

MOSLEM IN EUROPE MAY BE DISARMED

Balkan Block Backs Latest
Lausanne Proposal.

TURK LIKELY TO SUBMIT

Plan Is to Strip 15-Mile Border
Zone of All Fortifications
and War Material.

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LAUSANNE, Nov. 23.—Supported
solidly by the Balkan bloc, a secret
subcommittee of the Lausanne con-
ference which has been examining
the question of demilitarizing the
Ottoman frontier and Thrace to-
night practically reached a decision
to disarm Turkey in Europe.
On recommendations from Gen-
eral Weygand and Marshal Foch's
chief of staff, it was agreed that a
zone approximately 15 miles wide on
both sides of the border, from the
Black sea to the Aegean, should be
completely stripped of all fortifica-
tions and war material of every
kind and no troop movements al-
lowed therein.
This zone would include Adria-
nople and several other towns along
the Maritza river, whose uses as
military bases, in the opinion of
General Weygand, would be essen-
tial to the Turks if they ever should
attempt an offensive war on their
neighbors in Europe.
General Weygand pointed out that
despite the development of trenches
and temporary earthworks in the
late war, which would be of value
to belligerents, the strategic posi-
tions and forts would be dim-
inished.

Outlet Assured Bulgaria.
This demilitarized strip would
also include the strategic railway
line from the Bulgarian frontier
through Karagatch to the port of
Delesagatch on the Aegean, thus
providing Bulgaria with an outlet
and preventing either side, in case
of future war, from using for war-
like purposes the sole means of
railway transport in the territory.
With their frontier thus demil-
tarized the Turks would have Con-
stantinople as their only military
base in Europe and their would be
separated from their Balkan neigh-
bors by miles of unprotected and
semi-desert terrain.
Although the decision was not re-
ceived favorably in Turkish quar-
ters, the belief is held that Ismet
will bow to it in the hope of being
able to secure compensation some-
where else, especially since the big
powers are unanimous on the de-
cision.
The plan, which lifts the menace
of Moslem aggression against the
Turks' Christian neighbors, is re-
sulting in a new Balkan bloc, due
to the untiring efforts of Premier
Nicolich of Jugoslavia, inspired by
former Premier Venizelos of Greece.

New Alliance Promised.
The action taken by Jugoslavia,
Roumania, Greece and Bulgaria on
this question is regarded as the in-
itial step toward the formation of a
Balkan alliance which is destined to
supersede the little entente.
The latter is considered the log-
ical development of secret British
negotiations with the Belgrade and
Bucharest governments for pledges
of military aid in support of the
British naval strength against the
Turks in case it should ever become
necessary to use force to impose the
western powers' will in the near
east.
When neither the French nor
Italians would promise the con-
tingents of troops the British
seemed necessary at Gallipoli and
the Dardanelles, poor parleys with
the Serbs and Roumanians began
two months ago.
Supplanting his argument of the
increased territory of Turkey in
Europe, Ismet told the conference
today that M. Venizelos' figures re-
garding his nationalities population



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in western Thrace were false. He
also asserted that at the Mudania
conference Generals Harington and
Mombell had told him that Turkey
would be given the Karagatch rail-
way station and the railway along
the Maritza.
"Turkey does not want western
Thrace," Ismet told newspaper men
this afternoon. "Turkey would like
a plebiscite here to prove that the
majority of its population would
prefer to be under Ottoman rule."

Highway Paving Discussed.
KELSO, Wash., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—R. M. Gillis, district engi-
neer for the Washington highway

department, was a Kelso visitor
yesterday conferring with the local
staff of engineers who are engaged
in preparing plans for the paving
of the Pacific highway from Kalama
to Toledo next spring. This work
will be started as soon as money is
appropriated by the next legislature.

11 Homesteaders Get Patents.
ROSEBURG, Or., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—Eleven land patents were is-
sued yesterday by the land office.
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most of whom are ex-service men.
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follow up the final proof with the
patent as quickly as possible.

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