

FIGHTING ON THE WAY TO THE CITY OF BAGDAD

Thrilling Story of a Two Days' Battle Without Water -- Brilliant Work of The Dorsets -- Battering Down of Turks' Defenses a Remarkable Feat

(London "Daily Express.")
Bombay, Oct. 23.
A long and thrilling account of the fighting in Mesopotamia and the battle for Kut-el-Amara, about which very little has hitherto been known, is published in the "Times of India," which under the editorship of the Turkish army commander-in-chief, Nur-ul-Din, was in full retreat, the road to Kut-el-Amara was open, and the Esra Vilyet, the greater province of Levant, Mesopotamia, was in the hands of the British.

Arab vessel which stands like a dead tree above the limitless plain. A bridge of boats had been constructed at the place of concentration, and this was an important factor in the general Turkish plan for attack. Broadly, this plan was to make a demonstration against the enemy's right flank to be the object of the main attack, and then, by means of the bridge, to cross to the left bank of the river with majority of his force and attack the Turkish left.

"Right Turn."
This was about half-past five, and the light was beginning to fall. Hardly had the change of direction been carried out when the British column realized that they were marching parallel to a large force of the enemy's infantry and guns at a distance of about a mile. There was no time for preparation or orders for attack, nor indeed was there any need for them. An order to "right turn" brought the weary British infantry and guns face to face with the Turkish force.

FRENCH SOCIETY WOMEN AS ANGELS OF MERCY TO SOLDIERS OF KING ALBERT

Society of Appui des Artistes have served 200,000 meals in canteens -- Women high in social life cook and prepare the food.
New York, Dec. 15.—How three women banded together to aid the weary soldiers of King Albert of Belgium is related by the Vicomtesse Giselle de Ranouge, daughter of Mr. Philippe Bunau-Varilla, engineer of the Panama Canal, and who has arrived here on the first German drive on an employment bureau, which has proved quite successful. Through it we have been able to supply workers when a demand has come to us.

the late Comte Ferdinand de Lessage, in the Champagne district commanding a regiment of engineers.
Supplying Belgian Hospitals
"You see," said the Vicomtesse, "it is no wonder that I am interested in the war, is it?"
Soon after her husband's capture the Vicomtesse, with Mme. van Saanen and Miss Glanzer, went to Calais, taking a small amount of hospital supplies. Their offering was swallowed up in the needs of the moment, and they decided to get at the work in a businesslike way.

Having made a round of the hospitals they found out the greatest needs of the Belgian hospitals and interested persons in Paris. They then went back to the front with a great amount of supplies and were sent to the vicinity of Ypres. Here they remained throughout the first German drive on hospital and clothing supplies coming from Paris.
"We became known as the 'Three Musketeers' because we were always together and in the thick of things," said she. "And because we showed that we were in earnest in the matter the French and Belgian authorities

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Formidable Defenses.
The defenses constructed by the Turks stretched for about six miles on either side of the river. An old dry canal bed branches off at right angles to the right bank of the river, and its artificial banks twenty feet high were the only outstanding feature in the whole monotonous landscape. The Turks made full use of this, for, while their trenches and works lay some hundreds of yards in front, the banks of the canal sheltered their reserves and were used as supports for high watch towers from which the British development could clearly be seen.

At 200 yards the order was given to fix bayonets, and as the whole line surged forward to the final assault the Turks broke from their shelter and fled. But the British were not allowed to profit by their victory, for darkness had already fallen. The troops had marched and fought for twenty-four hours. The dire necessity for reaching water had been recognized, but instead they had been fated to fight an action still more severe than the first against fresh enemy. For this was the force, seven regiments with headquarters, for the Turkish position still lay between General Delamain and General Fry's forces.

On the ground.
Human effort could do no more. Although it was expected that if possible the Turks would slip away at night, there was no means of communicating with headquarters, for the Turkish position still lay between General Delamain and General Fry's forces. The exhausted troops slept on the ground on which they had fought.

Aided by French Government.
"The noon meal costs five cents, and nothing to the wives and children of soldiers. For this sum we give bouillon, with vegetables, fish and potatoes, cabbage in cream, cheese and a little wine, besides plenty of bread. And every body is welcome to a second helping. There is no limit to the quantity of food the men, women and children eat."
"It is the atmosphere of our camp which is particularly gratifying to us and pleasant and sympathetic to the artists, for instead of trying to economize by eating very little and selling his surplus, he is able to eat alone in their studies which gather at our canteens, where everything is as

Underground Life.
Examining the position after the fight, one could only wonder how human invention or human effort had been able to slaughter troops concealed in such perfect protection. In front the ground was heavily mined, behind a blind ditch thickly sown with barbed wire, and behind this the fire trenches, most carefully concealed, were quite invisible at a few yards. A network of communication trenches ten feet deep ran to the rear's position, and afforded information which could hardly have been gained by other means, and certainly not without a heavy expenditure of fighting force.

With The Bayonet.
The remainder of the Dorsets were sent forward to strengthen the line, and, as the Turkish fire slackened for a moment, the infantry rushed forward and captured the first line of trenches at the point of the bayonet. Here their work was by no means finished, for a devastating fire swept them from the rest of this section of the defence, which was still in the hands of the enemy. A wheel to the left in the mass of the flanking force sent them face to face with very strong bodies of Turks, and after a gallant attempt to force their way forward they were compelled to await the leading troops of the flanking force which were now coming round on the march. Coming in on the right they swept the whole of the Turkish defences between the two marshes from left to right, only completing their task at two o'clock in the afternoon.

At last the position was cleared and the units reformed to continue the advance. The force had been marching and fighting since the previous morning, and had no water since the previous evening. They had just carried out a forced march of five hours through the marsh, and fought a severe action, and a scorching wind with dense clouds of dust had swept the desert during the whole day. They were falling for want of water, but by marching round the back of the enemy's position between the river and the marsh, General Delamain hoped to reach the river at one of its bends before he was called upon to engage the enemy again.

At about five o'clock in the afternoon he reached a point behind the Turkish position about a mile and a half from the river. Here they suddenly came under a very violent artillery fire from the further bank of the river, and General Delamain, realizing that they could not reach water by that route, determined to attack the Turkish position from the rear, and changing the direction of his column, marched straight towards the trenches.

Prevents Breaking.
When Heating Water.
A Useful Tip.
Early Tomatoes

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DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS
When a cold grips your system it is convincing proof that your condition is weakened—remember that. It is risky indeed to simply trust your strength to throw it off, because neglected colds have brought on other serious sickness than any other one thing, while weak, emaciated and stimulating syrups are often depressing and dangerous.

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