Vicious Fighting Breaks Out Again In Northern Greece

ONE-THIRD OF ARMY ENGAGED IN BATTLE WITH GUERILLAS

ATHENS, December 4. Vicious fighting has again broken out in the Mount Parnon labhbhai Patel, Home Member in district of Peloponnesus, according to press reports today, which listed "more than a score" of gendarmerie killed in an attack by 200 guerillas.

miles north-east of Sparta. The guerillas attacked with machine village, killing one Liberal and seguns, grenades and mortars verely beating another. after occupying all the mountain passes to the village.

Forty gendarmes resisted for six hours, but they had to admit defeat after all their ammunition had ex-

About one-third of the Greek army of 80,000 soldiers is fighting the guerillas in Northern Greece, and the remainder are being trained under the auspices of a British military mission, according to foreign military observers.

Officers of the mission, who complain that this guerilla battle is ing to a well-informed source.

ADMINISTRATION

OF BOMBAY

Government Inquiry

Committee

Suggestions from responsible

committee

under

bodies or persons are invited by the

the chairmanship of Dr. Jiv-

or providing an efficient and econo

mical administrative machinery for

the province of Bombay, says the

The Administrative Inquiry Com-

mittee consists of Dr. Jivraj N.

Mehta (Chairman) Principal D. G. Karve, Mr. S. B. Tayabji, Sir Ivon

Taunton and Mr. J. Santos (Secre-

tary). The Committee held its

first meeting at 11 a.m. on Wednes-

day at the Council Hall. The meet-

of the Government in appointing the

TERMS OF REFERENCE

development plans of the Government,

measures of curtailment of expendi-

ture involve retrenchment of staff, to

examine whether and how the surplus

The details revision of permanent

pay-scales will be a matter for separ-

ate consideration by the Government,

LATE NEWS

FRENCH PREMIERSHIP

Premiership of the new French Govern-

ment was defeated in the National Assembly today. M. Thorez is the

Secretary-General of the French Com-

AHMEDABAD CURFEW RELAXED AHMEDABAD, December 4: An

result of which tazias will be permitted

to move about tonight in the vicinity of their "imamwadas" between 10

p.m. and 2 a.m. The 37-hour curfew

RECEPTION TO MR. NEHRU

waharla! Nehru received an over-

whelming welcome from more than

2,000 Indian at Kingsway Hall to-

night, when a reception was held in

believe that there can be no true solu-

it embraces all economic as well as

UNITED MINE-WORKERS

WASHINGTON, December 4: The

United States Government have asked

the Federal Court to fine the United

Mine-workers of America, of which Mr.

John Lewis is the President, 3,500,000

dollars. The Government Counsel told

the court that the imprisonment of

Mr. Lewis would "accomplish nothing."

RUSSIA & DISARMAMENT PLAN

the debate on disarmament in the Political and Security Committee of

the UNO Assembly today, M. Molotov said that Russia was prepared to ac-

cept the U.S. disarmament plan, subject to certain amendments .- Reuter.

NEW YORK, December 4: Opening

firstly it is left completely and

political problems."-Reuter.

LONDON, December 4: Pandit Ja-

munist Party.—Reuter.

has also been relaxed.

of the such revision.

The terms of reference of this Com-

Director of Publicity, Bombay.

guerillas were reported to have been terms.-Reuter.

killed in scattered actions with The fighting took place at a Greek army forces during the past that in northern Peloponnesus a group of extreme rightists raided a

In a full-scale battle two days ago near the town of Agrapha, in the Agrapha mountains, Central Greece, 15 guerillas were killed and 12 wounded. In another battle near Neapolis, about 25 miles west of Kozane, two soldiers and three guerillas were identified themselves with labour and killed.—A.P.A.

