

# ADVANCE ON BAGDAD WONDERFUL FEAT

## ARRIVED TOO LATE TO RENDER HELP TO ANCONA

Str. Verdi went to spot where Italian liner was torpedoed but found no sign of ill-fated steamer.

New York, Nov. 20.—Fresh and dramatic details of what happened in the Mediterranean on the morning of November 7 when the "Ancona" was torpedoed by a submarine flying the Austrian flag were brought to New York today by the new Italian steamer "Gioseppe Verdi," here on her maiden voyage. The "Verdi" heard the Ancona's wireless death cry, flashed it on to shore stations which the feeble batteries of the sinking steamer could not reach, and then rushed at full speed to the Ancona's aid, her boats swung outwards, her passengers lined on the deck and her officers momentarily expecting a death blow themselves from submarines known to be lurking nearby. The "Verdi" steamed as near as she dared to the spot where the Ancona went down, but her lookouts saw nothing. Then, turning swiftly, with popping safety valves, she fled for Gibraltar and safety.

Luis Morini, the youth at the key of the "Verdi's" wireless told the story here today. "The captain was as close to the Ancona's position as he dared to take the "Verdi" and doubled the lookout. We slowed down and tried to find some trace of the Ancona or her boats with glasses but failed to do so. We steamed away as fast as we could. The passengers remained on deck and the lifeboats were still swung out till we had cleared the war zone."

Morini's story was verified by several of the steamer's 535 passengers, among them being C. B. Perry, U. S. consul at Tolinio, Italy.

## TUMULT OF WAR HAS REACHED EVEN THE GARDEN OF EDEN

British Troops on Way to Bagdad March Through Lands of Adam and Noah—A Daring Feat of Arms Which, if Successful, Will Shatter Germany's Dream of Ultimate Dominion in Eastern Europe and Western Asia.

(From the London Mail). We learned recently the surprising news that a mixed British and Indian force was within a hundred miles of Bagdad. Should our troops reach their goal, they will have performed one of the most dramatic exploits in the history of war. They will have marched over 400 miles from the Persian Gulf, through the lands of Adam and Noah, to seize the place which even the Turks still call "the glorious city." Unless the Allies take Jerusalem, there could be no more striking episode in the conflict beyond Europe.

The operations which have thus developed began modestly enough last November with a joint naval and military advance from the head of the Persian Gulf up the Shatt-al-Arab, the river formed by the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates. After one important action the expedition reached Bussorah, sixty miles from the sea, and perhaps the oldest seaport in Asia. From the quays of Bussorah daring Arab navigators sailed many centuries ago and sacked Canaan, in the days when Arabia held the secret of the sea. It was the port whence Sinbad the Sailor, whose chronicles are plainly the exaggerated record of many genuine voyages, roved the Eastern sea. Nelson himself has left on record that he visited Bussorah as a lad in the Seashore. Yet though the East India Company had warehouses there, never before has the port flown a European flag.

The British chased the Turks fifty miles farther up the river to Kurna. One column went up the River Karun into Persian territory to save the Admiralty oil-pipe line. Another has recently pushed its way for a hundred miles through the swamps and lagoons formed by the old channel of the Euphrates, and shattered a large Turkish force at Nasrieh. A third column has steadily advanced up the Tigris, and is now at Kut-el-Amara, only 100 miles from Bagdad by land, though 200 by the winding course of the river. Long before it reached Kut the expedition was well past the worst obstacle—the shallows and rapids—on the Tigris. Though the river is at present at its lowest, there should be good water all the way to Bagdad, if we are relying on the water transport, which is not clear.

The region in which our troops are now operating is of extraordinary interest, although the immense alluvial plain between the Tigris and the Euphrates contains not a single hill and hardly a tree. It is an endless flat, yellow expanse of the silt of countless ages, the richest soil in the world, the granary of early civilizations, where wheat grew wild when man first found himself. Somewhere in this area lies the traditional site of the Garden of Eden. The Arabs place it at Kurna, where our troops have been encamped since January; but Sir William Willcocks pins his faith to Hit, a place far above Babylon on the River Euphrates.

There are very few corners of the world where the British Army has not marched and fought before, but this is one of them. For a parallel to the European invasion of Chaldea, we have to go back to the days of Alexander the Great. The British force is traversing land over which, if we are to accept the inviting theories of Sir William Willcocks, the ark of Noah must have floated. It has passed by the sites of cities where dwelt the Sumerians, that wonderful race whose very existence was unsuspected by scholars until recent years. It is to day within a two hours' run "by armored motor-car" of the enormous series of mounds which are all that is left of the mighty city of Babylon. It should soon be tramping through the desolate ruins of Seleucia, where once the Greeks ruled over half a million souls. Its footsteps will ring within the gigantic vaulted hall of Ctesiphon, the last relic of the winter palace of the Parthian kings.

