

Gravity of Near East Crisis Is Evidenced by Successive Meetings of British Cabinet

Three Sessions Are Held Thursday With the Fourth Scheduled For Friday, Say London Dispatches

WEDNESDAY'S ADVERSE NEWS AMPLY CONFIRMED

More Turkish Troops Move Into Neutral Territory, But Gen. Harrington is Optimistic

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—(By The Associated Press.)—The British cabinet held its third successive meeting today and the meeting will be held tomorrow. This fact alone is sufficient evidence of the gravity of the situation in the near east, revealed by yesterday's news, which has been amplified and accentuated by today's dispatches.

The Greek revolution, which was a military and naval coup, seems to have been carried out with surprising swiftness and completeness. Information reaching Constantinople is meagre, but reports had it that he was a prisoner of the revolution. The Greek king, King Constantine, has fled from the city. The Greek king succeeds to the throne while the victorious troops with their leaders at their head marched triumphantly into Athens, which, pending the formation of a new government, is in the hands of a military dictatorship.

The British government is delaying its reply to the Russian note pending further developments. Regarding the Turkish complaints that the sea of Marmora is closed to Turkish troops, the British contention is that it has thoroughly maintained absolute neutrality as between the Greeks and the Turks. The whole sea of Marmora is free to both the Turks and Greeks equally.

Backfire From Motor Truck Starts Blaze Garage in Kinston and Other Property is Burned

(Special to the Star.) KINSTON, Sept. 28.—A backfiring motor truck was held responsible for a fire at 4 o'clock this afternoon which destroyed a garage here of the station highway commission and did nominal damage to the ice factory of Harvey Hines and the Kinston Laundry company in adjoining buildings. The total damage was estimated at about \$7,500. The building occupied by the state's equipment was owned by Grover Cox. It was gutted.

CATHOLICS AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE THEIR ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—The National Catholic Welfare Council was authorized today by the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church in America to continue and to intensify the activities which have resulted in the great good of the past year. Announcement of the authorization, which is a landmark in the history of the church, would clear up any uncertainty existing in some quarters as to the scope of the welfare work to be done by the hierarchy.

FUNERAL OF SENATOR THOMAS WATSON HELD IN HIS THOMSON HOME

Hundreds of Georgians Join Congressional Escort; Seven Thousand View Body

THOMSON, Sept. 28.—All that was mortal of Thomas E. Watson, junior United States senator from Georgia, was laid to rest late this afternoon beside his mother and father in a local cemetery. Hundreds of Georgians, including state officials, joined the honorary escort of colleagues of both branches of congress, which accompanied the body from Washington.

Wife of Slain Rector A "Devil" in Opinion Of Mrs. Eleanor Mills

This Information is Gathered by Detectives From a Neighbor of the Millises

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Sept. 28.—Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, widow of Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, slain clergyman, was a "devil" in the eye of Mrs. Eleanor Hebard Mills, his chief neighbor. Mrs. Mills was found beside his nearly two weeks ago. This information, with its bearing on a possible jealous motive, was given today by Miss Mills Ople, a neighbor of the Mills family. Miss Ople earlier had told of frequent telephone conversations between Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Mills and of many visits made by the slain rector to the Mills home.

Great Prosperity Era Is Predicted by Mrs. Vanderbilt in Address

Asheville Woman is Principal Speaker and Honor Guest at Carolinas Exposition

CHARLOTTE, Sept. 28.—Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, of Asheville, honor guest of "Vanderbilt Day" at the Made-in-Carolinas exposition, today delivered an address in which she predicted an era of great development and progress in the near future which, she said, would demand the energies of every citizen in behalf of their state. The Women's club, of Charlotte, entertained Mrs. Vanderbilt with a luncheon at noon, and tonight she was tendered a dinner by the chamber of commerce. More than 200 persons were in attendance. Mrs. Vanderbilt, tonight, was chief figure at a "Society Night" celebration.

