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TURKS WILL ACKNOWLEDGE NEUTRAL ZONE

FORMER PREMIER OF GREECE IS ACCLAIMED; REBELS ARE IN FULL CONTROL

Near East Situation Seems to be Somewhat Relieved but is Still Regarded as Serious by Britain

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 28.—The Turkish Nationalists will in principle acknowledge the neutrality of the Dardanelles pending an armistice conference to be participated in by British and Kemalists generals.

Possible war between Britain and Turkey was at least temporarily averted by the declaration of the Kemalists. The declaration relieves the situation which even the British admitted was critical.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—The British Government today takes a grave view of the situation in the Dardanelles. It is regarded so critical as to overshadow developments in Greece. The opinion is generally taken that there is now a greater prospect of fighting between the Turks and British than at any previous time.

Mustapha Kemal's reply to the warning against violation of the neutral zone is being considered by the cabinet. It is regarded as unsatisfactory.

The Greek revolution has added an ever deepening force to the near eastern difficulties and the allies face a more complicated situation than ever. People are asking how the disappearance of King Constantine and the new internal situation in Greece will affect the question of Greek evacuation of Eastern Thrace required by the allies and insisted upon by the Kemalists as a preliminary to any peace conference.

Turks Still Advance

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 28.—The Turk cavalry from Erzurum is advancing from the northeast upon Asmaliepe apparently in an endeavor to cut off the British advance posts at Asheme. The British column, supported by artillery, has left Chanak to counter-threat. The Kemalists occupied without opposition positions in the region of Dumbrek Lamusaki in the neutral zone. This is their fifth violation on the neutrality zone. The remonstrances of the British officers failed to stay the Turkish advance.

The Turkish Nationalists have notified the allies that they will not tolerate the fortification of certain points in the neutral zone of the Dardanelles. The continuance of the work of fortifying will be looked upon by the Kemalists as warranting military action. Hamid Bey informed General Harrington.

SIKI'S PRICE IS GOING UP

United States Will Have to Guarantee 1,000,000 Francs Clear or he Stays in Europe

PARIS, Sept. 28.—American promoters are still angling for battling Siki to fight in the United States. The colored man's manager has announced that the final condition of acceptance to meet either Harry Greb or Harry Mills will be a purse of 1,000,000 francs exclusive of income tax. If these demands are not suitable for the United States contest Siki will remain in Europe and fight England's best glove man. Siki is considering an offer from England to meet the winner of the forthcoming fight between Beckwith and Frank Moran.

Liberals in Caucus at Nelson Adopt Plan Regarding Future Pacific Great Eastern Railway

(News Special).
NELSON, Sept. 28.—Completion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George and the operation of the line with light equipment in accordance with the Sullivan report with the mapping out of a plan for the settlement of the Chilcoot and Cariboo

CHANGES IN TIME TABLE

Passenger Trains Will Arrive at 5:30 and Leave at 8 After October 1.

A new time table for the daily passenger train service over the Canadian National Railway between Prince Rupert and the East will go into effect next Sunday, Oct. 1. The westbound train will arrive here at 5:30 p.m. instead of 7:15 as at present and the eastbound will leave at 8 o'clock in the evening instead of 7:15. Otherwise the service will be the same as at present with westbound trains daily except Tuesday and eastbound daily except Sunday. Equipment and other details will be practically unchanged.

The new times will be even more acceptable in Prince Rupert for they will allow for longer visits of tourists both coming from the south and bound east and vice versa.

Local officials of the railway are expecting the tourist traffic to continue throughout the winter. Many prairie farmers are planning trips to the coast and one way at least will likely travel via Prince Rupert. There may also be some special excursions although none have yet been definitely announced.

BIRTH.
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Anderson, of the Emad Block, at the General Hospital yesterday.

METHODISM HAS SHOWN PROGRESS

Figures Indicate Increases in Membership, Income and Expenditures.

DR. CHOWN GIVES REPORT.
General Conference at Toronto Gets Encouraging News in Regard to Work.

TORONTO, Ont., Sept. 28.—(By Canadian Press)—I hesitate not to say that the General Conference will feel that when the full reports of the Church's activities, educational, spiritual and socially redemptive, are presented to it, that the last quadrennium has been in many respects the greatest period that the Methodist Church in Canada has ever known.

This was the statement of Rev. S. D. Chown, general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, at the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Canada, which opened for its quadrennial session here today.