GREEK SOLDIERS SENTENCED

High Treason Charge ATHENS. December 4: Fourteen soldiers and civilians, including one "disrupting schooling", are reported officer, were sentenced to death today to be arming the Greeks for the by a court-martial at Kozani, West maintenance of a fully-mechanised field force of three divisions, according to the divisions according to the division according were given terms of life imprisonment Athens press dispatches said 38 and 23 were sentenced to shorter

The Constituent Assembly

CONGRESS TALKS ON PROCEDURE

NEW DELHI. December 4. Preliminary discussion of the Constituent Assembly's procedure made fur- ingly.' ther progress today at a three-hour meeting of the Constitutional Experts Committee of the Congress. The raj N. Mehta to recommend means understood to have been considered.

> take his seat without the formality costs. of a proposer or seconder. After the inaugural address the work of the of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Assembly is expected to proceed in the welcomed the Home Member, following order:—
> Appointment of an ad hoc Rules Com-

mittee, which will lay down rules for and the Ministers of the Bombay Gov-the setting up of other committee, ernment, the Sheriff of Bombay, Mr. ing was inaugurated by Mr. Vaikuntlal Mehta, Finance Minister, Government of Bombay who in a brief speech explained the intention

> and the Vice-President. Signing in of members. Consideration of the report of the

Rules Committee. Election of the President and Vicemittee are: to recommend, with spe-President. cial reference to the reconstruction and Appointment of a committee to acvise the President on the interpreta-

providing an efficient and economical administrative machinery, Establishment of other principal comand, with that object (a) to examine mittees, such as the Advisory Comgenerally the growth of expenditure, mittee on the rights of citizens, minotemporary and permanent, on adminisrities, and tribal and Excluded Areas. trative machinery, since 1928-39; (b) to inquire into the working of such machinery; (c) to consider methods of curtailment of expenditure and of increase of efficiency; (d) where

staff may be absorbed in the requirepower and authority are derived from ments of the reconstruction and development plans, (e) to consider methods Those who attended today's meeting of recruitment of additional staff; and included Acharya Kripalani, the Con-(f) where the field of recruitment is gress President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Mr. K. M. Munshi, Sir N. Gopala-swami Ayyangar, Mr. K. Santhanam unduly limited by reasons of lack of facilities for training, to consider measures for the expansion of these and Mr. Krishna Kripalani. The Committee will continue its work tomor-

row.-A.P.I.

Congress Nominees

but the Committee is not precluded from suggesting the broad principles NEW DELHI, December 4: The Congress President, Acharya Kripalani, an-Questions of policy will be the connounced today that for the meeting of cern of the Government; but it will be the Congress members of the Constituopen to the Committee to indicate the economies which might be effected if ent Assembly scheduled to meet or particular policies were abandoned or December 7, all other members of the modified or certain other policies Constituent Assembly who were not Congressmen but were Congress nomi-Any responsible bodies or persons nees will also attend. The Congress who wish to offer definite suggestions Working Committee will meet at 9 a.m. are invited to send them by January 10, 1947 to the Secretary of the Adon December 8 probably at Mr. Asaf Ali's residence.—A.P.I.

ministrative Inquiry Committee, Clo-SIND REPRESENTATIVES Finance Department, Secretariat. All Karachi: Mr. Jairamdas Doulatram such communications should be clearly and Mr. R. K. Sidhva, both members a flexible one. 'The Prime Minister marked. "For Administrative Inquiry of the Constituent Assembly, are leaving Karachi on December 7 for New

to have dropped the proposal of appointing Mr. S. H. Raza, I.C.S., as Secretary to the Sind representatives on the Constituent Assembly, in view of the Muslim League decision not to PARIS, December 4: The candidature of M. Maurice Thorez for the attend the Constituent Assembly.-

Mr. B. G. Kher

B. G. Kher, will leave Bombay for amicable settlement has been reached New Delhi by air on Saturday to attend today between local Muslim leaders the Constituent Assembly due to open and the Collector of Ahmedabad, as a on December 9.

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" RUNS INTO GALE 22 Passengers Injured

in the Cunard White Star flagship statement on the possibilities of his honour by the India League. Pandit Nehru said: "I have come to "Queen Elizabeth" when she ran in- accommodation and compromise. to a westerly gale with the seas run- The British Government, in the light tion of the Indian problem unless ning 40 feet high as she was ap. of their pledges to the Indian peoproaching the English coast on ple, necessarily stand in the positive day on her voyage across the tion not of arbitrators but of mediatirely to ourselves and secondly unless Atlantic from New York.