Arrested For Alleged Murder 44 Years Ago

(Special to the Star.) LUMBERTON, Sept. 28.—Joe B. Kemp, charged with shooting and killing Daniel E. McNeill in Robeson county, Aug. 18, 1878, forty-four years ago, has been arrested in St. Augustine, Fla. Sheriff R. E. Lewis has gone to Florida for the prisoner, who will likely be tried at the November term of Robeson county court for murder in the first degree. Kemp and his wife were taken to this county about 18 years ago when he took place and is now 62 years old. One and 6 of the 9 jurors who tried the case are dead. There were two eye witnesses to the killing and both of these are to be living in this county.

PROPOSED MERGER OF BIG STEEL COMPANIES NOT TO BE EFFECTED

Companies to Have Been Affected Are Inland, Midvale and Republic Iron

BANKERS UNWILLING TO FINANCE COMPANY

Financiers Take This Position As Result of Federal Trade Commission's Ruling

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—The proposed merger of the Inland Steel company, the Midvale Steel and Ordnance company and Republic Iron and Steel company will not be effected, it was announced today. The situation resulted from the action of the federal trade commission in declaring that such merger would be illegal, was declared responsible for the decision. The decision to abandon the three company consolidation which was to have been known as the North American Steel company was strengthened, it was said, by the unwillingness of bankers to finance the merger on the face of the federal trade commission's ruling.

Reply to Confederate Criticism of Lincoln Made by L. S. Pilcher

G. A. R. Commander Deplores the Resolution Adopted by the U. D. C.'s

DES MOINES, Iowa, Sept. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher, of the Grand Army of the Republic, in a speech today before the Grand army replein, in a measure, to the attack upon Abraham Lincoln, made by Confederate veterans at their meeting at Richmond last June. "The recent venomous attack upon Lincoln's character made under circumstances which give wide publicity," he said, "does not lessen the world's estimate of his worth. It only tends to awaken the slumbering animosities and rudely disturb the feeling of peace and good will between federal and confederate which has begun to prevail throughout the nation."

Shriners to Erect Home in Charlotte Proposed Structure is to Cost Around \$400,000

CHARLOTTE, Sept. 28.—The Mosque committee, headed by illustrious Potentate Charles V. York, of Raleigh, is in charge of the plans for the erection in Charlotte of a \$400,000 Mosque to be the home of the nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Western North Carolina. It was announced tonight. Slight changes, it is said, will be made in the plans adopted by the Shriners at High Point and bids will likely be asked for tomorrow when another session is held. The committee is composed of Potentate York, Dr. W. F. Randolph, past potentate, of Asheville; W. S. Liddell, past potentate; Illustrious Recorder Thomas Griffith, and Treasurer John M. Scott, all of Charlotte.

GREEK SHIPS ENTER SMYRNA FLYING THE AMERICAN FLAG

SMYRNA, Sept. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Ten Greek-owned vessels steamed into the harbor tonight under the protection of the American flag and took off 20,000 refugees and victims of the fire. The American navy under rear Admiral Bristol is striving valiantly to save the remainder, which number not less than 40,000.

ANOTHER BIG DONATION TO TRINITY BY JAMES B. DUKE IS ANNOUNCED

Durham Tobacco King Makes \$1,250,000 Contribution to Methodist College in Durham

BRINGS FAMILY GIFT TO FOUR MILLIONS

One Million Dollars of Amount Goes Into Endowment Fund. Other to Buildings

DURHAM, Sept. 28.—Gifts totalling \$1,250,000 and bringing the grand total of donations of the family up to almost \$4,000,000, coming from James B. Duke, the "tobacco king," for Trinity college were announced today by Dr. W. F. Few, president of the institution. James B. Duke has again made large gifts to Trinity. President Few announced today that Mr. Duke has given \$25,000 to the gymnasium; that he will give \$50,000 towards a \$100,000 law building; that he will give \$50,000 towards a \$100,000 building for the new school of religious training; and that in addition to these gifts he is adding \$1,000,000 to the endowment of the college.

Democrats of Michigan Fail to Indorse Ford As Party Candidate

State Convention Holds Time Premature For Presidential Indorsements

Grand Parade Brings To An End Reunion of Civil War Veterans

Gen. Carr and Gen. Ray Lead Procession; Veterans Visit Soldier Hospitals

ASHEVILLE, Sept. 28.—The reunion of Confederate veterans comprising the North Carolina division, came to an end here today following one of the largest and most complete parades ever held in the city. Following the spectacular parade the veterans were driven over the Biltmore estate and many of them visited the government hospitals at Oteen and Kenilworth. In the wards of the hospitals emotion several times overcame patients who gazed from their beds of sickness upon the bent and gray veterans of a much more bitter conflict passing before them.

