

Enclosure 4 in No. 1.

Copy of a telegram (P) No. 365/S, of March 30, 1923, from the Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department, Delhi, to His Majesty's Minister, Kabul.

IN view of fact that situation was becoming disturbed, Wazirforce asked for news from Kabul on 28th. In explanation of this request, he now telegraphs as follows :—

“The following are disturbing features of the tribal situation :—

“(a.) Since the middle of February, Brigadier Adam Khan has paid over 20,000 Rs. to Wana Wazir jirgas and half a lakh to Haji levies and other hostiles.

“(b.) He is now sending word to friendlies in Wana that Wana, which British are shortly evacuating, will be handed over to Ameer.

“(c.) It is reported that lashkar for attack on Wana is forming under his orders at Birmal.

“(d.) He says that Ameer will engage large numbers of our tribesmen as his khassadars, and is promising further large rewards to Mahsuds and Wazirs.

“(e.) It appears that Russian cartridges and money which were despatched last month from Kabul are materialising in Waziristan.

“(f.) As reported by me, influx of letters from Kabul regarding holding of big jirga about the 3rd May in Urgun. Letters include promises of employment of thousands of Mahsuds and of large money rewards. Result is unsettlement in Wana, and Mahsuds are wondering whether they should stick by their promises which they made at Tauda China or postpone fulfilment till falsity or truth of reports is seen.”

Enclosure 5 in No. 1.

Copy of a telegram (P) No. 100, of April 1, 1923, from His Majesty's Minister, Kabul to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department, Simla.

THE possibility that the Afghan Government's present frontier policy may be considered by His Majesty's Government unfriendly and even provocative has been brought to the attention of the Afghan Foreign Minister by me in a letter dated the 24th March. The ground has thus been prepared for holding up the importation of Afghan arms should this be decided on eventually. I have sent you a copy of this letter by yesterday's post, and have as yet received no reply to it. At the next interview I shall bring the matter forward and shall send a despatch shortly. I was recently emphatically assured by Wali that neither the Mahsuds nor Wazirs had received any encouragement or assistance from the Afghan Government. I request that reports from Waziristan should be sifted and that, whenever possible, detailed confirmation should be sent me. (For instance, how has it been ascertained that the cartridges are Russian?) This is necessary in order to give point to my representations.

The reference is to your telegram of the 30th March.

Enclosure 6 in No. 1.

Translation of a letter dated March 24, 1923 (corresponding to Mamal 3, 1302), No. 54, from His Majesty's Minister, Kabul, to the Afghan Foreign Minister.

(After compliments.)

I HAVE the honour to invite your Excellency's attention to reports which have reached my Government regarding the attitude of certain officers of the Independent Government of Aghanistan towards the tribes living on the British side of the frontier. These reports speak of the sending of letters by Afghan officers, encouraging the persons who have been chiefly responsible in the past for outrages