

Great Britain during the war, which is in progress of liquidation, there being \$61,000,000 of this account still outstanding. A similar payment of \$50,000,000 on October 15 by Great Britain makes a total of \$100,000,000 paid, as the first semi-annual instalment of interest on the war debt of nearly \$5,000,000,000, but the two payments are subject to adjustment, as the debt at present bears interest at five per cent while the debt funding account authorizes a rate of not less than four and one quarter per cent.

Paris, Nov. 15th.—Ismet Pasha discussed with M. Poincare today the Near East situation. At the conclusion, he declared, "My three quarters of an hour with M. Poincare was most satisfactory". Ismet said that he had been officially informed that the Lausanne conference was still set for November 20th.

London, Nov. 16th.—Mr. Winston Churchill was defeated in Dundee in yesterday's elections.

Santiago, Chile, Nov. 16th.—A newspaper yesterday published a rumour concerning the possibility of the disappearance of Eastern Island, lying far out in the Pacific Ocean west of the coast of the province of Atacama, during the recent earthquakes. It says the wireless station on the island has failed to answer repeated calls. Official information of any kind regarding the island is lacking. The island which is 2,500 miles off the coast belongs to Chile.

London, Nov. 16th.—Strong gains for the Conservatives were shown in the compilation of members elected to the House of Commons, made at two o'clock this afternoon on the returns so far made. This shows the total membership returned, including the uncontested division to be as follows: Conservatives 222, Liberals, (Asquithian) 30, Labour 78, Georgians 26, other parties 9.

Trinidad, Nov. 17th.—New propellers having been received from New York by the S. S. Mayaro yesterday evening the Sampaio Correia will leave for Demerara tomorrow morning.

London, Nov. 17th.—The Conservatives are certain to have a majority over all the other parties in the new House of Commons. It was announced at four o'clock this morning that 305 Conservatives had been elected. The number necessary for a majority is 308 and there was 104 divisions still to be heard from.

Constantinople, Nov. 17th.—Regarding the postponement by the Allies of the Lausanne peace conference until November 20th, the acting Nationalists Minister for Foreign Affairs told the Angora Assembly today that the Nationalists desire a speedy peace, but will not accept responsibility for any untoward happenings, as a consequence of the postponement.

London, Nov. 17th.—The New House of Commons will meet on Monday afternoon to elect the speaker and it is considered certain that the late speaker, Mr.

Whitley, will be elected Tuesday and Wednesday will be occupied in the swearing in of new members and the reading of the formal proclamation by the King will take place on Thursday.

London, Nov. 17th.—British voters apparently refused to be influenced by tradition, when they cast their ballots on Wednesday, with the result that many apparently firmly established political figures were cast into the discard. Perhaps the most amazing development was the defeat of Mr. Winston Churchill, in Dundee, a constituency which he had held for many years. Mr. Bonar Law's majority was so large that Mr. Lloyd George can hope for little comfort even from those Conservatives, who stuck by him at the Carlton Club meeting and, in fact, the entire political situation in the light of all, but a few scattering returns, brings out the problem "what can Mr. Lloyd George do to restore his prestige".

Constantinople, Nov. 17th.—The Sultan has fled from this city on a British warship proceeding to Malta. Previous to embarking, he emphasized the fact that he was not abdicating, but removing himself from immediate danger. The Sultan had written Sir Charles Hardington that he considered his life in danger and claiming British protection. He left the palace in a car together with the acting Dragonan of the British Embassy and General Harington's side. The National Assembly at Angora has adopted a resolution submitted by Mustapha Kemal Pasha to place the Sultan and his Ministers on trial, but the decision, as to how the resolution was to be enforced, has been deferred.

Lausanne, Nov. 17th.—Great Britain has nothing to do with the Caliphate in the opinion of Indian Mohammedans and should not interfere with the Angora Government in its handling of religious matters. This contention is set forth in a telegram forwarded to Mr. Bonar Law by the committee of the Caliphate at Bombay and made public here last night by the representative of the Angora Government in Rome. Mussulmen of India, says the telegram, sharply resent the efforts of the British Government to prevent that of Angora from handling freely the question of the Caliphate on which the Turkish National Assembly has dedicated to itself judicial powers and represents the point of view of the world of Islam.

Paris, Nov. 17th.—It was definitely stated in authoritative quarters today that a complete accord has been reached by Great Britain and France regarding the fundamental conditions of a Turkish peace treaty. The British Ambassador held a conference with M. Poincare and it is officially asserted that a memorandum outlining what Lord Curzon considers as vital elements of a satisfactory peace treaty with Turkey was acceptable

to France and that President Poincare had agreed with the British view point.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17th.

Flour, (Blended Clears, St. Lawrence Brand) duty paid pr. brl. \$5.53
Meal, Kilndried per 100 pounds \$2.20.
New Season's Pork per barrel \$37.00.
Heavy Mess Pork per brl. \$29.75.
Sugar—Crystals maximum per 100 lbs. \$5.31.

Mclasses Sugar 89 no quotation.
Cotton, Middling, Upland, at Liverpool per lb. 14 81-100d.

Exchange, New York and London, 60 days' sight \$4.45½

Exchange New York and London, sight \$4.47½

LONDON, Nov. 17th.

Sugar, Demerara Crystals, per cwt. 42s. 0d.—45s. 6d.

" Muscavado per cwt. 35s.—38s.

" White Java's cif United Kingdom 20s. 4½d.

Demerara Rum per gal. nominal.

Trinidad Cocoa, good middling red per cwt. 63s. 0d.—65s. 0d.

METEOR KILLS FISH.

The water was turned warm by a meteor which fell into a small lake near Lake City, Mich. A party of hunters who say they saw the meteor full reported that they found a large number of dead fish floating on the water a few minutes later.—*The Pathfinder*, Nov. 4th.

JUDGE STRIKES PRISONER.

The course of justice took a novel turn at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., recently when the magistrate, Alderman Burke, jumped over his desk and blackened both the defendant's eyes. The defendant was charged with beating his wife, who was testifying against her husband when the incident occurred. The judge finished up by fining the defendant.—*Ibid*.

DOG OWNED LIBERTY BONDS.

Jack Foster, a dog which recently died at Geneva, N. Y., is believed to have been the only canine in America owning liberty bonds in his own name. Miss Neena Foster, to whom the dog belonged, bought the bonds for him and provided for the use of the interest to support him until his death.—*Ibid*.

THE PENALTY OF ISOLATION.

Teacher: "Wille, you were seen smoking yesterday. Do you know what happened to little boys that smoke?"

Bright Boy (interrupting): "Please sir, I know, Mother said if I smoked, I'd be poisoned by Nicobemus".