> were waiting at the quayside at a voluntary agreement between the Southampton this morning, when major parties. the liner docked, to take some of This would seem to be the Governthe passengers to hospital.

> and the other 18 were cut and pruis- from British to Indian hands can be ed when they were thrown about by effected in the minimum time with the rolling of the huge liner.—Reu- pride and satisfaction to both coun-

> > POP

Key Industries To Be Nationalised

SARDAR PATEL ON CENTRE'S AIM

A reference to the intention of the Government of India to nationalise all the key industries in the country was made by Sardar Valthe Interim Government, speaking before a representative gathering of business men of Bombay on Wednesday. He added that, if the interests of labour were better looked after by employers, there would be place near Palehori, about 45 48 hours. The dispatches also said no reason for nationalising other industries as well.

Sardar Patel was addressing the Indian Merchants' Chamber at a tea party given in his honour at the Taj Mahal Hotel. He warned the mercantile community against resorting to black market methods and said that stern measures against offenders would be taken.

Unnecessary strikes harmed trade and commerce and, unless merchants treated labour problems with greater sympathy, there was the danger of Communist influence predominating.

"STRUGGLE FOR SWARAJ" Reviewing the political situation in the country, the Home Member said that since the Muslim League was not committed to a policy of non-violence, they should have thought twice before resorting to "Direct Action." The Home Member did not dream of another fight with the British but did not rule out the possibility of another "struggle for swaraj." Referring to the disturbances in the

country, Sardar Patel said that Government composed of people's sentatives, who did not think it right to use force, with the help of military and police, to restore order. Military aid could be resorted to only in case of foreign aggression, he added. Sardar Patel declared that neither the Hindus nor the Muslims were benefited by the present disturbances in the country. Bombay had reputation for cosmopolitan traditions, which should be maintained at any cost. He exhorted the business community to co-operate with Government in their efforts to stop the dis-

VIEW ON LONDON TALKS should be seated in provincial, instead anything to be done it was in India, and not in London. 'He reaffirmed The temporary chairman, Dr. Sachi- that the Constituent Assembly, would nananda Sinha, it is proposed, should meet in India on December 9 at all

orders. His message to them was,

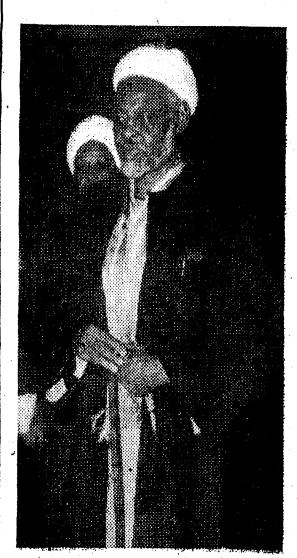
"Let us all resolve that we shall

restore peace at once and act accord-

Mr. Ratilal Gandhi, Vice-President Among those present were the Prime Minister of Bombay, Mr. B. G. Kher, such as the Establishment Committee, and the Steering Committee.

Adoption of rules and fixing of a date for the election of the President amdas Thakurdas, Sir Manilal Nanavati, Sir Cowasji Jehangir, Sir Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, Sir Chunilal B. Mehta. Sir Rahimtoola Chinoy, Sir Rustom Masani, Sir Behram Karanjia, Sir Francis Low, Sir Fazal Rahimtoola, Mr. G. D. Birla, Mr. B. K. Patel, Municipal Commissioner, Mr. Wal-chand Hirachand, Mr. Huseinbhoy Laljee and other prominent business men of the city.

Sudan For Sudanese



Saved Sir Abdul Rahman El Mahdi Pasha, the Sudanese leader, who arrived in London and interviewed the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, on November 28. He has been demanding that Sudan should be controlled by the Sudanese.

