

BRITISH SOLDIERS PROTECT REFUGEES

Turks Fail to Allow Americans to Act In Behalf of Christians

ALLIED LEADERS MEET

Effort Made to Frame Program for Dealing With the Dardanelles

Constantinople, Dec. 5.—Following the action of the Kemalists in confiscating the passports of 100 Armenians as they were about to board ship, British troops today took possession of the customs house, and, armed with machine guns, protected the embarkations of the refugees.

The Turkish police today prevented the embarkation of refugees on a French steamship at Samsun, on the Black Sea coast of Asia Minor, despite permission granted by the Italian authorities there.

Rafel Pasha, the military governor, had a four hours' conference with the Allied high commissioners and generals and a provisional agreement was reached permitting the embarkation of all presenting themselves until this evening, but the question of principle was not settled, and further meetings have been arranged.

Refuses to Recognize Allies

Rafel Pasha takes the attitude that the Allies are not in occupation of Constantinople, and refused to recognize the right of the Allies to interfere between him and native Christians.

The Turks' refusal to permit direct vessels to embark additional Christian refugees from Asia Minor has created keen disappointment in American relief circles here. All preparations had been completed for the use of American destroyers in the transfer of refugees.

Four large Greek vessels, under the direction of A. K. Jennings, arrived yesterday from Piraeus ready to proceed to the Black sea. Mr. Jennings is the Y. M. C. A. secretary, who earned the title "Admiral of the Refugee Fleet" at the time of the Smyrna disaster by mobilizing a fleet of fifty ships and rescuing 100,000 persons.

He had six additional ships ready in Greek ports for his present task, these, together with the four arriving here, giving a total carrying capacity of 50,000 persons.

Americans Surprised

Refusal of the Angora Government to permit further embarkations was received at Samsun by Commander Halsey Powell of the American destroyer Edsall, who forwarded the news to Constantinople by wireless. The Turks declare that not only would they prohibit further departures on Greek ships, but would deport to the interior all Christians who remained in the Black Sea coastal towns after the next few days.

Officials at the American embassy declined to comment upon this ruling, but made no attempt to hide their surprise at the Kemalists' attitude. They explained they had asked nothing more of the Nationalists than their sanction for the use of American naval officers as intermediaries between the local officials in the Black Sea ports and the officers of the Greek refugee vessels.

The Turks' failure to meet the American proposals raises doubts as to the safety of 50,000 persons, who made their way to the sea with the hope of leaving the country. It is believed they will undoubtedly be deported to the interior unless the Allies or the United States make representations to Angora.

Break Threatens

Lausanne, Dec. 5.—(By the Associated Press).—The treaty-makers at Lausanne devoted themselves today to an attempt to harmonize the divergent views of the various delegations; everybody seemed to realize that a few more hectic sessions like that of yesterday would break down the conference and postpone Near Eastern peace indefinitely.

The Allied leaders held long consultations to frame a common project for dealing with the Dardanelles, and were reported to have succeeded in drafting a proposal permitting warships to use the straits under international control. The indications tonight are that

JUDGE JOE NETTLES

Joseph L. Nettles, a member of the Columbia bar, is this week holding court in Beaufort, as a special judge. Judge Nettles was born in Manning thirty-two years ago. He is the son of Rev. S. A. and Mrs. Sue Galluchat Nettles. His mother died when he was three years old. His aunt, Mrs. E. C. Alsbrook, had much to do with his early education. When he was only fourteen years of age he entered Wofford College in class with his older brother, Stephen Nettles, both graduating at the top of their class four years later. Then they entered the law school of Harvard University, both graduating three years later, in 1911. Judge Nettles had the unique distinction of being at that time the youngest man to take a law degree from Harvard University. He at one time located in Columbia. In a short time he and Ashley C. Tobias formed a partnership under name of Nettles and Tobias. This is recognized as one of the most influential firms of Columbia, and they have a large practice not only in South Carolina, but in several other States.

Mr. Nettles is so sure of his law that he lost only one of the thirteen cases taken on appeal to the supreme court during his eleven years' practice.

BIRTH RATE DECLINES

Washington, Dec. 5.—(By the Associated Press).—A declining birth rate and an increasing death rate for 1922 as compared with 1921 were forecast today by the census bureau which based its calculation on records for the first six months of the year for the registration area of the country comprising about 82 per cent of the total population of the United States.

The birth rate for the first six months of this year was 22.7 per 1,000 persons, while for the same period of 1921 the rate was 24.8 and for the whole of last year 24.3. North Carolina had the highest rate for the half year, it being 30, while Virginia was second with 27.5. Vermont had the lowest rate, 18.1.

