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1. The position of Premier Jawahri has become so very uncertain that his replacement by a cabinet headed by Nuri Said is probable.
2. In connection with the growing republican propaganda, King Faisal has decided to outflank the movement by taking over a high office, probably the presidency, if a republic is proclaimed.
3. A sign of the growing strain is that nine leading newspapers have been suspended for a year for their statements on the petroleum strike in Basra.
4. The Pakistani Foreign Minister Zafrullah Khan has made an offer to solve the problem of Middle East defense by taking Iraq into a security pact, but the Government of Iraq has been so uncertain over the internal crisis that it has been unable to take any action.

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