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Greece Decides To Evacuate Thrace

Official News of Decision Reaches France—General Harington Says British Patience and British Reinforcements Brought About Agreement With Turks.

NEARLY ALL BY ACCLAMATION

Choosing of Methodist Conference Officers

Contests Because of "Headquarters Rule" Had Been Expected—Must be a New Editor for the Wesleyan—Church Union Committee.

(Canadian Press.) Toronto, Oct. 12.—Mild surprise was created in general Methodist conference circles last night when the delegates elected almost all the general conference officers by acclamation. It was said that in most cases one or more nominations would be tendered because of the severe criticism of the "headquarters rule" offered by the delegates throughout the conference, but when the names of the present heads of departments and officers of the various organizations were offered, nominations were closed and they were given another term of office.

D. W. Johnson, editor of The Wesleyan, the maritime publication, came under the regulation adopted earlier in the day, which provided that no one who has reached his seventieth birthday shall be appointed a general conference officer. He was seventy years old yesterday. In addition to the taken will be in the appointment to the Wesleyan editorship, for which the names of E. J. Thomas and R. O. Armstrong have been presented.

It was decided to allow representation on the church union committee on the basis of one delegate for every number of each conference delegation and totalling seventy-four ministers and seventy-four laymen, leaving one of each to be elected.

The committee further recommended that Rev. Dr. Chown, general superintendent, and Hon. N. W. Rowell be the minister and layman respectively to complete the list.

CHECK FOR FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS

Britain to Hand it to U. S. on Monday for Interest on War Loan.

London, Oct. 12.—A check for \$50,000,000 will be turned over to the U. S. government on Monday on account of Great Britain's interest on her war loan from the U. S.

The interesting slip of paper, which will probably be preserved as a historical relic, after it has served its purpose, will be drawn on the British treasury account with J. P. Morgan & Company of New York. It will be made out in New York and signed for the British treasury by the Morgan Company. The check will be drawn in favor of the general account of the treasurer of the U. S. in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

In connection with this payment it is said that the British treasury has for some time gradually been accumulating dollars, building up its dollar resources in the U. S. partly by shipments of gold from this country, sold to the U. S. mint for dollars. Any dollars Great Britain secures otherwise are obtained by purchase in the exchange market.

NO BLOCKADE

Britain Replies to Allegation Made in Soviet Note.

London, Oct. 12.—The British government has informed the Russian Soviet government, according to The Times, that there is no foundation for the allegation in the Soviet's latest note that Great Britain had instituted a blockade of the Dardanelles.

The British admitted, the government says, has reported that no such blockade has ever been imposed and that ships are going through without molestation.

(Canadian Press Cable.) Paris, Oct. 12.—Greece has decided to sign the Mudania armistice convention and evacuate Thrace, according to the conditions stipulated in that document, so the French foreign office was officially informed today.

London, Oct. 12.—A Reuter despatch from Constantinople says Brig-Gen. Sir Charles Harington, commander of the allied forces at Constantinople, in the orders of the day has announced the signing of the Mudania agreement and says the arrangement was rendered possible only in the first place owing to the wonderful forbearance of the British troops in the most trying circumstances. That forbearance, he says, won the approval of all. Their attitude afforded a fine example of British discipline.

The agreement he says, was rendered possible in the second place, owing to the action of the British government sending out, without delay, such splendid reinforcements, naval and military, as well as the out force. He expresses confidence that the convention which has just been signed will remove all pressure of danger from the British troops, and concludes by an expression of deep gratitude to all ranks of the British forces for the warm support they extended to him in the recent difficulties.

Mudania, Oct. 12.—At the conclusion of the conference here which resulted in the signing of an armistice between the Turks and Greeks, Lieut. General Harington, on behalf of the allied delegates, said to the Turkish representatives:

"We came here without knowing each other, and we are leaving as good friends. It would have been impossible to reach such a happy termination of the conference unless we had faith in your sincerity of purpose and were ready to give sympathetic consideration to your claims."

"I thank you in the name of the associated powers for your great patience and the intelligent effort you made to achieve a successful issue of the conference, and before bidding you farewell, I wish to express deep appreciation of the hospitality and kindness of the Turkish people and army."

"We have all worked earnestly for a specific object. Our efforts have borne abundant fruit. We must thank the representatives of the press for the valuable assistance they accorded, which was no small factor in the success of the conference."

