

PRESIDENT FAVORS TURKS' EXPULSION

Says Ottoman Should Be Ousted From Europe

SUGGESTS TREATY CHANGES

By the Associated Press
Washington, March 31.—Frank expression of his belief that the Turk as a nation should be expelled from Europe and that this "often-expressed intention" of the Allies should be carried out in framing the Turkish treaty, is contained in President Wilson's note to the allied leaders relating to their recent statement of information concerning the progress made in framing the treaty. The note was made public here last night after the State Department had been informed that it had been delivered to the allied premiers.

While the President did not deem it advisable that the United States be represented in the conferences at which the treaty was framed because this country never was technically at war with Turkey, he expressed the opinion that "as this government is vitally interested in the future peace of the world, it should frankly express its views on the proposed solutions of the difficult questions connected with the Turkish treaty."

The President wrote that while the strength of the arguments for retention of the Turks in Constantinople was recognized, the American Government believes that the "arguments against it are far stronger."

Suggested Treaty Changes

The government of the United States, President Wilson says, after declaring it assumed the line given as the southern frontier of Turkey is meant to be the ethnological frontier of the Arab people, "in which case, it is suggested, certain rectifications would seem necessary." Approves the provision made for Russian representation on the international council proposed to be established for the government of Constantinople and the straits.

As to the passage of warships and the regime of the straits in wartime, he says he is convinced that no final decision should or can be made on this point and related questions without the consent of Russia, "when it has a government recognized by the civilized world."

Adrianople for Bulgaria

The President outlines the government's views on the geographical boundaries of Thrace, part of which he says should be assigned to Greece and the remainder, including the cities of Adrianople and Kirk-Kilisseh to Bulgaria. The latter portion of the province being clearly Bulgarian in population.

As to the proposed preferential right of the three great Mediterranean powers to furnish advisers and instructors in certain zones, President Wilson says this government feels that it is necessary for it to have more information as to the reason and purpose of such a plan before it can express an intelligent opinion.

The United States and the civilized world, the President says, demand and expect the most liberal treatment of Armenia, whose boundaries should be drawn in such a way as to recognize all the legitimate claims of the Armenian people and particularly to give

them easy and unencumbered access to the sea, with Trebizond as the terminus.

In regard to the relinquishment by Turkey of her rights to Mesopotamia, Arabia, Palestine, Syria and the islands, the President suggests that the methods resorted to in case of Austria be adopted, namely, that Turkey should place these provinces in the hands of the great powers, to be disposed of as those powers determine. He withholds opinion regarding arrangements for Smyrna, the question being too important to be passed on with the limited information this government has.

The President's note concludes: "Let me say that it is the understanding of the government of the United States that whatever territorial changes or arrangements may be made in the former Ottoman empire, such changes or arrangements will in no way place American citizens or corporations or the citizens or corporations of any other country in a less favorable situation than the citizens or corporations of any power party to this treaty."

HUNGARIAN TREATY SCORED

Bryce Sounds Warning Against Peace of Revenge

London, March 31.—(By A. P.)—The treaty with Hungary was severely criticized in the House of Lords last night by Baron Newton and Viscount Bryce. The former asked whether Hungary's request for a revision of the harsh provisions had been definitely refused, and why millions of the population severed from Hungary were not allowed to decide their fate by plebiscite.

Lord Bryce said: "We have already had solemn warning of the effect of a peace conceived in a spirit of revenge." The Earl of Crawford, chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, replied somewhat evasively for the government that it was impossible to make a statement apart from the Allies.

"FORZA DEL DESTINO" SCORES HUGE SUCCESS

Male Voices of the Metropolitan Opera Company Have "Field Day" in Verdi Opera

La Forza del Destino
Opera in four acts by Giuseppe Verdi

THE CAST
Marquis of Calatrava..... Louis D'Angelo
Don Carlos..... Rosa Ponselle
Don Alvaro..... Pasquale Amato
Don Alvaro..... Enrico Caruso
The Abbot..... Giuseppe Giannini
Prestonilla..... Josephine Marshall
Father Maittone..... Thomas Chalmers
The Alcaide..... Paolo Angheloni
Trabuco..... Giovanni Patrino
A Surgeon..... Vincenzo Tschichila
Conductor—Gennaro Papi

It is not often that an opera is composed which deals with the male voices almost to the exclusion of the prima donna, but "La Forza del Destino," sung at the Metropolitan Opera House last evening to a capacity house, is one of these. The principal feature of the work is that the baritone, tenor and bass voices find an expression melodically that is not often accorded to any one of them (excepting the tenor), let alone three. Perhaps Mr. Gatti spoke to the cognoscenti when, in one of his little statements about the opera, he said that a very remarkable cast is necessary for this work. It is, and the richer in great male voices and actors than in the female of the operatic species, has the people to produce it.