The death rate for the six months ending June 30, this year, was 12.6 per 1,000 population, which for the same period of 1921, the rate was 12, and for the whole of last year 11.6.

IRISH FREE ESTATE

London, Dec. 5.—The autonomous government for Ireland today lacked only the formal consent of King George to the Irish constitution bill. The Anglo-Irish treaty ends tomorrow and the Free state officially takes charge. The lower house in the Irish parliament meets tomorrow afternoon.

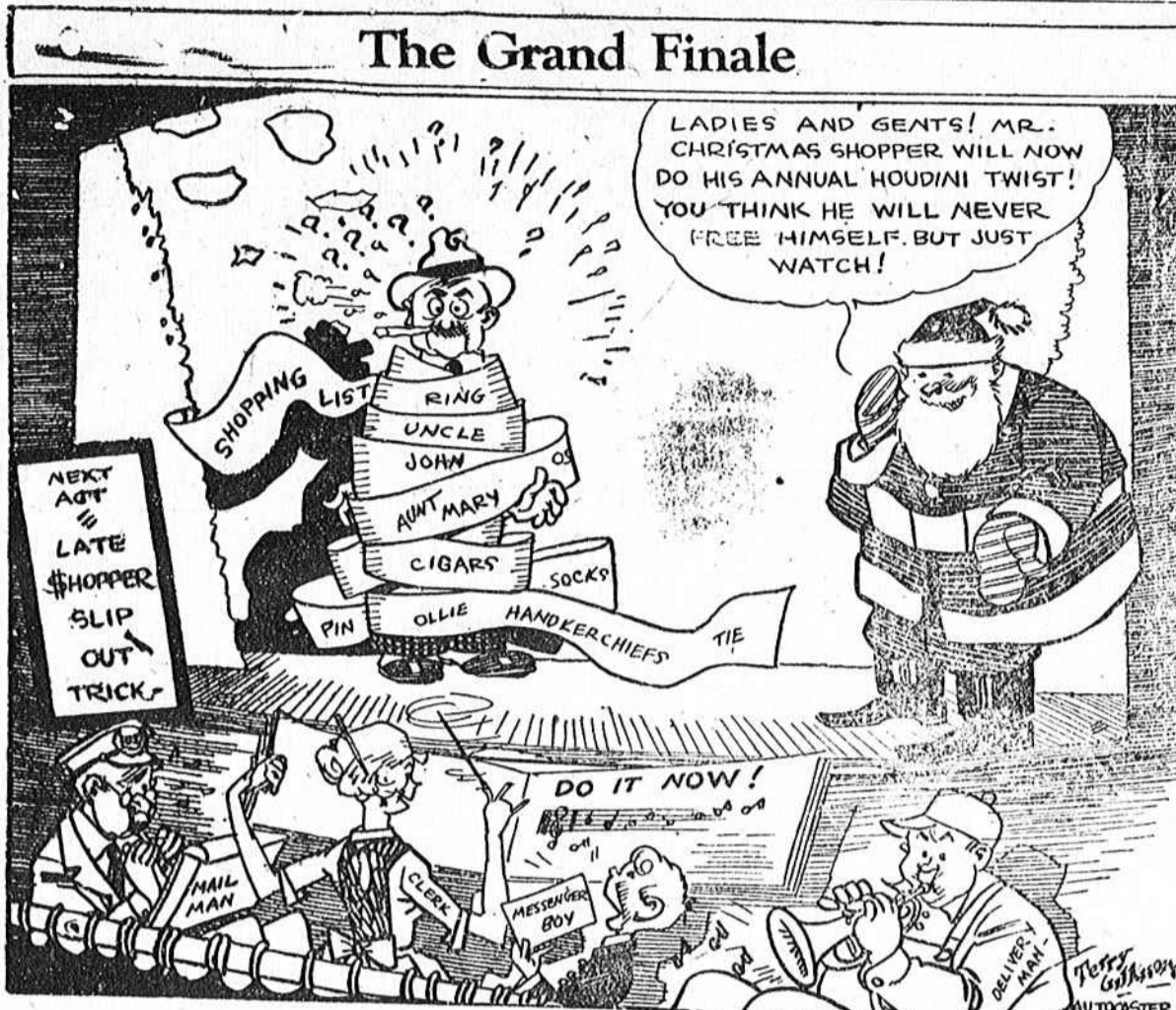
The straits discussion will be resumed tomorrow, when the Entente countries will fall in with the Turkish suggestion and set forth their wishes. The Allies seem determined to ignore the Russian attempt to speak for Turkey, and are determined also to convince the Russian representatives that Bolshevik Russia is not dominating the straits discussion. The fact that Ismet Pasha conferred with the Allied leaders helped to strengthen the impression that if the conference is not yet out of danger it at least is not yet on the rocks.

