

TURKISH NATION DOOMED BY ALLIES

Territorial Plea Rejected in Note Declaring Bloody Past Proves Rule Unfit

ADMIT OTTOMAN WAR TOOL

By the Associated Press
Paris, June 27.—The allied council has replied to the Turkish memorandum, saying it could not accept the Turkish claim that its territories be restored undiminished.

The Allies, replying to the Moslem plea that Germany was responsible for dragging Turkey into the war and that the German army really started hostilities, coupled with excuses that the former Ottoman rulers, not the Turkish people, were culpable, said, in a scathing rejoinder, that Turkey had shown she was not fit to rule subject peoples, and pointed to the reign of slaughter in Asia Minor.

A detailed memorandum, embodying a plea for the continuance of the old Turkish empire, was submitted to the Council of Ten on Tuesday by the Turkish delegation. The memorandum set forth that the Turkish Government was prepared to recognize the independence of Armenia and to grant some form of autonomous government to Palestine and Arabia under Turkish governance.

The reply of the Allied and associated powers to Duanod Pasha, grand vizier, follows:
"The council of the principal Allied and associated powers have read with the most careful attention the memorandum presented to them by your excellency on June 17 and, in accordance with the promise then made, desire now to offer the following observations upon it:
"In your recital of the political intrigues which accompanied Turkey's entry into the war, you refer to the Turkish people who followed in your excellency's attempt to excuse or qualify the crimes of which the Turkish government was then guilty. It is admitted directly or indirectly that Turkey had no cause of quarrel with the Entente powers; that she acted as the subservient tool of Germany; that the war, begun without excuse and conducted without mercy, was accompanied by massacres whose calculated atrocity equals or exceeds anything in recorded history."
"But it is argued that these crimes were committed by a Turkish government for whose misdeeds the Turkish people were not responsible, that there was in them no element of religious fanaticism, that Moslems suffered from them not less than Christians, that they were entirely out of harmony with the Turkish tradition, as historically exhibited in the treatment by Turkey of subject races, that the maintenance of the Turkish empire is necessary for the religious equilibrium of the world, so that policy, no less than justice, requires that its territories should be restored undiminished, as they existed when the war broke out.

"The council can neither accept this conclusion nor the arguments by which it is supported. They do not, indeed, doubt that the present government of Turkey professedly disapproved of the policy pursued by its predecessors. Even if considerations of morality did not weigh with it—as doubtless they did—considerations of expediency would be conclusive. As individuals its members have every motive, as well as every right, to repudiate the actions which

have proved so disastrous to their country."

Judged by Rulers
"But, speaking generally, a nation must be judged by the government which rules it, which directs its foreign policy, which controls its armies. Nor can Turkey claim any relief from the legitimate consequences of this doctrine merely because her affairs, at a most critical moment in her history, had fallen into the hands of men, who, utterly devoid of the principle of pity, could not even command success."
"It seems, however, that the claim for complete territorial restoration put forward in the memorandum is not based really on the plea that Turkey should not be required to suffer for the sins of her ministers. It is a deeper ground. It appeals to the history of Turkish rule in the past and to the conditions of affairs in the Moslem world."

"Now the council is anxious not to enter into unnecessary controversy or to inflict needless pain on your excellency and the delegates who accompany you. It wishes well to the Turkish people and admires their excellent qualities. But it cannot admit that among those qualities are to be counted capacity to bear a burden too long and too often for them to be the least doubt as to its result."
"History tells us of many Turkish successes and of many Turkish defeats—of nations conquered and nations freed."

"The memorandum itself refers to the reductions that have taken place in the territories recently under Ottoman sovereignty. Yet in all these changes there is no trace to be found, either in Europe, or Asia, or Africa, in which the establishment of Turkish rule in any country has not been followed by a diminution of material prosperity, and a fall in the level of culture. Nor is there any case to be found in which the withdrawal of Turkish rule has not been followed by a growth in material prosperity and a rise in the level of culture."

"Neither among the Christians of Europe nor among the Moslems of Syria, Arabia and Africa has the Turk done other than destroy, wherever he has conquered, never has he shown himself able to develop in peace what he has won by war. Not in this direction do his talents lie."

"The obvious conclusion from these facts would seem to be that, since Turkey has, without the least excuse or provocation, deliberately attacked the Entente powers, and been defeated, she has thrown upon the victors the heavy duty of determining the destiny of the various populations in her heterogeneous empire. This duty the council of the principal Allied and associated powers is prepared to carry out as far as may be in accordance with the wishes and permanent interests of the populations themselves."
"But the council observes with regret that the memorandum introduces in this

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Sentiment Not Justified
"But surely there never was a sentiment less justified by facts. The whole course of the war exposes its hollowness. What religious issue is raised by a struggle in which Protestant Germany, Roman Catholic Austria, Orthodox Bulgaria and Moslem Turkey banded themselves together to plunder their neighbors?"

"The only savor of deliberate fanaticism perceptible in these transactions was the massacre of the Turkish Armenians by order of the Turkish Government. But your Excellency has pointed out that at the very same time and by the very same authority, unoffending Moslems were being slaughtered in circumstances sufficiently horrible and in numbers sufficiently large to mitigate, if not wholly to remove, any suspicion of religious partiality."

"During the war, then, there was little evidence of sectarian animosity on the part of any of the governments, and no evidence whatever, so far as the Entente powers were concerned, that anything since occurred to modify this judgment. Every man's conscience has been respected, places of sacred memory have been carefully guarded, Europe, or Asia, or Africa, where Mohammedan before the war are Mohammedan still."

"Nothing touching religion has been altered, except the security with which Allied control exists, has certainly been altered for the better."

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"Unless we are mistaken, Your Excellency should understand our hopes. In an impressive passage of your memorandum you declare it to be your country's mission to devote itself to an intensive economic and intellectual culture."

"No change could be more startling or impressive, none could be more beneficial. If Your Excellency is able to initiate this great process of development in men of the Turkish race you will deserve and will certainly receive all the assistance we are able to give you."
(Signed) "G. CLEMENCEAU"

DANIELS GOING TO PACIFIC

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Washington, June 27.—(By A. P.)—Commandants of navy yards and stations on the Pacific coast were directed today by Secretary Daniels to make surveys of their stations so as to be ready when he reaches the west coast to submit recommendations for extensions and improvements necessary to care for the

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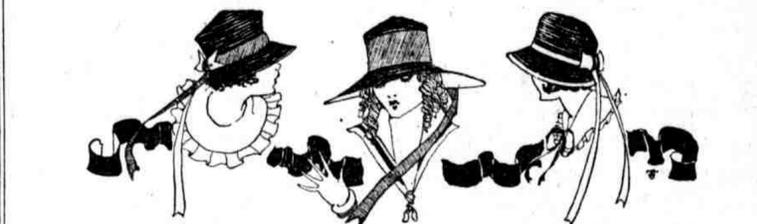
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