

BRITISH FORCES CAPTURE BAGDAD

General Maude's Army Enters Ancient City.

OFFICIAL TELEGRAM BRIEF

Capitulation Marks Climax of Picturesque Phase of Great World War.

TOMB OF JOSHUA TAKEN

Another British Expedition Reported Within Striking Distance of Jerusalem.

LONDON, March 11.—Bagdad, the chief Turkish city in Mesopotamia and formerly the capital of the empire of the Caliphs, has been captured by the British forces. Announcement of the capitulation of the city was made tonight by the British official press bureau, on receipt of a telegram from General Maude saying the British forces had occupied Bagdad early Sunday morning.

No details were contained in General Maude's dispatch.

Turks Surprised by Moonlight.

The following official report was received today concerning the operations against Bagdad, carrying them up to Saturday morning, when the Turks had been forced back to within three miles west and southwest of the city.

"Our forces engaged with the Turks on the Dhalia line the night of the eighth, succeeded, despite the bright moonlight, in effecting a surprise crossing of the Dhalia and establishing a strong post on the right bank thereof. Meanwhile, on the morning of the eighth, the Tigris having been bridged at some distance down stream, a British detachment marched up the right bank and found the enemy holding a position about six miles southwest of Bagdad.

British Advance Continued.

"The enemy was driven from this position to another position two miles in the rear. During the night of the ninth a passage of the Dhalia was forced and our troops advanced some four miles toward Bagdad.

"During the night our forces on the right bank (Tigris) drove the enemy from his second position, bivouacking on the ground gained. This advantage, notwithstanding a blinding dust storm and a violent gale, was pressed on the morning of the 10th, the Turks being pushed back to within three miles west and southwest of Bagdad."

City Known to Be 4000 Years Old.

Bagdad's capture marks the climax to one of the most dramatic and picturesque phases of the world war. The city which has fallen to British arms links the present to the past so distant that it is semi-fabulous. The known history of Bagdad reaches back for more than 4000 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-Rasheed, the potentate whose magnificence is immortalized in the Arabian Nights.

Population 2,000,000 in 800 A. D.

In 800 A. D. 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 the Caliphs before the Turkish Sultans the decline of Bagdad began. 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

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BERNSTORFF SAYS INTRIGUE IS 'NEWS'

EX-AMBASSADOR "SURPRISED" BY MEXICAN DISCLOSURES.

Chance to Travel to Copenhagen by Rail Declined Because of Large Quantity of Baggage.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, March 11.—Count von Bernstorff, former German Ambassador to the United States, on arrival here on board the steamer Frederik VIII, told the Associated Press that he was ignorant of the political developments of the last four weeks and was not in a position, therefore, to make any comment regarding them. When the ex-Ambassador was told of the disclosure of Germany's effort to make an alliance with Mexico, he expressed his surprise and added: "It is news to me."

The Count on his arrival received a large amount of mail, which he read hurriedly. It is not known when the conditions in the Cattagat will permit the Frederik VIII to sail for Copenhagen.

When Count von Bernstorff was told that he could travel to Copenhagen by rail he said he preferred to remain on board the ship, as he and his many friends had a large amount of baggage, which would make a change in his plans difficult.

AMERICA GAINS TONNAGE

Number of Ships Under Flag Cut in Two, However.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The American merchant marine has made a net gain of 251,114 gross tons through transfers of registry since the European war began, although on the same account it has sustained a net loss of 201 vessels. Figures made public today by the Department of Commerce show that ships transferred to the American flag numbered 204 of 664,925 tons.

Vessels transferred to foreign flags numbered 405, but their average size was less than one-fourth that of ships gained by the United States and their tonnage was only 313,811. Most of the American gains came from Great Britain and Germany, while most of the losses went to Norway, Japan and France.

LABOR FOR PREPAREDNESS

Conference Favors Military, Naval and Economic Measures.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor completed tonight a general statement of organized labor's attitude toward National defense problems, to be presented tomorrow to a conference of more than 100 labor leaders for ratification.

The statement is said to express approval of military, naval and economic preparation for defense in general terms. Specific details of labor's problems as universal military service are to be left to the conference. Some leaders here expressed the belief that there would be no action on details.

