

PEACE TABLE GETS CLAIMS OF ARABIA

Prince Feisal Recounts Long Fight for Freedom.

ARABS GIVE AID TO ALLIES

Self-Determination and Independence to Compensate for Martyrdom Asked.

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refused to fulfill its promises and tried by all means at its disposal to check the Arab movement. It soon became clear that the Arabs had nothing to hope for from the cunning and incorrigible Turk.

The Arab committees, at home and abroad, more than ever infused with

the sea, where they established their base. The Syrians, being advised of the approach of the Arab army, renewed with vigor their propaganda against the enemy, and their committees in the towns took measures for a revolution to develop simultaneously with the great offensive of which they had information. Arabic-speaking young men in the ranks of the Turkish army deserted by the hundreds to join the army at Akaba, and volunteers from all parts of Arabia, Palestine and Mesopotamia flocked to the flag. Attacks were successfully made at Petra, Tadmor and Maan, and the Turkish army was completely routed on several occasions.

Arabs Co-operate With British. Then followed the final offensive in September, 1918, in union with the great British army, whose efforts will always be remembered by the Arabs with gratitude. Syria was soon reconquered and delivered. The Arabs regained their country and the Turks were driven out, never to return.

The Arab uprising has been recognized as a very important and decisive factor in the failure of the Turks and their allies. It was the true spirit of nationalism, but under the leadership of a direct descendant of the founder of Islam, frustrated in the hopes of the misguided slaves on the Bosphorus, who, at the bidding of their Teutonic master, declared the "holy" war against the allies.

It convinced the whole Islamic world that the Turks owed no true allegiance to religion, but were only obsessed by Turanian pride, greed and sordid motives, and were attempting to use Islam as a tool. The religious and scientific

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PRINCE FEISAL SITS IN PEACE CONFERENCE AT PARIS AS ARABIA'S REPRESENTATIVE.

BY WILLIAM T. ELLIS. (Copyright by the New York Herald Company. Published by Arrangement.) A tall, smiling, black-bearded man, of the complexion of a swart Italian or Spaniard, dressed in flowing Arabic garments, the green of the prophet's family showing only in his under-robe, his head-dress a gold and red turban and a massive gold-handled dagger in a golden scabbard or beautiful Arabian workmanship, who talks with his eyes, his hands, his shoulders, as well as with his tongue, smoking cigarettes incessantly the while—such is the most picturesque figure among all the notables who have come to Paris to attend the peace conference.

He is Emir Feisal, ruler of Syria, son of Husseln, king of the Hedjaz, and fifth in direct line of descent from the prophet Mohammed, himself a successful Arabian-speaking volunteer, Christian and Moslem, who alone captured Damascus and assisted General Allenby in his entire campaign. Prince Feisal is, of course, an expert horseman and a rider of the most skillful brought down a running gazelle at 400 yards.

His government of Syria, with its seat at Damascus, has sent him to Paris to plead the cause of the independence of the Arabic-speaking peoples. He sits as a delegate in the conference, its highest touch of color, representing his father.

He has written out in Arabic, exclusively for the New York Herald the first authentic statement of the Arab movement. A Syrian member of his staff translated the article.

vigor, renewed their revolutionary activities. The Turk retaliated by wreaking vengeance on the leaders and intellectuals, Moslems and Christians alike, and in his mad thirst for revenge invented new methods of punishment and humiliation. Rapacity, exile and murder were always the instruments of repression against individuals and parties; but now dreadful plans were prepared for the wholesale destruction of the Arabs. In the second year of the war the Turk under the tutelage of the Teuton and inebriated by his initial success against the British, scientifically exhibited his deadly hatred of the Arabs by wholesale murder and scientific methods of extermination by famine and disease.

Arabs Help to Win War. At that juncture his majesty King Husseln, the Sherief and prince of Meccah, succeeded from the Turks and summoned the Arabs to his standard. So strong was the anti-Turkish sentiment that thousands of Arabic-speaking officers and men from the Turkish army, artists, farmers, of all religions, flocked to his camp, and an army was immediately organized under the command of his sons, the princes.

An understanding was entered into with the allies, who had repeatedly affirmed as their principal aim the defeat of militarism and despotism and the safeguarding of rights, liberty and justice to all the peoples of the world. The Arabs, in their eagerness to secure for themselves the status of free men, were determined to spare no effort, shrink no sacrifice of blood and treasure, suffer everything, in the quest of independence. At the side of the great allied powers they contributed a valuable share of fighting that helped to bring about the great triumph.

