

LONDON AGITATED BY RUMOR OF WAR

Crowds Meet Everywhere for Excited Discussion.

CABINET ACTION CAUSE

Gravity of Situation Declared Shown by Conferences With Military Chiefs.

BY JOHN STEELE.

(Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service By Chicago Tribune Special Wire.) LONDON, Sept. 28.—An extraordinary rumor spread all over London this afternoon that Great Britain had declared war on Turkey. Men on the street, in buses, cars and trains, discussed the rumor excitedly, and large crowds collected in Downing street and Whitehall. The only foundation for the rumor apparently was the fact that the public was worried by three cabinet meetings in 24 hours, which seemed to indicate grave events.

The British cabinet certainly took a graver view of the near eastern situation today than it has for the last few days, but so far as I can ascertain this was due rather to negative than to positive happenings. It was pointed out that Mustafa Kemal Pasha's long delay in answering the peace note, during which time he was steadily moving troops toward both Izmird and Chanak in the neutral zone, might be a trick to gain time and strengthen his position before attacking.

It is true that the British are strengthening their position rapidly. About 800 more airmen sailed today from Liverpool, and a large force of airplanes already has arrived at Chanak and is being used for scouting purposes. It is expected that before long the British will be in possession of full information of Kemal's movements.

The cabinet sat two hours this morning and two more this afternoon with military, naval and air chiefs, discussing the situation, with a view to all eventualities. They had before them the British note in reply to General Harington's warning not to invade the Chanak zone, which, it is said, is full of inaccuracies and false statements, which can only be made for the purpose of prolonging the argument.

Early Reply Not Expected. For instance, the demolitions which Kemal has completed in 1920 when demilitarizing the straits. It is reported that Kemal has gone to Angora to discuss a reply to the allies' invitation to a conference with the national assembly, and therefore a reply is not expected for some days.

The cabinet's only passing attention to the Greek situation because they are still without accurate information of what is happening at Athens. It is not revealed here, however, that the British believe that if the revolution results in the reorganization of the Greek army, it may have an important effect on Kemal's decisions. It is confirmed here from the allied embassies that the Greek king has accepted the throne and the King Constantine is still in the neighborhood of Athens.

Danger Is Discussed. Another subject considered was the danger of a foreign outbreak in Constantinople. The Manchester corn exchange, as a matter of fact, received a private message today that an outbreak already had taken place, but this was denied in Downing street, where it was said, however, that the trouble might be turned on Constantinople at a moment's notice.

Yusef Kemal is hurrying to Angora to present Mustafa Kemal Pasha's reply to the allied note for approval. It was not expected the reply would be handed to the allies before three or four days. The final draft also was awaiting the arrival of Franklin Bouillon in Smyrna.

The sultan pulled a new wrinkle when he handed his resignation to the cabinet. The grand vizier quickly told Hamid Bey, who telegraphed Kemal. He received a reply today to instruct the cabinet not to accept the resignation, but to guard the situation closely.

The Turkish nationalists have completed the occupation of the Dardanelles neutral zone, except Chanak. They have reinforced their cavalry with infantry and were awaiting developments.

British Have 21 Battalions. Local nationalists are sure of an amicable settlement. The total of the British forces is 21 battalions. There are no full units, and it is not believed the total will exceed 15,000 men.

The British forces defending the Asiatic side of the straits practically all have been withdrawn to the Chanak area, with Turkish cavalry detachments surrounding them. About 2000 Turks, equipped with machine guns, are solidly established at Erekeuli. Three squadrons of Turk light cavalry are at Karabigha and are advancing along the coast. Another detachment is established at Lepsoi.

WILL HE COME BACK AS HEAD OF GREEK NATION?



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enter the zone the latter began firing from the village but when they were convinced the Turks were not attacking they agreed to joint occupation. It is reported that General Harington will depart from Smyrna tonight to confer with Kemal.

SAN DIEGO YOUTH WINS Highway Board Announces Essay Contest Award.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 28.—Stanley Newcomb, an eighth grade pupil in the Lincoln school at San Diego, Cal., has won first place among more than 400,000 juvenile writers who entered the prize essay contest recently conducted by the highway education board. He wins a gold watch and a trip to Washington, where he will be the guest of the board and of the national automobile chamber of commerce.