LIVESTOCK LOSSES HEAVY

Montana Conditions Serious Unless Winter Breaks Soon.

HELENA, Mont., March 11.—Unless winter breaks soon livestock losses will be extremely heavy, according to information given to Railroad Commissioner McCormick, who returned today from a trip over the eastern and northern part of Montana.

In Sheridan there have been large losses. In the Yellowstone and the Musselshell Counties and in the Miles City stock country there is much suffering. Cattle are unable to reach the grass because of the deep snow.

SEER COMMITS SUICIDE

"Professor Zoroaster" Succeeds in Drowning at Third Attempt.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—Edward G. Beck, known here through extensive advertising as "Professor Zoroaster, astrologer," ended his life today by drowning. According to the police, he jumped into the water twice yesterday and protested vigorously when rescuers dragged him ashore.

He promised to make no further attempts. Today, however, he removed his clothes and stepped off a wharf into the water.

BELGIAN TREES REMOVED

Germans Taking Finest Growth to Own Country.

HAVRE, France, March 11.—The German military administration in Belgium has begun systematically requisitioning the trees throughout the country.

According to information received by the Belgian government here the Germans are taking the finest growths, province by province and sending them to Germany.

STEEL ORDERS AT RECORD

United States Corporation Has Contracts for 11,576,697 Tons.

NEW YORK, March 11.—The unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation of February 28 were 11,576,697 tons, breaking all previous records. The figures showed an increase of 102,643 tons over the report for January 31 last.

The previous high record was that for December 31, 1916, when the unfilled orders stood at 11,547,286 tons.

GERARD CHAMPIONS VIGOROUS POLICY

Ex-Ambassador at Havana on Way Home.

EMPHASIS IS PUT ON MEXICO

"Passive" War, Using Navy Against Germany, Advised.

FURTHER INTRIGUE FEARED

Carl Ackerman Interprets Diplomats' Position, but Latter Does Not Talk—Berlin Believed Prepared for War.

BY CARL ACKERMAN.
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HAVANA, March 11.—(Special.)—Ex-Ambassador James W. Gerard and his party stepped ashore in Havana early this morning after an eventful voyage of 4000 miles from Corunna, Spain. The first act of Mr. Gerard after landing was to telegraph to Washington, asking President Wilson whether he desired a conference with him Wednesday or Thursday. He appeared to be eager for an early meeting with the President.

After two years' association with Mr. Gerard I am convinced he will go to the mat fighting for one idea—that of preparing the United States for a vigorous policy against Germany. I believe he will suggest the President's intervention in Mexico and a passive war with Germany, without sending troops abroad, but with the United States Navy co-operating with the allied fleets.

Emphasis Put on Mexico.

The ex-Ambassador is believed by all the Americans in close touch with him to lay great stress on the Mexican angle of the situation between Germany and the United States. While he still refuses to talk for publication, it is believed that he takes the view that unless the United States assumes a stronger attitude Berlin, which is prepared for war with America at any moment, will continue Mexican preparations with the purpose of engaging the United States at the first opportunity.

Mr. Gerard warned the Administration last September that unless President Wilson settled the Mexican situation Germany would fight the United States through Mexico. He considers Mexico Germany's potential a and believes that if the United States can destroy Berlin's hopes there one of America's greatest dangers from Germany would be eliminated.

Ambassador Keeps Silence.

Mr. Gerard refused to discuss his views until he confers with President Wilson, Colonel House and his New York political advisers.

The ex-Ambassador is refusing to permit his friends to work for his appointment.

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RICH SOCIETY MAN HELD AS BURGLAR

EDWARD T. BARRON IS FOUND ASLEEP NEAR TREASURE.

Prisoner Says When He Awoke He Was Surprised to Find Himself in Cell Instead of Club.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—Edward T. Barron, wealthy society man and graduate of Harvard University, in the city prison here today charged with burglary. Barron was found by the police early this morning sound asleep in the office of Smith, Emery & Co., assayers, close to a box containing platinum valued at \$10,000. The police had been called by the night watchman, who told them there was a man in the office with an electric flashlight in his hand. Barron was asleep when the police got there and no electric flashlight could be found. Barron said that he left the St. Francis shortly after midnight intending to go to the University Club, where he lived.