Beyond all doubt the opera was one of the great "hits" of the season and drew one of the largest audiences that the company has attracted during the

year. How much of this was due to the beauty of the opera and how much to the members of the cast would be difficult (or, perhaps, embarrassing) to say. Of course, Mr. Caruso was the star, as he always is, even granting the fact that the part does not suit him so well as some others, but Mr. Amato, with his thorough understanding of the manner in which to sing a bravura baritone part, and Mr. Mardones, with his superb voice and equally fine character delineation, were "close seconds," in the estimation of the audience, and deservedly so. The score of "La Forza del Destino" is replete with solos and ensemble numbers for the male voices, and all of them were magnificently sung. The dramatic demands of the opera are small, compared with its vocal requirements, but, such as they are, they were adequately met.

It is not to be gathered, however, that the female parts were not well done. It is simply that Verdi, in this work, has given precedence to the male voices. Miss Ponselle as "Leonora" and Miss Gordon as "Prestonilla" both sang and acted their parts finely. Miss Ponselle more than justifies the promise which

she gave at her debut last season, and which she has steadily augmented ever since. It was Miss Gordon's first big part in this city, as hitherto she has appeared in comparatively unimportant roles. She made a most prepossessing gipsy visually and sang the part well. The solo, with chorus, unaccompanied by the orchestra, at the close of the third act was not only beautifully sung but, apparently, at least, she played the drum part herself, with a rare sense of rhythm and a sureness of stroke betokening much private practice.

The sole comic relief in the opera, that of Father Maittone, was splendidly given by Thomas Chalmers. The minor parts were all well taken, as they always are in a Metropolitan cast and Mr. Papi conducted with a due regard to the relative values of vocal and orchestral parts.

Two Aviators Fall to Death

St. Louis, Mo., March 31.—(By A. P.)—Harry E. Simon, a former army flier of Pittsburgh, and Arthur L. Peterson, of Viborg, S. D., a student aviator making his first flight, were killed yesterday when their airplane crashed 300 feet to the ground.

BUCKLE DEFLECTS BULLET

Metal on Suspender Saves Man's Life When Fired at by Robber

One of three robbers shot at Christopher Eppliar, in the latter's store at 916 Green street, at 12:45 o'clock this morning. Eppliar's life was probably saved by a suspender buckle which deflected the bullet.

The robbers, negroes, entered the store and asked for some cigars. Eppliar procured the cigars and turned

to see one of the men opening the cash register. Intercepted, the negro whipped out a revolver and ordered Eppliar to put up his hands. Eppliar refused. Then the negro aimed the revolver at the shopkeeper and fired.

The bullet struck the metal buckle directly over Eppliar's heart. It was deflected and caused a slight flesh wound. The robbers fled without loot. Eppliar was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital.

HOOVER REPLIES TO POPE

Rome, March 31.—(By A. P.)—Pope Benedict has received from Herbert Hoover an answer to the letter sent to him by the pontiff through Cardinal Gibbons, relative to relief work among children in central Europe. Mr. Hoover expresses admiration for the work of charity constantly carried on by the pope and says he is "confident that papal support of the movement will produce good results."

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Appeal for German Children

The Friends are working in close co-operation with the European Children's Fund, which is giving one supplementary meal each day to nearly 3,000,000 children in nine countries of Central and Eastern Europe. The Quakers will follow the same methods in Germany.

"Gravest Food Crisis Will Be in April and May"

(Cable from the Friends' Unit, Jan. 30, 1920)

There are today 10,000,000 undernourished children in Germany. A single meal costs 5 cents. To feed 1,000,000 children six months, January to June, until the next harvest, will cost \$9,000,000.

The Friends pay for personnel, office and overhead expenses. The European Children's Fund, of which Herbert Hoover is Chairman, provides out of a special fund all expenses of transportation.

In appealing for funds to provide food for undernourished children in Europe at the present time, Herbert Hoover said: "Last year the American people spent literally billions of dollars in saving the whole of Europe from famine. The present cry is but an echo of that which then existed. We cannot allow our greatness to be marred by a failure to meet this last remaining call upon our hearts."

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