

ENGLAND-TURKISH WAR TAKES SUEZ CANAL TO THE FRONT

Passage of Waterway is considered necessary preliminary step to the success of any Egyptian Expedition.

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Berlin, Germany, Jan. 14.—By the advance of the Ottoman troops upon Egypt, wrote Fritz Zutranna in the Berliner Tageblatt recently, attention generally is focussed on the Suez canal, the passage of which by the Turks may be regarded as the necessary preliminary to the success of the Egyptian expedition.

When the canal was opened in 1869 with unprecedented splendor in the presence of numerous royalties, the Khedive of that time summed up the importance of the new waterway for Egypt with the words, "Mons pays tout plus en Egypte; nous faisons partie de l'Europe."

When it is considered in what circumstances these words were spoken, when one reflects that they fell from the lips of a luxury-loving, oriental prince, the tremendous revolution which they indicate may be rightly appreciated.

Exceeded Expectations.

Moreover, the extent to which the traffic on the canal has subsequently developed has exceeded all expectations, and although Egypt belongs geographically to Africa, it has, owing to the Suez canal, attained an importance far above any other country in northern Africa. If Egypt is not actually a part of Europe, it is at all events the corridor between Europe and Africa.

The nations soon recognized that the piercing of the isthmus of Suez, that land bridge of only 112 kilometers in breadth between Africa and Asia, and the establishment of communication between the Red sea and the Mediterranean, was of high military and economic significance.

As early as the fourteenth century B. C. excavation work was begun on a large scale under the Egyptian kings, Sesostris I. and Sesostris II. Later on repeated efforts were made to pierce the isthmus, but the great work was never brought to a successful conclusion. It was reserved for the Austrian engineer, Negrelli, during long years of difficult work, to prepare the plans for this great engineering feat. His work was completed by de Lesseps, whose breadth between Africa and Asia, and the establishment of communication between the Red sea and the Mediterranean, was of high military and economic significance.

Not to Remain Long.

The French were not destined to remain long in undisturbed possession of the water course which their money had brought into being, for the British government, rightly estimating the brilliant future of the undertaking, bought up the impetuous Khedive's shares, which amounted to 24,000,000 sterling, thereby obtaining a controlling share of influence in the company. Apart from the political and strategic advantages, this acquisition has proved an excellent investment for English capital. The interest on the shares, which amounted to 5 per cent in 1875, has steadily increased, and has risen of late years to 33 per cent. The price of the shares has also risen in proportion from 600 franc to approximately 5000 francs for 500 franc nominal shares.

In consequence of the war the company will probably have to face a decrease in income of several million francs, so that the dividends for the current year will doubtless be considerably smaller. It must, however, be remarked that the directors of the undertaking have always displayed great caution, and have set aside very large reserves, so that the financial situation of the company may be described as thoroughly sound.

Revenue Steadily Rises.

The revenue up to the end of 1913 has steadily risen, although considerable reductions of the canal dues have been made from time to time. The shipping has developed so rapidly that it has more than compensated for the decrease in revenue resulting from the reduction of dues. The sum of 10,50 francs demanded at first on each net ton registered was reduced to 7.25 francs for laden vessels. The rate for unladen vessels was originally 8 francs, and this was subsequently reduced in proportion to the rate for laden vessels to 4.75 francs. A charge of 10 francs must be made for passengers. In a comparison from a national point of view of the shipping on the canal, England is seen to contribute the greater part, while Germany comes second with an amount of traffic equal to about one-fourth that of England, and is followed by Holland and France. The latter, it will be noticed, takes only the fourth place.

While France is less actively interested in the canal from a commercial than from a financial point of view, the maritime interests of England on the canal outweigh the importance of the actual capital which she has invested therein. The powers which, like England and Germany, participate most in the shipping on the canal have the greatest interest in further reducing the canal dues, in contradistinction to France, who systematically opposes every attempt at reduction as likely to prove injurious to her financial interests.

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Do not forget to attend the Great Fur Sale at H. Mont Jones.

HERO OF RAID ON GERMANY WAS TAUGHT TO FLY BY MOTHER



MRS. MAURICE HEWLETT AND THE BLUE BIRD

Mrs. Ebbas B. Hewlett, wife of the novelist, Mr. Maurice Hewlett, taught the art of flying to her son, Flight Commander Francis E. T. Hewlett, of the British Navy, who, the British Admiralty announced, was missing after an attack on Ostend made by naval hydro-aeroplanes on Christmas Day. Mrs. Hewlett has contributed largely to the development of her country in aviation, and probably is the only woman who taught her offspring to fly. She has in addition given instruction to many others, including officers of the army as well as of the navy. While an instructor Mrs. Hewlett used a Farman biplane, known as the Blue Bird. Flight Commander Hewlett was among the first officers assigned to the Royal Naval Air Service organized in 1912. His mother for the last two years has been engaged in the business of building aeroplanes, which are in use by the army and navy.