"We shall dispose of the statistics for the quadrennium as briefly as possible," said the General Superintendent. "We do not prize them except as witnesses to the intellectual and spiritual life of the Church. They will at least begel confidence in any interested person who might be induced by misrepresentation to fear that the Church is declining in strength, or, so far as statistics can reveal, is lacking in any essential element of success.

In every department there has been a gain. The official returns are as follows:

For Quadrennium Ending 1922.	
Total membership of the Church	406,933
Membership Young Peoples' Organizations	124,632
Sunday School force, including officers and teachers	474,359
Total amount given for all purposes by Sunday School and Young Peoples' organizations	\$3,688,658
Total Givings of the Church for all purposes	\$37,386,477
Gifts for Missions	4,280,980
Superannuation fund	
Investment endowment	2,333,017
Amounts paid by Circuits for ministerial support	8,190,015
Total value Church property	\$55,643,891

"These figures taken together are an illustration of the wisdom of reaching conclusions about the prosperity and progress of the Church which are not based upon actual knowledge of the facts. They inspire thanks for the past and courage for the future."

Miss Ada Davidson sails tonight for the south enroute to California to join her mother and other members of the family who left here some months ago.

TO BE SPEAKER.



F. A. Pauline, chosen by Liberal Caucus for Position.

F. A. PAULINE TO BE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Selected by Liberals at Nelson to Succeed Hon. A. M. Manson in Chair.

F. A. Pauline, M.L.A. of Saanich has been selected by the Liberals assembled for the provincial convention which opened today to be speaker of the Legislature in succession to Hon. A. M. Manson.

The new speaker designate lives at Oak Bay close to the city of Victoria. He won the seat by defeating D. M. Eberts, now Justice Eberts, and was re-elected at the last election. He was formerly a partner of John Piercy in the wholesale dry goods business prior to Mr. Piercy setting up business in Prince Rupert.

Greek Revolutionaries May Set up Republic; Venizelos President

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 28.—Former King Constantine of Greece who abdicated yesterday is reported to have been imprisoned by the revolutionaries in Athens.

A section of the revolutionary army is imbued with the idea of a republic and the accession of King George may be accompanied with difficulties.

An impressive pro-Venizelos demonstration occurred at Athens last night. Thousands of people, including troops, paraded the streets singing and acclaiming Venizelos, waving portraits of the former premier. They marched to the French legation crying "Viva La France."

The revolutionaries have occupied all strategic points and ministries.

BIG CLEAN-UP CEDAR CREEK

Two Rockers Take Out \$6,000 Worth of Gold in Six Days

VANCOUVER, Sept. 28.—Confirmation of reported large returns in a rocker clean-up in the Cedar Creek gold-placer area is brought here by Dan J. Johnston, of the Dominion geological survey, who declares that in the claims of the Cedar Creek Mining Co. six thousand dollars worth of gold was taken out in six days with two rockers.

FIRST MOVE TROOPS FOR WAR SCENE

Machine Gun Corps Passes Through Vancouver — Scenes at Victoria

(Special to Daily News).

VANCOUVER, Sept. 28.—Silent as clams but under "mobilization orders" a party of non-commissioned officers and men of the Canadian machine gun corps stationed at Esquimalt, passed through here last night in full marching order. It was gathered that the troops had been summoned to Winnipeg under secret orders, but it is believed they are destined for the near east.

Family leave taking scenes at Victoria when they embarked were similar to those of 1914, the men promising to bring home a Turk for Christmas.

DE VALERA QUILTS; LIAM LYNCH IS NEW HEAD REPUBLICANS

DUBLIN, Sept. 28.—Eamonn de Valera and his friends have abdicated according to the Freeman's Journal, and Liam Lynch, chief of staff of the Republicans, and his colleagues are in power. The newspaper declares that the hopes of national peace are dashed by this new event and that the Republican leaders are foreing their followers to continue to the bitter end.

ROB BANK BUT MET WITH HAIL OF LEAD AFTER

Three Bandits Killed and Two Jailed at Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

EUREKA SPRINGS, Sept. 28.—Three bandits were killed and two have been jailed following the robbery of the First National Bank. The men, who were heavily armed, entered the town and looted the vaults of the bank taking \$5,000 in bonds and \$25,000 in cash. A bank clerk stepped on a button sounding an alarm in five of the city's principal business houses. When the robbers emerged they were met with a hail of lead. The booty was all recovered.

