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## BRITISH MAKE ADVANCE IN MESOPOTAMIA

### TURKISH TROOPS DRIVEN FROM POSITIONS AND SURRENDER IN THOUSANDS

#### MESOPOTAMIA OFFENSIVE SUCCESSFULLY RESUMED

**TURKISH MAIN POSITIONS ARE ATTACKED AND CAPTURED—ENEMY TROOPS FLEE IN DISORDER—THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS CAPTURED AND GREAT QUANTITIES OF STORES—ENEMY SURRENDERS**

(Special to The Daily News.)  
London, Oct. 1.—In Mesopotamia, the British troops made an attack on the Mushaid Ridge, in the region of Baghdad. An attack was also made on the Turkish main position in the region of Hamada, from the southwest and west. The British attack was perfectly successful and all the objectives were attained. The British artillery fire was particularly effective and demoralized the Turkish troops. Their guns were soon put out of commission, being out ranged and out classed by the British gunners. Vast stores of munitions and military stores of all kinds were collected at these points, which the Turks believed to be impregnable. Thousands of prisoners were captured, and great numbers of the Turkish forces voluntarily surrendered in every direction. This victory will clear the way for a further advance up both rivers Tigris and Euphrates in the

direction of Aleppo, and co-operation will soon be possible with the British forces in Palestine, which have been operating near Gaza, south of Jerusalem.

#### Western Front.

London, Oct. 2.—The British positions between Tower Hamlets and the Polygon Wood have been heavily bombarded, and the enemy subsequently launched three powerful attacks which were all repulsed. North of the Ypres-Menin road, another strong attack was made by the enemy over a mile front. The German infantry advanced in three distinct waves, and suffered tremendous casualties from the British rifle fire, and the artillery barrage. The first and second waves were mowed down successively, the survivors becoming merged into the third wave of advancing Germans, who finally fled in disorder. Reinforcements were brought up and the German High Command twice renewed the attack, which were also repulsed.

#### CITY COUNCIL JOTTINGS

The meeting of the city council took place last night as usual. There was no excitement. Everything was quiet and orderly. The business brought up was purely routine, and no bitter controversies marred the serenity of this meeting. Among the first matters to be dealt with was a letter from Mr. Clancy, of the Bank of Montreal, which was filed. Then a copy of the prohibition act was received from Commissioner W. C. Finlay, of Vancouver. A garage being contemplated for somewhere in Block 34, between Tenth and Fulton Streets, a letter of protest was read from Mr. E. M. Stephens, a worthy citizen, objecting to permission being granted for a garage being established in this block. A garage would cause a probable increase in the insurance rates and also an increased hazard of fire in an already congested district. Mr. Lorne McLaren of the Consolidated Securities, Ltd., wrote along the same lines. And without discussion the matter was referred to the public works committee for report. A letter regarding roads was taken as read. The council evidently all knew about it, after which Mr. E. van Gestel informed the council by letter that they that dwell in darkness on Alfred Street have seen a great light, on other avenues. There being no lights, great or small, on Alfred Street, it was requested that two be placed there where they would

be of most service to the passengers along that elevated plank. This matter was referred to the light committee.

The city solicitor had a report in regarding a refund to the liquor licensees who all ceased business on Saturday night, instead of completing the year. It was agreed that the city treasurer deal with the matter.

The application of Mr. J. Lambie for an increase in wages was granted upon the recommendation of the utilities committee. Likewise one from Mr. D. H. McDonald, the fire chief. This latter, Ald. Dybhavn explained, was not really an increase but merely a restoration to the former rate, as had been done in other cases.

The public works committee reported that Mr. F. Clapp had resigned his position as market clerk and recommended that his resignation be accepted. Advertisements for a successor will be placed with the local papers in due course.

The necessity for more gravel for the streets was the next business. The public works committee reported that the city engineer recommended the purchase of another scow load of gravel before the bad weather sets in. Notwithstanding the bad weather being in the report was adopted.

Ald. Dybhavn wanted to know how the gravel was turning out on the streets and the costs. Ald. McClymont admitted that the gravel dressing was eminently satisfactory, as Third Avenue shows, and also that the costs were not unreasonable.

An increase of wages to the men on the garbage wagon, the board of works committee could not recommend. The public utilities committee, however, recommended payment for overtime to B. Moore who was working at Shawatlans, while the department was shorthanded.

