

BRITISH TO DEFEND ISMID-BLACK SEA LINE

Campaign to Wipe Out Bandits In That Territory Is to be Carried On.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 17 (Associated Press).—The British and Greeks are preparing to clear the Scutari Peninsula of all Nationalists and establish a line from Ismid to Chilleh on the Black Sea, which will control the bandit raids against Bosphorus towns and check communication between Angora and Constantinople through the Scutari Peninsula mountains.

General Ironsides of the British forces probably will command the troops. His headquarters will be Ismid. Two British divisions already are available. These will be increased to an army corps. Two Greek regiments will be used.

Turkish Nationalists continue to raid Greek villages on the south shore of the Gulf of Ismid. The Greek Patriarch reports that Fouladjik, a Greek village with a population of 2,000 near Karamorsal, was virtually wiped out on July 15. The Greeks were shut inside the church, which was set on fire. The Patriarch reports that there are only 150 Greeks alive in the village.

The Entente is preparing for a campaign for the extermination of bandits. They will issue a warning that all villages which shelter or assist the Nationalists will be shelled or burned. British torpedo boat destroyers have shelled and ruined Riva, a Nationalist stronghold on the Black Sea near the entrance to the Bosphorus, and are carrying out spasmodic bombardments elsewhere against the Nationalists on the Scutari Peninsula, who are shortly to be attacked by land forces from the east.

Failure by the French troops to display the Greek flag at a review on July 14 and failure by the French to salute the flag when passing the Greek Consulate resulted in a protest by the Greeks. The French General, Nayral de Bourgon, in reply apologized for the oversight.

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