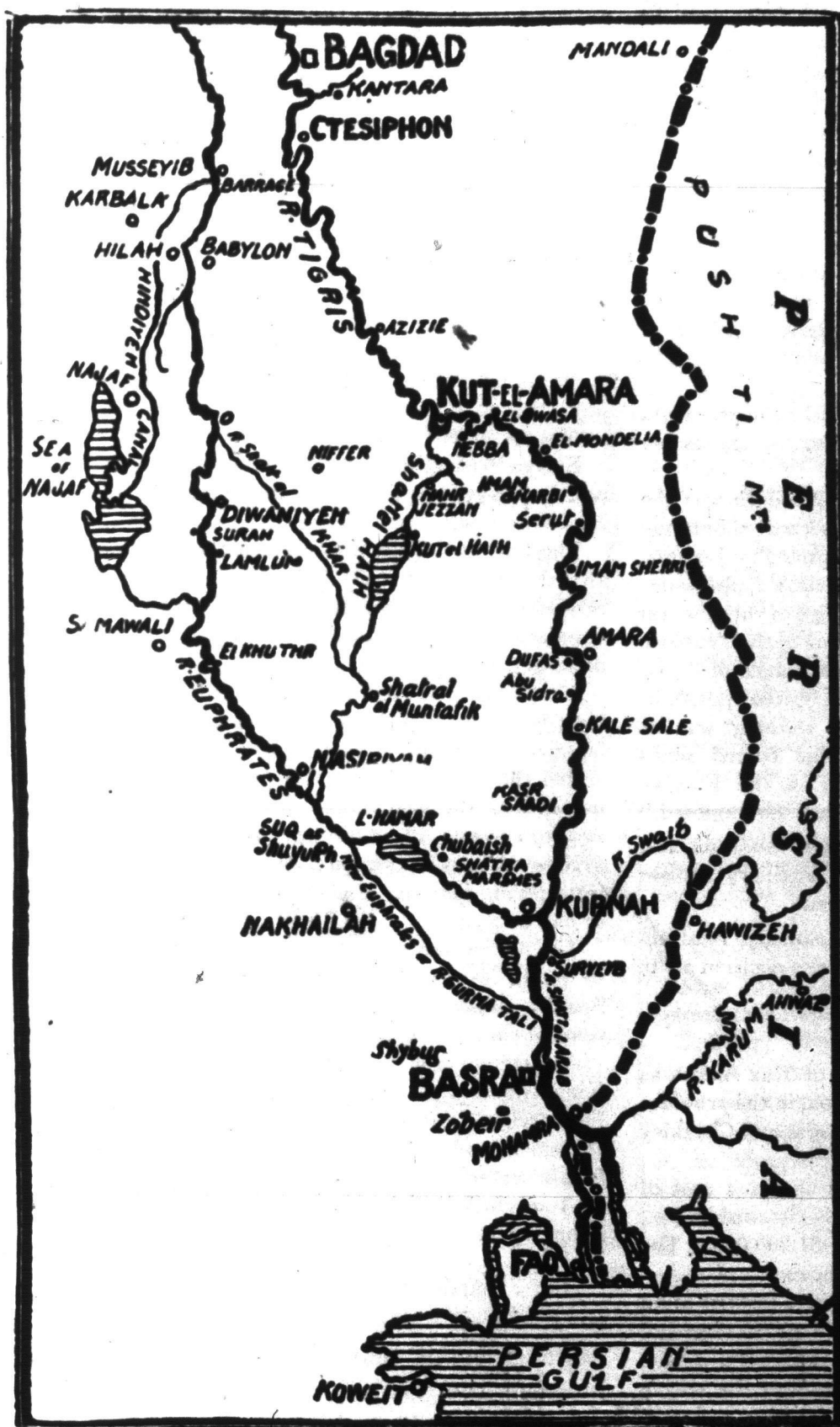


CURRENT EVENTS

The War from January 10th to February 8th.



Map showing Kut-El-Amara upon which the British forces under General Maude are now converging. It is expected the fall of the city will be announced before long. The British have built a railway line along the Banks of the Tigris nearly to Kut-El-Amara and are no longer dependent upon river transportation.

During the past month events have crowded in one upon another commencing with the Entente's reply to the American note up to Germany's launching of her ruthless sea campaign.

The reply to America sent by the Allies gave general terms for ending the war but avoided going into particulars, stating that when Germany is ready to negotiate for peace on a basis that will amply guarantee the future security of the small nations of Europe with full reparation for damage done, they would announce their exact terms which must be met, but meanwhile declaring emphatically that they do not desire Germany's ruin. On January 18th startling news was revealed to the effect that a German raider or raiders of about five thousand tons, in the former case with torpedo tubes, had evidently ran the blockade of the Allied navy and escaping into the Atlantic ocean between Azores Islands and the South American coast worked tremendous havoc with the shipping of the Entente Allies. Since that time, however, the navies of the Allies have evidently located these piratical craft and although some fourteen vessels were sunk during the first day or two no further losses in that area have been reported.

Both Switzerland and Holland have recently had grave fears of the Teutonic hordes entering their lands, as on both frontiers German forces were observed making additional entrenchments, etc. On the western front towards the end of January the Huns stormed Verdun Hill, but later despatches report that the French troops recaptured most of the trench positions in violent counter attacks. On the British section of the front most successful raids have been made in the districts south of Loos and also north of Becourt-Sur-Ancre. These operations, though greatly hindered by climatic conditions, nevertheless proved that when the right time arrives and the full force of the British armies of Northern France and Belgium are let loose there will be little doubt as to the issue.

Heavy fighting has occurred in both the Riga district where the Germans made