Bumper Harvest In Madras

MORE RICE RATION

MADRAS, December 3: One hundred thousand tons of foodgrains have been procured by the Government of Madras during the three weeks ended November 21, following the harvesting of short-term crops in the Province. Revealing this at a press conference today, the Food Secretary to the Government of Madras said that the food situation in the Province had consequently improved to some extent and Government had, herefore, demeeting of the Constitutional Experts
Committee of the Congress. The
main features of a provisional programme for the first few days are
Minister, the Viceroy and the Indian

The line of the constitutional Experts
Sardar Patel characterised the conference between the British Prime portion of the ration from eight
ounces to ten ounces from December leaders at London, "as an attempt to 15. The balance of two ounces of the It has been suggested that members placate world opinion". If there was total adult ration of twelve ounces, will be made good by wheat and maize to be issued in alternative weeks. The Food Secretary added that Government had at present six weeks' buffer stock of foodgrains. The Government of Madras have accepted the recommendations of the Government of India that there should be no increase in the prices of foodgrains during 1946-47, it is officially stated today.—A.P.I.

Labour For Malaya

Mr. J. V. Thivy, President of the Malaya Indian Congress. addressing a press conference in Bombay on Wednesday, urged that the Government of India should legislate against the emigration of Indian labour to

Mr. Thivy said that labour conditions in Malaya were so bad and the cost of living proportionately so high that it was inadvisable for Indian labourers to work there and be exploited by plantation owners.

The proposal has been made that a formal resolution declaring the object of the Assembly be placed before the plenary session. It is intended to be on the lines of the resolution adopted at Meerut, laying down the object as establishment of a sovereign independent republic of India in which all pendent republic of India in which all power and authority are derived from

Political Unity In India

(Continued from page 1).

the key meeting being possibly that of the Prime Minister with Mr. Jinnah and Mr. Liaqat Ali Khan. A series of individual meetings between the British Ministers and Indian leaders having been completed by tonight, the idea of a Round Table Conference of all parties naturally arises as the next step. At the moment official quarters are unable to announce that this Round Table Conference has been convened for tomorrow, as the situation is moving so fast that it may change in the matter of

Tomorrow's time-table so far is early in the morning will consult the Viceroy and his colleagues in order to assess the position and The Sind Government are understood fix a programme. The Indian leaders are lunching with the King

tomorrow at Buckingham Palace. GREAT PUBLIC INTEREST

The present crucial discussions are regarded by informed quarters as of almost incalculable importance in relation to the immediate deve- the two-hour talk.—A.P.I. lopments in India and the course of ment. This appeal, according to British official quarters was entirely unprompted and unsolicited by His

Majesty's Government. Yesterday's and today's talks be-SOUTHAMPTON, December 4: their respective points of view and have now reached the stage for a tors. The foundation of a lasting Ambulances and stretcher-bearers solution, they contend, must still be

ment's conception of the only way Four of them had broken limbs in which complete transfer of power

It is clear to observers that in the present negotiations the Labour Government is acting on its own responsibility and that it has not called the Conservative Opposition into active consultation.—Reuter.

PREMIER-LEAGUE TALKS

of America, the Prime Minister held today an eleventh hour, and appargress-League deadlock.

Mr. Jinnah and Mr. Liagat Ali Khan, an informed source said, told the Prime Minister that 90,000,000 Muslims would never agree unre-servedly to the complete sacrifice of their political and religious identity, which they believe is involved in Britain's programme for Indian independence.

Mr. Attlee is said to have replied that unless the Muslims played their part in achieving political period unity in India, not only would their gone. own aims but the future peace of India, if not the world, be threatened

the framework of the existing Wednesday.

Mr. Jinnah and his colleague look- five of his colleagues were arrested by ed discouraged and tired when they the Byculla police following a stabbing left No. 10 Downing Street after

Mr. B. G. Kher

world affairs. Public interest has Nehru, before he went to the pects were released on bail.

The Prime Minister of Bombay, Mr. been reinforced by the sympathetic India Office today, gave Epstein, the Achhut Rama Mungekar (31), stated and understanding appeal made yes- famous sculptor, the first sitting for a to be a newspaper agent, was sentencterday by Mr. Dean Acheson on be- bust of himself. Pandit Nehru will give half of the United States, Govern- another sitting tomorrow and the final one on Friday.