AMERICAN LADY WEDS NEPHEW OF THE KAISERINE

Berlin, via London, Jan. 14.—Miss Elizabeth Reid Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Rogers, of Washington, D. C., was married at noon to Christian of Hesse. The prince is a nephew of the German Empress, and is a captain in the German navy.

ADVISABILITY OF HOLDING IMPERIAL CONFERENCE DISCUSSED

London, Jan. 14.—Discussing the advisability of holding an Imperial Conference, the Standard of Empire says that there need be no fear that any conference sitting at such a time would attempt to grapple with the final settlement of great questions of imperial governance. It asks whether the advisability of holding a conference should not be considered because of, rather than in spite of, the crisis now existing, in view of the desire of the Overseas Dominions that they be consulted on the terms of any peace settlement.

PORTAGE VALE NEWS

Portage Vale, Kings Co., Jan. 14.—Rev. Mr. Beck gave a lecture and lantern show in the hall at Anagnone Tuesday evening, along the Lord's Day Alliance work. Although the night was an unfavorable one the house was crowded. The lecture and views were much appreciated. Willis Dunfield and R. W. Scribner were appointed to look after the Alliance work in Anagnone and vicinity. The meeting closed by singing God Save the King and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Chapman.

Mrs. Susan Snyder, River Glade, is the guest of friends here. Mrs. Charles Colpitts, Colpitts, Albert Co., is the guest of her sister Mrs. McAnespy.

School opened here Monday with Miss Blakney, Petticoatic, as teacher. The school at Anagnone is under the efficient care of their former teacher, Miss Frances Elliott.

Mrs. Powell, Moncton, is the guest of her father, R. W. Schibner, station agent.

Mrs. Chesley Dunfield, who has been in St. John for some time, on account of the serious illness of her grandchild, has returned home.

Miss Annie B. Gifford is attending school in Petticoatic. Parker Stockton, who underwent a serious operation in the hospital at St. John, Saturday, is reported doing as well as can be expected. Duncan MacNaughton has sold his property at Anagnone and it is reported that Mr. and Mrs. MacNaughton will go west in the spring. They have a son and daughter living in Winnipeg.

Bliss Keith, Anagnone, has a crew of men cutting lumber on a tract of land near the Portage Jet.

NO AUTHORITY FOR THE STATEMENT, SAYS MINISTER OF TRADE

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, gave a straight denial tonight, to the statement in a circular letter sent to various Canadian manufacturers by Messrs. G. Noel and P. Remon, 11 St. Sacrament street, Montreal, that they were "officially" delegated by the Federal Government to go over to France and Belgium in the interest of Canadian manufacturers with a view to bringing about closer commercial relations between Canada and these countries.

The Minister stated that there was no authority for such a statement.

MASONS AT ST. MARTIN'S INSTALL OFFICERS

C. S. March and R. A. March, past-masters of Corinthian Lodge, Hampton, installed the following officers at St. Martin's Lodge No. 30 on Monday night: W. B. Bentley, W. M.; J. A. Howard, S. W.; Rev. F. J. LeCory, J. W.; Rev. A. W. Snelling, P. M.; Chap.; S. V. Skillen, P. M., treasurer; H. Morrow, S. D.; W. A. McIntyre, J. D.; J. P. Whitney, P. M., secretary; R. C. Fowles, S. S.; Warren Selby, J. S.; R. H. Graves, I. G.; Isaac Melvin Tyler, A. E. S. Hatfield, I. P. M.; D. S.

LIFE SENTENCE INSTEAD OF HANGING FOR VANCOUVER MURDERER

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—On the strong recommendation of the trial judge, the government has commuted to life imprisonment, the sentence on Montanari, the Italian who was to have been hanged at Vancouver tomorrow morning.

CODE MESSAGES PERMITTED

New York, Jan. 14.—The Marconi wireless Telegraph Company of America announced today that it had been informed that as the result of a conference in Washington between officials of the Navy Department and officials of the company, the restrictions against the transmission of coded wireless messages between the United States and the Hawaiian Islands had been removed.

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THINGS GERMANS SHOULD HELP

Norwegian Paper Says Germany Must be Held Responsible if Belgians are Lacking in Food.

Christiania, Norway, Jan. 13.—Much has been said and a great deal has been accomplished in connection with providing the assistance so urgently required by the Belgian refugees. A great number have arrived in England and Holland, and such steps as are possible have been taken to provide them with the necessary food and shelter.

In the meantime the question of Belgium, the inhabitants of the country and their future, is engaging the attention of most people. Referring to the matter, the following editorial, headed "Germany is Responsible if There is Distress in Belgium," appeared in the Verdens Gang. Since this is practically the first definite reference made to the subject in Norway, it is of special interest:

"At comparatively short intervals messages arrive stating that there is distress in Belgium. In some cases the word 'famine' is used. German messages deny this, but it is admitted that there is lack of flour. At the moment it is probably impossible for outsiders to secure reliable information as to the position in Belgium.

