

ISSUE OF WAR OR PEACE IN THE ORIENT HANGS BY THREAD

General Harrington Leaves For A Conference With Kemal; War Times In Constantinople

If Next 24 Hours Passes Without A Shot All Immediate Danger Will Have Passed—Thousands Of Refugees Are Leaving—War Correspondents Of Every Nationality Come To Constantinople.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Brigadier General Sir Charles Harrington, commander in chief of the British forces in the Dardanelles area, plans to leave this afternoon for a conference with Mustafa Kemal Pasha, probably at Mudania, on the sea of Marmora.

The British are confident that if the next 24 hours pass without the firing of a shot at Chanak or other points along the Dardanelles all immediate danger of hostilities will have been avoided.

The allied high commissioners have decided to dispatch a commission composed of British, French and Italian officers to Rodosto, Lule-Bourgas and Adrianople, in Thrace, in order to exercise a pacifying influence there.

According to the Exchange Telegraph, part of the French troops which were withdrawn from Chataldja, and which have since been in Constantinople, will be used for the defense of the European shore of the Bosphorus.

With their backs to the straits, the British forces in Chanak now look out on three sides upon the forces of Mustafa Kemal Pasha. By their recent incursions the Turks have completed their occupation of the neutral zone, in defiance of Great Britain's ultimatum, and a climax is swiftly approaching.

General Pelle, French high commissioner, has dispatched an energetic note to Surnys telling Mustafa Kemal that the British sincerely desire to avoid a conflict, but that France will not be able to restrain them if they are attacked.

The British are confident they can hold their lines against any Kemalist attack, as their flanks at Chanak are protected by a powerful fleet of warships, the long range guns of which can sweep the area around the town for a distance of twenty miles, while the Turks at present are equipped only with machine guns in this sector.

The Greek battleship Averoff, which was taken from Constantinople by her mutinous crew, is proceeding through the straits unopposed by the Turkish land batteries.

Crowds continue to storm all the consulates and passport offices in the capital and some have been forced to close their doors or appeal to the police for protection. There is an unending stream of Greeks and Armenians outside the American consulate, the line forming each day before dawn. In the last 24 hours the Greek consulate has issued 5,000 visas.

Every outgoing train and boat is filled to capacity. Small fishing and merchant boats are taking the overflow and their owners are reaping large profits.

The prospect of war has brought to Constantinople newspaper correspondents of every nationality. The United States leads with thirteen writers, Great Britain has eleven, France seven, Italy four, and the rest are scattered among the smaller countries.

The journalistic assaults upon British headquarters have been so numerous that late that General Harrington has established daily half hour councils for the newspaper men which are presided over by Major M. A. Johnston, who gained fame in the Mesopotamian campaign and subsequently made a sensational escape afoot for several hundred miles from a Turkish prison camp.

With the aid of a map Major Johnston explains the significance of the various movements of the Turkish and British troops and sets forth the current naval situation.

General headquarters has occasion of late to complain of the exaggerated and inaccurate character of some of the reports which have gone out from Constantinople, and officials say if this persists they may be forced to establish a censorship.

General Harrington and his staff get little time for sleep or leisure these stirring days. The chief's usual office hours are from 7 in the morning until long after midnight.

When recently a London friend telegraphed him expressing solicitude for his health, General Harrington replied: "I'm fit as a fiddle. I saw the Bosphorus this morning at daybreak in twenty-four minutes."

Several British armored cars of the most modern type rolled through the streets yesterday afternoon, giving the capital a vivid touch of war realism. The Bosphorus also took on a martial aspect when a giant airship carrier and several additional units of the Atlantic fleet together with three troop transports passed into the Golden Horn.

UNCLE SAM AUCTIONS OFF LOT OF OLD JUNK

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Uncle Sam put one over on the junk man yesterday. Collecting a lot of trucks scattered about the House office building, one of his representatives hired an auctioneer and a boy to go out and ring a bell.

Auction news travels swiftly and in a little while an army or women had arrived. Some thread bare rugs over which steamed might have tread, some old water coolers of the type long outlawed; some filing cabinets that might fit in a corner of the kitchen as a receptacle for pots, and some old chairs on which no man could rest his weary bones, were gobbled up as quickly as if they had come from Westminster Abbey.

