

BRITISH ENTRENCH; BOMBED BY TURKS

Skirmishes on Gulf of Ismid.
Nationalists Near
Constantinople
ARMENIA MAKING PACT

By the Associated Press
Constantinople, June 18.—British troops which are confronted by Turkish Nationalist forces on the Ismid Peninsula, in Asia Minor, are well entrenched and well supported by the British fleet in the Gulf of Ismid and in the Bosphorus. For this reason, no apprehension is felt that the nationalists will attack this city.
Nationalist airplanes are dropping bombs on the British trenches for the evident purpose of goading the British into an engagement, but, while the British are sending reinforcements to Ismid, there is apparent a disposition to avoid fighting. For several days there have been skirmishes along the north shore of the Gulf of Ismid, and British wounded are arriving here. Guebda is occupied by Nationalist forces, which also hold the mountains north of the gulf, but a short distance from Constantinople.
Inmates of the Armenian orphanage at Ismid have been brought to this city under the direction of Miss Sophie Holt, an American worker, on the railway, which is still operating. A large number of other refugees have also reached

Constantinople from the Asian side of the Bosphorus.
London, June 18.—(By A. P.)—Negotiations between the Turkish-Anatolian republic and Armenia are proceeding favorably and an agreement is expected shortly, says a Moscow dispatch, which says the Russian soviet government is acting as a mediator between the two countries.
The question of guaranteeing Armenia against Turkish attacks will probably be solved, the dispatch says, by a clause in the treaty binding Turkey from keeping an army within a specified distance of the Armenian frontier.
The British Government has no intention of scrapping the Turkish treaty, but it is hinted Great Britain is willing to make important modifications in the hope of stabilizing the Near East situation.

Washington, June 18.—Details of the much-heralded uprisings in the Mohammedan world against British rule and in favor of the Turkish Nationalists and Bolsheviks were received here yesterday in official advices.
The reports confirm advices as to Moscow and Munich conferences received some time ago by the State Department. Enver Pasha, Dismal Pasha and Talaat Pasha, Turkish Nationalist leaders, were reported to have conferred with Spartacists and Bolsheviks at Munich.

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Ginevra, 18 giugno.—Trento trenta prigionieri italiani sono stati uccisi dagli insorti albanesi in Tirana, secondo disegni giunti da Belgrado che dichiarano la notizia essere pervenuta dalla detta città dell'Albania.

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Roma, 17 giugno.—Ha avuto luogo un'altra riunione del Consiglio dei Ministri, sotto la presidenza dell'On. Giolitti. La data della riapertura della Camera è stata fissata definitivamente per il 22 corrente.

L'On. Giolitti ha ricevuto i corrispondenti dei giornali esteri. Egli ha tenuto soprattutto a chiarire l'orizzonte dei rapporti italo-francesi, poiché è noto che la stampa parigina non ha fatto buon viso al ritorno di Giolitti al potere.

Ad un corrispondente di un'agenzia

francese l'On. Giolitti ha dichiarato che non può contestare che egli potentemente influì sulla proclamazione della neutralità dell'Italia. A tale riguardo ha rammentato che nell'agosto del 1914, trovandosi a Parigi, si recò all'Ambasciata Italiana e pregò il nostro addetto a trasmettere al Governo di Roma l'opinione che egli aveva riguardo la situazione ed il consiglio circa l'atteggiamento dell'Italia, che non poteva essere che di neutralità. L'On. Giolitti ha detto, pure, che insisteva perché la proclamazione della neutralità avvenisse immediatamente, ed ha terminato il suo dire riaffermando i suoi saldi sentimenti di amicizia per la Francia.

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