WOMAN AIR MAIL GUEST Flight Across Continent in October Is Planned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28.—Miss Lillian Gatlin, San Francisco, an organizer of the aviation gold star mothers' organization in the United States, has accepted an invitation to make a transcontinental flight as the guest of the air mail service, and will hop off from here at 8 A. M. on October 5, officials of the service announced today. So far as is known she will be the first woman to make such a flight.

CONSTANTINE IS COOL (Continued From First Page.)

dead mean nothing to England as she hands over Asia Minor and Thrace to the Turks which slew the men of her dominions. What about the 200,000 Christians who have perished or been massacred in Asia Minor by the Turks? No punishment, but reward, handed out graciously by their war-time enemy, Europe is making a terrible mistake.

"And now about Venizelos. He has a personal aversion to me. But men conducting great affairs must settle personal considerations and work together for the common good. If the Greek people want Venizelos, it is their business to elect him to parliament and he becomes chief of the predominant party. I see no reason why he should not become premier. Under our constitutional system I would have to call upon him and I would do so. But Venizelos must recognize the existing government and the existing regime. Would the great American democracy want at the head of its cabinet a man who did not recognize its constitution or its existing regime?"

(The interview then deals with internal conditions which have largely been superseded by later events.) "I have always admired America," the king went on, "and have always had the ambition to visit there. Who knows? Perhaps some day, I cannot understand why America has not recognized me. America is a democracy and the people of Greece at a plebiscite summoned me to come back to the king. It is the voice of the people, which America loves so much to listen to. I have some impression that America's recognition of me has something to do with the European powers recognizing President Obregon of Mexico. The European powers say that if the United States recognizes me, they in turn will recognize Obregon. It is either that or some other way around. There is some connection anyway."

On leaving, the correspondent said: "To sum up, your majesty, you propose to remain as long as the people want you?" "That's it," replied King Constantine with his pleasant smile. "As Bernard Shaw would say, 'I'll stay until I'm spoiled.'"

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KEMALISTS REFUSE TO STOP ADVANCE

All of Neutral Zone Except Chanak Is Occupied.

SITUATION IS GRAVE

Turkish Infantry in Semi-Circle Virtually Invests British Lines; Parley at Once Asked.

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efficient than any used in the world war. Since September 11 2000 men from the labor squad, 1000 from the fleet and several thousand from the army have been steadily building trenches and setting up gun emplacements.

BRITISH CABINET IS AROUSED Three Successive Meetings Held to Discuss Situation.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—The British cabinet today and another meeting will be held tomorrow morning. This fact alone is sufficient comment upon the gravity of the situation in the near east, which has been steadily confirmed and accentuated by today's dispatches.

The Greek revolution, which was a military and naval coup, seems to have been carried out with surprising swiftness and completeness. Information regarding Constantine was meager, but one report had it that he was a prisoner of the revolutionists. The crown prince succeeds to the throne, while the victorious troops, with their leaders at their head, marched triumphantly into Athens, which, pending the formation of a new government, is in the hands of a military dictatorship.

PHONE PIONEERS GATHER NATIONAL EXPERTS OPEN CONVENTION TODAY.

General Carty, Who Won Fame Devising Systems in War, Is Chief of Organization.

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—The trail blazers of telephony—the men and women who entered the telephone industry in its early days and have watched it develop into a vast network of wires covering the continent today—were arriving in Cleveland tonight for the opening of the ninth annual convention of the telephone pioneers of America tomorrow.

More than 2000 are expected to attend, all of whom have been active in the industry for longer than 21 years. They will be guests of the Ohio Bell Telephone company. A transcontinental rally, including telephonic conversations from New York to San Francisco with Cleveland listening in, will feature the program tomorrow. New York will answer first and then city by city the various stations on the transcontinental telephone line will be "cut in."

General J. J. Carty of New York, vice-president and head of the research laboratory of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, and known throughout the telephone world as one of the greatest scientists on telephony, is president of the pioneer organization. He won fame during the world war in devising systems of communication. It was under General Carty's leadership that telephone engineers carried out the famous experiments resulting in radio telephone conversation from Paris to the Hawaiian Islands and from the ordinary residence telephone to a ship 400 miles at sea.

DRY LAW HELD FARGE VOLSTEAD ACT IS BREEDER OF CRIME, SAYS JURY.

Prohibition Declared to Increase Drug Cases and Make Youths Drunkards.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28.—Prohibition is "a sentimental, oppressive and undemocratic" and the prohibition law "is a farce," the San Francisco county grand jury held in a final report today to Judge Franklin Griffin, the presiding judge of the superior court.

