

America at Odds With England on Oil Concessions

Entente May Be Endangered When U. S. Makes Formal "Open Door" Demand in Near East Parley.

By GEORGE F. AUBIER. Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee. Washington, April 6.—Renewal of the near east conference to establish the status of Turkey threatens a struggle between the United States and Great Britain for commercial supremacy in the near east and far east, according to information reaching Washington daily.

The concession granted Rear Admiral Colby M. Chester, U. S. N., retired, is but one of the many features governing the diplomatic struggle which has been going on behind closed doors for some time, but which is expected to come out in the open when Richard Washburn Child resumes his anomalous position of "observer" when the Lausanne conference is reconvened.

Commercial domination in Persia, controlled by the nationals of one country or the other of the Baghdad railroad and its extension beyond Persia into western China, with a rich prize of control of invaluable oil concessions, are part of the struggle manifesting itself from time to time in irritating collisions between the two governments.

Entente in Danger. It is an open secret in Washington that the attitude taken by the British government on extraneous matters, like the gun elevation question, the Burma oil documents, the Newcastle consular incident and others, is annoying to government circles here and threatens to disturb the growing Anglo-American entente, which has long been a goal of some British and American statesmen.

Lord Curzon, British minister for foreign affairs, is the leading figure in the effort to bar American participation in the development of

the near east. There is a growing question mark in Washington whether or not the British foreign office is not trying to build a backbone which will increase its prestige with the English people when the showdown comes on the near eastern question.

"Open Door" U. S. Demand. Information obtainable here indicates that popular opinion in Great Britain does not support the position which Lord Curzon took at the Lausanne conference calling for recognition of the concession of the Turkish Petroleum company to the Mosul oil fields and for inclusion of the vilayet of Mosul in the British-built Arabian kingdom of Iraq, over which King Faisal rules.

The position which Ambassador Child will be instructed to support at the new conference will be maintenance of the American doctrine of the "open door" everywhere on an equal basis. The American government holds that elimination of the "sphere of influence" in China was but a part of a general movement to throw this international evil into the discard everywhere.

In supporting the concession granted Admiral Chester, the United States takes the position that its nationals have the right of participation in development of that portion of the world, regardless of mandated sections or of political interest.

Chester Concession Aim. Back of the struggle which will center around the Chester concession is the quiet support which the United States is credited with having given Persia in freeing itself from the attempted British control which followed the war. A previous attempt to inject American influence in this part of the world, made when W. Morgan Shuster became financial adviser to the shah, was frustrated by the combined efforts of Great Britain and Russia. The Persian desire to secure American guidance has finally been accomplished in the presence of an American financial mission, which is now preparing a new fiscal system for the Persians.

Admiral Chester explains that his concession to build a network of railroads in Turkey in Asia will make possible the completion of the line to Baghdad and that the Persians are planning to extend the line eastward in the direction of China. The American admiral points out this would give access to the back door of China via

the Atlantic, the Mediterranean and the rail connection which would furnish cheaper transportation than is now obtained via the Pacific, plus the rail transportation into the interior of China.

Japan and France Watching. The injection of American influence into this section of the world between Constantinople and India is recognized as detrimental to the plans of the British imperialists who have long desired to dominate middle Asia as a means of securing their position in India.

The flank attack on the Chinese markets is regarded as a blow by the Japanese, who have relied upon their geographical proximity to add them in dominating the Chinese markets. French opposition also is manifesting itself to the American invasion, because of the interests which France hopes to develop because of its position in Syria.

In directing the activities of Ambassador Child at the new near eastern conference, Secretary of State Hughes will be guided by the principles of the "open door" and equal "commercial opportunity" evolved at the Washington arms conference but on an entirely new stage, and one which is expected to result in a demand for a declaration of the European attitude relative to this policy.

Turkish Approval Awaited. Anticipated action by the Turkish parliament approving the Chester concession is eagerly awaited and is understood to be withheld pending the election of a new parliament in Turkey in place of the one Kemal Pasha is reported to have dissolved.

As soon as this approval is obtained, Admiral Chester says, Admiral Rousseau, who was one of the chief engineers in digging the Panama canal, and possibly General Goethals, will leave at once for Turkey to begin operations on the huge projects which they have in mind.

The illimitable opportunities which this undeveloped section of the world has in the way of furnishing new foreign markets for American goods in place of the ones lost because of the lack of stabilization in Europe is not being lost sight of by the administration. This opportunity, it is expected, would do much to assure the upward trend of American business and prove a solvent for many domestic difficulties.

The question of oil, for which all

nations are striving as they formerly sought to uncover the gold of the new world, is injected throughout the problem. The Mosul fields are believed to have a potential value equal to the amount of the British debt to the United States, while efforts to bar the Sinclair Oil company from Persia by the Anglo-Persian company, a British concern, indicates the existence of great oil fields in that country.

