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TURKISH PROBLEM BECOMES ACUTE

Muslims Don't Want Sultan Removed From Constantinople—American Government Might Take Mandatory if He Were Removed.

Paris, May 21.—The Turkish problem has become most acute in the peace conference. Various delegations are striving to find some solution for the dismemberment of the empire which will not provoke a serious war.

The United States is being looked upon by the other powers as the only nation which can become the mandatory for Constantinople without the danger of precipitating another European war, but the American delegates to the peace conference express doubt of the willingness of the United States to accept the mandate, especially under the conditions which the powers have outlined.

Bone of Contention.

With the Sultan removed from Constantinople, the American delegates expressed the belief that it might be possible for the American public to become reconciled to the mandate. However, the Indian delegation which has appeared before the council of four to plead for special consideration for the feelings of the Mohammedan world, as well as other Mohammedans who have made statements, assert that the Sultan must be forced out of Constantinople, fearing that such action would greatly affect his standing in the arch. Consequently Great Britain is seeking to have the Sultan remain in Constantinople as head of the Islamic faith, but with purely spiritual powers.

STANDARD BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION MEETS

The Annual meeting of the board of directors of the Standard Building and Loan Association was held Tuesday and the following officers and directors were re-elected: H. White, president; C. C. Gamblin, vice-president; Otto Bristow, secretary and treasurer; C. H. McCreary, W. M. Barnwell, Albert Perry, T. V. Howie and D. H. Hill. The report of the treasurer showed that the resources, the loans, the undivided profits, the members and the number of shareholders had doubled during the past year. There are now over 1,000 shares of stock outstanding. There are 555 shareholders.

CENTENARY DRIVE.

The Centenary drive in Abbeville met with success from the beginning. On the first day the quota of \$240 was oversubscribed and to \$15,000 has been raised. Leaders of the drive here state that \$18,000 will be gotten before the close. An effort is being made to see every member of the church before the day and it is thought that this will be accomplished. The response of all who have been approached so far has been hearty and a large percentage of the subscriptions has been in. Some have paid in full.

SEEING ITALY.

Victor Lomax, who has been serving his country in the big foreign navy, has been mustered out and is going on a trip over Italy before coming back to Abbeville. He hopes to visit London and a few other such places after which he will be ready to settle down. His friends are glad to hear that he is well and enjoying his trip.

WHAT WAS IT ALL ABOUT?

Messrs. Will Wilson and S. J. Link of Abbeville, were in town for the Sunday—Iva Correspondent of the Anderson Daily Mail.

READ TO START TODAY.

Punta del Gada, May 21.—Lieut. Comdr. A. C. Read announced tonight that the engine trouble which caused a postponement of the flight of the NC-4 for Lisbon this morning had been remedied. The plane will start at daybreak tomorrow, weather permitting, he said. The wrecked plane NC-3 has been brought into the beach, where it is being dismantled preparatory to shipment to the United States on the steamer Melville.

FORD VEHEMENTLY DENOUNCED IN COURT BY TRIBUNE LAWYER

Mount Clemens, May 21.—A vehement denunciation in which Henry Ford was characterized not only as an anarchist, but a dangerous one, startled spectators in Judge Tucker's court here today. The assertion came from Elliott G. Stevenson, of Detroit, one of counsel for the Chicago Tribune, which is being sued for one million dollars damages by Mr. Ford on a charge of libel. The pivot of the alleged libel published June 23, 1916 was the heading of an editorial reading: "Ford is an anarchist."

VACANT JUDGESHIP CAUSES ACTIVITY

Washington, May 20.—The South Carolina federal judgeship vacancy took an interesting turn here today with the arrival of J. Lyles Glenn of Chester, and E. Wylie of Lancaster, the latter coming in the interest of candidacy of Judge Ernest Moore of the latter place. A conference was held with the attorney general of the United States regarding the situation and while it can not be said at this time that there is an indication pointing toward the recommendation of any special candidate, the fact that some of the aspirants and their friends are in Washington as forecast in these dispatches several days ago lends interest to the general situation. Senator Dial, it is understood, has informed some of the candidates that he can not consistently recommend any man who lives outside the Western district, and Senator E. D. Smith has made no announcement in the matter. It is known that important developments are pending which may prove a feature of the race when they become known but which for certain reasons can not be made public at this time. It is also learned that an invitation has come from Secretary Tumulty, indicating what line the president may follow when he returns to the United States with respect to the nomination, but this, for private reasons, can not be announced now. There was some talk here today of the president making a nomination by cable, but it is not believed this will be done.

