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ENEMY WITHDRAWS ON SEVEN-MILE FRONT

DESTROYERS RAID ENGLISH COAST — KUT-EL-AMARA CAPTURED — TURKS FLEE

DESTROYERS GIVE BATTLE IN NORTH SEA

British Vessels Undamaged—Raid On English Coast—Germans Abandon Many Strongholds In West.

London, Feb. 27.—A British destroyer patrol encountered a German destroyer squadron between the hours of eleven and twelve on Sunday night. A heavy engagement resulted in the North Sea. Sir Edward Carson announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the British vessels had received no damage. Damage to the enemy craft is known to have been caused but to what extent is only conjectured. The German vessels made off in the darkness.

Shell Open towns.

A number of German destroyers slipped through the cordon guarding our coasts yesterday and shelled the open towns of Broadstairs and Margate. Both towns lie close together in the county of Kent near the North Foreland and are favorite seaside resorts. One woman and one child were killed in Margate by the shell fire. Before our destroyers could arrive, the enemy boats fled. The whole attack only lasted for a few minutes, but in that time much damage was done.

More Steamers Sunk.

The British steamers Dorothy, 4896 tons, and Iser, 2160 tons, have been sunk by German submarines. The Laconia, a Cunard liner of 18,099 tons, was also sunk off the Irish coast on Sunday evening. She was torpedoed without warning. She carried one hundred passengers, among whom were ten Americans, and was en route from New York to England. Survivors to the number of 278 are expected to arrive in Queens-town today. Some of the passengers are missing and one is reported dead. The Laconia carried a valuable cargo, consisting of three thousand cases of empty shells and cartridge cases, forty thousand bushels of wheat, nearly three thousand bales of cotton and nine hundred tons of provisions.

Germans Withdraw.

On a front of seven miles, on both sides of the Ancre, the Germans have withdrawn from what were supposed to be very strong positions, without firing a shot. Serre, Miraumont, Petit Miraumont, Pys and Wallencourt are all in our hands. Our patrols have pushed forward into the abandoned country for nearly three miles beyond our lines. We expected to win these strongholds only by very heavy fighting. This retirement of the enemy forces has been caused by the ceaseless pressure kept up for some time past. It is expected that the enemy will be squeezed out of Bapaume in like manner. This is considered to be the most notable movement that has taken place on the western front for months, and reveals a new phase of the weakness of the German defensive conditions.

When you think of shoes think of WALLACE'S.

"The New Governor" is a vital document and will make any intelligent citizen, North or South, sit up and take notice. Westholme tonight. Admission 10c, and 15c.

Father, Mother, Sister, Brother can get the "right kind" of shoes at WALLACE'S.

HALIBUT FISHERIES TROUBLES AGAIN

Washington, Feb. 26.—Trouble with Canada over that ever-pregnant cause of quarrels, fisheries, is looming up.

Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, is trying again, by means of an amendment to the revenue bill to prohibit importation into the United States except in bond, all fish caught in the North Pacific. The quarrel on the west coast, the state department has been informed by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, is sure to have a reaction on the east coast. The modus vivendi which was established after years of quarrelling even to the verge of war by John Hay and under which American and foreign fishermen have peacefully fished off the Grand Banks for years, may even be denounced. The Canadians would go that far, they say, in the protection of what they look upon as their rights on the Pacific coast.

Senator Chamberlain tried to push through a similar amendment to a revenue bill at the last session of congress. On the last day of the session the conference committee withdrew the amendment much to his disgust and against his earnest protest. That time the amendment included only halibut. Now it is to be broadened to apply to all fish. This is the American side of the question.

To Counteract Canadians.

The idea of the amendment is to counteract the activities of the Canadian government in building up the port of Prince Rupert as the headquarters for the North Pacific fishing fleet. Mr. Chamberlain charges that all sorts of inducements have been made for American vessels to bring their cargoes to Prince Rupert instead of taking them home to Portland or Seattle. These include rebates, a subsidized cold storage plant, and generally preferential treatment. These attempts have been incorporated in orders-in-council which have the full effect of laws.

Their frank purpose is eventually not only to bring the business to Prince Rupert, thus obtaining the tonnage for the new Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, but to induce the American fishing ship owners to place their vessels under the Canadian flag.

At Prince Rupert's Expense.

The Canadian side of the story is that the Americans are trying to force the development of Seattle at the expense of Prince Rupert, which is 500 miles nearer the fishing grounds. They also charge that the scheme is a drive at the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad and that the inevitable result will be to enhance the prices of fish, since it is cheaper and quicker to handle the fish at Prince Rupert and over the Canadian railroad.

