

Request League Take Mandate Over Armenia

Alies Propose That Only Cilicia Shall Be Left Under French Protection; Decision Due Next Week

Wisdom of Plan Doubted Georgian Government Opposes British Action and "Red" Menace Increases

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LONDON, April 1.—The league of nations has been asked by the Supreme Council to accept a mandate for Armenia. A special meeting of the league council has been called for next week to consider the offer. The mandate would cover Erivan, adjoining the Turkish Armenian territories, but not Cilicia, which remains under French protection. Officials of the league of nations are inclined to doubt whether the organization is sufficiently strong to undertake a job which some of the Entente nations, including Great Britain, have been unable to carry out. Armenian leaders here, however, express hope that the league council will assume full responsibility for their country, as they believe its moral protection would be invaluable.

Lebanon Favours French Mandate
CONSTANTINOPLE, April 1.—Resolutions favoring a French mandate over Lebanon were adopted by the League of Nations Council March 22, according to advices received here. The council appointed a commission to draft a constitution and adopted as its banner the French flag, with a cedar tree in the center of the white stripe. Announcement of the decision of the Entente Powers to supervise jointly the administration of the Batum district has met with extreme disapproval in the new republic of Georgia. The Georgian government has disapproved of British occupation of Batum province and apparently was not appeased by the joint occupation, which was announced unexpectedly after the British previously had made public their intention to evacuate the province.

Troops Carry Red Banners
A mass meeting was held at Tiflis, following the decision of the Entente, and a large number of regular troops joined a procession carrying red banners, emphasizing the soviet and urging a proletarian government. Government troops were moved to the edge of Batum Province. When the Entente officials asked the meaning of this movement the Georgian government said it was for the purpose of assisting the Entente to maintain order. British troops and French marines are now ashore at Batum. French troops are reported to be en route to assist in the occupation.

May Join Bolsheviks
The Georgian government is so Bolshevik in its tendencies that it would cause no surprise were it to make peace and ally itself immediately with the Bolsheviks, if the Entente troops move against it. Ahmed Emin Bey and Veli Bey, editors of prominent newspapers here, and Soultman Nazif Bey, a widely known poet, have been arrested by the British and deported to Malta. Said Pasha, Turkish commandant in Constantinople, also has been placed under arrest. Ahmed Emin Bey was graduated from Columbia University, New York City, and Veli Bey was president of the Ottoman Press Association.

700 Japanese Killed In Battle by Bolsheviki

Two-Day Fight in Siberia Is Believed Forerunner of Guerilla Warfare
HONOLULU, T. H., April 1 (By The Associated Press).—Seven hundred Japanese troops and civilians were killed in a two-day battle with Russian Bolshevik forces at Nikolaevsk, Siberia, according to a Tokio cable dispatch received by the Japanese newspaper "Nihon Jiji" here. The Japanese residents organized a volunteer force to aid the Japanese soldiers fight a heavy force of Bolsheviks. The Japanese consulate was burned and the consul, M. Ichida, is missing, according to the cable. The two-day battle began on March 13. Nikolaevsk is at the mouth of the Amur River.

VLADIVOSTOK, March 22.—Russian and Japanese troops clashed at Nikolaevsk, a city located at the mouth of the Amur River, on March 13, the Russians reporting their losses as being 40 killed and 80 wounded. Belief is expressed here that this encounter may start guerilla warfare, which will spread through all eastern Siberia if the Japanese do not evacuate the country. All Siberia will be put under the Soviet form of government on April 1, when the Communist party opens its convention at Nikol'sk, near here. Two-thirds of the districts in the eastern part of the country have adopted the Soviet system and the Zemstvo governments are ready to hand over control without resistance, it is said. Proposals for peace between Soviet Russia and Japan, China and the United States are announced here by M. Vilenki, Bolshevik envoy, who recently arrived here from Moscow. The soviet government gives a pledge not to carry on propaganda in America, recognizes Japan's "special interest" in the Far East and renounces all claims to concessions in China.

China and Japan Nearing Agreement on Shantung

Indirect Negotiations Are Reported Completed and Direct Exchanges Soon to Open
TOKIO, April 1.—Unofficial exchanges between the Chinese and Japanese in Peking in regard to Shantung show a gradual entente, according to advices. They seem to agree on the following conditions: 1. That Kiaochow Bay shall be returned to China and made an open port. 2. To make the railways a joint enterprise between Chinese and Japanese, both contributing the same amount of capital, the shares for the Chinese to be paid by the Japanese for the time

being and to become the property of Shantung Province. 8. The mining rights to be disposed of in a similar manner. Japan will be given the precedence for development and transportation of coal and iron mines, cotton, salt and foodstuffs. Indirect negotiations are reported to have been completed and direct negotiations will be opened before long.

Brazilian Rail Strike Off RIO DE JANEIRO, April 1.—The strike on the Great Western Railway, which began on March 21, when a demand for higher wages for the men was refused, has been settled, it is announced in dispatches to-day from Pernambuco. The settlement was a compromise arrangement, it is said.

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