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AN ANCIENT CITY.

The capture of Bagdad marks the climax of one of the most dramatic and picturesque phases of the world war. The city which has fallen to British arms links the present to a past so distant that it is semi-fabulous. The known history of Bagdad reaches back for more than 4,000 years to the shadowy times of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, a quay built by the Scriptural monarch still existing submerged in the Tigris. Within its precincts also there still stand the tombs of the Jewish prophets Joshua, Ezra and Ezekiel and the well of Daniel.

Long after the Babylonian dynasty had ceased to be more than a memory, Bagdad rose to splendor as the artistic, literary, scientific and religious capital of the world. The heart of the great Islamic empire of the Caliphs for hundreds of years, it was known throughout the world as "The Glorious City" and was the scene of the fantastic exploits of Haroun al-Rashid, the potentate whose magnificence is immortalized in the Arabian Nights.

In 1800 B. C. Bagdad was credited with a population of 2,000,000 souls and was easily the first city in the world in wealth and commerce. With the fall of Caliphs before the Turkish sultans, the decline of Bagdad commenced. It was successively the prey of Turks, Mongols, Tartars and Persians, but it was not until 1638 that the city became definitely a part of the Turkish Empire. Its ancient importance was largely due to the fact that it stood at the crossing of the lines of communication between India and Persia and the west.

The fall of Bagdad is of even greater significance for the effect it is expected to have on German aims than for its value in restoring British prestige in the eyes of the Mohammedan world and the East generally. While it is recognized that the British misfortunes in Mesopotamia had a serious influence on the prestige of the ruling power in India and Egypt and while it is pointed out that the capture of Bagdad will restore the balance, the chief gratification expressed is that the suc-

cess of General Maude's expedition "has shattered the dream that Germans have indulged in for more than 20 years."

As one typical comment put it: "The Germans' proud vision of an Eastern empire is dissipated before their eyes, the German route to the East is blocked and the existing terminus of the Berlin-to-Bagdad railway has passed into British hands. To Orientals it will seem to sound the knell of German aspirations."

It also is pointed out that Turkey's value as an ally of Germany is now irredeemably weakened and that the fall of Bagdad crowns the disasters which already had befallen Ottoman arms in other Asiatic theaters of the war.

It is pointed out that Bagdad will be a difficult city to hold under assault, as it has neither natural nor artificial defenses and lies on an open plain. It is believed, however, that the Turks are so thoroughly routed that there is no present cause for anxiety, although it is admitted that they have shown in Armenia and elsewhere a considerable gift for bringing a victorious enemy to an eventful halt.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Canadian public will feel the incongruity of Premier Borden addressing the Canadian troops at the front on the honorable principles for which they are risking their lives, and praising their sacrifices in the public cause and in the cause of national duty, with Hon. Robert Rogers standing at his side.

The Canadian people who read in the newspapers the account of this scene, will feel that it was not only ingenuous, but that it was a hideous and disgraceful mockery.

The soldiers of Canada are as well acquainted as the Canadian people with the record of Hon. Robert Rogers in crooked politics. They are well aware that he is a corrupt politician who at the beginning of his career deserted principle for gain. They know that he has polluted political life wherever he has been a part of it and muddled



CANADA'S PROPOSED AEROPLANE INDUSTRY

The announcement was recently made that it was proposed to establish through Canada branches of the Royal Flying Corps, with general headquarters at Toronto. It is the intention to construct, rebuild and repair every kind of aeroplane at the various depots, as well as to conduct the training and instruction courses to equip Canadians for service at the front with the Royal Flying Corps. Millions of dollars have already been expended in Toronto already in the permanent establishment of the headquarters. The branch depots, known as "wing headquarters" will be equipped with 90 machines, divided into five squadrons of 18 aeroplanes each. Each squadron is divided into three "flights" of six machines.

To attend to the work of "wing headquarters" 750 mechanics and cadets, with 250 officers will be required. The men are actually engaged in construction, repairing and rebuilding of the aeroplanes. Each aeroplane built would cost approximately \$10,000, so that the establishment on the Pacific coast of a "wing" would mean a great deal of activity and would provide an opportunity for the employment of a large number of mechanics as well as to enable prospective airmen to take their training under ideal climatic conditions.

politics wherever he has touched it. They know that he has been found guilty by a supreme court judge of political crimes of which graft was the least.

They know that he has been the leader of political cannibalism in Canada, and that he has practised during his whole career the very wrong ideals they are fighting against. These soldiers know that the war is a struggle between opposing ideals of life. They know that they are fighting for right ideals. They know that the enemy is practicing and fighting for wrong ideals.

The soldiers who listened to the lofty words of the premier, must have felt that the presence of Hon. Robert Rogers was an insult to them and to the cause to which they have dedicated their lives.