Prince Rupert Man on Train That Left the Track on C.P.R.; Rails Spread Going to Nelson

(Special to the Daily News).
NELSON, Sept. 28.—The special train carrying delegates from the coast to Nelson ran off the track when 118 miles out of Vancouver, causing a delay of eleven hours. There was no damage to the train and the passengers were unhurt, although they were somewhat shaken up. Seven cars left the track.

On the train were practically all the Vancouver and Victoria delegates as well as many from the surrounding districts. Among the latter was Ben Self, the theatre manager from Prince Rupert. In all there were 200 on board. The train arrived here this morning and the delegates are taking part in the work of the convention which has been slightly delayed.

There are present here about one hundred delegates from Victoria and Vancouver Island alone besides those from Vancouver and smaller places on the coast. Members of the provincial cabinet with the exception of Hon. William Sloan and Hon. T. D. Pattullo are also present.

Representation for each constituency at the convention is given on the basis of ten delegates for each member in the Provincial House. Rural constituencies, however, are allowed extra representation on a basis of one delegate for every 250 voters on the list, with a minimum of ten delegates.

To accommodate the crowd in Nelson this week the special train of C.P.R. sleepers has been parked in the railway yards, and delegates not able to get into hotels sleep there.

To Pick New President
A position of unofficial but almost equal importance is actually to be filled by the convention. That is president of the Liberal Association of British Columbia. M. A. Macdonald, K.C., has held that position for the past seven years, but there has been much criticism of his failure to call a convention in that time, and it is hardly likely that he will be re-elected.

Two names are prominently mentioned as his successor. They are J. A. Campbell, president of the Vancouver City Liberal Association, and Brig.-Gen. V. W. Odium. Mr. Campbell is a young man who, in his one year as president of the city association has established a high reputation for energy and ability.

Brig.-Gen. Odium's fine record as a soldier and a business man is his greatest asset in political strength, but as he is already of parliamentary calibre, it is believed that he will be held in reserve for the next Dominion election, when his friends believe he can retrieve the laurels lost in Vancouver South.

Henry C. Hall, of Victoria, a former member of the Legislature, is also mentioned as a possibility, and the Interior people are said to have a desire to bring out K. C. McDonald, M.P.P. of Vernon.

GEORGE IS NOW KING OF GREECE

Crown Prince Succeeds His Father Following Pressure From Army and Navy

ATRENS, Sept. 28.—Greece has a new king, Crown Prince George, who married Princess Elizabeth of Rumania, succeeds his father Constantine on the throne. Pressure brought to bear by the army and navy made the abdication of Constantine necessary.

Ralph Smith, of Atkin's Meat Market, is enjoying a week's holiday at Smithers.

THREE HUNDRED AT OPENING OF BIG CONVENTION

Caucus Went Fully into P. G. E. Matters Yesterday — Abandonment Does Not Seem Favored.

BUCKHAM, COLUMBIA, CHOSEN CHIEF WHIP

NELSON, Sept. 28.—Three hundred delegates were present when the provincial Liberal convention opened here this morning. The conventionists were formally welcomed to Nelson by Mayor C. F. McHardy.

The Pacific Great Eastern situation was fully discussed in caucus yesterday but no announcement on the subject was formally made. From opinions gathered, however, it is evident that there is little or no sentiment in favor of the abandoning of the railway though the Ashcroft-Clinton cut-off may be recommended. The question of completion into Prince George occupied the attention of the ministers.

In addition to endorsing F. A. Pauline, member for Saanich, as speaker, the caucus chose J. A. Buckham, member for Columbia, as chief whip.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF C.N.R. HERE

M. H. McLeod, of Toronto, is Accompanied by party of Construction Officials.

M. H. McLeod, vice president of the Canadian National Railway in charge of construction; C. S. Gzowsky, assistant to the vice-president in charge of construction, D. B. Campbell, general superintendent of construction, and W. Burns, engineer of construction, all of Toronto, form a party of railroad officials who arrived from the East on last night's train in their private car No. 52 and who are spending the day in the city prior to returning East tonight to Lucerne from which point they will branch off to visit the lines in the southern part of the province.

Mr. McLeod stated this morning that his trip was merely one of general inspection and there was nothing of special significance in connection with it. This is his first visit to Prince Rupert for seven or eight years since before the taking over of the line by the government. He was formerly general manager of western lines for the Canadian Northern.