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British Drive Ahead On The Tigris Front

Were Fighting Turks on Monday 38 Miles Beyond Kut—Our Armen Invade Germany Fifty Miles and Attack Iron Works

London, Feb. 28.—The British are continuing to advance rapidly on the Tigris front. Official announcement was made here today that on Sunday the British were engaged on the left bank of the river more than thirty miles west and northwest of Kut-el-Amara.

The British Gumbat firefly, which was lost at the time of the retreat from Chesiban, has been recaptured. One Turkish ship has been taken and one destroyed.

FIFTY MILES OVER BORDER.—London, Feb. 28.—British airplanes made a raid over German territory on Sunday, attacking iron works near Saarbrücken, in Rhenish Prussia, about fifty miles beyond the border.

The following official account of the attack was given out here today: "On Sunday night airplanes raided the Brebach iron works, five and one-half miles southeast of Saarbrücken. There were several air encounters. One hostile machine was destroyed."

Patrols Busy.—Paris, Feb. 28.—There was rather unusual activity of patrols last night at various points on the front, before Neuvaingnes, in Avocourt Wood, at Spitzbergen, northeast of St. Die, and in the region of Largentan, says today's official announcement.

"We caught enemy reconnoitering parties under our fire and dispersed them in the region of Autrecht, between the Oise and the Aisne, we made a surprise attack on an enemy trench. The night attack was calm elsewhere."

BACK TO THE WOODS TO ENSURE SUPPLY OF PAPER IN STATES

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Urges Reclamation and Extension of Waste in Logging

Washington, Feb. 28.—Conservation of the country's forests as a means of insuring a future paper supply was urged in a statement issued today by Carl Woodman, assistant secretary of agriculture.

The paper problem, he said, primarily is a forest problem and can be solved by reforestation and scientific forestry to keep up a continuous production of pulpwoods.

"At the present moment," the statement said, "we are using daily 6,000 tons of newspaper and magazines at the rate of ten per cent a year. We need about seven million cords of pulp a year for all our paper products and import a third of our newspaper pulp and twenty per cent of the pulpwood used for our other paper products from Europe. Since the war this latter source has been cut off."

"In order to render the United States independent of outside sources for paper we must first of all eliminate as much as is feasible of the classes and develop woods hitherto unused to any considerable extent."

"Both public and private enterprise must take the lead in the intelligent reforestation of private lands. We must urge the development of privately owned timber lands by compelling fire protection and then checking annual losses amounting to millions of dollars."

HARD TO GET HEAVY FEED FOR STOCK AND PRICES ARE SOARING

One effect of the freight embargo on the various railways is a serious shortage of oats, bran, corn and other products used for live stock food. In order to give prompt shipment to perishable freight, after expediting the shipment of war supplies, other classes are being held up by the railways and local dealers say they have found it impossible to secure enough grain to keep the market supplied.

The shortage has produced a serious situation for those with cattle and horses to feed and at present there seems little prospect of relief. The best promise made is that the situation will be better after the winter season ends, but that is two months away yet.

One dealer alone has fifteen cars of oats on the way from the west and can't get them. An occasional car reaches the city but the supply coming is not nearly equal to the consumption.

The scarcity of feed has had the usual effect of forcing prices upward and quotations are now establishing new altitude records.

Casualties But Half Those Of January

London, Feb. 28.—British casualties during February reached a total of 1,243 officers and 17,885 men, but little more than half that for January, despite the fact that there has been considerable fighting on the Somme front. The February total of 18,428 compares with a total of 32,254 officers and men for January. Among officers' casualties for February, however, were considerably greater than for the month preceding, when they were 960, as compared with 1,248.

