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Believe Turks Lost Two Thirds Of Their Artillery On Tigris

Bonar Law's Announcement in Commons—London Sees in Fall of Bagdad Dissipation of German Vision of an Eastern Empire

London, Mar. 12.—After announcing the fall of Bagdad in the House of Commons today, Andrew Bonar Law said there was every reason to believe that two-thirds of the Turks' artillery had fallen into the hands of the British or had been thrown into the Tigris.

London, Mar. 12.—The fall of Bagdad, in the opinion of the London press, is of even greater significance for the effect it is expected to have on Germany than for its value in restoring British prestige in the eyes of the Mohammedan world and the East generally.

While it is recognized that the British misfortunes in Mesopotamia have had a serious influence on the prestige of the ruling power in India and Egypt and while it is contended that the capture of Bagdad will restore the balance, the chief gratification expressed is that the success of General Maude's expedition "has shattered the dream that Germans have indulged in for more than twenty years."

As one typical comment puts it:—"The Germans' proud vision of an eastern empire is dissipated before their eyes, the German route to the east is blocked and the existing terminus of the Berlin to Bagdad railway has passed into British hands. To orientals it will seem to sound the knell of German aspirations."

Paris, March 12.—The morning papers comment at length upon the fall of Bagdad and dwell upon the political importance of the British success. The Figaro says: "In respect to the European war as a whole, perhaps it does not matter much that the Turkish army has undertaken a serious check in faraway territory. Nevertheless the political effect of the event will be deeply felt in Germany. The dream cherished by German megalomaniacs must remain a dream in the face of the realities. It is certain that hopes of its fulfillment were fostered by the government and contributed largely to keeping up the spirits of the public."

The Petit Parisien says: "The Turks were thrown into the war forcibly by the committee of union and progress, which only maintained itself in power by terrorism. Will its prestige survive the Mesopotamian disaster?"

GERARD'S PARTY BRING HOME WORD OF APPALLING CONDITIONS IN GERMANY

People Care Not For Victory Or Defeat; What They Want Is Food

Last Straw When Harvests Fail For Lack of Men and Fertilizers And Not Even Troops Get Enough to Eat—Confirm News of Kaiser's Condition

New York, Mar. 12.—A Sunday despatch to the Herald from Havana says: Appalling conditions prevail throughout Germany, where several days ago, James W. Gerard, the recalled American ambassador at Berlin, and his party arrived from Spala.

While Mr. Gerard refused to make any statement before he sees President Wilson at Washington, for which place he will start tomorrow, several men and women who left Germany with him, said the people were starving and had reached that stage where they did not care whether victory or defeat came. What they want is food.

The iron hand of Prussianism still throbbles the people of Germany, keeping them in ignorance of true conditions, hiding from them the strength of their enemies and bolstering their weakening courage with false reports of victories. The last straw will break the camel's back before another year, when harvests must fail for lack of men and fertilizers, when starvation must be even more active than now, when even the troops may not have sufficient food and when the people must know and realize the failure and the futility of Prussia's last desperate chance—the ruthless submarine atrocity.

The passengers confirmed the reports of the ill-health of the Kaiser, saying that in official circles it is well known, but that the people are not permitted to know of it. Several said that it had been necessary for a long time to administer powerful drugs to the Kaiser, constantly, that he cannot sleep and always is in the hands of physicians.

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Expect Murray To Give Up Reins Early This Week

That is Impression in Fredericton Resulting From Statements Made—The Matter of Bye-Elections and Date of Opening of Legislature

Fredericton, N. B., March 12.—There is a general impression here resulting from statements made unofficially by members of the present government that Premier Murray and his ministers will hand their resignations to the lieutenant-governor early this week.

The elections took place on February 24 and February 26 and if the rumor is correct the Murray government will be quite as prompt in bowing to public opinion as the Robinson government was in 1908. The elections took place that year on March 3 and the Gloucester county election was on Monday March 1. Premier Robinson and his colleagues handed in their resignations on March 15 and the new premier, Mr. Hasen, took six days before he announced his new government, which was sworn in on March 24.

Mr. Robinson discouraged any opposition to the new ministers and they were all returned with their portfolios by acclamation. Premier Hasen, not having to worry over and fight elections, was able to make prompt preparation for the first meeting of the new legislature and yet it took five weeks before the government was sworn in. The house sat during May and prorogued about the last day of the month. The Chamberlain's undertaking rooms to send instructions from the family, rendered the seats of office and fourteen days, including today, have passed since the final contest in Gloucester on February 26. So there is not likely to be any material difference in the time taken by their administration to wind up its business.

What will happen when the new government is announced and the ministers go to the people for endorsement after accepting office remains to be seen. If they are opposed, it will be impossible to give attention to the business of preparation for the legislature until after the bye-elections and the declarations which would take up a good month's time. After that, in order for the new government to give a month for legislative preparation, the time of the opening of the legislature would not be until the middle of May or later, and the session would run into the summer months.

