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PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FOR WAR

FEELING OF SECURITY IS RESULT OF GREAT BRITAIN'S PROMPT ACTION

Strained Situation Regard To Turkish National Movement And Preparations At Constantinople

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 18.—The Turks have informed the Allies that if the remainder of the Greek army in Asia Minor attempts to retreat across the neutral zones of the Dardanelles the Kemalists will disregard the neutrality of the Straits and pursue the Greeks in international territory. The Greek military mission has left Constantinople.

Immediate withdrawal of Greek forces from European Turkey has been insisted upon by the Turks whose leader so informs Sir Harry Lamb, who interviewed Mustafa Kemal on behalf of the British Government. Kemal is not prepared to return Thrace to Turkey. A detachment of Kemal forces prevented the landing of a detachment of allied troops at Smyrna Saturday.

NORTH BATTLEFORD, Sept. 18.—Baron Byng, Governor General, has proceeded to North Battleford and apparently has no intention of returning prematurely to Ottawa, as a result of Turkish complications.

HOLE DRILLED ARGONAUT MINE

Penetrated This Morning Early,
But Several Hours Before
Reach Men

JACKSON, Cal., Sept. 18.—A hole has been drilled from the Kennedy mine to the Argonaut mine where forty-seven men have been entombed for more than three weeks. The hole into the Argonaut was made at five this morning, but it was expected it would be several hours before the rescuers could penetrate the workings of the mine and reach the men who are there either dead or alive.

ST. LOUIS RUNS NEW YORK CLOSE

Only Half a Game Behind in
American League Series.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—The St. Louis Browns yesterday climbed back to within half a game of the New York Yankees in the American League, standing when St. Louis defeated New York here today five to one in the first of a three game series to decide the league championship. Ken Williams hit his 38th home run.

OLD HUNGARIAN DIED IN GENERAL HOSPITAL

Ference Stehr, Better Known as
Frank Stark, Passed Away
on Saturday Afternoon.

Ference Stehr, a Hungarian better known as Frank Stark, passed away last Saturday afternoon in the General Hospital after having been in the institution for about three weeks. Stehr was about 60 years of age and had been around in the city for several years having run a chicken ranch in Westview and also engaged in the occupation of beach combing. Funeral arrangements are in the hands of the B. C. Undertakers.

R. B. ANGUS DIES.

MONTREAL, Sept. 18.—R. B. Angus, former president of the C.P.R., died here yesterday aged 92.

ONLY ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE DECLARES PREMIER MASSEY

WELLINGTON, Sept. 18.—Only one answer is possible when the British Empire calls its loyal citizens, declared Premier Massey in a statement in regard to New Zealand's decision to send a contingent to assist in the protection of the Dardanelles.

MOSLEMS PRAY FOR SUCCESS

Calcutta Placarded With Notices
to Celebrate Turkish Victory

CALCUTTA, Sept. 18.—The city is placarded with notices announcing that the Moslems throughout the Empire would celebrate the Turkish victory. All are enjoined to assemble in the mosques to pray for the success of the Turkish army.

CABINET CONFERS WITH ARMY HEADS IN LONDON TODAY

LONDON, Sept. 18.—The British cabinet held a conference today over the near eastern crisis. Significance is attached to the presence of Earl Cavan, chief of staff of the army, Air Marshal Sir Hugh Trenchard and a prominent representative of the admiralty all of whom carried despatches and maps.

DRILLING CONTESTS ENDED ON SATURDAY

O. Guelpa Won the Singles Drilling
9 1/4 Inches in 15 Minutes

O. Guelpa, who drilled 9 1/4 inches in 15 minutes, was the winner of the single rock drilling contest and the \$50 prize and shield at the Prince Rupert Exhibition. Other contestants made the following records: H. Smith, 5 5/8 inches; E. Bomban, 7 1/4 inches; Tom O'Brien, 5 1/2 inches.

The prize for the double rock drilling contest, which was won by Jack Sherman and A. Iverson, consisting the dry dock, was \$100 cash for the drillers and the Dawson silver cup for the dry dock.

The contests ended on Saturday.