## ZEPPELIN WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

Roof of shed blown off and one German soldier killed

Copenhagen, via London, Nov. 21.—The newspaper Stifts-Tidende of Ribe, Denmark, says it learns that Zeppelin No. 18 was destroyed as a result of an explosion while it was being inflated in a shed at Tonden, Prussia, on Wednesday. One German soldier was killed and eight were wounded, and the roof of the shed was blown off, adds the paper.

## VEGETABLE SEED SITUATION.

The following extract of an article from a newspaper of Gothenburg, Sweden, will be of interest to growers of vegetable seeds. The article refers to the Board of Directors of the Agricultural College of Alnarps, Sweden, asking for a government grant for the encouragement of vegetable seed growing. "The Board points out that the war has most clearly emphasized the importance, for the country, of home production of vegetable seed. Owing to the most important vegetable seed producing countries having prohibited the export of such seed, the prices of a great number of important vegetable seeds have risen enormously. And, still worse, some seeds can hardly be obtained at any price. It is reported, from a well informed source, that vegetable seed growing in the countries engaged in the war has been largely neglected during the past summer and that for this reason further advances in prices can be expected. Reports from Germany state that the supply of seeds of spinach, carrots, most kinds of cabbage, onions,

## FAIL TO PROVE FIRE WORK OF BOMB FIEND

Nothing definite develops from exhaustive inquiry into fire aboard French Liner Rochambeaux.

Bordeaux, France, Nov. 20.—An exhaustive inquiry into the fire on board the French line steamer Rochambeau, which occurred while she was on her way from New York to Bordeaux on November 8, has been completed by the officers of the steamer. It was announced, however, that the inquiry had not resulted in determining whether the fire, which broke out in a reserve coal bunker, and was extinguished after a somewhat prolonged fight by the crew, was due to a malevolent act, to imprudence on some one's part or to spontaneous combustion.

## BRAYLEY'S FLAVORING EXTRACTS—Contain Purest Ingredients Only.

For Capt. Hurd. An informal reception was held last evening at the home of F. A. Dykeman, president of the local Y.M.C.A., for Honorary Captain Hurd, Y.M.C.A. secretary of the 32nd Battalion. The board of directors and a number of the committee were present and addresses were given by F. A. Dykeman, Geo. E. Barbour, H. A. Porter and G. A. Henderson. Mr. Dykeman spoke in words of appreciation of the good work being done by Capt. Hurd and complimented the Y.M.C.A. as having placed the right man in the right place. Sacred songs were sung and solos were rendered by H. O. Bonk, physical director of the Y.M.C.A. cucumbers and peas is utterly small. Furthermore, Germany has prohibited the export of vegetable seeds to the end of the war. There is, therefore, every reason to fear that we have to face the possibility of a very serious shortage of certain vegetable seeds."

## VILLA'S ARMY IN RETREAT

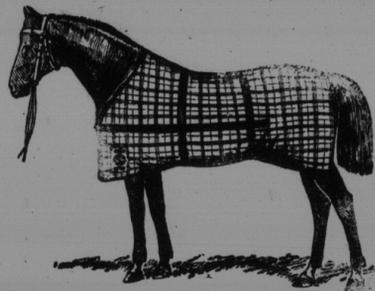
Defeated at Hermosillo where they left 1,000 dead on field of battle.

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 21.—The forces of General Francisco Villa are retreating from Hermosillo, leaving one thousand dead, wounded and captured according to official Carranza reports. Villa forces of Gen. Jose Rodriguez have broken through the cordón placed around Canones by General Obregon and are rushing to the assistance of Villa.

## GERMAN INTRIGUE FAILED IN PERSIA

Persian gov't adopts vigorous measures to end local agitation and disperse Bands of irregulars.

Petrograd, Nov. 20, via London.—The foreign office received from Tehran today a telegram stating that the Persian government had adopted various measures to put an end to the agitation said to have been carried on in Persia by German agents, and to disarm bands of irregulars. In consequence of this action the Russian troops which have been advancing toward Teheran will refrain from entering the city.



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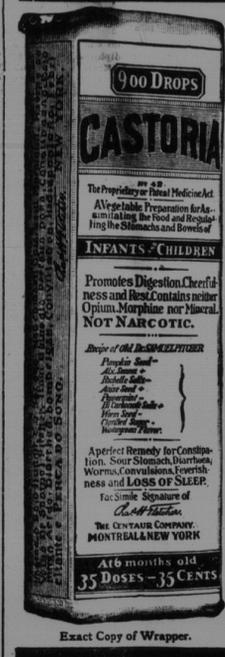
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