

He thought it most desirable to proceed at once to constitute the sub-commission. Each of the Powers should appoint two delegates, to be assisted by such experts as they pleased. He would be prepared to do so on behalf of Great Britain.

Ismet Pasha's second suggestion was for another sub-commission to consider the question of the railway and access for Bulgaria to the sea. He thought this suggestion a very good one, and was prepared to agree to it unless, on discussion, it were found that one sub-commission could do all the work. It would be the business of the sub-commissions to discuss these questions not only from the point of view of the future treaty, but also having regard to local interests and local information. Different accounts had been given to the commission on such questions as the river, the nature of the country, and the circumstances at Kara-Agatch; these should be examined by the sub-commission.

He was disposed for his part to agree to both the Turkish proposals, but before submitting them formally to his colleagues he would like to hear their opinion; and there was nothing to preclude the continuation of the general discussion of the larger aspects of the matter, upon which some of the delegates might wish to speak.

M. BARRERE thought it very desirable to set up a sub-commission of experts on the military questions at issue. He welcomed Ismet Pasha's suggestions regarding the creation of a neutral zone and the study of guarantees for the interested States in respect of traffic by the railway and port of Dedeagatch. In his opinion it would be well to set up two sub-commissions, one to deal with military questions and the other with the railway and the port.

M. DUCA entirely agreed with the proposal of Lord Curzon and M. Barrère to set up two sub-commissions for the purposes indicated. In this connection he wished to make it clear that what he had in mind was not a neutral but simply a demilitarised zone. He proposed that the presidency of the technical military sub-commission should be assigned to General Weygand, whose high authority was recognised by all.

MARQUIS GARRONI also concurred in the proposal before the conference, but wished to make one observation. Instead of setting up two sub-commissions he would prefer only one, for, in his opinion, the two questions were to some extent inter-dependent. He thought it would suffice, at any rate for the present, to set up a single sub-commission; later on, if necessary, a second could be created. He thought it generally desirable not to set up too many sub-commissions.

ISMET PASHA wished to define his proposals, so as to avoid all possible misunderstandings; the question of a demilitarised zone should be thoroughly examined by a sub-commission, which would present a detailed report to the commission. A technical committee could complete this task in a few hours.

LORD CURZON said that Ismet Pasha had proposed one sub-commission for the neutral zone question and another for the question of rail traffic and the port of Dedeagatch. There was much force in Marquis Garroni's argument regarding the connexion of the two subjects, and he agreed that a single sub-commission should be able to study both problems with the assistance of experts. If the sub-commission found later on that it could not cope with both questions alone, a second sub-commission could then be set up.

M. BARRERE thanked M. Duca for having proposed General Weygand as president of the sub-commission in such complimentary terms; but according to the rules it was for the sub-commissions themselves to nominate their presidents; in this respect the sub-commissions had complete liberty of action.

LORD CURZON was sure that the conference would be delighted if the sub-commission were to offer its chairmanship to an officer of the great distinction of General Weygand. He agreed with M. Barrère's view that the sub-commissions should be free to nominate their own chairmen.

MARQUIS GARRONI agreed with M. Barrère and Lord Curzon.

LORD CURZON proposed the following resolution:—

“It is decided to appoint a sub-commission to consider the question of demilitarised zones on the frontier of Eastern Thrace, the question of railway communication with the Ægean and the provision of a port for Bulgaria at Dedeagatch. Each Power will nominate two delegates on this sub-commission,