The fact that Americans are barred from the British-controlled oil fields in India and by the Dutch in their East Indies gives added value to the struggle to get in on Asiatic fields not yet cornered by foreign governments.

Omaha to Save Big Sum by Freight Rates

Omaha shippers will save thousands of dollars a year, it is estimated, as a result of freight rate victories announced by the Interstate Commerce commission and made public by C. E. Child, manager of the traffic bureau of the Chamber of Commerce.

Reduced class freight rates from Kansas City and St. Joseph to Nebraska points will not be permitted without corresponding reductions from Omaha, under the commission's ruling. This affects all jobbers in Omaha and means a saving of from 4 to 25 cents a hundred pounds, according to Mr. Child.

Another saving to Omaha shippers, particularly firms dealing in dairy products, and which probably will run between \$50,000 and \$100,000 a year is a reduction on such products to points east of the Illinois-Indiana line.

Woman Says Men Better Dressers

Expert Declares Masculine Taste in Personal Attire Shows Higher Development.

Are men better dressed than women? Miss Evelyn Hansen, widely known authority on good taste and art in dress and home, contends that the average husband is the glass of fashion and the mold of form by comparison with his over-dressed wife. She demonstrates this, too, in the course of her lectures on good taste in dress.

One of the proofs is the lining of a man's coat. "When, oh, when," says Miss Hansen, "will women become sensible and imitate their husbands in such matters? Is there anything more beautiful than the quiet, dark lining of men's coats? Any silk manufacturer will tell you that the most expensive silks that are woven are the ones that are made for the purpose of lining men's coats. Yet 90 per cent of the average women would think they were out of style if the linings of their fur coats did not resemble old-fashioned wallpaper."

It is this eagerness to be in style that keeps them badly dressed, instead of asking themselves, "Is this what everyone is wearing?" they should ask: "Is this the style for me?"

"In buying clothes, decide on what

you need first. If it is a street outfit, spend all your money on that the first year. The second year spend it all on afternoon dresses. Buy two pairs of shoes exactly alike at the same time. Wear them alternately, keeping one pair always on trees. They will last longer.

"Spend the least for clothes you wear the least. It is cheaper to buy a cheap party dress and throw it away after a couple of seasons than to try and make it over into a street dress. Always buy a good coat. You will use it more than anything else."

Miss Hansen will be one of the lecturers at the forthcoming Omaha Bess Better Homes Exposition which will be held in Omaha from April 30 to May 5.

Hanscom Park Church to Hold Series of Evangelistic Meetings

An evangelistic campaign and institute will be held in Hanscom Park Methodist church, Woolworth avenue and Twenty-ninth street, from Sunday, April 8, to Sunday, April 29, inclusive. The services will be at 7:45 each evening except Sunday. The institutes will be held Tuesday and Friday afternoons at 2:45. Cottage prayer meetings will be held Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday of each week at 10 a. m. O. G. Orcutt will be the evangelist. Prof. W. E. Moon will direct the music and Mrs. Esther Moon will be the pianist.

Pupils of Bess Battey Will Appear in Concert

Free concert will be given in the Schmolter & Mueller Piano company auditorium Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

Following is the program: Celce solo, Polka De Concert Op. 1. Bartlett. Played by Richard Merton. Violin solo. Kenneth Young. (a) Hungarian Dance. Haasche. (b) Souvenir. Drdia. (c) Love a Little Cottage. Drdia. Accompanied by Ruth Romstedt. Saxophone quartet. Pupils Frank Heur, Song and Dance. Eleanor and Eloise Segi. Pupils Grace Abbott, Flute solo. Miss Myrtle Baxter. (a) Souvenir. Drdia. (b) I Love a Little Cottage. Celce solo. Played by Felix Arndt. (a) Laughing Love. C. Christine. (b) Phryne Vales. D. Zuleta. Russian Dance. Mary Aileen Johnston. Reading. Pupils Dorothy Devere, Pupils Miss Bess Battey, Song and Dance. Blair Adair Ferrell, Pupils Dorothy Devere.

17-Year-Old Mother in Fight to Keep Her Baby

Ethel Scott, 17-year-old mother, has asked district court to help her keep her 6-month-old baby, after her husband took the child from St. Joseph hospital, where she had placed it while she worked as a domestic, and put it in the Child Saving Institute. Ethel married George Scott, Omaha restaurant man, when she was 15, on November 28, 1921, according to her attorneys, who have filed her petition for divorce. She alleges non-support of family by Scott. District Judge Day has placed an injunction against the Child Saving Institute and against Scott. The father will fight for custody of the child when the case comes to trial, according to Attorney Powers.



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