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KEMAL EXPECTED TO ATTACK THIS WEEK FRANCO-BRITISH AGREEMENT REGARDING TURKEY SEEMS TO BE ASSURED

Mustapha Kemal is Preparing to Attack British at Dardanelles Been Made Dictator of Turkey

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 20 (noon). — Information that Mustapha Kemal Pasha is preparing to launch an attack for possession of the Dardanelles in spite of the exhortations of General Pelle, French High Commissioner, is causing undisguised anxiety in all military circles in the capital. It is not improbable that such an attack may be made before the end of the week.

The Turks are taking advantage of the fact that the British have not concentrated all their forces.

The British are determined to hold the straits at all costs.

LONDON, Sept. 20. — Official confirmation has been received here from Constantinople that the French had withdrawn their troops from Chatak and the Italians were apparently doing the same things, the British force remaining alone at that point.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 20. — The Turkish national assembly at Angora by an overwhelming majority has extended the dictatorship to Mustapha Kemal Pasha and has authorized him to continue the war until all the conditions prescribed in the national pact have been fully achieved.

SMYRNA FIRE IMMENSE LOSS

Sixty Million of the Estimated
Hundred and Fifty Millions
Covered by Insurance

LONDON, Sept. 20. — British and United States insurance experts place the loss from the Smyrna fire at \$150,000,000, of which \$60,000,000 is covered by insurance. British underwriting companies are the chief losers.

OPTIMISM IS FELT AT OTTAWA

No Cabinet Meeting Today But
Members of Government Re-
main in Town

OTTAWA, Sept. 20. — Optimism prevails here in regard to the far eastern situation. So far no meeting of the cabinet has been called for today and this fact coupled with the more reassuring news from Europe is taken to imply that the tension has been relieved and the crisis passed. All the members of the cabinet who attended the meetings of the last two days are in town, however, and may be summoned together at a moment's notice should word necessitating such a course be received from Great Britain.

LIBERALS CONVENE NELSON NEXT WEEK

Many Important Matters to be
Discussed by Party at Big
Meeting

VANCOUVER, Sept. 20. — The Liberal convention at Nelson next week is likely to prove of great interest to British Columbia people generally as it will indicate somewhat the line of policy the provincial government is likely to take during the next year or two on several important matters.

The question of serving light wines and beer at bars or in dining rooms is likely to be discussed and as an alternative the establishment of government drinking parlors.

The P.G.E. will be discussed and possibly a policy in regard to that railway will be resolved.

The Province suggests that G. G. McGeer will possibly be taken into the cabinet as minister of railways.

BOOTH SCHOOL REPAIRS WILL COST \$21,000

School Board Received Informa-
tion to This Effect Last
Night.

That the cost of reconditioning the Booth Memorial School will reach to at least \$21,000 was indicated in information received by the school board at its regular monthly meeting last night. Secretary Vance estimated that accounts and payments so far had reached \$15,000 and Architect Jeffers stated that about \$6,000 would yet be required. These figures are exclusive of the installing of fire escapes which will cost a little over \$2,500. Mr. Jeffers expects that the school will be ready for occupation about October 15.

Mr. Jeffers explained that it had been found necessary to do more work than had been expected. More brickwork had had to be taken down than was anticipated. Dr. Kerrin expressed his approval of the extra work that had been done.

E. H. Shockley laid a complaint before the board regarding the purchase of some sashings. An order had been placed with another local firm which had sent to Vancouver for the material. He might have been able to supply it but was not given the opportunity. Mr. Jeffers stated that the order had been a small one and that he did not think Mr. Shockley would have been able to fill it. Orders for material were always placed where it was thought they could be handled best. The school board impressed on Mr. Jeffers the desirability of calling for local tenders wherever possible for materials.

Says Turks will Take Constantinople and All Asia Minor: Bold Talk

PARIS, Sept. 20. — Admid Ferid Bey, spokesman for the Turkish Government, said he expects the British troops will shortly retire from the Asiatic side of the Dardanelles and the British will meet the Turks in discussion of the claims to Asia Minor and Constantinople.

Ferid said the Turks will let the Dardanelles be administered by a neutral commission in which Turkey must have an equal say, but the Turks will take Asia Minor and Constantinople and will not be responsible for the results if the British oppose them.

