

BURIED SECRET AIDS ARMY.

Archaeologists Find Tunnel Dug Ages Ago.

The siege was becoming insupportable to the British troops walling up in the Mesopotamian plain. All the animals had been killed. Typhus was prevalent. There had been actual starvation. The heat also slew.

Nevertheless the city must be held for two weeks longer. That would suffice for the arrival of a relief expedition which was coming up the Tigris. Wireless messages gave news of its steady advance.

In the center of the city, close to the Governor's house where the commanding officer had his headquarters, lay mounds of earth, tumuli, and crumbling heaps marking the site of an ancient capital, the glory of a hundred kings who had thought by their mighty works to live forever. And in the midst of these ruins a man could be seen digging slowly. Day after day he toiled in a little cloud of dust, and he stopped neither for the pestilence that walked in the darkness nor for the destruction that wasted at noon-day.

The commanding officer observed this performance with wonder and pity. Of what worth were these buried secrets while men were dying, while the fate of all this region lay, as it had lain thousands of years ago, at the point of the sword? Nevertheless he respected fidelity to a task.

One night the archaeologist came to the governor's house and asked to see the commander. His hand trembled slightly as he rested it on the edge of a table on which he had placed the translation of an inscription uncovered some days before.

"In the reign of Sennacherib," the record ran, "did the Chaldean Markadadiddin rebel and the city was surrounded. There was suffering and many died. And Sennacherib caused to be built seven tunnels from the center of the city to seven places outside the city walls where his soldiers came forth and cut down the rebels."

The old man explained that he believed he had found the entrance to one of these tunnels. Might he have a few men to explore it with him?

Before the next night the commander had exact information of a passage seven feet high, six feet wide, and a mile long, walled and securely as when constructed and leading to a point in the rear of the Turkish lines where its exit was hidden in a mound of ruins.

In the surprise attack made two nights later, a great quantity of stores was captured, including enough food to last the garrison a month.

The next day encouraging word came of the approach of the Tigris expedition. The commander read the wireless and then walked slowly with it in his hand toward a shabby old fellow who sat eating a handful of dates and peering at some fragments of baked clay.—From an Exchange.

The House of Saxe-Coburg.

King George of England announced recently at a meeting of the Privy Council that the name of the royal house would be in future the House of Windsor. Thus the House of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, with its long German antecedence, is at an end. The history of the Saxe-Coburg house goes back to the fourteenth century, when the Wettins acquired possession of the town of Coburg. Upon the partition of the Wettin lands in 1485 the town fell to the Ernestine line. In 1735 Ernest Frederick united the town of Coburg with the duchy of Saxe-Saalfeld, which became the duchy of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld, with Coburg as its capital. In 1826 Duke Ernest III. ceded Saalfeld to Saxe-Meiningen, receiving Gotha in exchange, and henceforth called himself Ernest I. of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

After his death his brother Ernest II. succeeded to the duchy in 1844, and as he had no issue, the succession passed to the children of his brother, Prince Albert, who married his cousin, Queen Victoria of England. One of the fruits of this marriage of Prince Albert with Queen Victoria was Prince Edward, who later ruled as Edward VII., the father of the present English King.

Sit to Toast "The King."

The King's visit to his fleet recalls to my mind a curious custom, a relic of bygone days, which still holds good in the navy to-day. Despite the changes in the type of ships, many of the old rules obtain, and none of them is more surprising to a landsman than that which forbids the health of the King to be drunk aboardship upstanding; they always drink the King's health sitting in the navy, and are very proud of the difference between them and their comrades of the land service. The explanation is simple. In the old days of wooden vessels the deck above was perilously near the head of a man even of average height; and in many cases, if an officer rose with any alacrity, as all should do to drink the health of the head of the State, he nearly dashed his brains out against the ceiling of the cabin. So now, in wardrooms and gunrooms, the president of the mess gives the toast of "The King," and it is honored without anyone rising.—Dundee Advertiser.

The Shrewmouse.

The smallest mammal in the British Isles is the shrewmouse. This is not only the smallest British mammal, but, with the exception of one other of the same genus, the smallest in Europe. The harvest mouse is sometimes thought to be even smaller, but the length of its head and body is often two and a half inches, while that of the lesser shrew is rarely more than two inches. The tail measures about one and a third inches, and its teeth are so extremely small that a lens is required to detect them.

Purely Personal

Mrs. D. L. King, of Venn, Sask., is visiting her brother, G. D. McLean.

Rev. Rural Dean Swayne attended the Rural Deanery meeting in Brockville.

Born, on Thursday, October 18, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Smith, a daughter.

Mrs. H. A. Hillis and daughter, Hilda, of Watertown, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith.

Mrs. Wesley Towriss and Mrs. Alvin Gilroy are attending the Sunday School Convention in Peterborough.

Miss Pearl MacKay, Brockville, was a week-end guest of Miss Cora Gray.

Mr. John Eaton, who has been in the Canadian West for several months returned last week.

Mr. Clarence Knowlton, Toronto, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Knowlton.

Mr. Wallace Johnson, Carleton Place, was in Athens over Sunday and Monday, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Johnson.

Mrs. Melissa Grundy is ill at her home in Mill street.

Rev. Wm. Usher will preach at Bishop's Mills on Sunday.

Miss Ruth Graham, Portland, spent the week-end with Miss Rhena Kendrick.