A little man in a brown derby bought a little faded screen after somebody had whispered it used to sit before the open fire place at Thomas Jefferson's home. It looked quite as old as all that. A tall man, 50 years old, wearing a dark suit, with green pencil stripes, bought a filing cabinet, which long stood in Champ Clark's office, and counted it a bargain. A woman, stunning in a new frock, which reached below the tops of her boots, and a big black hat with a red bird anchored on the starboard side, paid \$19.50 for a rug out of the Speaker's lobby.

"Look at the feet that have traveled over it," she exclaimed as she boosted the price the last two bits.

And look at the dust they left," said a rival as she quit bidding at \$19.25.

HAGGARD BREAKS UP DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS

Wife Has Lawyer Cancel Action After Papers Are Drawn — Husband Converted Last Night — Several Ladies Testify Thursday Night.

How the influence of Evangelist A. A. Haggard, evangelist conducting a series of tent services in East Gastonia, broke up a divorce suit already pending and reunited an estranged couple is one of the interesting stories that comes from the Haggard meeting today.

Stating that the men seemed to have all the inings in tent services, a splendid looking young woman said, Thursday evening: "We women appreciate the opportunity of telling how much the tent meetings have meant to us, not only in the saving of our men folk but in saving us."

Three other ladies followed her with testimonies that rang true. It was stated from the platform of the Gospel tent on East Ozark street Thursday night, "A wife from East Gastonia had engaged the services of a Gastonia attorney last week to institute proceedings for divorce and was to return to his office last Saturday to sign the papers and have summons issued. Her husband was converted last Friday night. She kept her appointment with the attorney on Saturday, her husband with her, had the papers cancelled and returned to a re-united and happy home."

With bootleggers giving up their nefarious business, gamblers forsaking chips and dice, drinkers being made sober and "shiners" breaking up stills, the tent services have been brimful of human interest stories which, however, but part of the wonderful amount of good that has been accomplished since the Haggard evangelistic party pitched their Gospel tent in Gastonia.

That all the good is not being done under the canvass is in evidence every night. From the reports of prayer meetings held in the mills and homes by Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Barnes, personal workers of the party, Godless homes are being Christianized and reunited prodigal boys and wayward girls, by their own testimonies, are being reclaimed and men and women men, more to their homes, church and community than ever before. Mr. Haggard, after singing a duet with his daughter, Miss Ruth Haggard, of Gaffney, preached a forceful and compelling sermon Thursday night, having for a theme, "Why Are You Not A Christian?" using the seventh verse of the thirty-ninth Psalm as a text. Twenty-five converts were reported.

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STAGE ALL SET FOR BIG RALLY DAY SUNDAY BY THE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Various Committees Working at High Speed to Make Oct. First Red Letter Day.

ALL SCHOOLS TO REPORT.

Expectation is That 20,000 People Will Attend Exercises on This Date.

Sunday, October 1, promises to be a real red letter day in the history of Gaston county Sunday schools. On that day simultaneous inter-denominational Rally Day exercises will be held in every nook and corner of the county and it is expected that at least 20,000 Gaston county people will attend these services.

For the past four or five weeks committees working under the direction of the Gaston County Sunday School Association have been very active in promoting this event and their efforts have met with marked success. Not only in every town in the county but in practically every rural section Sunday schools are going to observe this day with a special program.

W. Hugh Wray, co-operation chairman, has been unremitting in his efforts to secure the co-operation of every Sunday school in the county and up to date the great majority have responded favorably. There are perhaps a number of schools which are going to observe the day that have failed to notify him to that effect. This week Mr. Wray sent to every Sunday school superintendent in the county a printed post card to be returned to him giving a report of the attendance and collection on that day.

It is very important that every school in Gaston fill out and return this card whether the day is observed as Rally Day or not.

I. H. Gantt, chairman of the advertising committee, has covered the county with posters and placards advertising the event and the publicity thus secured has stimulated interest in the day to a very great extent. Working in conjunction with Mr. Gantt the publicity committee, of which J. W. Atkins is chairman, has seen that the event has received considerable publicity through the newspapers and otherwise.

General Chairman J. H. Kennedy has been on the job all the while and has assisted all the committees in putting the occasion over.

Fred M. Allen is chairman of the statistical committee which will tabulate the reports and put the statistics in shape for publicity.

A model program was prepared and furnished to a great many of the schools by a committee of which Joe S. Wray was chairman.

