SMYRNA IN RUINS, PROBABLY 2,000 DEAD; ALLIES AGREE TO KEEP STRAITS NEUTRAL; BRITISH FLEET WILL BAR KEMAL'S ARMY

ACTION BY BRITISH CABINET

Word Comes From France of Agreement on Neutrality of Dardanelles

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—President Harding asked Congress today for a special session for the purpose of appropriating $42,430,000 for refunds of taxes illegally collected, but now it has been decided to prepare immediately for action all the forces in the Caspian republics and Moscow Government forces stationed at Alexandria, the principal Siberian Black Sea Fleet.

It is reported that one force of Soviet forces already is stationed on the Egyptian frontier, ready to march to the assistance of Kemal Pasha in case the Turkish nationalist leader advances on Constantinople.

The Moscow Government officially announced the calling to the colors of all but exempted citizens born in 1901.

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In the Senate the conference report on the sugar-tax bill was approved by a vote of 26 to 17, and the measure now goes to the President. The Senate report asserted that Congress would not doubt that in the House the measure would be given nearly the same vote today. The conference committee issued a special report on the Senate bill and adopted it. It recommended the passage of the bill without the advice of the Office of the American Expeditionary Forces in this country.

The House, however, said it was impossible to recommend the bill to the President under present conditions, as the Senate now has asked it to return the bill to the Senate for reconsideration.
Congress Rapidly Clearing the Way for Adjournment by Saturday of Next Week.

Lloyd George Informed to Admit Rumania and Jugoslavia to Negotiations.

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Belgium Assents to German Delay

Agrees to Await the Return of
Havenstein From London
Before Taking Action.

Paris is More Hopeful

Belief Exists That Berlin May Yet
Consent to Pay Enough to Aid
Reparations Crisis.

 While in France, Berlin said that she is willing to continue negotiations for the return of the German Chancellor, but that Berlin is not yet ready to make any final decision. The French government, however, is reported to be more hopeful that a settlement may be reached soon.

Hundres Count in Blazes.

ERTANA, Sept. 15 (Associated Press).—The smoke from the blaze which started in the Turkish quarter of Smyrna on Tuesday was visible for miles, and hundreds ofTurks were seen trying to escape the flames. The Turkish government has declared a state of emergency in Smyrna.

Tories Hit by Curfew.

Smyrna, Sept. 15—A curfew was declared in Smyrna on Tuesday night, and several British ships left the harbor. The British government has warned its citizens in Smyrna to be on the lookout for possible trouble.

Nearly East Problem Going to League?

Constantinople Bears the Civil
Authorities There Have Been

The report that the League of Nations is considering the question of the Near East problem has caused some discussion in Constantinople. The League, it is reported, is considering the possibility of sending a mission to the Near East to investigate the situation.

Near East Relief Prepares to Rush Aid;
Will Buy Supplies by Cable and Lose No Time

The Near East Relief yesterday sent a message to the American Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D.C., requesting $50,000 worth of relief supplies. The message requested that the supplies be rushed daily by cable, and that the supplies be sent to the Near East without delay.

East Africa Relief.

The East Africa Relief Committee has been active in sending supplies to the victims of the recent famine in East Africa. The committee has been able to send $10,000 worth of relief supplies to the affected areas.

Newspaper Staffs in Smyrna.

The Smyrna newspaper staffs have been ordered to cease publication until further notice. The move was taken in order to prevent any further disturbances in the city.

Firemen in Smyrna.

Smyrna, Sept. 15—The firemen in Smyrna were on the lookout for possible trouble, as the Turkish government has declared a state of emergency in the city.

British Troops in Smyrna.

Smyrna, Sept. 15—British troops were sent to Smyrna in order to maintain order in the city.

The British government has declared a state of emergency in Smyrna, and has ordered the troops to maintain order.

Serbia Situation Growing Nervous.

Belgrade, Sept. 15—The situation in Serbia is becoming more and more nervous. The government has declared a state of emergency, and has ordered the army to be on high alert.

Antwerp Immobile.

London, Sept. 15—The Antwerp Relief Committee has declared a state of emergency, and has ordered the army to be on high alert.

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The British had also seized control of the port of Buea, where the French had been headquartered. The British had also taken control of the city of Douala, which was the capital of the colony.

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