DEATH OF MR. S. D. BROWNLEE.

Last Monday morning the wire brought the news of the death of Mr. S. D. Brownlee of Anderson, S. C. Mr. Brownlee has been suffering for several months with Bright's disease. He was on the streets of Anderson last Friday. He died rather suddenly Monday morning. The family were looking every day for the arrival from overseas of Lieutenant Brownlee, his son. The burial may be delayed on this account. Mr. Brownlee was an active and prominent business man of Anderson and an elder in the Presbyterian church. All of the Brownlee family from Due West and Mrs. R. M. Stevenson went up to Anderson Tuesday morning.

He was a brother of Mr. R. C. Brownlee and Rev. J. L. Brownlee, the latter the only surviving brother.—A. R. Presbyterian.

ENDS LONG SERVICE



James M. Baker, Lowndesville, Secretary of Senate, Steps out when Republicans Come Into Control.

Washington, May 20.—James M. Baker, of South Carolina, ended his term of service as Secretary of the Senate today when that body was reorganized by the Republicans. He had been connected with the Senate for 26 years. Senator Lodge, leader of the majority, is now the only Senator who was a member of the Senate when Mr. Baker became its assistant librarian.

At the close of the civil war the Senate seemed to prefer to choose distinguished editors for its secretaries. Then after a decade or so it turned to ex-Congressmen. When the Democrats won the Senate in 1913 they promoted Mr. Baker from the library to the secretaryship. He knew the senatorial habit of mind and conformed to its preferences. His office became less a place of social gathering and more a consultation chamber. Senators of either party freely came there to read papers or exchange views.

Kept Harmony.

As Secretary Mr. Baker kept harmony in his office, where the legislation of the Senate was collated and recorded. He showed himself mindful of the convenience of the press and made ample provision for it than had ever been made before, and was solicitous that the public should be treated courteously in its dealings with every branch of his official organization.

In his capacity as disbursing officer of the Senate, Mr. Baker in the six year of his term paid out \$11,685,709.97. This includes salaries of

Senators and employees, the contingent funds necessary to defray the extra costs of Senate business conducted through investigating committees and other authorized agencies, provision for the Senate's general and regular operations, and the expense of the care and maintenance of its property. The moneys entrusted to the secretary as disbursing officer have been properly accounted for and there has been the least possible friction between his office and the Treasury Department, which scrutinizes the legality of payments with the utmost particularity.

Over 75,000 Nominations.

During the past six years over 75,000 nominations were received from the President, as compared with 26,000 received during the next preceding six years. Of these 75,000 nominations, 33,000 were handled in the third session of the 65th Congress—and all of them handled to the entire satisfaction of the Senate.

The retiring secretary has been remarkably punctual in his attendance at the Senate and has shown a consistent reverence for its dignity as a great representative institution. He leaves his position in the Senate with the regret of that body as a whole. Regardless of party alignment, Senators generally agree that he has made a highly successful secretary. "If you make the Republicans as good a secretary of the Senate as Mr. Baker has made the Democrats," said a distinguished Republican Senator to the incoming secretary a few days to the in-private conversation, "you will be a big success."

J. CHESSLEY DOMINICK.

News of the death of J. Chessley Dominick, 65 years old, at Newberry last Sunday was learned with regret by his friends in Abbeville. He was buried Monday in Rosemont cemetery, Newberry.

One son, A. F. Dominick, and one daughter, Mrs. W. D. Lomax, live in Abbeville.

A VISITOR FROM ORANGEBURG.

Mrs. George H. Cornelson, of Orangeburg, is in the city on a visit to her nieces, Mrs. J. Allen Smith, Jr., and Mrs. W. H. White.

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS.

J. L. McMillan is making some improvements on his house on Magazine Street. He is putting a commodious porch in front and to the side of the house and will paint up when the building is finished.

EXPECTED HOME.

Mrs. Frank B. Gary is expected home this week after an extended visit to Washington, New York and Philadelphia. She has been the recipient of much pleasant attention while away.

SALVATION ARMY DRIVE

The response to the Salvation Army request for funds is half-hearted in Abbeville and the county. Only \$263.10 has been reported so far. The quota is \$2,000. This is a small sum and should be raised with little effort. There are two more days to the drive and the people of this county still have time to show their appreciation of the work done by the Salvation Army for American soldiers in France.