Another feature of the day was the Pope's intervention in behalf of the Christians in Constantinople.

Wins Highest Scout Honor



In impressive ceremonies, Wm. Cannon, of Los Angeles, Calif., has been awarded highest scout honor, the National medal of Honor. Despite a terrific tide and high waves, he plunged into the sea at Honolulu last year, saving two women from drowning. Shown here, he is wearing his medal.



ASSIGNMENT OF MINISTERS MADE

Love Feast Held at Methodist Conference

BISHOP DENNY PREACHES

Memorial Service Is Held—Many People Visit Marion

Marion, Dec. 3.—Sunday was a great day for the city of Marion and surrounding country, for the people were here for miles around.

The Methodist Conference love feast was held this morning, and was conducted by the Rev. Jesse J. Stevenson. For one hour songs and prayers and testimonies to religious experiences made a joyous occasion.

At 11 o'clock Bishop Collins Denny preached a sermon on "A Plea For Divine Mercy." At the close of the sermon the ordination service took place. The Rev. William L. Parker and the Rev. Henry D. Shuler were ordained deacons; the Rev. L. D. B. Williams, the Rev. Samuel E. Ledbetter, the Rev. Henry William Shealy and the Rev. Robert Pinckney Pucks were ordained elders.

This afternoon the memorial service was held. By appointment of the bishop, the Rev. W. L. Wait, of Florence, presided. Memories were read as follows: The Rev. J. I. Stokes, D. D., read by Dr. W. C. Kirkland; the Rev. S. B. Harper, read by the Rev. C. C. Derrick; the Rev. D. H. Everett, read by the Rev. W. I. Herbert; the Rev. W. A. Massebeau, read by the Rev. J. H. Graves; the Rev. D. D. Dantzer, read by the Rev. G. P. Watson; the Rev. H. J. Cauthen, read by the Rev. J. H. Danner; Bishop H. C. Rev. J. H. Danner; Bishop H. C. Morrison and Bishop John C. Kilgo, read by Dr. Watson B. Duncan. Two interesting incidents were brought out during this service. One was that Bishop Kilgo was converted on the spot where the beautiful First Methodist Church of Marion stands. The second was that the church was built during the pastorate of the Rev. S. B. Harper. It was remarkable that memories of both of these ministers were read in the church here.

Marion People Thanked

Tonight the Rev. George T. Harmon, of Florence, preached. At the conclusion of the evening service Bishop Denny took the chair and called the conference to order for a short session. Resolutions of thanks to the people of Marion were adopted by a rising vote. The Rev. G. H. Jones was placed on the Conference budget commission.

Bishop Denny addressed the Conference and then announced the appointments for the next year.

Following are the appointments: Charleston district, F. H. Shuler, presiding elder; Allendale, S. W. Henry; Appleton, W. R. Jones; Beau-

fort, A. D. Betts; Bethel circuit, G. T. Rhoad; Black Swamp, L. T. Phillips; Bluffton, J. F. Campbell; (Charleston) Bethel, C. E. Wimberly; Hampstead Square, N. D. Busbee; Hampton Park, E. G. Coe, supply; Spring Street, J. H. Danner; Trinity, F. A. Buddin; Cottageville, H. W. Whittaker; Dorchester, W. T. Patrick (supply); Ehrhardt, Hamlin Etheredge; Estill, S. E. Ledbetter; Hampton, R. W. Humphries; Hendersonville, J. G. Ferguson; Lodge, R. P. Turner; Meggetts, G. C. Gardner; Ridgeland, R. P. Huicks; Ridgeville, J. A. Graham; Summerville, L. D. B. Williams; Walterboro, P. A. Murray; Yemassee, M. M. Bird (supply); Parris Island and marine pastor, C. B. Burns; student Emory University, B. M. Bowen; superannuates, S. A. Webber; J. W. Wolling (under suspension).