Ismet Pasha voiced the thanks of the Ankara government and of Mustafa Kemal for the assistance and the labors of the allied generals toward an amicable solution of the many delicate problems. Turkey and the allies, he said, must now live as friends and not as adversaries.

In Greece. Athens, Oct. 12.—The Greek government, supported by private organizations, including American, is achieving extraordinary results in solving the problems presented by the presence of thousands of refugees from Asia Minor. The arrival here of Dr. Fridtjof Nansen will add to the strength of the support given by the League of Nations.

Thousands of women and children are to be saved. Clothing, especially undergarments, is badly needed. Newspaper despatches report that the Greek residents of Eastern Thrace are already fleeing, fearing the arrival of Turkish soldiers from whom they declare the allied soldiers cannot protect them. The government is requisitioning the street rooms in private houses as refugee shelters.

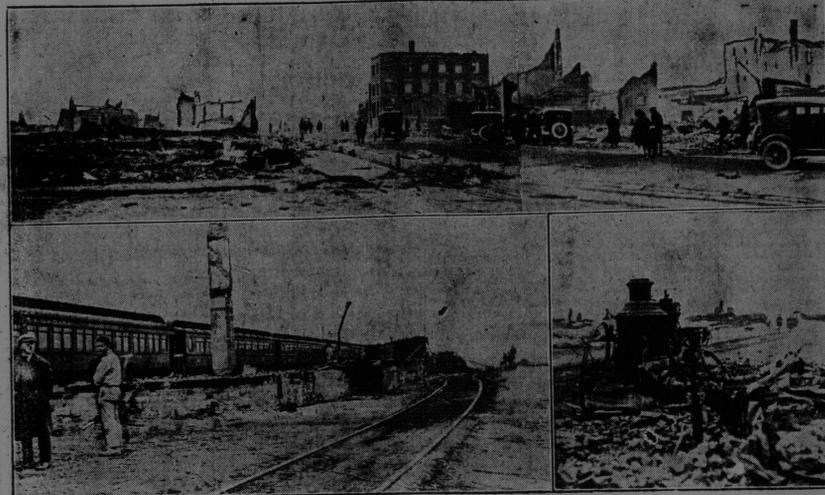
The nation was prepared for the signing of the armistice at Mudania, and its report of its consummation caused no excitement here.

U. S. AND TURKEY

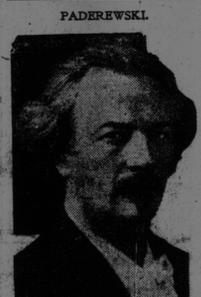
Senator Lodge Says Reference to Congress Would Have Been War Declaration.

Stockbridge, Mass., Oct. 12.—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, speaking yesterday, gave an explanation of the attitude of the U. S. with regard to Turkey and of what President Harding has done to insure protection of U. S. lives and property in Northern Asia Minor, and said that if the president referred the issue to congress there would be a declaration of war, which he was confident the people of the U. S. would not want.

Three things had been achieved, he said: "Protection of U. S. lives and property; freedom of racial and religious minorities, and this country was ready to join with other powers in a commission to meet in Asia Minor."



The upper picture shows what remains of Halleybury's principal street, one of the show places of the north. The lower left picture is the first relief train to reach Halleybury, drawn up by the ruins of the station. At the lower right is one of the fire engines, where the firemen had to abandon it when overtaken by the flames in the middle of the street.



Paderewski is expected to visit Toronto this winter to give a piano recital.

GRAHAM BELL FORTUNE NOT DISCLOSED

Petition for Probate of Will of Inventor of Telephone—Widow Sole Beneficiary

Washington, Oct. 12.—Petition for probate of the will of Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, naming his widow as sole beneficiary in an estate valued "in excess of \$2,500," was granted yesterday in the district of Columbia supreme court.

The value of the estate was not revealed under a provision of the will that no inventory be required of the executors, Mrs. Bell and a cousin, said, must now live as friends and not as adversaries.

WHAT FRANCE PROPOSES FOR HER NAVY

Paris, Oct. 12.—France's naval programme, which will be presented to the chamber of deputies soon, according to the Figaro, will be spread over twenty years, and consequently is of a very general character.

It will fix the total tonnage for each class of ship without specifying the number of vessels, which is left for the building programmes to be arranged every five or six years.

It is understood the proposed figures are as follows. Battleships, 175,000 tons, the figures fixed by the Washington naval agreement; cruisers, destroyers to torpedo boats 330,000 tons, the existing tonnage; submarines, 65,000 tons, not including the small types suitable only for coast defence.