PRIEST'S GRIM TALE FROM BOAT WHICH THE TWO AMERICANS DIED

Father Sargent Gives Account of Experiences in Laconia Murder

ACTRESS' FEARFUL ORdeal

Sees Promised Husband Die and Clings to Body Refusing to Let it be Cast Into Sea—How Mrs. Hoy and Daughter Died—Extreme Unction Given

London, Feb. 28.—Rev. Dunstan Sargent, who was a passenger on the Laconia on his way from the British West Indies to take a British army chaplaincy, was in the boat with Mrs. Hoy and her daughter. He says the submarine flashed a light on the stern of the Laconia apparently with the purpose of identifying the steamer.

The boat in which he left the vessel leaked freely, having hit the Laconia's stern in the launching and several of the side planks breaking. Water came overboard or rudder for nine hours. Excepting the bodies of the two Americans, the boat was full of water. The water was so shallow that the bodies of the two Americans were not recovered.

The bodies of those who died in the boat were tossed into the sea, with the boat already full of water. "Their weight would have sunk the boat," Sargent said.

Rev. Mr. Sargent related the pathetic story of the young actress who was among the occupants of the boat. She was helped into the boat by a young woman who was to be his bride in New York. They were engaged and were returning to England to be married.

The girl had to bear the sight of her intended husband dying and of his body being thrown overboard from the boat.

Father Sargent administered the last rites of the Catholic church to seven persons who were saved from the boat.

Mrs. Hoy and her daughter were the only survivors of the boat. Her body slipped off into the sea. The girl was severely injured and her body fell over the side of the boat.

"In icy water up to her knees for two hours, the daughter all the time bravely supported her aged mother, uttering words of encouragement to her. From the start both were violently seasick, but the mother, with the cold and exposure, gradually wore down their courage."

After a pause, Father Sargent continued: "The first to die in our boat was the mother. She was the last to be buried. She was buried in the sea, and was a solemn and memorable ceremony."

THE "BUFFS" INSPECTED

Make Excellent Appearance in March-past in King Street

The 19th Battalion, Toronto, "Canadian Buffs," were inspected this morning by Brigadier-General H. H. McLean and Lieut-Colonel Powell, of the New Brunswick.

The Battalion, under the command of Colonel J. A. Cooper, left the barracks at ten o'clock and, marching up Charlotte street, turned down King. In front of the Hotel Hotel the inspection took place.

The members of the unit were on edge and every man carried himself in a soldierly manner.

The general expressed himself as being well pleased with the appearance of the men, and added that they were a well trained unit. There is no doubt in the minds of those who had the pleasure of seeing the members of the Buffs on parade, that they will undoubtedly give a good account of themselves when they reach the battle line.

MASSACHUSETTS SEEKS RELIEF FROM THE FOOD SHORTAGE

Boston, Feb. 28.—Federal state and city forces were put into action here yesterday in an attempt to obtain relief from the present high prices of food and other necessities. The federal grand jury heard the testimony of merchants, shipper, warehouse and cold storage men, who were called by District Attorney George W. Anderson to testify in an attempt to determine whether the high prices were due to illegal combinations or other violations of interstate laws.

Special stress was laid in the examination of witnesses on the production and sale of potatoes, beans, eggs and onions. The extent of the inquiry will depend, District Attorney Anderson said, upon information received from other witnesses.

The legislature took up a bill providing for the appointment of a commission to investigate the cause of the shortage of foodstuffs, with a right to seize them in case of emergency. The legislature also debated the question of asking Congress to place an embargo on the export of foodstuffs.

Several petitions requesting Gov. McCall to take some action toward relieving the situation have been received at his office. Mayor Curley took steps to purchase twenty carloads of rice from the Rice Growers' Association of Beaumont, Texas, and to sell it at cost through a local department store in an arrangement for the supply the mayor gave his personal note to a local bank, as the city is prevented by statute from engaging in the sale of food. The city council had previously given the mayor authority to appoint a committee of twenty-five to co-operate with the municipal government to create plans to lower the present high prices.