Florence district, L. L. Bedenbaugh, presiding elder; Bennettsville, W. I. Herbert; Bennettsville circuit, M. W. Hook; Brightsville, J. A. Campbell; Bethlehem circuit, W. O. Y. Johnson; Blenheim, J. K. Inabinett; Cheraw, W. B. Duncan; Chesterfield, L. E. Peeler; (Darlington) Trinity, Peter Stokes; Darlington circuit, C. P. Chewing; East Chesterfield, H. D. Shuler; (Florence) Central, G. T. Harmon; Hartsville, S. O. Cante; Jefferson, W. V. Jerman; (supply) Lamar, C. M. Peeler; Liberty, J. L. Mullins; Marlboro, J. B. Prosser; McColl, W. J. Snyder; McColl mission, J. O. Bunch (supply); McBee, R. A. Tucker; Patrick, H. W. Shealy; Page-Land, G. L. Ingram; Timmonsville and Pisgah, W. R. Phillips; Timmonsville circuit, D. C. Spires, Superannuates, T. B. Owen, J. H. Moore, J. N. Wright, O. N. Rountree, W. I. Wait, A. S. Lesley, W. W. Williams and C. R. Whittaker.

Kingstree District

Kingstree district, C. C. Derrick, presiding elder; Andrews, E. H. Beckham; Black River, B. S. Hughes; Cades, J. R. Johnson; Cedar Swamp, J. W. Jones; Cordesville, W. A. Youngblood (supply); (Georgetown) Duncan Memorial, W. A. Beckham; West Tnd, J. W. Elkins; Greasleyville and Lanes, M. F. Dukes; Hemingway, J. E. Clark; Honey Hill, A. C. Corbett (supply); Johnsonville, I. D. Bailey; Kingstree, J. P. Inabinett; Lake City, J. T. Peeler; McClellanville, J. C. Inabinett; New Zion, T. E. Derrick; Pamlico, E. P. Hutson; Pinopolis, J. F. Way; Rome, G. K. Way; Sampit, W. S. Myers; Seranton, F. A. Lupton; Turbeville, A. V. Harbin; Trio, W. S. Heath, Superannuates, R. W. Spigner and W. A. Betts.

Marion District, D. A. Phillips, Presiding Elder, Aynor, G. K. Garrison; Brownsville, T. G. Phillips; Bucksville, W. L. Guy; Centenary, B. H. Covington; Clio, B. G. Murphy; Conway, J. C. Atkinson; Conway Circuit, W. L. Parker; Dillon, G. F. Kirby; Dillon and Hamer Mills, J. M. Gasque (supply); Floydale, P. K. Crosby; Gurley Circuit, T. W. Williams, (supply); Lakeview, G. W. Davis; Latta, W. C. Kirkland; S. J. Behea, supernumerary; Little River, K. S. Carmichael; Little Rock, E. Z.

James; Loris, W. M. Mitchum; H. L. Singleton, supernumerary; Marion, D. M. McLeod; Marion Circuit, J. E. Cook; Mullins, G. P. Watson; Mullins Circuit, T. J. White; Nichols, C. W. Burgess; Waccamaw, E. F. Scoggins.

Superintendent Department of Adult and Home Work, general Sunday School Board, W. C. Owen, Dillon, Q. C.

Orangeburg District, J. H. Graves, presiding elder, Bamberg, J. W. Daniel; Bameberg and Orangeburg Mission to be supplied. Barnwell F. L. Glennan; Branchville, J. A. McGraw; Cameron, B. L. Knight; Denmark, W. E. Wiggins; Edisto, C. T. Easterling, Jr.; Ellorece and Jerusalem, W. P. Way; Eutawville, W. G. Ariall; Fort Motte, W. H. Perry; Grover, Paul T. Wood; Harleyville, W. E. Sanders; Holly Hill, J. P. Attaway; Norway, R. R. Doyle; North and Limestone, J. J. Stevenson; Olar, G. A. Teasley; (Orangeburg) St. Paul, T. G. Herbert; W. S. Stokes, supernumerary, Orangeburg Circuit, G. W. Dukes; Orange Circuit, J. W. Aial; Providence, A. M. Gardner, Rowesville, Gobe Smith; St. George, W. D. Gleaton; St. Matthews, R. H. Jones; Smoaks, F. E. Hodges; Springfield, A. Sarsard; Springhill, D. T. Smoak; student Emory University; J. J. Stevenson, Jr.; North and Limestone, Q. C.

Secretary of Missions

Conference secretary of missions, A. J. Cauthen, Q. C. Conference educational secretary-treasurer, G. E. Edwards, St. Paul, Q. C. Conference superintendent of Sunday School work J. E. Ford, St. Paul, Q. C. professor in Columbia College; Mason Crum, St. Paul, Q. C. Superannuates, R. W. Barber, J. C. Counts and A. C. Walker.