100,000 PERSONS VISIT CHICAGO TRACK IN 7 DAYS OF RACING

Chicago, Oct. 12.—More than 100,000 persons passed through the gates at the Hawthorne track during the first seven days of the running race jockey there, according to Ilynois Jockey Club officials. Joseph A. Murphy, presiding steward, announced plans for bringing the meet to a close next Saturday with a handicap race that will attract some of the country's best horses.

Two To One Against Election This Year

Political Situation in the Old Country Very Uncertain

Generally Agreed That Conservatives Have Brought About Crisis—Leaders in Cabinet With Premier, but Rank and File Rebellious

(Canadian Press Cable.) London, Oct. 12.—Odds of nearly two to one against an election before the end of the year are being accepted in the London insurance market notwithstanding the positive assertions in the press and in political circles that an appeal to the country before Christmas is inevitable. The discrepancy thus manifested is significant of the complete uncertainty surrounding the political situation for the moment.

The morning newspapers again give over their chief columns to discussion, predictions and supposed revelations. Premier Lloyd George's friends continue to insist that he will not resign, while other assert with equal confidence that he has determined to ask the king to get back to party lines, and that his speech at Manchester on Saturday will be the first given in the general election campaign.

Conservative Cause Cited. There is general concurrence on one point, namely, that the crisis has been brought about by the action of the rank and file of the Conservatives, who are tired alike of the coalition government and Lloyd George's leadership and eager to get back to party lines. It is said in several quarters, however, that the Conservative leaders, the coalition cabinet continue loyal to the premier, and that the situation in that respect is practically identical with the position when Lloyd George previously threatened to resign unless the Conservatives gave greater support to his leadership.

It is this loyalty on the part of his Conservative colleagues is having a great influence on the premier's attitude, and according to some versions he is relying upon it to secure the country's support and wreck in advance the Conservative convention scheduled for the middle of November, which if held, might attempt to compel the Conservative leaders to resign their coalition posts.

Around this revolt in the Tory rank and file numerous conjectures, speculations and predictions are framed. Austen Chamberlain's speech at Birmingham tomorrow is expected by some observers to be mainly a strong plea for a continuance of the coalition as a means of averting the advent of a "left" government.

Amidst the many uncertainties, one thing is certain, that the next few days will supply the public with more excitement concerning domestic politics than it has enjoyed since the outbreak of the great war.

Women Candidates. One of the interesting features when an election is declared will be the number of women seeking the limelight of parliamentary life. The two present women members, Lady Astor and Mrs. Margaret Wintringham, are understood to desire re-election, and nearly a score of others are already candidates, the great majority being for Liberal and Labour constituencies.

WILL ATTEND ANGLICAN SYNOD IN HALIFAX. Quebec, Oct. 12.—(Canadian Press)—The Lord Bishop of Quebec and the Very Rev. Dean Shreve will attend the Anglican Synod of Nova Scotia, which will meet in Halifax on the 18th instant. This meeting has been called to ratify the new book of common prayer for Eastern Canada.

OPPOSES CHURCH UNION

Rev. E. Scott, D. D., of the staff of the Presbyterian Record, at Montreal, who is one of the leaders of the movement against church union in Canada.

SHIP IN TROUBLE

Charges Made by Members of Crew Against Commander of U. S. Shipping Board Steamship.

Boston, Oct. 12.—Charges of having abandoned a vessel in distress at sea preferred against Capt. W. E. Rosemond of the U. S. Shipping Board steamship Nocoluca by three members of the vessel's crew were investigated by steamboat inspectors yesterday.

The seamen told the inspectors that on the night of October 1, the ship, bound from Glasgow to Boston with coal, failed to investigate properly the condition of a barkentine that was sending up fumes, about 400 miles southeast of St. John's, Nfld. A gale was blowing at the time.

Oluf Olsen, one of the complainants, said that as a member of the watch he noticed the fumes and notified the captain. The steamship's course was changed and she made for the barkentine, circling the craft several times. On her approach some one aboard the barkentine fired three shots and members of her crew shouted to the steamship to stop.

Olsen alleged that Captain Rosemond, declaring that "he had not time to lay around" and that "probably the barkentine only wanted her position," then put the Nocoluca back on her course.

The inspectors said they would question Capt. Rosemond before taking action.