Many old friends in Prince Rupert will regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Henry Avison, formerly of this city, which took place last Tuesday at South Fort George. Mrs. Avison was 65 years of age and is survived by her husband, son Harry and daughter, Mrs. M. R. Jamieson, of Hyder.

PROBABLE ORIGIN WAR SCARE STORY

There was a war scare around the city this morning purporting to have arrived by wireless. Inquiry at the Wireless station developed that the fact that the only message anywhere approaching war significance for which they were responsible was the calling of the steamer Gordova, whose wireless call is W-A-R. This seems to have been picked up by an amateur wireless outfit.

CABINET MEETS OTTAWA TODAY

Considering Request to Send Contingent From Canada For Dardanelles

OFFERS POURING IN

OTTAWA, Sept. 18.—A special meeting of the cabinet council called to consider the situation in the Near East opened today at noon. Cabinet ministers arrived on the morning trains from various points. An official invitation to send contingents was received by the Premier shortly after his return to the capital. Five of the ministers with portfolios are absent.

Offers of service continue to pour in on the minister of militia from all parts of the country. There will be no difficulty in raising a force of any desired size.

HON. J. H. KING IS EXPECTED

Will Arrive on Wednesday and
Spend That Day and Next
in the City.

Hon. Dr. J. H. King, minister of public works in the federal cabinet, is expected to arrive here by the Prince George on Wednesday morning. He will spend Wednesday and Thursday here and a special meeting of the Board of Trade Council is called for this afternoon to make arrangements for his reception. His visit will be of importance to this city in view of the portfolio that he holds and a suitable reception will be accorded him.

FUNERAL TODAY

Miss Elizabeth J. Matthews, Who
Died on Friday, Was Laid
to Rest This Afternoon.

The funeral of the late Miss Elizabeth J. Matthews, aunt of C. W. Myers, of Fourth Avenue East, at whose residence she died last Friday, was held this afternoon at 2:30 from Hayner Bros. Chapel to Fairview cemetery. Rev. Dr. H. B. Grant officiating. The funeral was a private one and the obsequies were quiet. Deceased was 77 years of age and was a Canadian by birth. There were floral offerings from Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Grant and Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Robinson.

Mrs. E. M. Mortimer and her daughter, Miss Violet Mortimer, sailed last night for Vancouver where the latter will resume her studies.

QUEEN COMES OFF ROCKS AND LEAVES PORT

Not Badly Damaged by Impact
With Rocks of White Cliff

The Admiral Line steamer Queen, which struck White Cliff rock off the mouth of the Skeena River early Saturday morning, was floated on the high tide Saturday night with the assistance of the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co.'s trawler George E. Foster, Capt. Fred Walters, and reached this port at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. Examination showed the vessel to be but slightly damaged and she picked up her 238 passengers, mail and express here and cleared for Seattle last night about 6 o'clock after having taken on fuel oil at the local tanks.

The Admiral Rodman, which had been standing by the distressed vessel and which had taken off the mail and express, came here with the Queen and moored alongside her at No. 3 G.T.P. dock, pulling back aboard what she had taken off, resuming her northbound voyage shortly after.

The trawler George E. Foster was sent to the scene on Saturday afternoon to give assistance and was successful in pulling the Queen off on the high tide. Capt. E. McCoskie, harbor master, Jarvis H. McKee, customs collector, and W. J. Nelson, also of the customs department, went out on the Foster and assisted generally. In the meantime E. Brannen, the local diver, had reached White Cliff rock and made an examination of the hull, reporting that the damage was not serious. Her stem and forefoot had been crumpled for three or four feet and plates had been dented. The vessel did not leak but cement was put in to make sure. An account of the list of the vessel and in order to lighten her forward, the cargo was shifted and some oil was pumped out of her. Straightening the cargo out again and taking on a new supply of 250 barrels of oil took up part of the time in port yesterday besides the taking back of the passengers which had been brought here by the Venture and the mail and express which the Rodman had removed. All the passengers spent Saturday night here, taxing hotel accommodation to the limit.

