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GREAT WORK OF THE BRITISH ARMIES.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The great assistance which the air services, naval and military, now being combined under the Air Council, have rendered to the armies in the field was described in the House of Commons today by Major J. L. Baird, Parliamentary Secretary to the Air Board, when he introduced the estimates for that department. In September last 130 enemy machines were definitely ascertained to have been destroyed by British airmen, 13 were brought down by anti-aircraft guns, and 122 were driven down out of control. Through the direction of airmen in one day 127 hostile batteries, said Major Baird, were successfully "engaged to destruction," meaning that the batteries were destroyed; 26 gun pits were destroyed, 80 more were damaged and several explosions of munitions dumps were reported. On the same day 34 hostile batteries were "engaged for destruction," as a result of balloon observations. In September 15,837 photographs were taken and 7,886 bombs were dropped on various military points on the German lines. There had been eleven raids into Germany in the past two months, while the Germans succeeded in carrying out only eight into Great Britain, despite the fact that London was more easily reached than anything Germany could offer.

FIVE AIRMEN SWOOPED DOWN ON INNISBRUCK AND GAVE IT A STARTLING SURPRISE.

RAINED BOMBS ON BIGGEST BUILDINGS.

German Consulate Railway Station Munition Factory and Troop Trains were Attacked—Russia Preparing to Fight Guerrilla War Against Hun Invaders.

BUCHS, Switzerland, Feb. 22.—Five Entente Allied airmen flying over the Julian Alps Wednesday afternoon found that the town of Innsbruck, Austrian Tyrol, was not protected by anti-aircraft guns; the airmen thereupon swooped down to within three hundred yards of the ground, picked out the largest buildings copiously bombed them, including the railway station barracks and two new munitions factories. Soldiers and civilians were surprised and being unaccustomed to an air attack, rushed into the streets and many were killed. The German Consulate was hit and trains loaded with soldiers on their way to the Trentino front were attacked by machine guns from a low altitude.

Peace Courier At Berlin.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 22.—A Russian courier with the peace proposals of the Russian Government has arrived in Berlin, according to advices received here. The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, the German semi-official organ, says that

the re-opening of the negotiations with the Russians cannot be expected for some time. Dr. Von Kuehlmann, the German Foreign Secretary, says the newspapers will employ the interval in conducting negotiations with Roumanian, for which purpose he left for Bucharest on Thursday. The Roumanian delegation already has arrived there.

AUSTRIANS TO ATTACK ITALIANS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Official despatches from Rome today interpret the recent closing of the Swiss frontier by Austria to indicate troop movements to the Italian frontier in preparation for a renewed offensive. Italian aviators, the despatches say report continued arrival of fresh enemy troops from the Russo-Roumanian front. General Boreovic, who recently assumed supreme command displacing Arolduke, Eugene, by order of Emperor Charles, is said to be planning his offensive between the Astico and Lake Garda.

JERICHO FALLS INTO BRITISH HANDS.

Australian Mounted Troops Entered Famous City on Thursday—Dominates Valley of the Jordan.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The British forces in Palestine have captured the City of Jericho, Australian troops entering the historic city on Thursday. Aside from its historical and sentimental importance, the capture of the city gives General Allenby a number of strategic roads over which to move his men and their supplies. Within twenty-four miles from the present British position is the railroad from Damascus to Mecca, which has been the artery which has fed the Turkish troops operating against the Arabs. If this road were cut it would give the tribesmen great advantage in their struggle. The War Office announced that the city was entered by Australian mounted troops yesterday. Little opposition was encountered. Subsequently the Australians established themselves on the line of the Jordan and the Wadi Auja. The official statement reports the continuation of bad weather. North and northwest of Jerusalem, the British advanced positions were extended slightly and rendered secure. During the fighting of Wednesday the casualties of the British troops were again slight.

AMPLE SUPPLIES OF SUGAR.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Ample supplies of sugar will be available during the coming season, the Food Administration announced tonight, to meet the necessary requirements of food and to provide for the household preserving purposes.

ENGLAND'S WOMEN ON A WAR BASIS.

Sew and Social "Butterflies" Busy.

LONDON.—The war has wrought great changes upon the occupations, vocational and otherwise, of the women of England. A picture of the new order of things was given recently by Margaret Bell writing in the London Daily Mail. She says:—

"Broadening houses are full today, but the aims and conventions have taken on a different tone. The uncertain years are disguised under a uniform, the incomes are augmented by war activities, the trivial gossip has turned into serious discussions on the ways and means to do the utmost for the country in its present need."

"The society butterfly of the past has become the national bee of the present, and busily hums her way among fields of service which are not always fields of clover. Gone are the grandmothers who once assumed the role of elderly adviser and were content to leave actual practicalities to the married daughters. The one-time gray satin or black lace has found a temporary haven on some obscure shelf, and the overalls and veil of a sewing sisterhood are sufficient evidence that Granby's present role is not only an advisory one."

"The bashful 'flapper' with entrant pigtail and a keen appreciation of chocolate ice cream sodas, has given way to life alert young women who beguile shillings for charitable purposes and evince practical interest in the routine of home and kitchen mending. The women of no special charm and limited means, whose hours were spent in

planning how to make jagged ends meet, now finds time to give the benefit of her experience to unfledged housewives who are launching their first bargues on the sea of domestic duties. The struggling governess still struggles, but the rays of her pedagogical searchlight are not all focussed on her own work. On days when she is not employed in others' houses she does gratuitous service among the workwomen's children who play in the gutters outside her home."