On the contrary, should there be no opposition to the ministers, the first of June should see the ministers at home and at their usual occupations. Preparations for the session are already being made by the members. Premier-elect Foster and Mrs. Foster have engaged apartments at the Queen Hotel as has Dr. E. A. Smith for himself, Mrs. and Miss Smith. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hetherington, Mr. and Mrs. George H. King, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dymally, and Mrs. Fred Magee, will also reside in the same hotel, which is Lieutenant-governor Josiah Wood's headquarters.

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APPROVAL OF A BREAK WITH THE TEUTONS

Chinese House of Representatives Takes Action in Secret Session

London, March 12.—A Peking despatch to Reuters says that the House of Representatives, at a secret session, approved the government's diplomatic policy, including a rupture with Germany.

The Chinese foreign office announced on February 9 that it would sever diplomatic relations with Germany if the unrestricted submarine warfare decree was put into effect. On March 4 the Chinese cabinet agreed that relations should be broken but President Li Yuan Heng refused to accept the decision of the ministers and Premier Yuan Chi Jui resigned. Three days later, however, the premier resumed office and Premier Li Yuan Heng had agreed to give the cabinet full power to frame the country's foreign policy also on the condition that the cabinet should vote on the question of a breach with Germany.

There have been reports from numerous sources that China was contemplating not merely the severance of relations but an actual alliance with the Entente. A dispatch from Peking on March 8 stated that the Chinese foreign minister was sounding the ministers of the Entente as to the conditions under which the Allies would be willing to accept China as a partner.

HALIFAX HAS CASE OF MURDER

Colored Man Shoots Down Another Who Had Interfered When He Was Making Trouble

Halifax, N.S., March 12.—The colored settlement of Africville, on the city's outskirts was the scene of a murder this morning at five o'clock when Laurence Sparks shot dead Charles Dickson.

The house where the murder took place is owned by William Howe, who lives directly across the road. Howe rented the house to Sparks, who is a married man with a wife and child. Sparks is a colored man who is living with her mother in the neighborhood. The murdered man was married and lived with his wife and child in his own home directly opposite.

When a reporter arrived on the scene the body of Dickson was lying in blood, face upwards, in the room upstairs occupied as living quarters by Daphnia Howe, sister of the owner of the house. It was in this room that the shooting took place. Sparks lived in the one room down stairs.

I. C. R. MAN KILLED IN ISLAND YARD

Leslie Steadman of Moncton, Brakeman, Was Crossing Track in Front of Express

Leslie Steadman of Moncton, brakeman, in the employ of the I. C. R., met his death early this morning in the Island Yard. He was crossing a track when he was struck by the incoming Halifax express, Engineer Anderson. The train was brought to a standstill and the engine crew carried his mangled body into the Island Yard telegraph office, where, about twenty minutes later he passed away.

Steadman was also a brakeman on the express train and arrived in the city on Saturday evening with his train. He was due to start on his morning trip on Monday to the Island Yard office this morning about six o'clock to get his orders. After getting on the train he was standing on the platform when the express was starting to cross the track, when operator Bradley called to him, warning him that the Halifax express would overtake him. He continued on his way, thinking that he could cross the track before the express overtook him. He had crossed the first rail of the track and was just clearing the northern rail when the engine of the express train caught him, throwing him to the ground. The wheels of the engine passing over his body mangled the body and he was thrown into the air. Station Agent L. R. Ross was notified and he notified Coroner Kenney. On his instructions the body was removed to Chamberlain's undertaking rooms to await instructions from the family, Coroner Kenney was of the opinion that no inquest would be necessary.

Mr. Steadman was in the thirty-seventh year of his age and has been in the employ of the I. C. R. for the last eleven years. He was unmarried and lived with his widowed mother in Moncton.

Consolidation of Schools, Co-operation in Agriculture—Suggestions That C. P. R. Extend Lines Via Brule

Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 12.—An important report to be submitted at the coming session of the legislature will be the consolidation of the annual school report of the provincial development committee. This committee, of which Frank R. Heats is president, was organized a year ago. The report covers the work done during the past year, also the taxation of mail order houses. The committee on education plans to submit a report on the consolidation of schools, co-operation in agriculture, and suggestions that the C. P. R. extend lines via Brule.

FURTHER GAINS MADE BY FRENCH

Paris, Mar. 12.—The French official announcement says: "Between Soissons and Rheims a surprise attack directed by the enemy against one of our trenches in the region of Poisy was repulsed promptly by our fire. The enemy suffered losses and left prisoners in our hands."

"Near Maisons de Champagne we made further progress last night by grenade attacks. Patrol encounters occurred in the sector of Auberville. The number of machine guns which we have captured in the region of Maisons de Champagne has been increased to twelve. "In the Woerwe we made a successful incursion into German trenches north of Sclépigny. In Lorrairie there were patrol engagements. We took prisoners near St. Martin, northwest of Badonvillers. Elsewhere the front passed in quiet."