In 1915 Turkey was at the zenith of her military power, but the venerable monarch of the Hedjaz was not dismayed and, having received from the allies assurances concerning the liberation and independence of all the Arabic countries in Asia, he entered upon the war with a full sense of responsibility.

It is evident to all those who have paid attention to the course of events in the east that King Husseln did not join the allies to secure the independence of the Hedjaz—for the country had been independent for hundreds of years before—but engaged in war in the interest of the whole Arab race. The Turks in their hatred of the Arabs, who were murdered, crucified and tortured, women outraged, children carried away, habitations destroyed, treated out—short, the population was passing through the agony of death.

Arab Defeats Turk. His army, small and without equipment of military value, was forced at first to retreat before the strong forces directed against him. More than half the Hedjaz was overrun, villages were destroyed and women and children murdered and houses looted. As soon as the Arab army was equipped and supplied with more arms, they were able to take the offensive and defeated their enemy in many hard-fought battles and forced him to retreat on Medina, where he took refuge in the shrine of the prophet Mohammed, secure in its inviolability from attack and bombardment. He remained encamped in the precincts of the shrine until after the armistice and had threatened to blow it up before surrender. The helpless people of Medina suffered during all this time loot, murder and outrage. Thirty thousand of them were eventually "deported" to the Armenian mountains.

The suffering of the Arabs at the hands of the Turkish hordes do not fall short in their severity of those of the Armenians. They were held again by the thousands for aspiring to freedom. The American consul, Dr. Howard Bliss, president of the American university at Beirut and other American and European gentlemen who remained in the country during the long years of war have recorded how the innocent, old and young men, women and children have been cruelly done to death, and had it not been for the opportune victory of the British and Arab armies many thousands more would have perished. Iraq (Mesopotamia) also received its share, and the stories of the massacre of Nelef and Kerbela stand as landmarks in Turanian hatred of the Arabs.

Modern War is in Bible Lands. After the Hedjaz had been cleared of the Turks, except Medina, where the broken army took refuge in the shrine of the prophet, the Arabs left there a sufficient force to maintain the siege and the army marched northward to help at driving the Turks out of Syria and deliver their own people. They began their operations by tearing up the railway lines between Sabbook and Maan, to prevent reinforcements from reaching Medina from Damascus. Then they attacked and captured Akaba, on

dependence than were those nations. They are inspired by the true spirit of progress and the undying glory of their past history and sciences, and anxious to occupy their rightful place among the civilized nations of the world. We are a nation that seeks real national life, in freedom and independence, and contend that we have earned them by our sacrifices of blood and treasure and by our loyalty to the allied cause and principles.

Shall our countries at this stage of the world's history be reckoned a booty awaiting division? We ask the allies and the United States of America at the peace conference to consider our case sympathetically, as friends, rightly and justly as partners in the stern work of fighting, to apply to it the high principles of equity which have been repeatedly proclaimed as one of their principal aims, to compensate for the martyrdom of hundreds of thousands of our people in the cause of humanity with complete self-determination and independence under their guarantee. History and the future will judge.

NO HOME COMING MARCH 4 OREGON REPRESENTATIVES TO BE BUSY AFTER CONGRESS.

Accumulated Work of Session Will Require Several Weeks to Clean Up in Departments.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 1.—Whether an exception is called or not members of the Oregon congressional delegation will not be able to get away for home for several weeks. All of them are behind to some extent with their heavy mail on account of the long sessions in the closing days of this congress and a press of business that is so extraordinary as almost to swamp them.

There are calls by the score for discharges from the army and navy; calls on them to make personal trips to the bureau of war risk insurance to ascertain why dependent relatives are not receiving, according to schedule, allowances made to them by soldiers in camps at home or across the seas, and now, on top of all other matters which they are compelled to handle, are a large number of complaints regarding railroad rates and service and the same complaints as regards telegraphs and telephones now that the government is administering all these functions of transportation and communication.

Representative McArthur has enough business before departments to keep him here several weeks in any event and Representative Hawley will remain here to prepare himself for the consideration of new rural credits legislation in which he will play a leading part in the next congress on account of his being a member of the joint committee on rural credits and an expert on agricultural legislation by reason of his long and active service on the house committee on agriculture.

Representative Sinnott has all of the regular routine matters of a large rural district pressing him and in addition must prepare himself for the larger responsibilities in the next congress which will confront him as chairman of the house committee on agriculture.