"It's a deuce of a mess to be in," said Barron today. "If I really did what the police say I did, I woke up this morning and was amazed to find myself in this cell. That's all I know about the affair."

ATHLETES BEST SCHOLARS

Oregon Faculty Committee Wishes All Were Up to Standard.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 11.—(Special.)—A thorough investigation made by the faculty athletic committee on the comparative scholarship of athletes and those not participating in athletics of a competitive nature were submitted to the board of regents at the meeting Saturday. In the report it was emphatically stated the scholarship of athletes excels that of the other students. The report was signed by Professor H. C. Howe, chairman of the committee.

The report concludes with the expressed hope that the scholarship of the rest of the students may be brought up to the standard of those engaged in athletics.

CHINESE TO STUDY WAR

Military Adviser Says Nation Is Non-Militant, but Observing

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—T. L. Tang, military adviser to the President of China, arrived here today from the Orient on his way to Europe to study modern warfare at the battle front. Tang said he wanted to study European military strategy, both offensive and defensive.

He said that China, while not a militant nation, was observing and that it might become necessary for her to take more interest in things military.

SPECIAL ELECTION LIKELY

New Hampshire Expected to Fill Vacancy in Congress.

MANCHESTER, N. H., March 11.—Political circles here generally expect that a special election to fill the place vacant by the death in Washington last night of Representative Cyrus A. Sullivan will be called early in April to enable the new member to participate in the organization of the House for the special session April 16.

Mr. Sullivan represented New Hampshire in Congress for 20 years. He was a Republican.

CASUALTIES IN WAR TOTAL TEN MILLION

More Than 4,400,000 Are Killed.

ENTENTE LOSS IS HEAVIEST

Cost to Central Powers Is Little More Than Half as Much.

RUSSIA LEADS ALL OTHERS

Czar Pays Toll of 3,084,200 and Bulgaria Is at Bottom of List. Civilian Dead and Wounded Is Put at 400,000.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—More than 10,000,000 men are recorded as killed, wounded, captured or missing in the European war in the first complete tabulation of official and authenticated semi-official reports of the various belligerents received here.

Among the military proper, 4,441,200 are reported dead, 2,595,500 wounded, and 2,564,500 captured and missing. Among civilians, especially on the Russian and Balkan fronts and in Armenia, another 400,000 are figured as either dead or wounded through the war.

Entente Loss Is 6,318,400. These figures are admittedly only approximate and in some instances necessarily several weeks old. They are not called exact in any sense, but are known to be so nearly so as to give a fairly reliable picture of the war's results. They depend for their accuracy, first, on the official reports of the various belligerents, which are certainly minimum figures, and then on a careful re-checking with all available authentic information.

The entente's losses are given as 6,318,400, as against 3,384,300 for the central empires. One reason for the great discrepancy between the two is believed to be the relative unpreparedness of the entente, with the disastrous retreats in France at the beginning of the war, in Russia from the Max river lakes and the Carpathians and in Roumania.

Russia Is Heaviest Loser. The entente's dead total 2,590,400, against 1,550,800 for the central empires; the entente's wounded total 1,676,500 against 922,000 for their enemies; and their captured and missing, 1,652,500, against 912,000 for the central empires.

These losses are based on the assumption in Germany that 90 per cent of the total wounded return to the front and 80 per cent in all other countries.

Russia is infinitely the heaviest loser so far, with a grand total of 2,084,200 men. The bulk of these losses occurred in the Mazurian lakes disaster and the two retreats from the Carpathians, where prisoners were taken by the tens of thousands. Moreover, lack of communications and hospital facilities has

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ANNUAL FRESHET TO BE SMALL ONE

WILLAMETTE RIVER FALLS INSTEAD OF RISING.

Deficiency of Rainfall Since September 1, 14.23 Inches—Little Snow Now in Mountains.

At a time when it is customary to have a more or less flooded condition at Portland, the Willamette River is going down this year instead, and yesterday the reading was but 4.7 feet above normal. This was a drop of 4.6 feet since Saturday.

Lack of precipitation and a comparatively low temperature are held to be responsible for the low stage of the water at the present time. The deficiency in rainfall since September 1 is 14.23 inches, according to report of the Weather Bureau.

