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Britain Took Lead in Sending Fleet to Golden Horn, Says Millerand

TURKS TO SEEK AID IN U. S.

By the Associated Press
Paris, Feb. 24.—Great Britain took the initiative in sending a fleet to Constantinople, says a London dispatch to the Petit Parisien, quoting Premier Millerand, who is said to have added other allied warships in the Golden Horn.

London, Feb. 24.—A Moslem delegation is now in Venice on its way to London and America.

The delegation, which claims to hold a mandate for 70,000,000 Indian Muslims, has sent a statement here insisting that President Wilson's twelfth voling with regard to assurance of a secure sovereignty of the Turkish portions of the Ottoman empire.

It begs that no final decision with regard to Turkey's future be taken until the Mussulman standpoint, which is the maintenance of the Ottoman empire intact with Turkish peoples, is heard. The delegation also demands the cessation of unfettered custody of the holy places. Otherwise, the delegation insists, "the traditional loyalty to Great Britain in India will infallibly be challenged."

Agitation in favor of ousting Turkey from Constantinople, which has been a conspicuous feature in one section of the press during the last few days and which has had the support of religious and philanthropic bodies, met a counterblast from another section of the London newspaper world today which contended the question was one of such importance that it could not be settled on sentimental considerations, but must be left to the matured deliberation of the Supreme Allied Council.

In a lengthy argument the Telegraph asserted that British statesmanship has "neither the duty nor interest to expel the sultan from Constantinople" and expressed the opinion that agitation of this kind was ill-inspired and ill-considered.

"We counsel those who sincerely support it," the newspaper continued, "to give more unprejudiced study to new factors in the problem, especially Great Britain's position as a power, which must not disregard the feelings of many millions of the most eminent subjects. The Daily News, which has always been a staunch champion of the Armenian and a war supporter of Gladstone, also calls for consideration of the problem in the light of present circumstances. It says the real question is the weight to be attached to the warnings of Moslem unrest as a result of the expulsion of the Turks from their spiritual capital.

The newspaper remarks that although Viscount James Bryce, "whose view is entitled to profound respect, dismisses the so-called Moslem peril as being overdrawn, other authorities entitled to equal respect and with more recent experience in eastern conditions hold precisely the opposite view." The News deplores the fact that recent demonstrations were not started before the decision of the Allies was announced.

Under the caption, "A Too Successful Agitation," the Morning Post says: "The British government by making hay an announcement throughout India of the decision in favor of the sultan has barred revision of that decision."

The newspaper seeks to show the decision was merely a concession to political agitators in Hindustan, who may not be temporarily modified by it. The recent campaign in favor of the expulsion of the Turks is said by the Express to be based on a "prejudiced sentiment," and the newspaper argues there is not a single advantage to be obtained in drawing the sultan away from Constantinople.

French Girl Files at Fourteen
Paris, Feb. 24.—The number of women aviators in France, which for some time has stood at thirteen, soon is to be increased by one who will establish a record for youthfulness being only fourteen and one-half years old. She is Andre Farman, a daughter of Maurice Farman, a brother of Henry Farman, one of the pioneers in aviation. Miss Farman flew her first time in 1919.

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Washington, DC, 23 febbraio. — Le note scambiate tra gli Stati Uniti e la Potenza dell'Intesa, sulla questione Adriatica, saranno rese pubbliche entro pochi giorni, secondo quanto è stato ufficialmente oggi assicurato. La pubblicazione, si dice, sarà fatta con il consenso dei governi esteri.

Si attende che le note saranno rese di pubblica ragione non appena sarà giunta ai Primi Ministri alleati l'ultima replica del Presidente Wilson, la quale probabilmente sarà spedita in questa sera a mezzo di cablogramma.

Il Dipartimento di Stato ha ultimato il suo lavoro di riguardo della nota e l'ha rimessa al Presidente per la sua finale approvazione, dopo di che sarà spedita in Europa in cifra.

La nota sarà rimessa all'Ambasciatore Americano Davis, in Londra, il quale la consegnerà al Supremo Consiglio degli Alleati.

Londra, 23 febbraio.—Il supremo Consiglio degli Alleati dovrà, in questa settimana, affrontare la necessità di prendere vitali decisioni, non ultima quella importante relativa alla situazione resa.

In via semi-ufficiale è stato smentito che Lloyd George e Nitti, i due Primi Ministri di Inghilterra ed Italia, abbiano raggiunto un accordo per riconoscere il Governo dei Soviet in Russia senza l'appoggio del Ministro di Francia Millerand.

Roma, 23 febbraio.—Il Giornale d'Italia ha pubblicato un lungo articolo riguardo la nomina di Robert Underwood Johnson ad Ambasciatore degli Stati Uniti in Roma e lo conclude col dire che tale nomina è la prova che tra il popolo d'Italia e quello degli Stati Uniti vi è ancora spazio per un'intima intesa.

"Essi saranno sempre amici—dice il giornale—e non vi è ragione di conflitto. Essi sono ansiosi di conoscersi reciprocamente, più intimamente e scambiarsi tuttora" che essi posseggono per usarlo pienamente per la civiltà e la cultura. Per questo importante lavoro Mr. Johnson è splendidamente adatto."

Un corrispondente di un giornale americano di questa città manda da Washington che qualche cosa di critico è coinvolto nella nota che il Governo degli Stati Uniti ha preparato per essere inviata all'Inghilterra, Francia e Italia, con riguardo alla questione di Fiume.

Detta nota, più che la controversia sul territorio Adriatico, coinvolge una definizione per la politica estera degli Stati Uniti in un immediato futuro. Virtualmente sarebbe dato agli Alleati in scelta di riconoscere il Senato o il Presidente Wilson come i veri rappresentanti del pensiero americano.

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