"We are aware that the crops in large districts were trampled down and that a large number of houses were burnt or shot down, and that all business life has been paralyzed. The time will arrive when we shall know what the Belgians have suffered.

"It is, of course, very little use for outsiders to say anything on this matter, but it has been noticed that Germany has taken over the administration of the conquered part of Belgium, and that war contributions have been demanded time after time; also that the population has been ordered to provide food for certain numbers of German soldiers. The Belgians are, therefore, treated as if they belonged to Germany.

"In these circumstances all civilized human beings will look upon the Germans as responsible if anybody suffers from famine in Belgium. Even if we cannot contribute anything to alter the circumstances, we consider it our duty to declare how outsiders must regard this matter. We in common with all neutral states, must so regard it that the Germans are the only ones responsible if the people in Belgium suffer distress."

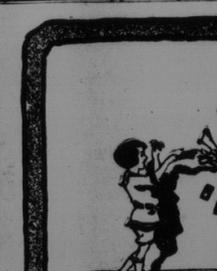
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HOPES BORROWING IN U.S. WILL NOT LEAD TO OVER-SPECULATION

London, Jan. 14.—Commenting upon Canadian borrowing in the United States, the Globe finds this continued borrowing one of those features of the present financial situation which is difficult to understand. The Globe points out that United States railways are large borrowers in the British market, yet while certain banking quarters in New York receive with indignation any suggestion that they should support the market in their own bonds, they encourage loans to Canada. If Canada can borrow cheap or in New York, says the Globe, it is desirable that it should do so, but it is to be hoped that this will not encourage over-speculation in industrial enterprises running at high pressure just now in the principal cities of the Dominion.

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Orillia, Ont., Jan. 14.—The Fisher Motor Company, Limited, has received an order from the British War Office for finishing 20,000 shrapnel shells. The rough castings will be supplied, and the remainder of the work, except filling with explosives, will be done in Orillia. The contract will give employment to fifty men for three months.



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SERIOUS FIRE AT SACKVILLE

Storehouses and Contents Burned — 5,000 Bushels of Potatoes Destroyed — Loss Nearly \$6,000.

Special to The Standard. Sackville, N. B., Jan. 14.—Upper and Middle Sackville were visited by serious fires last night. Potato houses owned by C. Fred Pawcett were razed to the ground and contents destroyed. The storehouse at Middle Sackville contained about 2,000 bushels of potatoes and about ninety barrels of turnips, the property of George A. Pawcett. Five potato digging machines owned by manufacturers and stored in the building were also destroyed.

The Middle Sackville loss will be about \$5,000, which is partly covered with insurance. The storehouse of Upper Sackville contained about 3,000 bushels of potatoes and the loss will be about \$3,000, partly covered with insurance.

An Intercolonial Railway car which was being loaded at the Upper Sackville storehouse contained a stove used for heating purposes and it was in this car that the fire originated. The car was partly loaded with potatoes and was also destroyed.

WASHINGTON INFORMED OF RESIGNATION OF COUNT BERCHTOLD

Official Notification From Vienna — No Change in Policy, Officials at Austrian Embassy Say.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Announcement of the resignation of Count Berchtold as Austro-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, reached the embassy here today from Vienna. Important personal reasons were said to have caused his withdrawal. Officials at the embassy said the change was not a surprise, and that the appointment of Baron Burian as Foreign Minister would imply a change of policy on the part of the government. The message said:

"The Emperor has acceded to the request of Count Berchtold to relieve him of the duties of his office, submitted some months ago and renewed by Count Berchtold on account of important personal reasons, and has appointed Baron Burian Minister of Foreign Affairs."

It was stated at the embassy that the late foreign minister had for some time desired to withdraw from active political life, and it was only because his predecessor, the Count Erenththal, requested him to do so that he accepted the office in the first place. He has been in bad health for some time. Count Burian was described as a man of great energy, and of similar political views as the retiring minister.

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THE ALSATION BECOMES A FLAGSHIP

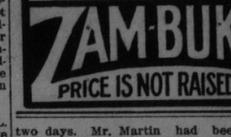
London, Jan. 14.—An exceptional honor has fallen to the Allan liner Alsatian, which appears in the latest navy list as the flagship of Rear Admiral Dudley De Chair. Besides being one of the newest and handsomest merchant ships on the Mersey, the Alsatian has a cruiser stern, giving her the appearance of a warship, and earning for her the nickname of "The Cruiser" when she first appeared. The word uttered in jest now applies in reality.

Montpellier, Vt., Jan. 14.—James L. Martin, United States district judge for Vermont, dropped dead at a railway station here today. He had been holding court here for

two days. Mr. Martin had been a Federal judge for eight years and often had charge of important cases in New York as well as in Vermont.

BATTLE

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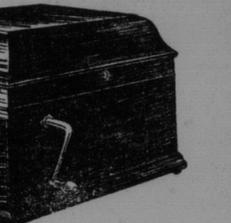
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