Eight Millions to Be Spent in Improvements By Coast Line System

New York Republicans Nominate State Slate

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 28.—The Republican state convention of 1922 completed its work today, renominating Governor Nathan L. Miller, of Syracuse, and United States Senator William M. Calder, of Brooklyn, and naming a ticket of state officers.

WALNUT COVE MAN DIES

WINSTON-SALEM, Sept. 28.—Adrian Van den Boom, successful manufacturer, Walnut Cove died at his home there today. A native of Holland, Van den Boom came to this country, 12 years ago, first locating in Niagara Falls, N. Y., and later going to Walnut Cove where he engaged in the manufacture of collapsible boxes.

Events Rapidly Approaching Climax Near Chanak; Turks Invade More Neutral Ground

All of Zone on Asiatic Side of Dardanelles Except Immediate Chanak Area Occupied by Turks; British Troops "Ready for What May Happen;" Harrington Asks Meeting With Kemal Pasha.

REGARDLESS OF CONCENTRATION BRITISH PREPARED FOR ATTACK

Reinforcements and Supplies Continue to Stream into the Assistance of the Tommies; Big Super Dreadnaughts Arrive in the Dardanelles; Additional Air Forces Ready for Action; Turks Now Have Only Machine Guns.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Events are approaching a climax. The Turks have occupied the entire neutral zone on the Asiatic side of the Dardanelles with exception of the Chanak area around which they have established infantry units in a semi-circle, virtually investing the British lines. The Turkish cavalry squadrons are retiring, and the British troops, who are in strong force at Chanak are ready for what may happen.

In these circumstances, General Harrington, the British commander in chief, has sent a wireless message to Kemal Pasha, at Smyrna, asking for an immediate personal meeting. He leaves the choice of place to Kemal, whose reply is expected momentarily.

Yussuf Kemal Pasha, the nationalist foreign minister, is understood to have gone to Angora to submit the allied joint note to the nationalist assembly, but in the meantime, Turkish concentration are being pushed with the greatest speed.

British reinforcements are reaching here and the threatened area, the super-dreadnaughts Revenge and Resolution, the most powerful fighting machines afloat, have arrived in the Dardanelles, while a battalion of North Staffshires and 1,000 men of the British air forces landed today and marched through Constantinople with bands playing. Their presence has helped to bring about a reassuring effect.

The Turkish instructions to the men in the Chanak sector are to advance the farthest possible without meeting resistance. They are now practically against the British entrenchments, and obviously the situation can not be indefinitely prolonged.

Notwithstanding the Kemalists concentration around Chanak, however, the British are confident of holding their lines against all odds. They declare that their flanks are well protected by the fleet. The battleships, with their 16 inch guns, can sweep the whole area around Chanak for a distance of 20 miles, and it is possible for the British to dismount some of their giant naval guns and use them for shore batteries.

The Turks at present have only machine guns in the Chanak area. If they brought up heavy artillery, the security of Chanak might be seriously challenged, the British admit, but the entrenchments in this sector are said to be more efficient than any used in the World war. Since September 11, 2,000 men from the labor squadron, 1,000 from the fleet and several thousand from the army have been steadily building trenches and setting up gun emplacements.

DEPOSED KING KLEAGLE OF KLAN RELEASED ON EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

W. V. Guerrard Gets Clear in Swain County Court, But Held For Grand Jury in Wake

LITTLE OF INSIDE GOSSIP LEAKS OUT

Bailey Quizzes Witnesses, But They Tell No Secrets; Asheville Membership Revealed

Star's News Bureau 512 Tucker Building By BROCK BARKLEY RALEIGH, Sept. 28.—W. V. Guerrard, deposed king klegale, of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina, was released from appearance in Bryson City, Swain county, for trial on charges of embezzling \$17,000 of klan funds as the result of habeas corpus proceedings before Superior Court Judge Lyon this afternoon. He was held under \$5,000 bond for a possible grand jury investigation at Asheville.