While ashore there was no danger to the distressed vessel, although there might have been had a wind come up. It was to ensure against any such eventuality that the passengers, mail and express had been removed. Capt. Glascock and officers of the Queen as well as the passengers expressed their thanks to local business men and citizens for the courtesies and assistance that were extended them while here.

FAIR GATE TOTAL FOR WEEK \$1,901.80

Admissions to the sports grounds for the last day of the Fair on Saturday totalled 364, to the building, 265. The total gate receipts for the five days of the fair was \$1,901.80, this figure being exclusive of season tickets, complimentary and passes.

Entire Atlantic Fleet Rushed To Protection Constantinople Today

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 18.—The entire British Atlantic fleet is being sent to re-inforce the Mediterranean fleet for the protection of Constantinople and the Dardanelles. This creates the most formidable armada of warships ever assembled in an area of like size.

British officials are confident that if the allied land forces are not sufficient to check an attack on the Dardanelles by Turk Nationalists, the combined fleet, together with the French and Italian war vessels, will be more than adequate.

There is an increased feeling of security among the population of Constantinople as the result of Britain's energetic action. It is declared here that the Turks are not likely to commit the folly of opposing such overwhelming forces.

Possible War Situation Is Reviewed in London Despatch Received Late This Afternoon

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Horror over the tragedy in Smyrna is losing some of its edge and public attention is being drawn to the situation in Constantinople and the Dardanelles, menaced by the Turk Nationalist army. Britain is taking active steps to repel any invasion of neutral territory along the Straits and has called on Canada and other Dominions as well as Roumania and Jugo-Slavia for aid.

France, however, is understood to favor moral persuasion rather than force in maintaining the international character of the straits. Italy, too, is against relying entirely on this form of defense, it is declared.

Aside from a general concurrence that neutrality of the straits must be maintained, the opinion of London papers is much divided over the British government policy. The government's reference to the employment of force had a startling effect and even where it is not condemned, editorial writers express their views cautiously.

AMMUNITION FACTORIES ARE RUSHED

PARIS, Sept. 18.—The British Government has ordered all the small arms and ammunition factories in the United Kingdom to work 24 hours a day at full capacity in preparation for any Turkish eventualities, according to news which reached here today.

HYDROPLANE LEFT FOR STEWART TODAY AND WILL BE BACK SOON

The hydroplane Hazelton left for Stewart shortly after 9 o'clock this morning carrying as passengers Capt. A. Swanson, George Frizzell and Harry Gibson, of Stewart. The machine will be back in a couple of days it is expected and on her return all those who bought tickets for flights at the Fair and were not taken up will either go up or have their money refunded.

FISH PRICE WAS HIGHER TODAY AT HALIBUT MARKET

The halibut price went up a notch higher at the Fish Exchange this morning the high bid being 15.2c and 8 1/2c. Five boats were in with 45,000 pounds.

Arrivals and sales were as follows:

Gora, 5000 pounds, at 15c and 8 1/2c, and M. M. Christopher, 16,000 pounds, to the Atlin Fisheries at 15.1c and 8 1/2c.

All, 13,000 pounds, to the Royal Fish Co. at 15.2c and 8 1/2c.

Mab, 5000 pounds, at 15c and 8 1/2c, and M. and L. 6000 pounds at 14.7c and 8 1/2c, to the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co.

AUSTRALIA IS WITH EMPIRE

Prepared to Send Contingent to
Take Part in Defense of
Dardanelles.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Premier Hughes of Australia, after consulting with the cabinet, announced that the Commonwealth Government was prepared to send a contingent to the near east if necessary, according to a despatch from Melbourne.

MELBOURNE, Sept. 18.—Premier Hughes cabled Sir Joseph Cook, the Australian delegate to the League of Nations, requesting him immediately to bring the near east dispute before the League with a view to securing peace.

CLUBHOUSE AND GRAND STAND IS DESTROYED

Brighthouse Race Track Loses Property to Value of \$75,000

VANCOUVER, Sept. 18.—A fire of unknown origin destroyed the grand stand and clubhouse of the Brighthouse Race track. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

KILLED BY AUTO.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 18.—Mrs. Charles Stevenson, wife of the janitor of Shaughnessy Mansions was struck by an automobile yesterday and died later in the day.