BRITISH ARMY SCALE OF PENSIONS INCREASED

London, Feb. 28.—An order-in-council establishing a new pension plan for the British Army was issued today. Under it privates totally disabled will receive a minimum of 27 shillings 6 pence weekly. If this sum is insufficient to enable the soldier to live approximately to his before-the-war standard, he will be given an alternative pension based on his earnings previous to the war. No single pension, however, shall be in excess of 45 shillings.

Widows will be granted special funds for the expenses of training to enable them to earn their own living.

The actuary's report accompanying the plan estimates the expense for the first year at £28,000,000, which thereafter will decrease annually.

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WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis—Pressure is high over the greater part of the continent and the weather is fair and rather cold throughout the Dominion.

Ottawa valley—Fair and rather cold; Thursday much the same temperature.

Fair; Rather Cold

Maritime—Moderate winds, fair and rather cold today and on part of Thursday.

New England forecasts—Snow or rain tonight and Thursday. Fresh north-easterly winds, probably strong along the south coast.

Calls On Wilson To Make It War

Time For Declaration, Says New York Tribune—Occasion Compels Him to Make Word Good—President Still Awaits Action of Congress

New York, Feb. 28.—Under the caption "Time to Declare War," the Tribune in its leading editorial this morning says: "At last the administration faces an 'ordeal' on Germany's part which it can hardly explain away. American citizens traveling on the Laconia have been murdered under exactly the same conditions as those under which American citizens were murdered nearly two years ago on the Lusitania and the Arabic. Mr. Wilson has said many times that he would not tolerate any more such murders. He has pledged himself again and again to 'protect our people in their legitimate and peaceful pursuits on the sea.'"

The implication of all his promises has been that if one more American life should be sacrificed he would meet force with force. Now the occasion has come which compels him to make his words good. If the words mean anything the administration is bound in honor to ask congress to declare war. No thing short of a declaration of war will suffice.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Senators and representatives today pondered bills which will determine largely the future of the principles for which the United States government has contended, but it was said that no additional step would be taken pending action by congress to grant President Wilson the authority he asks.

Another Cause.—Reports that the German government is now detaining the Yarrowdale prisoners on the excuse that an infectious disease has been discovered at the place where they are living were received here with a feeling of approaching exasperation. In addition to this irritating incident it was disclosed that the state department feels a break in relations with Austria-Hungary, the American note concerning the submarine situation will probably be given to Ambassador Penfield in Vienna on Thursday.

The house foreign affairs committee had developed a bill to authorize the president to enter a state of armed neutrality but decided opposition was shown to granting him as broad powers as he wishes. Administration forces in the senate were trying to get the bill passed by the foreign relations committee referred back to the committee formally, but Senator La Follette stood in the way with a refusal to give an unambiguous consent. Many differences of opinion on details of the bill had developed.

Berne, via Paris, Feb. 27.—The American legation was unofficially informed today that Austria-Hungary's reply to the American note concerning the submarine situation will probably be given to Ambassador Penfield in Vienna on Thursday.

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The telegram says that the Vienna government will clearly express the view that there is no turning back for the Central Powers.

Sees War Coming.—Paris, Feb. 28.—The morning papers, while without exception commending President Wilson's prudence and his determination to have the whole body of American citizens behind him, agree in recognizing the necessity of congress as a distinctly a further step in the direction of war.

Clémenceau, in his paper L'Homme Enchaîné, says: "A pacifist out and out, President Wilson does not stand for peace at any price. On the United States are menaced or attacked he will enter on another course. His first step was to exercise moral pressure on Germany. Such was the measure of the rupture of diplomatic relations. As that failed he proclaimed armed neutrality and has thus begun to exercise material pressure. This pressure will be transformed into material action and that means war."

FUNERALS.—The funeral of Daniel Hurley took place this afternoon from his late residence, Pleasant Point, St. Rose's church, where burial services were conducted by Rev. Charles Collins. Interment was made in Holy Cross cemetery.

The funeral of James Stephenson, who died at Byrland, Kings county, and whose body was brought here for interment, took place on the arrival of the Boston train at noon today. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Bertram of Westfield and interment was made in Fernhill.

