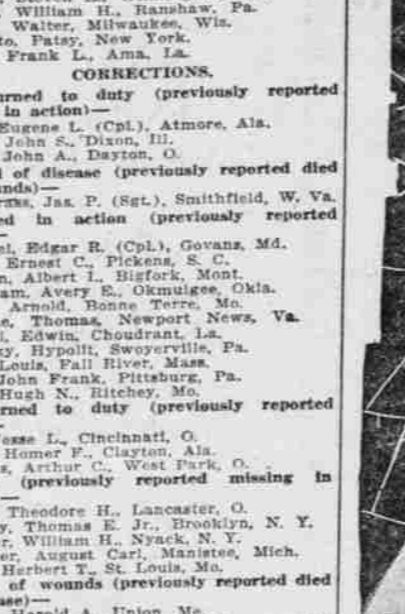


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