Unless present indications fail Sunday, October 1, is going to be by far the biggest day in the entire history of the county so far as its Sunday schools are concerned.

RADIO EXHIBIT TO BE FEATURE OF FAIR

Amateur Radio Fans Invited To Send In Sets To Compete For Cash Prize Of \$25.

One of the features at the Big Gaston County Fair will be the exhibit of amateur radio fans.

There will be three cash prizes offered to radio fans for the best assembled radio-receiving sets. These sets will be on exhibition in the wireless booth. Special serials will be built for testing out the different sets and all receiving sets will be tested out by an expert.

The Southern Radio Corporation will give special programs in the afternoon and at night. The afternoon programs will be mostly news items and speeches. The night programs will consist of music, news items, speeches, etc.

The prizes offered will be cash prizes. First prize \$25; second prize \$25; third prize \$10.

The radio receiving sets will be judged on three points, as follows: Audibility, mechanical workmanship, and appearance.

Every radio fan is urged to send his set to the Big Gaston Fair by fair officials.

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Child Tragedy



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Bachelors' Club Is Totally Decimated

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Sept. 28.—Thirty-two years ago 23 Waukegan business men forsook marriage, formed a bachelor club and bought a club-house on Third lake.

Today the old circle had dwindled to one, Clarence J. Bassett, a jeweler—and he sold the club.

"It's too lonesome," he said. "When any of the old fellows come back they always bring a lot of wives and things."

When the break in the ranks started, William W. Pearce offered a silver loving cup for the first pair of twins. Ten years later he won it himself.

The old bachelor club is to be turned over to vacation colonists.

LEWIS CONCERT PARTY TO GIVE CONCERT OCT. 5

American Legion Stages Concert For Benefit Of Post Treasury — Want Money For Armistice Day.

Announcement is made today by Gaston Post, No. 23, American Legion of the coming to Gastonia of the Lewis Concert party next Thursday evening, October 5, at the Central school auditorium.

The concert will be given under the auspices of the American Legion, which is raising money for the Armistice Day celebration.

Sam Lewis, a distinguished Welsh tenor, has been in concerts and Oratorio work for eleven years, and has made four transcontinental tours with his own company of high class musical artists, under the direction of the Affiliated Bureau, in the United States, Canada, New Zealand and Australia.

Mr. Lewis is one of the most popular ballad singers in America, and is scarcely less a favorite in oratorio and operatic arias. His voice possesses a never-to-be-forgotten richness that goes home to the heart of every hearer. He has studied with Charles Edward Clarke, of Chicago, and David Bispham, of New York. He has appeared on the same courses with Louis Kriedler, of the Chicago Opera, and Frances Ingram, of the Metropolitan.

With Mr. Lewis appears Marie Colliton, pianist, Lina Schuler, violinist, and Nell Adams, reader.

Miss Colliton is a graduate of Music department of South Dakota State College, and has taken post graduate work with Jeanne Boyd, of Chicago. She was with the Oceanic Quintette three seasons. Lina Schuler, violinist, is a pupil of Frank Maeb, a graduate of Bush Conservatory of Chicago, and artist-pupil of Richard Czernovsky, Adams, reader, is a graduate of Lyceum Arts Conservatory, of Chicago. She was formerly with Elias Day Players, and has been very successful in the portrayal of comedy roles.

A rare musical treat is in store when the Lewis Concert Party appears here.

SITUATION DESCRIBED AS "BAD AS CAN BE SHORT OF ACTUAL WAR;" GENERAL WARFARE IS IMMINENT

ROTARY TO ENTERTAIN TEACHERS AND NURSES

Community Workers Of County Also Included — Hear About Carolinas' Exposition From Those Who Attended.

Announcement of the fact that the club will entertain the nurses and community workers of the county at an early meeting in October, and the teachers of the city schools at a meeting early in November constituted the most important items of interest at the regular Rotary luncheon Thursday. There was no set program and the meeting was turned over to a general discussion of several topics and a hearing of reports from the Carolinas Exposition. An invitation from the Clover A. R. P. church to hold a meeting with them was declined with regret inasmuch as the club has discontinued for this year the custom of holding meetings out of town.

Stillman Is Denied Decree For Absolute Divorce From His Wife

Guy Stillman, Son Of Mrs. Stillman Is Declared Legitimate.