> thor of the famous social security plan now being implemented in the British tween Mr. Attlee, his colleagues and Government's legislation. He is making the Indian leaders have, it is un-derstood, covered fully and frankly Prof. Laski, a friend of 20 years' stand-At the House of Commons yester-

> > Dr. Schumacher, leader of the German Social Democratic Party, who is in Britain as the guest of the British Labour Party-the introduction was made by Mr. Sorensen at Pandit Nehru's request. The Parliamentary Delegation, which

the House of Commons Jawaharlal Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, personal

According to the Associated Press ently not encouraging. conference with Mr. Jinnah and Mr. Liaqat Ali Khan in an effort to break the Con-

by fratricidal strife.

Mr. Attlee, an authoritative source said, told Mr. Jinnah today that Britain would not reopen negotiations for independence outside

A Reuter report says: Pandit had come out of the hotel. The sus-

TALK WITH LORD BEVERIDGE Last night, Pandit Nehru had a talk at his hotel with Lord Beveridge, au-

day, Pandit Nehru shook hands with

visited India at the beginning of this gave a dinner yesterday

Sardar Baldev Singh. representative of Pandit Nehru, is leaving London for Mexico immediately after the talks have ended between the Indian leaders and the Government. He will travel via New York. within the municipal limits of Anklesh-

COMPENSATION TO RIOT VICTIMS

Concern Of Provincial Governments

LONDON, December 8: The question of compensating victims of communal rioting in India was one for the Provincial Governments concerned, and no compensation was, therefore, being paid by the Government of India. Mr. Arthur Henderson, Under-Secretary of State for India, told Sir Waldron Smithers (Cons.), in the House of Commons today. Sir Waldron had asked for how many of the relatives of the dead and

injured was compensation being paid by the Government of India and on what basis, and to what amount, and how many in these two categories were British and how many Indian. Mr. Henderson added: "I understand that the Provincial Governments are actively engaged in relief and rehabilitation measures in which they are receiving assistance from the Central Government

"No Europeans have been killed in the communal disturbances since July last. I have no exact information as to the number of Europeans injured, but it may safely be assumed to have been very small indeed."—

SUMMONS AGAINST "STATESMAN" **Riot News Publication**

CALCUTTA, December 4: The Chief Presidency Magistrate of Calcutta, Mr. W. J. Falmer, today issued a summons against Mr. Ian Stephens, editor of the Statesman, and Mr. Amulya Dhone Bose, printer and publisher of the paper on a charge publisher of the paper, on a charge under Section 9 (3) of the Bengal Special Powers Ordinance No. VI of 1946 for alleged contravention of the provisions of that Ordinance.

The charge related to the publication in the Statesman dated October

tion in the Statesman, dated October 27, of a news item headed "Nose Chopped Off" and another item headed "22 killed in the city yesterday" on October 29 and photographs 'showing arson in Calcutta, where a furniture store was gutted by fire and also of a bazar in Haimchar in Tipperah dis-

The summons is returnable on December 19. Mr. Stephens left for Australia and New Zealand last week on post-war leave.-A.R.I.

POLICE FIRE ON BOMBAY CROWD Acid-throwing Incidents

"Two cases of stabbing occurred in the Agripada and Byculla areas respectively on Wednesday evening", says the Director of Publicity, Bombay.

"Acid was thrown at a relief lorry in the Dongri area, as a result of which 24 persons received burns. Another relief lorry was stoned in Lower Parel. Five persons have been arrested in this connection. "Five other incidents of stonethrowing and one of scid-throwing have been reported from Maharbowri and Naspada at night. In Mahar-

bowri, the police fired two rounds to disperse a crowd.

"The police fired six rounds on Tuesday night to disperse riotous crowds in the Maharbowri area and two to stop a stone-throwing incident in the Parel area. No one was injured."