The jury report calls on all Californians' representatives in congress to seek the repeal of the Volstead law or to have it amended so that light wines and beer may be sold. The maintenance of prohibition is causing an increase in the number of narcotic cases, the sale of cheap, poisonous liquors of the "bootleg" variety, the sale of "bootleg" whiskey which is causing a number of deaths throughout the country and an increase in the number of "graveyard" crimes, according to the report.

Youths who never would have touched liquor before prohibition are drinking today to Judge Franklin Griffin, the presiding judge of the superior court. The report on prohibition concludes with the statement that the bootleggers are in favor of prohibition and are supporting the dry cause.

NON-ESSENTIALS BARRED Pennsylvania Railroad System Announces Embargo.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 28.—The Pennsylvania railroad system tonight announced an embargo on all freight except foodstuffs, coal, livestock, perishable supplies and other essentials on all its lines west of Altoona and Renova, Pa.

The eastern region is not affected by the order.

south side of the straits and the sea of Marmora, the British government has stated that those were executed in 1920 and that anything done since then was quite unimportant.

Neutrality Held Maintained.

Regarding the Turkish complaints that the sea of Marmora is closed to Turkish troops, the British contention is that it had thoroughly maintained absolute neutrality as between the Greeks and the Turks and that the whole of the sea of Marmora is free to both the Turks and Greeks equally.

No authoritative information was forthcoming on the cabinet's views on the new situation created by the Greek revolution. The government's attitude was that of waiting for further developments and the result of the armistice conference.

A Smyrna dispatch through Paris tonight stated that Kemal Pasha was disposed to accept the invitation to a peace conference with certain reservations, but that the Angora assembly had voted a large war credit.

All that it was possible to say with confidence was that while peace had not yet been broken, some unforeseen incident might at any moment provoke hostilities.

FRENCH POLICY UNCHANGED Announcement Made After Paris Cabinet Meeting.

PARIS, Sept. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—France's policy in the near east as laid down in the note she sent to Kemal Pasha jointly with the other allies has not been modified by the overturn in Greece, it was announced after a cabinet meeting today.

The French government is greatly concerned over the reported determination of the new Greek government to defend Thrace. Such a decision, it is believed, would be certain to react unfavorably on the Kemalists and the dispatch of Greek forces to eastern Thrace would almost certainly be followed by a beligerent move on the part of Turks in Asia Minor and disturbances in Constantinople. The situation, it is thought, will have the effect of delaying Kemal's reply to the allied note several more days.

M. Franklin-Bouillon, the French emissary to the nationalists, is expected to see Kemal at Smyrna today or tomorrow. He will use the entire influence of his government to try and keep the nationalist leaders from taking any action with regard to Thrace until the intentions of the Greek government are clearly established.

ALL ALCOHOL IS SEIZED Closing of All Bars in Conquered Territory Is Ordered.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 27.—One of the first acts of the Kemalist administration in the reconquered territory has been the confiscation of all alcohol beverages and the closing of all bars. The Turkish newspapers here warn the inhabitants of Constantinople that they may soon expect similar steps to be taken here.

An Angora official communique contains announcement of the nomination of a Kamalist governor for Charak Kaleh, from which it said the last 350 inhabitants were evacuated yesterday.

Hostilities Cessation Offered.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Paris tonight gave the report that the Angora assembly in secret session had decided to notify Kemal Pasha that it was unable to agree to any cessation of hostilities or participation in the peace conference until the restoration to Turkey of all its territories, in accordance with the national pact.

Greek Relief Ships Fly U. S. Flag.

SMYRNA, Sept. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Ten Greek-owned vessels steamed into the harbor tonight under the protection of the American flag and took off 20,000 refugees and victims of the fire. The American navy under Rear-Admiral Bristol is striving valiantly to save the remainder, who number not less than 40,000.

Turks to Use Prisoners.

SMYRNA, Sept. 28.—The Turkish government intends to use the Greek prisoners, who exceed 70,000 in number, in the work of reconstruction in the devastated regions.

Photograph Records Stolen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Thanks to the musical tastes of burglars, the home of R. W. Bayer, 302 West First street, today still contains the clothing, jewelry and money and personal effects of the Bayer family. Thieves who entered the home took the entire collection of phonograph records, but left everything else.

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