

LORD CURZON proposed to adjourn the First Commission until the sub-commission was ready to present its report.

(This was agreed to.)

M. MASSIGLI read the following declaration :—

“ The Turkish delegation at the outset declared their preference for holding the debates in public, and it was only out of deference that they concurred in the opinion of the honourable president regarding the secrecy of the negotiations. They observe that in defiance of the decision arrived at, important leakages to the press have occurred in respect of the statements and speeches of other delegations.”

In reply to an enquiry from Lord Curzon, ISMET PASHA said that, in addition to many other items of news in the press which did not appear in the official communiqués, the “Petit Parisien” had that morning published practically *in extenso* the declarations made by M. Veniselos at the meeting of the day before.

M. VENISELOS replied that he was entirely ignorant of this fact, and that in any case he was not guilty of any indiscretion. Moreover, he had been present at a great many conferences during the past ten years and more and had invariably observed the most scrupulous discretion.

LORD CURZON thought that there was no occasion to complain of the way in which the press in general had treated the conference. M. Veniselos and he himself had sufficient experience to know that the solemn pledges given with a view to keeping the discussions secret were not always very strictly observed.

(The commission rose at 1.20 P.M.)

Annex (A).

Thrace occidentale interalliée.

La Thrace occidentale interalliée est composée de quatre kazas (arrondissements) : Gumuldjina, Dédé-Agatch, Sofoulou (Sofli), Iskétché (Xanthy) :

	Turcs.	Grecs.	Bulgares.	Israélites.	Arméniens.
Gumuldjina	59,967	8,834	9,997	1,007	360
Dédé-Agatch	11,744	4,800	10,227	253	449
Sofoulou	14,736	11,542	5,490
Iskétché (Xanthy)	42,671	8,728	552	220	114
	129,120	33,910	26,266	1,480	923

Total général, 191,699.

Annex (B).

Distribution de la Propriété foncière en Thrace occidentale.

	Pour cent.
Turcs	84
Bulgares	10
Grecs	5
Divers	1

L'agriculture est exercée dans les mêmes proportions, c'est-à-dire presque entièrement par les Turcs ; d'ailleurs, le Turc est par excellence un agriculteur.

Le commerce de la région est exercé par les Turcs, les Grecs, les Bulgares et surtout les Israélites.

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