The funeral of Justus George Chessman, engineer on the C.P.R., took place this afternoon from his late residence, Lancaster Heights, to the Church of the Good Shepherd, where burial services were conducted by Rev. Walter P. Dunham. Interment was made in Cedar Hill. Railroad men and members of the C.P.R. were present. The body was carried to the funeral home by the order of the bereaved home.

To Increase Wages.—New York, Feb. 28.—American Sugar Refining Company soon to grant wage increase which will make a total of \$7.50 per cent. since close of year 1915.

APPEAL TO ALLOW HARVESTING OF SUGAR CROPS TO GO ON

New York, Feb. 28.—Dr. Charles Ferrar, speaker of the Cuban Chamber of Deputies and Liberal party leader, now in New York, has appealed to the rebel commander, Fernandez, at Santiago, to rescind his order stopping the harvesting of the sugar crop.

This was in response to a statement signed by twenty-five Cuban sugar producing companies in Oriente, who told Doctor Ferrar that more than 50,000 laborers have been thrown out of work by the order, and some 45,000 head of cattle used in harvesting the crop are without food.

GERARD SAILS

Coruna, Spain, Feb. 27.—James W. Gerard, former American ambassador at Berlin, sailed today on the steamer Infanta Isabel for Havana. The steamer is expected to reach port on March 8 or 9.

Mr. Gerard was escorted by his vessel by the mayor of Coruna, the British vice-consul and the Cuban consul. The Infanta Isabel was fitted to capacity, carrying 750 in the steerage.

HIGH HONORS FOR DR. G. F. MATTHEW

Montreal, Feb. 28.—A London cable says Dr. G. F. Matthew, St. John, N. B., has been awarded the Marsden Medal and a check by the Royal Geological Society, for valuable services in connection with geological research in New Brunswick.

WRECK ON I. C. R.

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 28.—The Maritime Express, which left Moncton on Monday evening, northbound, was wrecked at St. Pascal, about twenty-five miles north of Rivière du Loup yesterday afternoon. The locomotive and all the cars were derailed. The airbrakes brought to a stand still cars as remained upright, within a few yards, but two or three day coaches toppled into a ditch. The heavy steel cars with which all C. G. R. first class trains are equipped, saved the lives of the passengers. Clarence McCready of Moncton, traveling auditor of the C. G. R., and Conductor J. Dube of Lévis were injured, but it is reported not seriously. The locomotive did not overturn and the engine crew escaped unhurt.

Mrs. McCready received from Campbellton and Rivière du Loup and the line was reported clear again soon after midnight.

Mrs. McCready received a telegram this morning stating that her husband's injuries are not serious and that he would arrive home on the Maritime Express, due here at 11 a. m., but reported at noon today six hours late.

MEMBERS OF BEATEN GOVERNMENT HOLDING MEETING IN CAPITAL

Fredricton, N. B., Feb. 28.—Members of the provincial government with the exception of Messrs. Landry and Taylor, are today holding a meeting here. Hon. Arthur Culligan, former member, who was defeated before he was sworn in, arrived today accompanied by J. B. Hickey, of Gloucester, and D. A. Stewart, of Restigouche. Lieut-Governor Wood is also here conferring with his advisers. It is regarded as scarcely likely that the government will attempt to put through any business of an important nature. It is not known just when the resignations will be in order.

Fredricton is suffering from a wood famine. Dealers have none in stock and the small quantity brought in daily by farmers is quickly bought up at record prices. Furnace wood of poor quality brings \$8 a cord.

CAPTAIN JACK CRAWFORD, "POET SCOUT," IS DEAD

New York, Feb. 28.—John Wallace Crawford, a noted Indian fighter of early frontier days, died last night at his home at Woodhams, Long Island. He was stricken with pneumonia more than a month ago.

Captain Jack Crawford wrote plays, stories and poems, and was known as the "poet scout."