"KNIFE IN PROCESS OF DISINTEGRATION" Sentence Reduced

A knife which was in the process of disintegration was no knife at all, observed the Chief Justice Sir Leonard Stone, sitting with Mr. Justice Lokur on the appellater bench of the Bombay High Court, on Wednesday, while disposing of a revision application preferred by Negron Hira an agriculturate ferred by Nagoo Hira, an agriculturist of Vile Parle, who had been sentenced to four months' rigorous imprisonment by the Presidency Magistrate, Andheri on a charge of contravening the order of the Commissioner of Police banning the carrying of lethal

Nagoo was arrested by the police on October 24 last at Kurla Road, while he was taking his employer's cattle from Shahpur to Vile Parle. He had a stick and a knife. In the lower court, the accused had explained the purpose for which he was carrying the stick and the knife, which was loose from the blade

Passing orders. Their Lordships observed that the knife was an old one, and its blade was loose from the handle and as such it could hardly be used for stabbing. As regards the stick, which, though five feet in length, was not stout and such a stick was usually carried by those who drove bullocks Their Lordships, therefore, reduced the sentence from four months to the period the appellant had already under-

RIOT CASES Lingama Laxam, who is suspected to be concerned in several cases of acid and stone-throwing in Bombay, was

arrested by the Nagpada police on Tuesday. He was remanded in custody by Mr. J. M. Barot, Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Court on Karoga Sethi, a hotel worker and

incident in front of their hotel, at Babula Tank Road. A pedestrian informed the police that the assailant

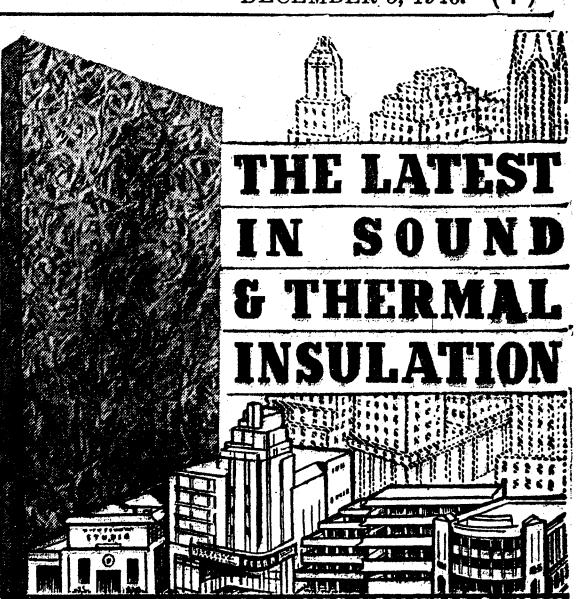
ed to three months' rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 200, in default further three months' R.I., by Mr. K. J. Khambata, Presidency Magistrate, at the Girgaum Police Court, Bombay, on Wednesday, for being a member of an unlawful assembly, rioting, abetment, and for causing grievous hurt to Dewanchand and two other persons, all employees of the Janma Bhoomi Press.

Ahmedabad Explosions AHMEDABAD, December 4: Two cases of acid-throwing and an explosion of a crude bomb occurred in the city today, injuring in all seven persons. Five persons were injured in an ex-

plosion last night in the Dariapur The District Magistrate has imposed a collective fine of Rs. 10,000 on the inhabitants in the Kolupur area, where one person was killed yesterday in an explosion.-A.P.I.

The Government of Bombay have extended for a further period of one month from December 8, 1946, its order banning processions and meetings war, in the Broach District.

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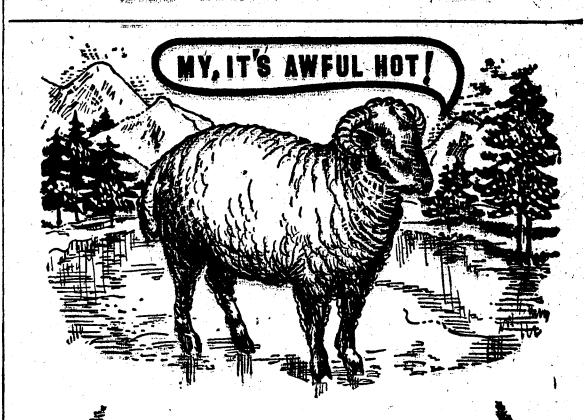
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