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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Nov. 10th.—No one in England seems to know whether the situation in Constantinople is better or worse. The news that has come through is vague and the air is full of disquieting rumours. The "Daily News" has the report that the Angora Government has asked the Soviet Government at Moscow whether the Russian Bolsheviki will adhere to the Russo-Turkish military agreement in the event of war. This report said Moscow had replied affirmatively, but the correspondent, who filed the despatches, understood that such adherence would not take the form of leading troops to the Turks, as the Soviets fear this would affect Russia's industrial interests with other nations. Some newspaper reports declare the troubled conditions in Constantinople are becoming worse, while others report improvement, but none convey the impression of reliability. On the whole, British sources of information declare matters are getting worse at Constantinople and French sources report improvement. Paris has a report that Ismet Pasha, Nationalist Foreign Minister, has begun to take sounder views and has offered to cooperate with the Allies in certain administrative matters in the Constantinople region. But, according to the diplomatic news in the Daily Telegraph, the Allied commanders are unable to take such offers seriously, as they are no sooner made at Constantinople than they are repudiated at Angora. The text of Russia's reply to the

invitation of the Allies for the Soviet plenipotentiaries to attend the Lausanne conference, merely during the discussion of the Straits of the Dardanelles, has been received here. It reiterates the views expressed by Foreign Minister Tchitcherin in his note of Oct. 20th, contending that the exclusion of Russia from the whole conference proves the Allies have decided to deprive Turkey of the fruits of her victories. The reply proclaims the Soviet Government is, in effect, a sort of Asiatic nation and insists that the Moscow Government and the Governments of the Ukraine and of Georgia should have full participation at Lausanne. The Russian note demands a quick answer, but it is stated here that the Allies most likely will not send a reply to Moscow, leaving it up to Russia to attend the conference or stay away from it, as she wished.

London, Nov. 10th.—Mr. Lloyd George started his triumphant progress through Wales today, the people leaving their farms and berches to greet the train in which he travelled. At Cardiff the station platform was crowded. In Wales, before his own people, he dramatically pointed to three striking developments in European affairs during what he called the three weeks of tranquility in Great Britain. 1st. The franc to a level never before reached. 2nd. Germany has completely collapsed. 3rd. The Turk has torn the Mudania treaty into shreds. These things, he said, were the result of confidence that was going to be restored in Europe by getting rid of a man of excessive energy and validity. Declaring that there could be peace, only if Great Britain maintained the stout heart that had won the war, he added that he stood for policy of saner progress with no setting back of the clock. He struck out vigorously against Parliamentary extremes, as represented by the conservatives of Labour.

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