Then came the reconsideration of bylaws to be known as Bylaws 303 and 304 for the borrowing of \$20,000. It was moved and seconded that both bylaws be duly passed, signed and the corporate seal affixed.

The council then resolved itself into committee of the whole to discuss the cemetery bylaw and certain pending litigation, from which the press were excluded.



Get Something that will hold water.—New York Tribune.

#### STATES UNPLEASANT FACTS FACE CANADA

Winnipeg, Sept. 29.—Prof. W. J. Osborne, in his opening address of the University year to the students and faculty at the University here on the subject of "the future of Canada," said that "at the present moment we are confronted by two unpleasant facts—our foreign citizens have not responded to the call to arms in a way that is gratifying to our English and Canadian-born people and Canadians have failed in their relations with the French-speaking elements of our country. If French had been made a subject of instruction in the public schools throughout Canada the difficulty would have been greatly lessened. We have got to come to an understanding with our foreign-born peoples."

"The war has shown us the absolute necessity of becoming a united country," he declared.

Prof. Osborne scored the present system of government in Canada by virtue of which the entire country for six months has been demanding a National Government without being able to register its will in the matter.

#### GERMANY TO RETAIN ANTWERP AS A BASE

Washington, Oct. 1.—In diplomatic circles here it is understood that the Pope will shortly make another effort towards peace and that his next step will be taken when he has received all the replies to his former Note. The matter is being actively discussed, and though naturally nothing of an official character can be obtained, an outline of what the Pope's programme is likely to be is given today. It is understood that the Pope will suggest the restoration of Belgium, with the retention of a German base at Antwerp, and autonomy for Lorraine. Germany is to be a free port, Trieste is to be a free port, and the Balkan situation to be settled at a peace conference. If such a proposal should be made from the Vatican it is safe to say that it would be rejected by the Allies, probably in more striking terms than those contained in President Wilson's reply.

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#### COAL COSTS \$12.50 PER TON IN WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Oct. 1.—The price of hard coal in Winnipeg is likely to remain at \$12.50 per ton, according to a statement made by C. A. Magrath, federal fuel controller. Mr. Magrath says that the dealers have presented statements to him which appear to bear out their contention that the \$12.50 price is justifiable.

However, Mr. Magrath has not come to a final decision, and he expects to receive some further statements, which he has asked for, leaving for Ottawa, where he will attend a meeting of the International Joint Commission, of which he is a member. After he has given further study to the statements submitted by the Winnipeg coal dealers, he will come to a final decision on the price.

"The figures laid before me would certainly indicate the dealers being justified in the \$12.50 rate per ton," said Mr. Magrath.

"My recommendation to the government before leaving Ottawa in respect to the prices of coal was that the price should be the cost to the consumer including overhead and other charges, plus a fair and just profit of which I should be the judge. An order-in-council was then being prepared, carrying out my recommendation, and which would provide suitable penalties for any infraction of the regulation. I have decided that a fair and just profit in the city of Winnipeg shall not exceed an average of fifty cents per ton."

#### MARKET CLERK

Applications will be received by the city clerk up to 5 p. m. Tuesday, October 9th, 1917, for the position of market clerk. The successful applicant will have to comply with the terms of the market bylaw and particularly will be required to obtain a surety bond for \$2,000.00 for the faithful performance of the office.

FRED PETERS, City Clerk.

#### CLERICAL WORKERS' UNION.

A meeting will be held in the Carpenters' Hall on Tuesday evening, October 2nd, at 8:30 sharp. Stenographers, bookkeepers and clerks wishing to join are cordially invited.

The favorite household Coal is Ladysmith Wellington. Phone 15. Prince Rupert Coal Co.

#### THE FOURTH AND STRONGEST GERMAN AIR RAID ON LONDON

**FOUR GROUPS OF ENEMY MACHINES MAKE A DETERMINED ATTACK UPON CAPITAL—RAIN OF SHRAPNEL FROM ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS FELL ALL OVER—SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICT BOMBED**

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Oct. 1.—The fourth and strongest aerial attack yet made on London and the coast towns was carried out two nights ago by four groups of hostile aeroplanes. Some of the machines were successful in eluding the British fliers and reached the city. Numerous bombs were dropped over the southwestern district, which is thickly populated by the upper and middle classes. Search lights spotted the enemy machines which formed a good mark for the anti-aircraft batteries, and a rain of fragments from the bursting shrapnel fell all over the city following the course of the German aviators. Eleven persons are known to be killed and eighty-two injured by the bursting bombs dropped by the raiders, and further casualties have been reported. No information is yet to hand regarding damage to buildings. The report of three enemy machines being brought down is current.

