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Turkish Conference Is To Commence on Monday

**Question of Sovereignty Will Be Up for Discussion;
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LONDON, February 19.—The conference of the British Prime Minister, David Lloyd George, Premier Briand of France, and Foreign Minister Sforza of Italy with representatives of Greece and Turkey, which is to open here Monday, February 21, has for its object the settlement of important near eastern questions growing out of the Treaty of Sevres. In point of world interest and perplexity it is expected to rank with the now historic conferences of Hythe, Brussels and San Remo.

One of the most interesting features of the gathering will be the meeting face to face of the delegates representing the new Greek government under King Constantine with former Greek Premier Venizelos for the first time since Venizelos withdrew from Greece after the defeat of his ministry in the elections and the recall of the King.

This overturn in Greek affairs was an important factor in influencing the Allies to call the conference.

One of the most difficult issues confronting the delegates will be the disposition of the port of Smyrna and the semi-circle of adjacent territory on the Aegean Sea, 100 kilometres long and 100 kilometres broad which, under the terms of the treaty, were placed under the sovereignty of Greece.

Turkish Demands

Since the signing of the treaty of Sevres, however, Turkey has demanded the abrogation of Greek rights in Smyrna as well as autonomy for Thrace. Thrace was given outright to Greece. The demand for autonomy in Thrace is made by the Turks despite the renunciation of the Ottoman government of its sovereignty over Turkey in Europe outside of Constantinople, as well as its control over eight or more islands in the Aegean Sea.

Maintenance of Turkish sovereignty over the territory awarded to Armenia is another demand of the Ottoman government which is to come up for settlement. In the treaty if was provided that Armenia was recognized as "a free and independent state." Turkey accepted the proposal that the President of the United States should be the arbitrator as to the frontier in the provinces of Ezerum, Trebizond, Van and Bitlis and as to the access of Armenia to the sea.

Modification of "the economic clauses of the treaty which infringe upon Turkish sovereignty and independence" will also be sought. The treaty of Sevres provides that the Turkish government can contract no loan, internal or external, without the consent of a permanent English-French-Italian commission whose duties include the supervision of all Ottoman financial laws and the reformation of the country's monetary system. This commission is also to determine the amount of the annual sums to be paid by Turkey for the cost of occupation of her territory by Allied troops.

Would Stand Pat

Venizelos has declared that "the possibility of restoring in any degree whatever the blasting rule of the Turk by revision of the treaty is incredible."

Turkey's representation at the conference was complicated by the fact that the Ottoman government headed by the Sultan controls only small territory in the vicinity of Constantinople, the Bosphorus and the Sea of Marmara, while Anatolia, the greater part of Turkey in Asia, is controlled by Mustapha Kemal Pasha, the leader of the Nationalist revolt which followed the Treaty of Sevres.

Both Represented

Tewlik Pasha, the Turkish Grand Vizier, heads the delegation that will represent the Ottoman government of Constantinople. Kemal Pasha, who at first declared he would not do so unless the Allies withdrew from Turkey and waived their indemnity claims, also consented later to send representatives to the meeting.

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