Sumter district; E. L. McCoy, presiding elder, Bethune; J. R. Sojourner; Beulah, T. W. Law; Bishopville, M. L. Banks; Camden, W. H. Hodges; College Place, B. J. Guess; Columbia, Captain J. B. Weldon; Elliott and Wells, P. B. Ingram; Heath Spring, W. G. Elwell; Jordan, W. T. Bedenbaugh; Kershaw, Woodrow Ward; Lynchburg, J. M. Rogers; Manning, J. T. Fowler; Oswego, C. S. Felder; Pinewood, S. C. Morris; Rembert, M. G. Arant; St. Johns and Rembert, T. W. Godbold; (Sumter) Trinity, W. V. Dibble; Broad street, S. D. Colyer; Summerton, T. E. Morris; Wateree, L. W. Shealey; West Kershaw, J. A. White; Wesley Chapel and Hebron, P. K. Rhoad; Secretary Federal Council of Churches, E. D. Watson, College Place (Q. C.) Prof. Columbia College, D. H. Munson, College Place (Q. C.) business manager Southern Christian Advocate, J. H. Noland, College Place (Q. C.) superannuates, A. R. Phillips, G. H. Waddell, J. S. Beasley, J. C. Chandler and C. B. Smith.

Greenville, Dec. 5.—After paying in full for goods she was charged with having stolen, Mrs. J. Jessie Walsh, of this city, was released by city authorities today when merchants agreed not to prosecute the case.

STOCK DIVIDENDS REACH \$91,500,000

Total in Last Few Months Passes
\$1,500,000,000

UNDISTRIBUTED SURPLUS

Unfavorable Tax Legislation Anticipated, Is the Belief

New York, Dec. 5.—Stock dividends totalling \$91,500,000 were announced today by seven large industrial corporations and banks, bringing the total stock dividends declared in the last few months to more than \$1,500,000,000. These sums in virtually all cases have been provided for out of undistributed surplus, apparently in anticipation of unfavorable tax legislation in the next Congress.

The Studebaker Corporation increased its capitalization \$15,000,000 by declaring a 25 per cent stock dividend. Directors expected the customary annual 10 per cent dividend would be continued.

The Vacuum Oil Company distributed \$45,000,000 or surplus in the form of a 400 per cent stock dividend. The William Wrigley Junior Company declared a 10 per cent stock dividend of \$1,500,000 to common shareholders.

The Bank of Manhattan Company, one of the oldest in the country, increased its capital from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 by capitalizing surplus and declaring a 100 per cent stock dividend. The Equitable Trust Company announced plans to increase its capital from \$12,000,000 to \$20,000,000, one-half of which would be a 33 1-3 per cent stock dividend and the remainder a new issue of stock to which holders of the bank stock might subscribe.

The E. I. Du Pont De Nemours Company declared a 50 per cent stock dividend amounting to \$20,000,000. The Whiteman Mills, of New Bedford, called a stockholders' meeting to consider a stock dividend of 50 per cent by increasing the capitalization from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

INVESTIGATION PROMISED

Washington, Dec. 5.—The Department of Justice today advised Senator Harris, Democrat, Georgia, that an agent would be appointed to investigate charges that a combination of producers exists to control the supply and price of calcium arsenate, used in fighting the boll weevil.

Special Assistant Fowler advised Senator Harris that the department is anxious to aid the farmers of the South all it possibly can in this matter, and as quickly as an agent can be procured a thorough investigation of the situation will be made.

Senator Harris requested the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission to make an investigation, but the latter said it was without funds.

REFUSES TO HEAR APPEAL BY MITTLE

Washington, Dec. 5.—The Supreme Court announced today that it will not review a case brought by Edward N. Mittle against the State of South Carolina in which Mittle contested his conviction in the State courts on the ground that women were excluded as a class from the jury list and were not permitted to serve.

The action of the court, as stated by Chief Justice Taft, was based on the want of jurisdiction.

FEDERAL AID SYSTEM

Washington, Dec. 5.—South Carolina has 3,225 miles of roads which may be brought within the federal aid system under the new Highway Act, according to an official statement from the department of agriculture today, 1,371 miles of these being interstate and the rest intercounty. The totals for Georgia and North Carolina are 5,662 and 4,194, respectively.

STANDARD OIL CO PANY

Neodesa, Kansas, Dec. 5.—The directors of the Standard Oil Company, of Kansas, declared a stock dividend of 300 per cent payable December 30, to stockholders of record December 16. The State charter board yesterday authorized the company to increase its capitalization from \$2,000,000 to \$8,000,000.