The hearing centered on the direct charges against Guerrard and very little inside klan gossip leaked out, despite a battery of questions leveled at the state's witnesses by the imperial wizard, who came into the state to take charge of the order with the dismissal of Guerrard.

It was revealed that the klan had 445 members in Asheville and 57 in Bryson City. Fronneberger testified he had paid Guerrard \$6 the member for these and the state charged the klegale had reported only 36 members in Asheville and 17 in Bryson City.

Mr. Bailey tried hard to find out the condition of the klan in the state but all Dr. Thompson would testify was that "it is good." Mr. Bailey was surprised that Dr. Thompson had not read the newspaper piece of the alleged late grand dragon, Bruce Craven, but the personal representative of the imperial wizard had not so much as heard of the gentleman. Newspaper criticism of the country over had a reaction favorable to the klan, said Thompson in relating Guerrard's claim for expenses of \$300 as salary during the period of "extreme mental anguish."

The court did not concern itself with the differences in the reports on the klan membership. It was revealed that the transfer of money of these was made by mail and Guerrard received the money in Raleigh. That would make the issue of the klan's membership in Raleigh and not in the mountain county, where the warrant was issued last week by N. E. Littlejohn, the klan's deposed.

The order releasing him from the Bryson City warrant held him for the Wake grand jury. A sensation had been promised when internal affairs of the klan in North Carolina should get a court airing but this afternoon's hearing was calm. Guerrard was confident after court that the action of the klan against him has stopped, and he would be released by whom Dr. Thompson is the chief, were reported as expecting to issue warrants in Franklin and other counties.

Guerrard came into the state to take charge of klan affairs in Asheville. He has great many klegales, of whom Fronneberger was the most prominent. Fronneberger was engaged in Charlotte in June 1920 and was an organizing klegale until last February when he testified that he had cancelled checks showing where he had paid Guerrard \$8 the member, he himself, keeping \$4. Guerrard was to get a dollar a membership and allowed for expenses of showing remittances of his treasury balance to Atlanta.

The deposed klegale is alleged to have failed to turn over some \$100 to Atlanta. In addition to a statement, giving himself \$3,800 for salary during the "mental anguish" period, allowances for rent, travel and other expenses, totalling \$5,000, it was claimed that many klegales had held back payments on membership initiation fees and dues.

Three thousand, three hundred bonds, each of a thousand dollars, were issued, got the signature of Governor Morrison this afternoon and tonight and tomorrow treasurer Ben Lacy takes them to New York where he will add his signature and deliver them to a syndicate of bankers. They are the school loan bonds sold a few weeks ago. Bond signing has got to be a big job with these two state chiefs. The issues have all been sold at one dollar bonds and the governor's signature is required on each. About five hours was required for the executive to sign today's lot.

State Retail Druggists Want New Legislation

By BROCK BARKLEY RALEIGH, Sept. 28.—The legislative committee of the state retail druggists' association, considering needed legislation at a meeting here today, laid plans for asking two or three acts of the next general assembly for the improvement of the profession. Chairmen of county druggists' associations from several counties met with the committee.

The druggists want legislation placing the sale of drugs more under the supervision of registered druggists. Quantities of medicine and prescriptions go out from store, particularly in the rural sections, lacking the services of a druggist qualified to handle the preparations, it was said.

In all probability the druggists will ask the legislature to provide for an inspection of drug stores. They have been handling their own inspections at a cost of \$5 the member, and it is considered that this is a state duty. The committee also gave further consideration to the move to get a druggist on the state board of health.

QUANTITY OF EXPLOSIVES FOUND NEAR ROCKY MOUNT A. C. L. SHOPS

ROCKY MOUNT, Sept. 28.—No clue has been discovered by the police as to who left ten sticks of dynamite and a small hand-made bomb in a vacant field near the Atlantic Coast Line hospital late yesterday. The theory is advanced that the stuff was left by some one who became frightened. The explosives were picked up by a negro.

FORMALLY RATIFY NOMINATION

BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 28.—The renomination of United States Senator Joseph I. France, at the primary election September 11, was formally ratified by the republican state convention here today. The platform warmly commended the national administration.