"The war has transformed the lethargic woman who never left her boudoir until the sound of the luncheon gong came peeping up the stairs and announced that her first activities were about to begin. She has discarded her lethargy, as she used to discard her last season's hat, and may be seen any morning hurrying away to some office or canteen, even before the milkmaid's carts have left the streets."

"Gone, too, is the incapable housewife who once boasted of her ignorance of culinary things. The kitchen is the field of her operations today and rational living is her hobby."

FOUND A SHELL AT FERRY WHARF.

People of Dartmouth Somewhat Alarmed Yesterday When Projectile, Apparently Loaded, Was Picked Up.

Dartmouth, Feb. 20.—A shell measuring 31-2 inches in diameter and about 9 inches in length was found on the ferry wharf, early this morning. Just how it came there is a mystery that will have to be fathomed out by the Military Intelligence Department, which has been notified of the find.

The shell was found by one of the employees of F. W. Mosher & Son, wharf builders, whose pile driver is working at the ferry wharf. The shell when picked up was wrapped in brown paper and from the condition of its wrapping it has not been out in the weather so long, but it is possible that it was dropped or thrown there either Monday night or last night. The position where the shell was found is a little plot of land between the ferry building occupied as a store by Mrs. Marks and the ferry wharf. There is a small yard in the rear of the house occupied by Mrs. Marks, and the shell was just outside the fence surrounding this yard.

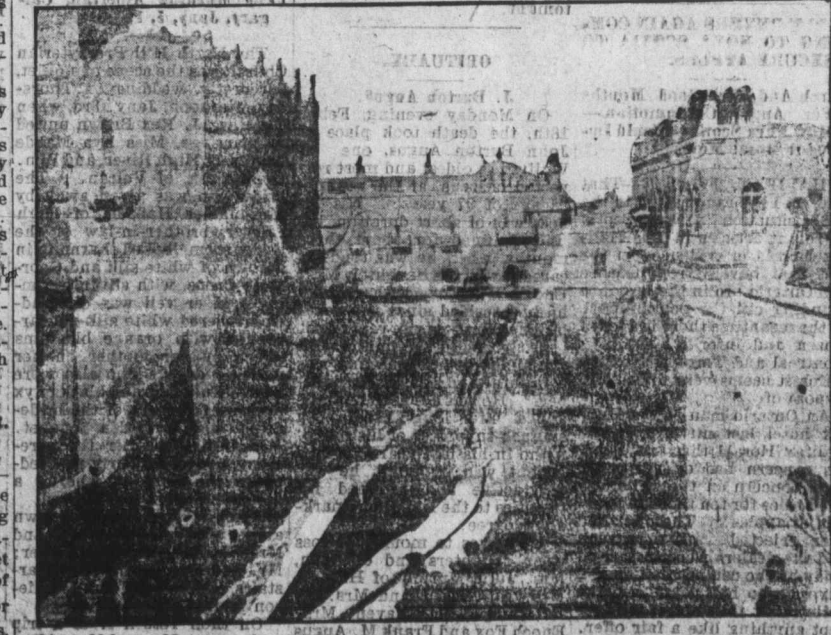
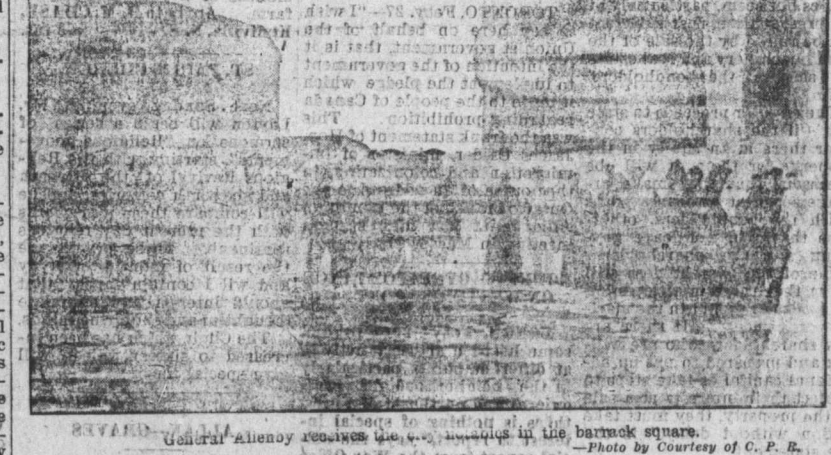
The man who found the shell took it immediately to the ferry office and handed it over to Engineer Pierce, who later handed it over to Superintendent Hunter, in whose charge it still remains. To the Daily Echo this morning Mr. Hunter said that apparently the shell was loaded.

The news that a large loaded shell had been found in Dartmouth spread quickly among the passengers on the ferry and caused excitement. "There are, of course, many speculations," said a ferry official this morning, "but it would be best to wait for something official before jumping at conclusions."

NEW ZEALAND TAKE PRISONERS.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—New Zealand troops carried out a successful raid early this morning on Polygon wood and captured a few prisoners, says today's war office statement. "The enemy's artillery was active, yesterday evening against our positions at Flesquieres."

THE CAPTURE OF PALESTINE



Reading, the proclamation from the steps at the base of the Tower of David, which was standing when Christ was in Jerusalem. Photo by courtesy of C. P. R.