BALKAN SCHOONER ON REEF NEAR HAVANA

Havana, Oct. 12.—The four masted Jugoslav schooner Zagreb, bound for Tampa, Fla., in ballast, ran on the reef near Mariel, forty miles west of Havana yesterday. Advice received here says the crew has been saved.

WEATHER REPORT

PHIL DOUGLAS PUT IN JAIL

Former Star of Giants Given in Charge by Wife, Who Says He Beat Her.

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 12.—"Shut-in" Phil Douglas, erstwhile star pitcher for the Giants, who was banished recently from organized baseball, was placed in the city jail yesterday on charges of disorderly conduct preferred by his wife, who called officers to their home and, they said, declared Douglas had beaten her.

Passenger Ship Is Afire on Pacific

The City of Honolulu in Grip of Flames with 300 Tourists on Board—Life Boats Being Lowered, Says Wireless Message.

(Canadian Press.) Los Angeles, Oct. 12.—With some three hundred passengers aboard the Los Angeles Steamship Company's new steamer City of Honolulu was reported by wireless today afire two days off shore from this port on the return trip of its first voyage between Los Angeles and Honolulu.

San Francisco, Oct. 12.—Lifeboats were being lowered at 8.47 a.m. by the passenger steamer the City of Honolulu, according to wireless messages received today.

The City of Honolulu is a U. S. shipping board vessel of 17,500 tons and was allocated to the local company for six months trial service between this city and the Hawaiian Islands. It left September 23, with more than 300 passengers, mostly tourists, and it is believed a large number of these were returning on the vessel.

San Francisco, Oct. 12.—Twelve minutes before the Honolulu set sail that she was lowering boats picked up by the Malson line steamer Enterprise, which immediately put about in the hope of reaching the steamer in four or five hours.

NEAR TRAGEDY IN MONTREAL

Chorus Girl Close to Death from Gas Fumes

Note Pinned on Hotel Dresser Pointed to Triangle—Constables Break into the Room—Broken Window May Mean Life Saved.

(Special to The Times.) Montreal, Que., Oct. 12.—Dear Don—"You have broken your promise to me. I have tried my best to help you live your weak way—but you did not heed me, so see how far you can go with your friend Miss... There's a God above who will judge you; you cannot stand it any more. Give Edie my pawn tickets. Let her keep the solitaire and let her get the cluster out of Wilma. My trunk goes to Wilma. Good luck—I have done it."

There was a short white space and then, "Don't let my mother know." This brief note on the dressing table in a downtown hotel room occupied by an actress playing at a theatre told the story of another case of the triangle, with tragedy as its probable sequel. Lying on the bed, almost dead, was a chorus girl, Miss Edie Clark, thirty-seven years of age of Duluth, Minn., who tried by death to break the unhappy triangle, by lying in a critical condition in the Montreal General Hospital suffering from gas poisoning.

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INTERNATIONAL NARCOTIC RING

Montreal Hears of Operations at Inquest Into Death of Victim of Drug Traffic.

Montreal, Oct. 12.—The alleged working of an international narcotic ring between Chicago and Montreal, and alleged operations here, of a Chicago colored man, who members of Montreal's negro colony swore in court yesterday, was connected with the murder of a woman in that city, were uncovered at an inquest into the death of Leo Wine, 28, of this city, one of the latest victims of the drug traffic.

The jury held the Chicago man, "Lefty" Therrien, responsible for the death of Wine. Six men and a woman swore that Therrien had a bad record in the U. S. and that he was reputed to be a link between drug rings in Chicago and Montreal.

"Lefty" Therrien is reported by the local detective officers to have left Montreal suddenly on Monday night, a few hours before Wine died of narcotic poisoning.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE INJURED

Hon. Mr. Bostock Thrown from Horse on His Ranch in British Columbia.

Kamloops, B. C., Oct. 12.—Senator Hewit Bostock, speaker of the Canadian senate, was brought to the Kamloops hospital last night for an X-ray examination to determine the extent of the injuries he sustained when he was thrown from his horse while riding last week at his ranch at Morfe Creek. He is suffering great pain and it is feared he is injured internally.

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AUTO SNAPS OFF POST AND BORES INTO BANK

Hattonville, Ont., Oct. 12.—Four motorists were badly cut by a driving glass when their car swerved to avoid a horse and buggy, struck a telephone post, which was snapped, cleared the ditch, and buried itself in a bank. The men were proceeding to their homes at Georgetown, the accident occurring at the top of the steep hill at the north of the village.