#### COL. V. SPENCER ON PURCHASING TRIP

Vancouver, Sept. 29.—Colonel Victor Spencer will leave here this evening with H. R. Dawson, of the Navy and Army Canteen Board, on a purchasing trip through the province. The supplies they are to buy are other than the regular army rations, and purchases in this respect already have been made in the province by Mr. Dawson. Their first destination will be the Okanagan, for fruit and other products.

Col. Spencer, who is attached to the Canadian Transport Service, came home on leave in June and attended the golden anniversary of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Spencer, who reside in Victoria. Since then he has been in Ottawa and latterly has been back on the coast awaiting further orders.

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#### MAIL BAGS CARRIED BY AEROPLANES

Writing from the Italian headquarters in the field, a correspondent says:—

Italy has taken to the air like a duck to water. Aviation is becoming a national industry. For instance, this morning the Milan papers are on sale in this little town where the Staff has its home seven hours before they could arrive by train, having been freighted hither by the great Caproni, which recently took part in the Bombing of Pola. Several aeroplane mails are running on various routes in Italy with fair regularity, while at the same time aerial warfare is spreading, developing, and becoming more characteristic of the fighting on this fantastic front.

I had a talk with the aviator who brought the newspapers, and asked him regarding the damage at Pola, which he had actually seen. He replied that he saw many fires, which he ascribed to the various localities and establishments of the dockyard, but was also personally convinced that two Austrian submarines were struck and sunk, while a number of other ships at anchor or moored to wharves were hit and damaged or set on fire. He said the Austrians were plentifully supplied with fast fighting machines, but rarely engaged in an aerial duel if able to avoid it. He gave me a brilliant impromptu word picture of the scene as he looked down on Pola, showing the tangle of searchlights sprouting from it, and the gun flashes of the anti-aircraft artillery lighting it up in momentary illumination. The last he saw as he turned homeward was the silhouette of the town against the flames and the red glow of the burning buildings wonderfully reflected in the waters of the Adriatic. This aviator's opinion that the Austrian aviators avoid duels is partially confirmed by the practical immunity with which the Italians carry out elaborate bombing expeditions.

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Mr. D. G. Stewart returned to Prince Rupert by yesterday's steamer.

#### OFFICIAL CENSUS OF ALBERTA

Ottawa, Oct. 1.—The race origin of the people of the three prairie provinces is dealt with in a bulletin issued by the census branch today. The figures given deal with the situation as revealed in the census of June 1, 1916. The returns show that of the population reported on that date, persons of British origin constituted 57.76 per cent in Manitoba, 54.5 per cent in Saskatchewan and 60.48 per cent in Alberta. The French race possessed 6.1 per cent of the population of Manitoba and about 5 per cent of that of Saskatchewan and Alberta. Persons of German origin represented 4.67 per cent of the population of Manitoba; 11.9 per cent of Saskatchewan, and 6.85 per cent of Alberta.

Males of the ages of 20 to 34 numbered in Manitoba 33,118 Canadian born, 21,608 born in the British Isles, and 26,018 of foreign birth. In Saskatchewan the Canadian born of this age numbered 48,865, the British born, 23,640, and the foreign born, 47,372. In Alberta the numbers were: Canadian born, 23,671; British born, 19,822, and foreign born 37,916.

#### FISH ARRIVALS

Twenty-nine thousand pounds of halibut arrived in port this morning, which realized the highest price ever paid in Prince Rupert for car lots. The Cora had 6,000 lbs; Thelma, 3,000; Lincoln, 5,000; J. P. Todd, 5,000; Adeline, 5,000 lbs. These were all American vessels and the price they sold for was 17 cents per pound. The Lillian S. had 1,000 lbs. and the Ruria 4,000, which at noon were not yet sold, bidding being still in progress.

Mrs. C. R. Freeman, Seal Cove, will not receive on Thursday next, or again during the winter.

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