LAND ACT

QUEEN'S LAND DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

TAKE NOTICE that I, George McRae, of Skidegate, B. C., occupation engineer, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the N.W. corner of Lot 4, Allford Bay, Skidegate Inlet, thence west 20 chains, thence north 5 chains, thence 20 chains in an easterly direction following the shore line, thence two chains to point of commencement, containing 15 acres, more or less.

GEORGE MCRAE, Applicant.

Dated January 15th, 1917.

WATER NOTICE

DIVERSION AND USE

TAKE NOTICE that George McRae, whose address is Skidegate, B. C., will apply for a licence to take and use 150 cubic feet per minute of water out of Demster Creek, which flows northerly and drains into Allford Bay, about 15 chains from the N. E. corner of T. L. 835. The water will be diverted from the stream at a point about ten chains west from N.W. corner of Lot 4, B. C. Fisheries, and will be used for power purpose upon the land described as adjoining Timber Limit 835 in application to lease.

This notice was posted on the ground on the 15th day of January, 1917. A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the Water Act, 1914 will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Prince Rupert. Objections to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C., within thirty days after the first appearance of this notice in a local newspaper.

The date of the first publication of this notice is February 21st, 1917.

GEORGE MCRAE, Applicant.

THE MAILS

For the East.

Tuesdays, 2 a. m.
Wednesdays, 9:30 a. m.
Saturdays, 9:30 a. m.

From the East.

Tuesdays, 5:30 p. m.
Thursdays, 5:30 p. m.
Sundays, 3:10 p. m.

For Vancouver.

Tuesdays, 4 p. m.
Thursdays, 10 p. m.
Sundays, 4 p. m.

From Vancouver.

Wednesdays, 10:30 a. m.
Fridays, 3 p. m.
Sundays, 7 p. m.
Alternate Mondays from January 1st.

For Anyox.

Wednesdays, 10 p. m.
Fridays, 8 p. m.
Sundays, 8 p. m.

From Anyox.

Thursdays, Sundays and Tuesdays.

The Islands.

Mail closes.

Jan. 17 and 31st at 8 p. m.
Feb. 14th and 28th at 8 p. m.

Mail Arrives.

January 21st, February 17th and March 3rd.

LAND REGISTRY ACT

(Sections 36 and 134.)

Re Application N. 9042—File No. 5794.

TAKE NOTICE that application has been made to register Marion B. Morrissey, of Prince Rupert, B. C., as owner in fee under Tax Sale Deed from the Collector of the City of Prince Rupert, bearing date the 10th day of September, 1915, of ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying, and being in the Municipality of Prince Rupert, more particularly known and described as Lot Eighteen (18), Block Eight (8), Section Eight (8), Map 923.

You are required to contest the claim of the tax purchaser within 35 days from the date of the service of this notice (which may be effected by personal service) and your attention is called to section 36 of the "Land Registry Act" with amendments, and to the following extract therefrom:— "and in default of a caveat or certificate of his pendens being filed before the registration as owner of the person entitled under such sale, all persons so served with notice, and those claiming through or under them, and all persons claiming any interest in the land by virtue of any unregistered instrument, and all persons claiming any interest in the land by descent whose title is not registered under the provisions of this Act, shall be for ever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the land so sold for taxes, and the Registrar shall register the person entitled under such tax sale as owner of the land so sold for taxes."

AND WHEREAS application has been made for a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the above-mentioned lands, in the name of Marion B. Morrissey;

AND WHEREAS on investigating the title it appears that prior to the 9th day of September, 1914, (the date on which the said lands were sold for overdue taxes), you were the assessed owner thereof;

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that at the same time I shall effect registration in pursuance of such application and issue a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the said lands in the name of Marion B. Morrissey unless you take and prosecute the proper proceedings to establish your claim, if any, to the said lands, or to prevent such proposed action on my part.

DATED at the Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert, B. C., this 27th day of October, A. D. 1916.

H. F. MACLEOD,
District Registrar of Titles,
To Reuben Nugent, Esq., M15
1207 Pacific St., Vancouver, B. C.

Navigable Waters Protection Act.
R. S. C., CHAPTER 115.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company hereby gives notice that it has, under Section 7 of the said Act, deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and in the office of the District Registrar of the Land Registry Office, District of Prince Rupert, at Prince Rupert, a description of the site and plan of lumber mill and other works proposed to be built in the Prince Rupert harbor at Prince Rupert, British Columbia, in front of Waterfront Block "I", according to registered plan of the townsite of the said city of Prince Rupert registered in the aforesaid land registry office as No. 923, Section 7.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication of this notice, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company will, under Section 7 of the said Act, apply to the Minister of Public Works at his office in the City of Ottawa for approval of the said site and plan and for leave to construct the said works.

Dated at Winnipeg, Manitoba, this 21st day of February, A. D. 1917.

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