LOCAL MILL TO BE SOLD OCTOBER 13

Judgment in Default Entered
in Supreme Court Yes-
terday

VANCOUVER, Sept. 20. — Mr. Justice Macdonald yesterday entered judgment in default in the unopposed action by the Emerson estate as first mortgage bond holders against the Prince Rupert Pulp and Paper Co. The sale of the assets has been ordered to take place on October 13.

The remuneration of the receiver G. C. Hyatt was set by the court at \$1,000.

The assets of the company include a large sawmill at Prince Rupert and a number of valuable pulp limits, some of the largest holdings of this class of property in the province.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN CONFER

Deadlock Occurs Over Evacuation
of Territory and Payment
of Indemnity.

CHANG CHUN, Manchuria, Sept. 20. — A conference between representatives of Japan and Soviet Russia and the Chita Government reached a deadlock when Russia demanded that Japan evacuate the northern half of Saghalien Island immediately as well as Manchuria.

Japan retorted that she would not go until the Japanese indemnity claim for Japanese massacred at Mikolievski in 1920 had been settled.

Both sides are standing pat.

CONFIRM ACTION TWO PREMIERS

New Zealand Parliament En-
dorses Stop and Australian
Cabinet Backs Hughes

WELLINGTON, Sept. 20. — Parliament unanimously confirmed the action of Premier Massey in announcing that New Zealand will send a contingent of men to defend the Dardanelles against the Turks if necessary.

MELBOURNE, Sept. 20. — The federal cabinet endorsed the action of Premier Hughes of the Australian Commonwealth in offering to send troops to Gallipoli peninsula.

LABOR PROTEST AGAINST WAR

Meetings Arranged and Prominent
Leaders Take Part

LONDON, Sept. 20. — Labor protests against British participation in the near east continue unabated. Many more meetings have been arranged and prominent leaders are taking part.

The general attitude of labor seems to be that the just claims of Turkey should be recognized and the whole matter should be settled by the League of Nations.

MEDIATION SUGGESTED BY U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20. — The president was requested in a resolution introduced yesterday by representative London, socialist of New York, to offer to mediate between the powers now contending in the near east.

MINING SUIT SECURE TITLE

Litigation in Vancouver Over
Cassiar Properties—Option
Secured.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 20. — A suit was begun here today by Robert W. Wiley of Portland, Oregon to compel Richard Kennedy of Haines, Alaska; Martin Conway of Skagway; J. W. Burnham of Gastoubury, Conn.; and J. A. Fraser of Altin, B. C. to deliver to Wiley a title to mining properties in the Cassiar district of British Columbia.

Mr. Wiley claims he paid an option on the claims and invested up to \$110,000 in them. They are gold and silver properties said to be worth \$500,000. Owing to the death of Patrick Kennedy, one of the original owners, there has been some difficulty in obtaining a clear title pending the administration of the estate. Wiley asks for the title or his money back.

STEAMER WRECK CLOSE TO NOME

Victoria Has to Lie Seven Miles
Off Awaiting Moderation of
Storm

NOME, Alaska, Sept. 20. — The coastwise steamer Olga is a total wreck on the beach at Port Safety, two miles east of Nome, driven ashore by the southerly gale which swept Norton Sound and Behring Sea for several days.

So heavy was the weather that the passenger steamer Victoria which left Seattle for Nome on September 1 was unable to load and was lying seven miles off shore awaiting moderation of the storm.

HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ATLANTIC FLEET

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Sept. 20. — The headquarters of the British Atlantic fleet located here has no knowledge of the reported concentration of the fleet with the British Mediterranean squadron in Turkish waters. Most of the fleet is at present cruising and only one light cruiser and a sloop are here.

Britain and France are Near Reaching an Agreement Regard to Problems of the Near East

PARIS, Sept. 20. — An agreement between Great Britain and France on the near eastern problem seems assured after a two and a half hour conversation between Premier Poincaré and Lord Curzon, the British foreign secretary today. Considerable progress was made toward an understanding.

Lord Curzon informed President Poincaré that Britain would insist upon absolute freedom of the Dardanelles and would insure its freedom with a large fleet. The British foreign secretary, however, was said to have intimated that the British military effort in the near east would be confined to the navy which gave rise to the impression that British troops would soon be withdrawn from Chatak.

