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EASTERN OUTLOOK LOOKING BETTER TODAY

RAPID ACTION OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO BE PROVING EFFECTIVE

EDITORIAL

GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS.

There are two shades of opinion as to how Government should be carried on. Parliament is supreme in Canada but when an executive is satisfied that it has Parliament and the people behind it, then it is justified in going ahead without sanction and asking for sanction afterwards. This power is given them under the elastic British constitution in order to meet national crises when prompt action is necessary.

In the crisis which arose in Turkey, prompt action was necessary. If it had been necessary to call the British Parliament before going to the defense of Constantinople and sending an ultimatum to Mustapha Kemal Pasha, then the Dardanelles probably would have been lost, the power of the enemy of civilization would have been immeasurably increased and a general Mohammedan uprising might have followed.

This leads naturally to the discussion of the powers of the Canadian Government. The Mackenzie King Government seems to take the stand Parliament should always be consulted. In that they are right except in a national crisis.

When Britain appealed to Canada, a prompt reply meant a great deal. It would have shown the enemy that the Empire was a unit. New Zealand replied within a few hours. Australia followed very soon, but Canada was slower.

If the Government is in doubt as to the backing it would get from the country, it is its duty to go slow, but if it feels that the nation is with it, then there should be no holding back. The answer should be prompt. We would like to have seen a prompt answer, but even in Prince Rupert there has been no action taken to indicate to the Government how the people here feel in the matter.

There has been no spontaneous outburst of popular opinion in favor of sending a contingent of our boys to police the Dardanelles and help hold back the Turks. There are a lot of people here who think we should at once jump into the breach, but they have taken no action whatever to give public expression to that opinion, or to crystallize it, therefore they cannot feel very strongly in regard to the matter.

There is also a very strong local opinion that it is none of our business. In view of this lethargy the Canadian Government cannot be blamed if it decides to investigate and also possibly to call Parliament before taking action. The Government is representative of the people and it should move, as far as possible in response to the will of the people.

In Britain Lloyd George knows he has a majority of the people strongly in favor of prompt action and he acts accordingly. His prompt action has probably saved the situation.

LORD CURZON VISITS PARIS

Gone There to Convince France of Necessity of Action.

PARIS, Sept. 19.—The centre of allied deliberation on the near eastern problem shifted to this capital today with the journey of Lord Curzon, British Foreign Secretary, and the Jugo-Slav Premier, M. Ninchitch.

Lord Curzon's task is, it is believed, to convince Premier Poincaré that the British do not intend to make another Gibraltar, out of the Dardanelles Straits, that bigger issues than Turkey are at stake and that the whole future of the Balkans and the relations of the Soviet Russia with the near east depend upon the safeguarding of Constantinople from Turkish occupation.

NO NEED FOR CANADIANS TO TAKE ACTION

Reassuring Messages Received From Europe in Regard to Situation.

PEACE LEAGUE ACTIVE.

OTTAWA, Sept. 19.—Premier Mackenzie King says such despatches as have been received from London and from members of the Canadian cabinet at Geneva are reassuring regarding the near east situation.

It is understood that Premier King has notified the British Government that any action Canada might take in sending troops must be decided by Parliament. Meantime offers of individual and regimental assistance have come in from every part of Canada indicating that many veterans will take part if Canada decides to participate.

On the other hand some organizations are inclined to the stand that this is not Canada's scrap.

The Alberta peace league, of which H. W. Wood, agrarian leader is president, wires the Government that Parliament must be consulted before any action is taken.

SWIMMER DIED

Expired From Heart Disease Swimming in English Bay

BYNG GOT GOOD BAG DUCKS AT BATTLEFORD

VANCOUVER, Sept. 19.—F. H. Peyton, who came here recently from Port Arthur, Ontario, died of heart disease while swimming yesterday afternoon, a few seconds after he had pulled himself out upon the raft at English Bay.

NORTH BATTLEFORD, Sept. 19.—Following the civic reception here Baron Byng went duck shooting and picked up 53 mallards.

Imprisoned Miners Were All Dead in Argonaut Mine when Found by Rescuers Last Night

JACKSON, Calif., Sept. 19.—When the rescuers penetrated the wall between the Kennedy mine and the Argonaut mine they found all the 47 miners dead. Apparently they had lived only five hours, judging from notes which form a crude diary of their existence 4,300 feet under ground after an explosion on August 27 entombing the 47 men and a fire which followed and cut off all approaches and flooded the lower workings with carbon dioxide gas.

The prisoners had thrown up two crude bulkheads of earth and stones, stuffed leakages with their clothing but gas had seeped through and choked them.

The entrance to the mine last night was made in face of great risk to the rescuers, the air being devoid of oxygen.

GOVERNMENT CONFERRING

In Communication with London and Geneva Over European Situation Says Premier.

OTTAWA, Sept. 19.—Following an all day conference, the cabinet council adjourned yesterday without deciding whether Canadian troops shall be sent to the near east or not. Premier King said that the British Government's official notification was marked confidential and could not be published without the permission of Great Britain. He could not even tell the newspapermen if their interpretation was correct or not. However, the Canadian Government was in touch with W. S. Fielding and Ernest Lapointe, now in Geneva and also with London to discover if the crisis was sufficiently grave to warrant their calling a special session of Parliament to decide on Canada's participation.

BOMBAY, Sept. 19.—Kemalist victories were celebrated here yesterday.

The mosques were crowded with worshippers and the Moslem quarters were decorated. A procession in honor of Kemal Pasha paraded the streets.

BANQUET FOR MONTREALERS

Week-end Visitors to Be Suitably Entertained by Board of Trade.

The entertainment of the members of the Montreal Board of Trade party that is expected to arrive here on Saturday is in the hands of a committee of two, E. C. Gibbons and Thomas McClymont and that committee was last evening instructed to arrange for a banquet in their honor to be held on Saturday evening if the number of visitors is not too great. They will also be taken to see the local industries and, should the day be fine, a boat trip on the harbor will be part of the entertainment.

ROME, Sept. 19.—Foreign Minister Schanzer's attitude regarding the Near East problems have been approved by the cabinet.

Italy is, it is stated, in agreement with the allies in insisting upon the freedom of the straits of the Dardanelles and hopes that questions outside the Greek-Turkish conflict and having a larger scope will be solved at a conference.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—The widely heralded "new era in the near east" which Lloyd George's political enemies charge him with deliberately invoking has not begun so far as is apparent to the public and is no nearer than it was yesterday. There is, however, no diminution of the excitement which the Government's declaration of the policy of force awakened on Saturday and the matter continues to be the subject for hot discussion.

The Union Steamship Co.'s freighter Chilliwack, Capt. C. B. Smith, was in port early this morning discharging general cargo from the south. The vessel left later for Surf Inlet.

A letter from Mrs. Marian Roberson complaining of the city's garbage dump on the cemetery road being unsanitary and a menace to the public health was received by the city council last night and referred to the Board of Works and city engineer.

In the party will be a number of ladies who will be entertained at tea by the Prince Rupert ladies and everything possible will be done to make the visitors welcome.

When it was at first announced that over two hundred were coming, it was realized that a banquet would be out of the question as no local accommodation for such a crowd could be found in addition to the Prince Rupert people who would attend.

Later advices indicate that fewer than that number will be present, probably a little over one hundred.

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