Hugh Brady, municipal grapple, and considered an authority on river conditions for years, predicted yesterday that the Spring freshet this year would be a small one, and that the water would not reach any great height. He bases this belief on the small amount of snow in the mountains this year compared with preceding years.

The Spring freshet is due most any time now, according to Mr. Brady, and only requires a chinook or a warm rain or both, to precipitate it. The rains of the past few days have had no appreciable effect upon the river at Portland.

Portland experienced a freshet of somewhat damaging proportions during the latter part of February and the first of March last year, the water reaching a height of over 20 feet above normal.

NOTABLES VOICE LOYALTY

Roosevelt, Morgan and Other Prominent Men Pledge Obedience.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Governors Edge, of New Jersey, and Holcomb, of Connecticut, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Major-General Leonard W. Murray, Crane, Robert Bacon and other men of prominence attended a dinner given here tonight by Cornelius N. Bliss.

They pledged themselves to support the National Administration in any measures necessary for the protection of American interests and the honor of the flag in the present international crisis.

FLOWER FUNDS DIVERTED

Jewish Charities Helped By Saving of Display at Funerals.

NEW YORK, March 11.—By urging a plan to divert the money spent on flowers at Jewish funerals to the Federation for Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies, that organization announced tonight it hoped to increase its fund by more than \$100,000 a year. Felix M. Warburg, chairman of the federation, issued a statement endorsing the movement.

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INDIANA TOWNS HIT BY TORNADO

Path Two Blocks Wide Is Cut Through Newcastle.

DEATH LIST MAY BE LARGE

More Than Score Killed, 200 Injured and 300 Residences Are Demolished.

\$1,000,000 DAMAGE DONE

Storm Comes Almost Without Warning, Deals Destruction, Is Over in Five Minutes.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 11.—A Tornado swept over Central Eastern Indiana late today, killing more than a score of persons at Newcastle and two children in Wayne County.

The total number of injured will run over 200, some of whom are probably fatally hurt. The damage will total well over a million dollars at Newcastle and several thousand dollars in Wayne County.

Wire communication was crippled by the storm and reports were meager.

Militia Ordered to Scene.

Adjutant-General Harry B. Smith, of the Indiana National Guard, was at his office late tonight directing measures of relief. He said his reports were that 26 were dead and 150 injured at Newcastle. Two companies of militia were ordered to Newcastle to police the city. Physicians, nurses, undertakers and ambulances were sent from nearby towns.

Twenty special interurban cars carrying 30 physicians and 50 nurses were sent from here early in the evening.

42 Bodies Reported Found.

George Dyer, general superintendent of the Lake Erie & Western Railroad, said late tonight that he had received word from railroad officials at Newcastle that 42 bodies had been removed from the wreckage in the storm-swept district and that at least 25 persons in the hospitals probably would die.

He said the report came from a division superintendent, who, in an automobile, had made a trip through the devastated district.

NEWCASTLE, Ind., March 11.—More than a score of persons were killed and 150 were injured, wrecked 300 residences in this city late today. The property damage was estimated tonight at \$1,000,000.

Path Is Two Blocks Wide.

The storm swept over the city in a southeasterly direction, demolishing practically everything in a path almost two blocks wide and more than 10 blocks long. For several hours the city was entirely cut off from communication.

Governor Goodrich was asked to send troops to police the city, which is in darkness tonight, owing to the demolition of the power plant.

The exact number of dead may not be known for a day or two, as practically all the bodies thus far found have been dug out of the wreckage of their homes. The search tonight was hampered by darkness, but with the coming of daylight tomorrow it is believed more bodies will be found.

Revised List of Dead.

Late tonight, 23 bodies had been recovered and six persons were missing. It was believed other bodies still were buried in the wreckage which had not been searched. A revised list of the dead follows:

Everett Dunlap.

Bernice Davis.

Orris Davis.

James Nellis.

Gray Davis.

Mrs. John Davis.

Orville Davis, son of Gray Davis.

Mrs. Archie Fletcher.

Haler, young daughter of John Haler.

Razer, 12-year-old son of W. T. Razer.

Mrs. Archie Williamson.

Miss Opal Williamson, daughter of Mrs. Williamson.

Newton.

Bernice Day.

June Day.

Mrs. Mary E. Williams.

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