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British Policy Is To Keep Turks From Crossing The Dardanelles Into Thrace—If Fighting Occurs Whole Of The Balkans Will Be Drawn Into Conflict—British Government Is Steadily Increasing Its Preparations For War.

Blacksnake Found In Child's Pillow

LITTLE MILL CREEK, W. Va., SEPT. 28.—"Mamma, there's something alive in our pillow and it wiggles," insisted a young daughter of Mrs. Kinsey Darrel, when she appeared for breakfast this morning.

The child's statement was confirmed by two other children who reminded their mother that they had made similar declarations since the big, home made pillow was placed on their bed, Monday night.

"That's hosh," replied Mrs. Darrel, "I stuffed that pillow with nice, clean chicken feathers and I sewed it myself."

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LONDON, Sept. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—Grave fears for a recurrence of general warfare in Europe as a result of the Near East crisis are occupying the minds of British official circles. It is stated in authoritative quarters.

The protracted and frequent cabinet meetings which have been going on for the last few days all have been for the purpose of taking every possible step for the prevention of such a conflagration.

It is explained these fears are based on the relations known to exist between the Anglo government and Soviet Russia and the potentialities of such relations.

The whole British policy, it is stated, is to keep the Turks from crossing the Dardanelles into eastern Thrace, because it is maintained that in this event fighting would certainly occur and the whole of the Balkans would be drawn into the struggle. It is declared emphatically that such a crossing will not be countenanced.

The issue of war or peace still hung by a thread this morning, and there was no relief from the tension existing yesterday. Violation of the neutral zone by the Turks continues.

Turkish soldiers are approaching to within a few feet of the British outposts and reconnoitering the whole of the defensive positions. General Harrington's orders have not been changed. The cabinet went into session again this morning and probably will continue in conference throughout the day, with only necessary intermissions.

The situation is as bad as it can be short of actual war, in the opinion of the editorial writers of the morning newspapers. The main danger is still regarded as centering in the Chanak zone on the southern shore of the Dardanelles, into which Turkish nationalist troops continue to move freely in defiance of the British decree.

Cavalry detachments in bands of 100 or 200 continue to filter in, says the Morning Post's Constantinople correspondent. "They ride under a white flag or with rifles reversed whenever they are near our troops. They show no aggression, but make the British situation militarily most difficult, and their movement naturally furnishes an excellent method of reconnoitering."

Such reports as the foregoing keep alive the dread of a big scale clash before Mustapha Kemal Pasha's reply to the Allied peace proposals is received and negotiations for an armistice can begin.

News is still awaited as to the position of the British advanced posts at Kephez, which was reported on Wednesday as being threatened by a Turkish advance from Eren Keui. This is one of the incidents that seems to hold possibility of a big scale clash.

There were rumors overnight that the Allies would possibly evacuate Constantinople, thus allowing the Kemalist headquarters would be established in Gallipoli, where they could cooperate with the British forces in Chanak in keeping the straits open. Fear is also expressed lest the Kemalist sympathizers in Constantinople start an uprising within the capital.

Apparently authentic reports from Constantinople indicate that Sultan Mohammed VI has abdicated in favor of the heir apparent, rince Abdul Mejid Effendi, his cousin. It is assumed that this was under pressure from Mustapha Kemal, who recently appointed a "governor" for Constantinople, and who is quoted as delivering diatribes against sultan.

Some of the morning papers report that the British government is steadily increasing its preparations for war. The Daily Express says several thousand military motor trucks have been ordered and that two of the government's largest ammunition and arms factories, which have been almost idle since the war, have been put upon full time.

The movement of warships and troops to the Levant continues, the latest being the departure from Aldershot of two mountain batteries.

The British policy that the Turks be not allowed to cross the straits before the question is adjusted by a peace conference is said to be based on the Allied note sent from Paris to Mustapha Kemal inviting him to such a conference.

The opinion is expressed that Kemal is trying to provoke the British to fire on Turks so that he can turn to the Mohammedan world and claim he has been attacked by the Christians.

Should such a thing occur it would naturally raise a grave issue for Great Britain in India, Egypt and Mesopotamia.

S. L. JENKINS GETS TWO YEARS ON ROAD

(By The Associated Press.)—FOLLOWING the submission of a plea of guilty, S. L. Jenkins, Winston-Salem merchant, was this afternoon sentenced by Judge W. F. Harding to a year and a half in the state penitentiary on a statutory charge.

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