WILL NOT REMOVE DUTIES ON COTTON IMPORTED INTO INDIA

London, March 12.—A deputation representing all sections of the Lancashire cotton industry waited upon Austen Chamberlain, secretary for India today, to protest against the recent increase in duties upon cotton imported into India.

The deputation declared that duty was the greatest blow ever struck at the cotton industry and that it would result in the closing of the mills in India, but not an artificial growth brought about by a protective tariff. They asked for a withdrawal of the duty or the imposition of a countervailing excise duty upon Indian cotton.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that it was impossible to grant the request of the deputation. The duty, he said, was a necessary contribution to the charges on India's war loan of £100,000,000. The cotton trade was not asking for equality, he declared, but for a favored position not enjoyed by other industries.

VON BERNSTORFF SAYS MATTER OF INTRIGUE IS ALL NEWS TO HIM

Christiania, Mar. 11, via London, Mar. 12.—The steamship Frederik VIII left for Copenhagen today and on arrival here, told Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, and his party.

On Bernstorff, an arrival here, told the Associated Press that he was ignorant of the political developments of the last four weeks, and was not in a position to make any comment regarding them. When he learned of the disclosure of German efforts to make an alliance with Mexico he expressed surprise and added: "It is news to me."

The count was told of President Wilson's progress toward the arming of merchantmen, but he made no comment. He is, however, very eager to hear of the latest developments on both sides of the Atlantic.

Austrian Chief at German Headquarters

Berlin, March 11.—(Via Amsterdam and London, March 12)—It is officially announced that Field Marshal Arz von Straussenburg, chief of staff of the Austro-Hungarian army, arrived at German headquarters on Sunday to confer concerning the military operations.

TWENTY-FOUR DEAD; PROPERTY LOSS OF MILLION DOLLARS

Newcastle, Ind., March 12.—The death list from a tornado which swept Newcastle yesterday afternoon was twenty-four early today and searchers were still digging in the ruins for other victims.

A score or more persons were reported to be missing, while the hospitals were crowded with several hundred patients suffering from more or less serious injuries. According to the best estimate obtainable the property damage will reach at least \$1,000,000. One hundred homes were demolished and approximately 2,000 were damaged.

ASSESSMENT COMMISSION

The members of the St. John city assessment commission met this morning in the mayor's office for consideration of the suggestions and criticisms which have been made by the special committee of the Board of Trade council.

SUDDEN DEATH OF WALTER PARKIN

Moncton, March 12.—Walter Parkin, aged 38, of Shenstone, Albert county, was killed about seven o'clock this morning. He was driving to Moncton and called at the home of John H. Steeves of Muldoon. While there he complained of a pain in his chest and then collapsed, death occurring before Dr. H. L. Botsford could arrive from Moncton. Death was due to heart disease. His wife, who was a daughter of Street Steeves of Hillsboro, survives, also a little daughter.

GRIM TRAGEDY IN HOME OF CONSUL

London, Mar. 12.—Carlos Jaeger, Brazilian consul general in Vienna, has committed suicide, following an abortive attempt at self destruction by his wife, according to an American despatch to the Central News.

Senhor Jaeger's act was prompted by grief over the death of her children and Senator Jaeger took his life in the belief that his wife was dead.

THE GALLANT MEN OF ST. PIERRE

Saint Pierre, Miq., March 12.—A little more than thirty per cent. of the several hundred men whom this little colony of France contributed in defence of the motherland had died on the battlefield. Those surviving are returning in small units on short furloughs. Twenty-eight soldiers are here now and twelve more are expected this week. All say confidently that "the Germans will not hold out much longer."

DIED SUDDENLY

The death of James Sweeney, son of Catherine A. and the late Jeremiah Sweeney, of River Falls, took place suddenly this morning. He was twenty-seven years of age and besides his mother he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Charles McCluskey and the Misses Kate, Marie and Josephine, and one brother, Charlie.

MILITARY SCHOOLS

A school of instruction in signalling will be commenced in Halifax on March 19; also a school in Field Artillery on the same day in Kingston, Ontario. Applications for these schools should be in before the fourteenth of the month.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Steacie, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Since Saturday snow has fallen in the Georgian Bay district and the Ottawa Valley and light rain in the lower lake region.

Fair, moderately cold weather prevails this morning over Canada.

Ontario—Fair, fresh northerly winds, fair today and on Tuesday, and for the most part moderately cold.

Fair, Moderately Cold.

Maritime—Fresh to strong northwest to north winds, fair and moderately cold today and on Tuesday.

New England—Cloudy tonight slightly colder on the main land. Tuesday, partly cloudy, moderate to fresh northwest to north winds.