Mrs. Hilyard Leggett returned to Lansdowne on Sunday after a pleasant visit with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. McClenathan, of Bouckville, N.Y., are guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Wm. Gibson.

Mrs. G. A. Tennant who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. Murphy, returned home to Ottawa on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Halladay (nee Miss Lawson) who were married on Monday will take up their residence in Soperton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark, of Rochester have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Duffield. Mr. Clark has returned home, but Mrs. Clarke will stay for a time.

Mrs. George Lee left to-day for Almonte, where she will visit her son, Mr. W. V. Lee. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. W. B. Abbott, of Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. B. W. Green, of Lyndhurst, Mr. Albert Green, of Boston, and Mrs. R. J. Harvey, of Lyndhurst, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Johnston.

Mr. G. W. Beach is again to be seen in his store, his shoulder tightly strapped in bandages. He is convalescing satisfactorily after his recent fall from an apple tree in his orchard. Miss Gertrude Cross who has for several years been a clerk in the store, has resigned her position, and will be married this week. Her place has been taken by Mr. W. C. Smith.

Apron Sale.

An apron sale will be held Saturday afternoon in the bank building of the Parish block, under the auspices of Christ's church Guild. Light refreshments will be served.

Customs Strict.

Canadians returning from visits to American points are being subjected to very close examinations by the Customs and Immigration authorities. Any attempts at smuggling are receiving summary and even harsh treatment.

Paying 46 Cents.

The Egg Circle paid members 46 cents per dozen for eggs this week. Eggs are viewed on Saturday evenings as well as Monday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

LACK OF CHARM CAUSE OF DIVORCES

Madame Sarah Bernhardt, the great French actress, in a signed article in the November issue of Harper's Bazar attributes the numerous divorces that have come into the courts of late years to lack of charm in the women concerned.

"If I stood at the threshold of life," says Mme. Bernhardt, "asking of it something with which to buy happiness, I should beg for charm. For if one has charm, she will be loved. And a woman must have love to be happy. Beauty does not matter. If a woman has charm, she can secure whatever she wants—love, success, power."

But the divine Sarah also says that this invaluable quality can be cultivated, and her prescription in Harper's Bazar reveals the secret.

Presentation

Friday evening of last week, at a social evening of the Blue Bird Mission Circle of the Methodist church, at the home of the president, Miss Hazel Latimer, an address was read and a presentation of a cut-glass fruit dish was made to Miss Gertrude Cross, whose marriage is to take place this week. Miss Cross will be greatly missed by the young people for she has been a sincere and active member of the Band; she was its first president.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

Divine service will be conducted Sunday evening by Mr. Lorne Cumming, M.A., of Lyn.

Building Summer Home.

Mr. Alex Eaton is building a summer home on the shore of Charleston Lake between Cedar Park and Warren Bay. It will be built in the popular boathouse-cottage form.

Are You Knitting?

Mrs. C. F. Yates has yarn to knit fifty pairs of socks for the Red Cross. With the winter campaign coming, socks will be needed in as great quantities as in the past and any one who can possibly do so is requested to undertake the knitting of one or more pairs. Call on or phone Mrs. Yates, Victoria street.

Athens Methodist church.

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Mr. Ford and Miss Amy Phillips, Forfar, spent the week-end with friends here.

Mr. A. Whitmore is ill of la grippe at his home here.

Mr. McGuire, I.P.S., visited our school on Friday last.

Three young men who had military examination last week were graded A.

Silo-filling will be completed this week.

Mrs. Best, Glen Buell, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. Scotland.

Delta Women's Institute.

The Delta Women's Institute and Girls' Red Cross Club extend thanks to all who gave liberal contributions toward the soldiers' Xmas boxes for overseas. Forty-nine boxes were packed at Delta Town Hall on Saturday. The W. I. furnished a military flannel shirt, pair of home-knit socks, and a khaki handkerchief for every box.

Deanery Conference.

A large number from this parish attended the Deanery Conference in Brockville yesterday.

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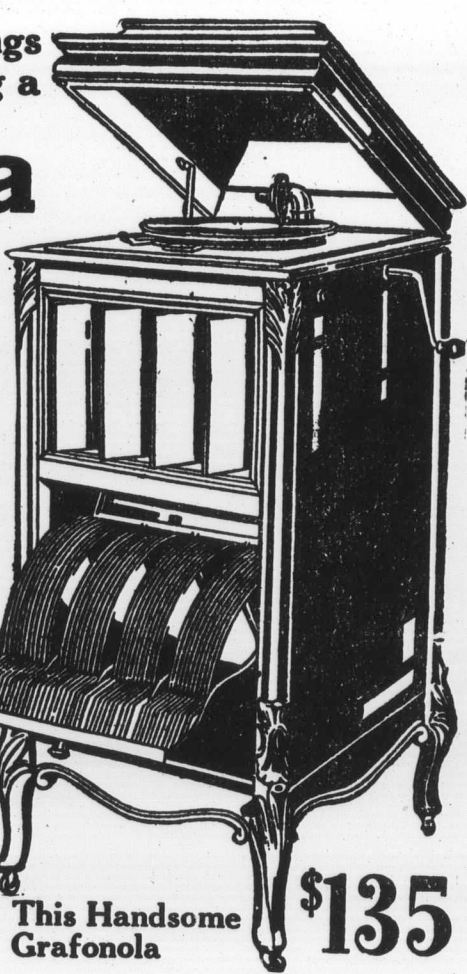
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