GERMANY IS GIVEN MORE TIME TO CONSIDER TERMS

Paris, May 21.—The German peace delegates have been granted an extension of seven days or until May 29, in which to reply in full to the peace terms, according to an official announcement.

Paris, May 21.—Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the German peace delegation has asked an extension of time for Germany to present her reply regarding the peace terms.

W. A. SANDERS SELECTED TO SUPERVISE PAVING

The Abbeville Council met in special session Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and selected W. A. Sanders, of Anderson, to supervise the work of paving the streets of Abbeville.

Mr. Sanders will arrive here about June 1 to consult with the street committee and make drawings and estimates of the work. He is at present at Gainesville, Fla., where he has just completed a \$600,000 job of road building.

An ordinance was also passed which authorized the issuing of 90 coupon bonds, each valued at \$1,000 bearing interest at the rate of not more than 5 1-2 percent, this being a matter of legal routine following the carrying of the bond issue election May 12. The question of the number of years the bonds are to run was left open, but are not to run for more than 30 year.

METHODIST DRIVE SHOWS RESULTS

Nashville, May 21.—Official reports received from 35 conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, show subscriptions for the centenary fund amounting to \$20,622,144.

C. A. HAIGLER, JR., RETURNS.

C. A. Haigler, Jr., has returned from doing his bit in France. He returns in the best of health and was greeted by his many friends in Abbeville Thursday. Mr. Haigler enlisted in the early days of the war and was in the 485th Aero Construction Squadron.

SPEAKING TO MOTHERS.

Mrs. M. T. Coleman is going over to Calhoun Falls today to speak to the Mother's Club on the subject of Home Service. This club was organized some time ago by Miss Ruth McLane, and has a large membership and is in a flourishing condition.

ENTERTAIN FOR BRIDE-ELECT.

Mrs. M. B. Reese will entertain Friday afternoon in honor of Miss Eliza Mabry, whose engagement to Dr. James Austin, was recently announced.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McGee are down from Belton on a visit to Mr. M. B. Kay and his family in Santuc. Mrs. McGee was in the city on Thursday with Miss Mary Kay admiring the fine line of women's goods and the beautiful hats in Abbeville's stores.

GERMANY REFUSES TO SIGN TREATY

Spells Economic Destruction and Political Dishonor Says Leaders—Sticking Out For "Fourteen Points"—The Outcome is Uncertain.

Berlin, Tuesday, May 20.—"Germany declines to sign the peace terms laid before it because they spell the economic destruction, political dishonor and moral degradation of the entire German nation, not only for the present but also for still unborn generations," was a statement authorized by the cabinet this morning.

That these consequences must logically follow acceptance of peace conditions the American press itself has recognized without question," the statement continues. "Toward them Germany took the standpoint that acceptance of such conditions could not be demanded and that the Entente was unjustified in imposing such demand.

Germany's Claims.

"Germany has not only a moral right to compliance with the general promises made it but a firmly grounded, definite, clearly defined claim, according to the basic rules of international law, on all the Entente powers and especially on the United States. A specific recognition of the right of Germany and of the German people to a peace of right, justice and reconciliation, instead of the paragraphed song of hate which was written at Versailles, is contained in the note of the American Secretary of State, Lansing, of November 5, 1918.

"In it the Secretary of State notified the Swiss minister in Washington unconditionally that the established basis of President Wilson's fourteen points should be authoritative for the peace conditions. Secretary Lansing announced further that the Entente governments after careful consideration also were prepared to recognize the conditions set up by President Wilson as the basis for the conclusion of peace."

ABBEVILLE HOSPITAL.

The Abbeville Hospital seems to be an assured fact. The necessary funds have been raised and it is hoped that the hospital will open June 1. The civic club is giving it hearty endorsement.—A. R. Presbyterian.

SERG. MORSE RE-ENLISTS.

Sergt. Amos B. Morse, Jr., has recently re-enlisted for a term of one year in the regular army. Sergt. Morse enlisted in the regular army in May, 1917, hoping to be among the first to go to France. He was sent to the Mexican border and was one of those who hoped against time and lost.

HAROLD NANCE HOME.

Harold Nance, who has been in France several months in the service, being in the medical department of the army, has received his discharge and is at home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nance of Montebey. Mr. Nance is pleasantly remembered in Abbeville by a large number of friends who are glad that he came through in good shape, after serving his country most acceptably.

Mrs. Mamie Pressly, of Due West, was in the city Thursday shopping.

COTTON MARKET.

Cotton sold on local market yesterday for 31 cents. July futures closed in New York at 30.07.