Representative Addison T. Smith, of Idaho, has asked that either Boise, Idaho Falls or Twin Falls be designated by the postoffice department for express mail service as provided by the new postoffice appropriation bill. It appears that no

man of the house public lands committee. Furthermore he finds it advisable to camp here to see that eastern Oregon does not lose out in the apportionment of new reclamation projects that are almost sure to be made possible by this congress. He demands two new projects for eastern Oregon, leaving it to the reclamation service to say which are the most feasible for early initiation. He is not showing any preference as to what projects shall be taken up first, believing that the reclamation service is in the best position to make this decision. The reclamation service seems to be giving serious consideration to the Deschutes project, which will water 200,000 acres of land in Jefferson and Deschutes counties as shown by the decision to send a geologist to Oregon at once to examine the Crane Prairie and Benham Falls reservoir sites.

Pensions have been granted in Oregon as follows: Liza Wilson, Portland, \$25; Rudama A. Miller, Drain, \$12; Sarah J. Canon, Florence, \$25; Kiersti Hancock, Elkton, \$25; Harriet F. Miller, Portland, \$25.

Representative C. N. McArthur was the principal speaker at a Washington birthday celebration at Penn Yan, New York.

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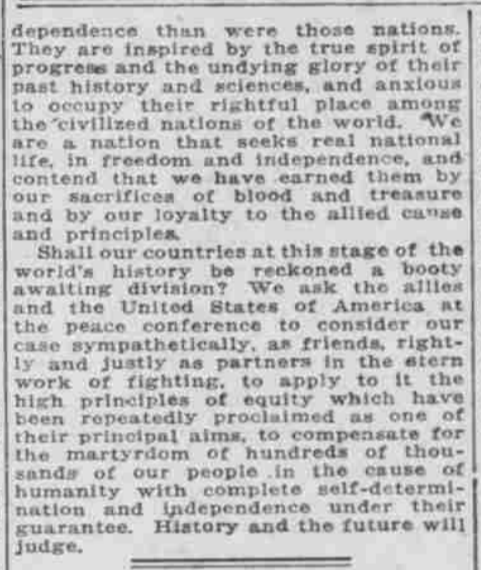
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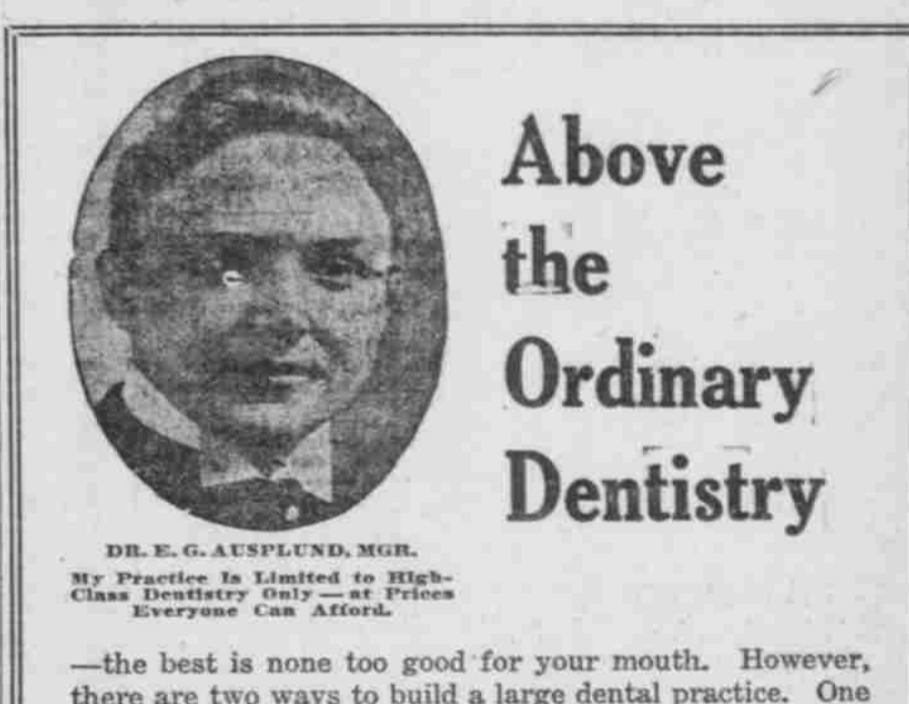
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