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THE NEAR EAST.

While the situation in the Near East is serious enough, hope has not been abandoned that a declaration of war against the Turks by the Allies will be unnecessary. The British government is awaiting the report of the representative who is meeting Kemal Pasha, and the Turkish leader may agree to respect the neutral zone and renounce his claims regarding Constantinople.

PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHTER.

Prospects for a peaceful settlement of the Near East problem appeared brighter last night. The leader of the Turkish Nationalist forces, Mustafa Kemal Pasha, has made no new move, and nothing has occurred to make the crisis more acute.

GLASGOW'S EXAMPLE.

Those who profess to fear that the city of St. John could not conduct a municipal system for the distribution of the water supply are being silenced by the Glasgow example.

CANADA'S MINERAL PRODUCTION.

A sharp increase was noted in the mineral production of Canada during the first six months of 1922. According to a survey made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics the output for this period was valued at more than \$77,000,000 as compared with about \$55,000,000 for the corresponding period in 1921.

THE CITY'S RIGHTS.

The long delayed conference between the city council and the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission on Thursday should lead to a speedy agreement with respect to the hydro contract.

THE UNEMPLOYED.

The local office of the Employment Service of Canada has on file requests for the services of one hundred men, and the men cannot be found. It is not because the work offered is of a difficult or unusual nature; most of the demands are for men for rough labor or for such work as almost any man can undertake.

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FULLY PROTECTED.

Mr. K. H. Smith, Chief Engineer of the Nova Scotia Power Commission, whose letter to Mr. Foss is published in this issue, explains that the damage by lightning to the hydro line from St. Margaret's Bay to Halifax was negligible, and that the services of a steam standby, although used, were not necessary.

THE REPARATIONS PAYMENTS.

The Bank of England evidently has faith in the recovery of Germany and in the ability of the Germans to pay their bills, ultimately. It was announced yesterday by the German Minister at Brussels that the Reichsbank was willing to endorse German treasury bonds for reparation payments to Belgium to the amount of 200,000,000 gold marks.

THE LIBERAL CANDIDATE.

The Liberal candidate for the Saskatchewan legislature was elected by acclamation in Regina city yesterday. He is the sixth supporter of the government to be returned in the six by-elections which have taken place since Premier Dunning assumed office in April.

THE BONUS BILL VETOED.

The President of the United States has vetoed the soldiers' bonus bill which had been passed by Congress. It is probable that no one will be greatly surprised by his action.

TO ENLIST THE NURSES.

The request of the graduate nurses of New Brunswick, that the hospital boards be asked to give nurses tuberculosis training in their general courses, does not seem at all unreasonable in view of the prevalence of the disease.

At the Dardanelles.

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Practical Profits.

Mr. Gordon Krills, electrical engineer for the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, has made a statement showing that one consumer in an Ontario town who uses all kinds of electrical appliances, pays from \$4 to \$6.84 a month for service, which at the New Brunswick Electric Power Company's rate would cost from \$24.27 to \$43.69 a month.

Electric irons, toasters, coffee percolators, vacuum cleaners, washing machines, air and water heaters, cooking ranges and numerous other devices are being used in Ontario homes. Electric stoves for cooking are being installed in such large numbers that the manufacturers are hardly able to keep up with the demand.

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CARING FOR FAMILIES OF MINE VICTIMS

Jackson, Cal., Sept. 20—While a mine rescue crew continued to bring to the surface bodies of victims of the Argonaut mine disaster, the west today had turned its attention to relieving the plight of families and dependents of the forty-seven men.

Compensation checks and funds realized from prize fight and theatre benefit performances already are beginning to pour in.

Superintendent W. M. Mullen of the Claims Department of the California Compensation Insurance Fund has sent checks to ten of the stricken families. He announced that eighteen families would receive checks monthly ranging from \$69 to \$83 for a period of 240 weeks.

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