RUSSIA SUPPORTS TURKS BUT WILL NOT SEND TROOPS

Munitions Will Be Supplied if it
is Found Necessary

MOSCOW, Sept. 20. — Russia intends to support the Turks morally and perhaps will send munitions if munitions are needed, but no troops will be sent to assist the Turks officially it is stated.

JAMES ANDERSON A MINER IS DROWNED

NOME, Alaska, Sept. 20. — James Anderson, a prominent miner operating gold mines between Cripple and Rodney Creeks was drowned while attempting to ford Penny River.

FORESTERS ARE TOLD TO STAY

Department Urged Them to Stick
to Their Jobs Until Sure of
War.

VICTORIA, Sept. 20. — Foresters working in remote districts of British Columbia have been deserting their posts in the last few days to reach telegraph communication for war news.

Many of the provincial foresters are returned soldiers and they wanted to get back to the mobilizing centres when they heard rumors of another war.

The forestry department is wiring in every direction telling their foresters to stick to their jobs until they are sure there will be war.

NO MORE BUYING OF BEER FROM AGENCIES

Provincial Government Doing
Business Direct With Brew-
eries Says Manson.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 20. — Brewery agencies throughout British Columbia are to be abolished and the Government liquor vendors will get their beer supplies direct from the breweries. This was announced by Hon. A. M. Manson, attorney general, who is in Vancouver today. "I am not sure that brewery agencies are not illegal," said the attorney general, "anyway we are not doing business with them any more."

VETERANS WILL GO TO WAR AGAIN IF NECESSITY ARISES

OTTAWA, Sept. 20. — The G. W. V. A. official organ, "The Veteran," editorially says the Veterans with a full realization of what war means, stand prepared to go again into action if the defense of the Empire renders it necessary.

REMOVING DEAD FROM THE ARGONAUT MINE

JACKSON, Cal., Sept. 20. — All the dead who were found in the Argonaut mine are expected to be taken out today or tonight. Nine bodies were brought out yesterday.

Mrs. J. P. Cade returned home today from North Vancouver where a few days ago the wedding of her sister Miss Lilian Bull was solemnized.

FIFTY CENTS ON DOLLAR SUGGESTED

VANCOUVER, Sept. 20. — Alex. Johnson, downtown deputy minister of marine, will leave for Prince Rupert this week accompanied by W. E. Hodges, receiver for the drydock company to negotiate for a settlement of affairs on a basis of 50c on the dollar. The claims total \$400,000 chiefly to Prince Rupert and Vancouver business houses for supplies.

HIGHER PRICE FOR HALIBUT

Bidding at Exchange This Morn-
ing Hit 16c and 8c Mark—
77,000 Pounds in

The halibut price at the Fish Exchange this morning climbed to 16c and 8c, the highest mark since May 9 last. Arrivals have been comparatively light during the past few days and this is the reason for the increasing price.

Six boats marketed 77,000 pounds this morning as follows: Adeline, 7,000 pounds, at 14.8c and 7.5c; Augusta, 14,000 pounds, at 15.3c and 7.5c; to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co.

Uranus, 21,000 pounds, at 16c and 8c; W. T., 24,000 pounds, at 16c and 8c; Joe Baker, 3,500 pounds, at 14.7c and 7.5c; and Caygeon, 4,500 pounds, at 14.7c and 7.5c, to the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co.

IRISH REBELS SHORT OF FOOD

De Valera in Hiding and Trying
to Arrange Truce With Gov-
ernment

LONDON, Sept. 20. — De Valera, who is in hiding in Dublin, is trying to arrange a conference with the Free State Government under a truce. The rebels are said to be short of provisions and are dreading the approach of winter.

FIRE AT ST. MICHAEL DESTROYS BUILDINGS

ST. MICHAEL, Sept. 20. — Fire broke out here yesterday and destroyed the laundry and power house of the Alaska-Yukon Navigation Co. and for a time threatened the entire district including the Northern Commercial Company's hotel.

BIRTHS.

There was born to Mr. and Mrs. V. Jennings, of Ninth Avenue East, a son on September 19.

A daughter was born on September 19 at the General Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. T. Yamaba of Claxton.

There was born at the General Hospital on September 20 to Mr. and Mrs. A. Renaud, of Second Avenue West, a daughter.