The opinion in Congress is that the amendment has not much chance at this session if any opposition at all develops. Senator Simmons of the finance committee, possibly at the suggestion of the administration, beat the plan the last time. It is easily within his power to do so again. But the senators from the west are pressing hard and the Canadians and the New Englanders are very much alarmed.

RETURNED SOLDIERS ASSOCN.

At a meeting of the Returned Soldiers Association in their club rooms last night, it was decided to ask the citizens of Prince Rupert to be more patriotic and to employ British labor and not alien enemies who have only in the last few years become naturalized.

KUT-EL-AMARA CAPTURED BY BRITISH ARMY

Turkish Army in Full Flight With British Cavalry in Full Cry—Much booty found Left by Turks.

London, Feb. 27.—The British troops have recaptured the town of Kut-el-Amara. The Turks, who are now a disorganized rabble, are in full retreat, westward, towards the town of Boghailah, 24 miles away. The British cavalry, including the camel corps, are in pursuit and are expected to reach Boghailah before the fleeing enemy can establish himself there, thus making further retreat or surrender the alternative. Immense quantities of military stores of all descriptions have been taken in Kut, which the Turks either did not have time, or did not think to destroy. It is expected that the British will immediately push on to Bagdad. Preparations have all been ready made for some time and fresh troops and transportation are available for the advance. With the fall of Bagdad will end the supremacy of the Turkish dominion over vast territories. This will enable also the junction of the Russian forces from the north and later with the Egyptian troops on the south.

RETAIL MERCHANTS AND THE G. T. P.

It is reported that a short letter has been received from President Chamberlain of the Grand Trunk Pacific in reply to the communication forwarded to him from the Retail Merchants Association. Mr. Chamberlain regrets very much that the Retail Merchants have taken such action as they have, as it will have a harmful effect upon the G. T. P. and on the city itself.

Mr. Chamberlain ignores the steamship issue.

HOLLAND ANXIOUS

London, Feb. 27.—According to the latest advices received here, the Germans are massing great forces on the Dutch frontier. There have been several army corps of the German forces right on the border for some time, presumably with a view of keeping Holland strictly neutral. These forces have been very largely augmented lately and the Dutch government are anxious as to the outcome.

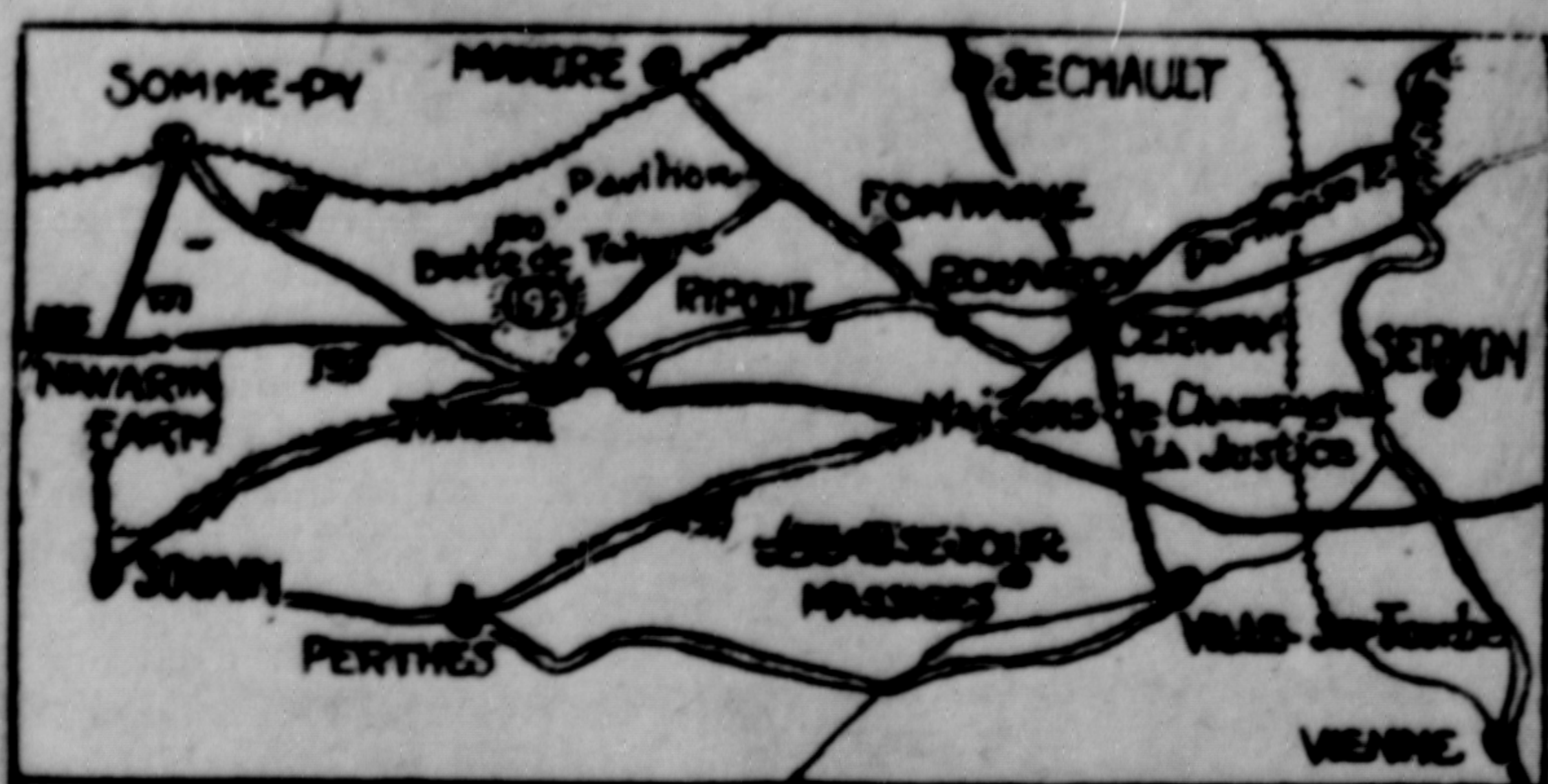
It is expected that the Huns plan to repeat the Belgian atrocities on Holland by forcing the nation into war for the sake of their food supplies. Several Dutch vessels which have carried a safe conduct from the German government have been seized nevertheless and the Dutch government cannot now place any reliance upon the statements from Berlin.

