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1. Turkish Foreign Policy in 1920s and 1930s was mostly cautious and in favor of status quo. This is a result of the great losses in 1910s because of unrealistic bold movements. This was a quite smart move. For example, in the early 20s, there were some minor conflicts between Great Powers and Turkey such as Mosul conflict with Britain and Ottoman debt issues with France. In a case of hot combat due to these conflicts, Turkey probably would not be able to survive out of those. Turkey handled them with diplomacy. Other than relations with Great Powers, Turkey also set close friendships with its neighbors to form a unity against aggressively expansionist states and possible ruin of regional power balances. Balkan Entente and Sadabad Pact can be shown as example. In short, Turkey’s motto was ‘Peace in country, peace in world.’ And this was a very successful decision because of fragility of Turkey’s political and economic status.