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Mutilations And Wholesale Executions By the Turks Soldiers Decapitated

The Latest Estimates Place the Number of Victims at 120,000. Kemal Pasha's Soldiers Drunk with Victory and Fired With Religious Fanaticism The British Government Specially Concerned-Over the Neutrality of Constantinople and The Straits.

(Special to The Guardian) CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 18.—Reports were current here yesterday that the Allied warships were bombarding Smyrna, but investigation proved that the cannonading was the work of the Kemal coast batteries which were attacking the remainder of the Greek forces evacuating the Chios peninsula.

The British authorities appealed to the Turkish officers to cease firing, as the retreating troops were no longer combatants, but help less refugees and the Turkish action they declared, was in violation of the dictates of humanity and international law.

The Kemalists, however, ignored the British plea for mercy and the Greek vessels retired under heavy fire, with many wounded.

Premier King Announces Information Not Sufficient To Decide Canada's Attitude

British G'ovt's Message Was Marked "Secret" And further Information Being Asked for. For middle Elements in Parliament Opposed To War.

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Sept. 18.—At the conclusion of the Cabinet Council shortly before 4 o'clock today the Premier announced that "the information which we have from the British government is not sufficient to enable us to pronounce judgment as to the Canadian attitude in the Near Eastern situation. We are asking for additional information."

Mr. King added that as the British government's message was marked, "secret" he was not at liberty to give it out until consent had been secured from London. It has been asked for.

The Whole British Atlantic Fleet Being Rushed To Reinforce Mediterranean Squadron

In the Defence of the Neutral Zone in the Near East Recent Developments Are Causing The British Government Unasiness, and the Cabinet Was In Session Over The Week End - Turkish Leader Inclined To Ignore the Allied Warning.

(Special to The Guardian) CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 18.—The entire British Atlantic fleet is being sent to reinforce the Mediterranean squadron for the protection of Constantinople and the straits of Dardanelles. This formidable armada of warships ever assembled in an area of like size, embracing the most modern dreadnaughts, battle cruisers, destroyers, submarines and air craft carriers. British officials here feel confident that if the Allied fleet forces are not sufficient to check an attack on the Dardanelles by the Turkish Nationalists, the combined fleet, together with French and Italian war vessels, will be more than adequate.

PARIS, Sept. 18.—The Allies will have to meet an overwhelming superiority of man power if they are forced to fight the Turks at the Dardanelles, before reinforcements arrive. They can muster only 10,000 troops against a well equipped Turkish army estimated at 300,000 to 450,000 according to the best information obtainable here today. Kemal has 450,000 troops under arms according to dispatch Franklin Bouillon to Kemal's Smyrna camp in an attempt to induce the Turkish fleet not to invade the Dardanelles neutral zone and forgo his reported plan of attacking Constantinople. Bouillon is France's outstanding Near East authority. It was he who negotiated the Franco-Kemalist treaty.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 18.—With the British rushing every available troop unit to the Dardanelles and Constantinople, the military situation here is critical. Hopes of a conference that would solve the situation have vanished. Kemal is in the position of a dictator unless the Allies are willing to fight. Early on Sunday morning a transport from Malta embarked troops at Chankar for the defence of the straits. Another transport arrived in the afternoon.

Turks over awed by British Warning. CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 18.—Intelligence agents reported here that the Turks appear to be overawed by the British warning that invasion of the neutral zone would mean military action. It was believed that this reaction of the Turks may prevent Kemal from ordering an advance.

Western Provinces Will Respond To Call For Troops

(Special to The Guardian) CALGARY, Sept. 18.—Alberta will respond to the call for troops for action in the Dardanelles at once according to Lieut. Col. D. W.S. Spry, O.B.E., who is at present in command of military district No. 13, during the absence of Brig. Gen. A.H. Bell, now in California.

SASKATOON, Sask., Sept. 18.—A considerable number of men have applied at local militia offices stating their readiness to enlist for service at the Dardanelles.

U.S. Striking Shopman Return To Work

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—More than forty thousands striking shopmen were expected to return to their jobs today.

Australia in Position To Send Brigade Within Fortnight

SYDNEY, Sept. 18.—Australia can send a brigade of volunteers to the Dardanelles within a fortnight, Lieut. General Sir John Monash announced today.

Chief of Staff of The Free State Army

(Special to The Guardian) DUBLIN, September 18.—Major General John Mahon has been appointed chief of staff of the Free State army. He succeeds Richard Mulcahy, who since Michael Collins' death has held the combined posts of minister of defence, chief of staff and commander-in-chief of the National army.

Britain Invites The Dominions To Send Fighting Men

French Plenipotentiary Sent To Urge Kemal Pasha To Forego His Attempt Upon Constantinople. British Government Has Merely Informed Dominions of Gravity of Situation But Has Not Asked For Troops. Australian Government Has Offered To Supply Contingent.

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, Sept. 18.—Great Britain has invited Canada and the other British Dominions to re-present by contingents in the British force taking part in an effective defense of the neutral zone in the Near East, it was authoritatively reported today.

The British government has also addressed a note to Rumania, Jugoslavia and Greece asking their participation in the defense. The semi-official announcement of the invitation to the Dominions said that they had been invited to participate "in the defense of those interests for which they have already made enormous sacrifices."

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