ARMED NEUTRALITY

Washington, Feb. 27.—President Wilson will address Congress asking authority to establish a state of armed neutrality. Permission will also be given for the arming of all United States vessels for defence against the submarine peril.

NEW WELLINGTON COAL.

Just arrived, 500 tons lump, 100 tons nut coal. We give prompt service, Albert & McCaffery, phone 116.



WHERE GERMANS CLAIM A VICTORY

The map shows Hill 185 to the left and just above Navarin Farm. The Germans claim to have taken four enemy lines on a front of a mile and a third.

EMPIRE DREAM IN THE EAST FADES

London, Feb. 26.—In the House of Lords, Lord Curzon lifted the veil which had hung over events in the Middle East for many months. He had a fascinating story to tell the country. In reply to Lord Bryce, who sought information regarding the position in Persia, mention of which has not hitherto been made, Lord Curzon explained that a force under Sir Percy Sykes had marched to Ispahan, and finally to Teheran, through 1,000 miles of country under circumstances of the most arduous and perilous character, and this had resulted in the establishment of order over a wide area.

Lord Curzon reminded the Lords that the last occasion on which a statement on the subject had been made in the House was in 1915. The position at that time was one of considerable convulsion. The British consul at Shiraz had recently been arrested under circumstances of ignominy. It was common knowledge that before the war Germany had been engaged in intriguing for an extension of power in the Indian Ocean with a view of striking the dominions of Britain in India and "taking from us the hegemony of the Eastern world."

Turkey, he said, was to become her slave, in order that she might control the Straits. Egypt was to be menaced, Persia controlled and Afghanistan stirred up. The plot dated far back to 1898, when the Kaiser made a theatrical entry into Jerusalem and addressed a great meeting and told 300,000,000 of the Moslem world to look on him as their true and only friend. The principal instrument in this policy was to be the Bagdad railway.

Well Prepared.

The consulates of the Central Powers at Ispahan and other large towns were well organized. They had a number of machine guns and probably a large consignment of rifles. At one time there were quite 100 German bands scattered about Persia terrorizing the peaceful tribes and offering bribes. They stirred up trouble among the tribes who habitually were at peace with the central government.

Meanwhile Germany had succeeded in getting a more powerful ally in Turkey. Intending to pay off old scores with their hereditary enemy, and anxious to recover territory on the border of Persia, Turkish forces penetrated into Persia and overran part of it. A Turkish army is still there. Stories were spread everywhere that Kaiser Wilhelm had embraced the creed of Islam. The move—

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HALIBUT ARRIVALS

The Tom and Al has arrived with 45,000 pounds and the M. T. 3, with 11,000 pounds of halibut. None of these catches had been sold at time of writing.

COUNCIL CHAMBER NOTES AND JOTTINGS

We were all in our accustomed places last night, except one who materialized shortly, when His Worship the Mayor ascended his chair. Of the interested citizens who came to witness the pearls of wisdom dropping from the lips of our "most potent, grave and reverend signiors," there were but two. And he, alas, departed early, possibly TO COGITATE in secret on the weighty matters which were not discussed.

We heard the reports and recommendations of the finance committee on various routine matters and adopted them without question. Then followed a little discussion regarding the project set before us by Messrs. P. Duryee and D. A. McDonald recently, regarding space in the "Imperial Highway," which appears to be a publication giving details of the four western provinces, their potentialities, their facilities and their cities. Of course, being a city, we thought we could stand for two pages anyway. And they were to be pages of no mean book either. Eighteen by twenty-four. Some big pages. But, Alderman Montgomery did not like the idea. While the two big pages were only a small thing comparatively, still there was a principle involved. So there was, too. In times like these, you know, Alderman Nelson felt convinced that the two big pages would be good for Rupert, and Alderman McBae calculated mentally that with a circulation of 30,000, the two big pages would only cost us one THIRD OF A CENT in each book. The third of a cent did it, and the motion to that "the city purchase and pay when delivered" carried.

No Pay in Advance Stuff With Us.

Then came the report of the city treasurer regarding the expenses of the deputation we recently despatched to see the powers that be in Ottawa, regarding the fishery regulations. Seeing that the three members of the delegation got results, and assured us that the money had all been spent we allowed the costs gladly. Our veteran city solicitor next read his report upon the early closing bylaw which had been read for the first time at the previous meeting. On account of the act of parliament being so loosely drawn—drawn up by lawyers presumably, to afford a job to other lawyers—it was advised that such a bylaw be not passed. Well, it wasn't. It went to limbo. Alderman Casey said something which we did not hear, we being a little hard of hearing at convenient seasons, but the motion for adjournment having been put and carried, we didn't hear him. Then we went away too.

ANNOUNCEMENT—The Wistaria Bakery and Tea Room will be closed March 1st for a short period. All tickets will be redeemed at the La Casse Bakery in the meantime. 50.

LIBERALS WIN THE ELECTION IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Liberals Carry After Hard Fight—Voting Yesterday Decides For Progress—Death of Ex-Premier.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 27.—The Liberals have carried the province. Forty-four constituencies voted on Saturday with the result that after a recount, twenty-three seats went to the Liberals and twenty-one to the Conservatives. The election of the Gloucester members did not take place until Monday, being in the extreme north end of the province. It was expected that the north would live up to its traditional policy and in this case what was expected came to pass. The whole four seats went to the Liberals by quite substantial majorities. This will give the Liberals 27 seats and the Conservatives 21.

Death of Hon. J. G. Clarke. The ex-premier of New Brunswick died here today. Mr. Clarke has been in indifferent health for some time past, and on that account he resigned the premiership some little time ago.

GENERAL NEWS

London—Great Britain's "Win the War" loan subscriptions have totalled \$6,564,750,000.

London newspapers assail President Wilson and denounce him, as head of the chief neutral country, for his supine inaction.

Sir Robert Borden had an interview with the King. He also called upon the Colonial secretary and attended the meeting of the Committee for Imperial Defence. It has been arranged by Sir Robert Borden that the provincial agents-general shall be included on the Commission on Emigration.

A PLEA FOR SOCKS

The Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire is making a special appeal to the public for socks for the men in the trenches. A change of socks is the best preventative of "trench feet," the most dreaded ill of the present campaign. Canadians at the front number double what they were a year ago, but the supply of socks has not increased in proportion.

The I. O. D. E. wishes to ask the women of Prince Rupert to answer the plea of the soldiers. This is the women's share in the war. On Thursday afternoon, March 8th, Mrs. McMullin will be "at home" to receive the gifts of the Prince Rupert women in the shape of socks for the boys in the trenches.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

NOTICE 1917 Dog Taxes. These taxes are now due and payable. Same are to be paid to the Chief of Police or Health Inspector, who will issue 1917 brass tag. Owners of dogs who have not taken out these Licences by March 1st next will be prosecuted without further notice. mt CITY COLLECTOR.

LONDON CAFE AND GRILL

Third Avenue Prompt Service of the Best there is to eat at all hours. BOXES FOR LADIES.