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## SUEZ MOST VITAL TO GREAT BRITAIN

### Protectorate Over Egypt Formed to Safeguard Canal

### FEAR OF OTTOMAN ATTACK.

Proper Defensive Measures Could Not Be Made While Turkey Held Theoretical Rulership Over Pharaoh's Land—New Governor Has the Title of Sultan.

London.—"Long live Sultan Hussein." Such is the cry which is resounding throughout Egypt, over which England has now declared a protectorate, giving her a freer hand in safeguarding the Suez canal, upon which the existence of her vast empire so greatly depends.

The naming of Hussein as sultan ends the 400-year-old connection between Turkey and Egypt. The new ruler is an uncle of the deposed khedive, Abbas Hilmi, who has made common cause with the enemies of the British empire. The Suez canal has been described as the most vulnerable point in the British empire. It is England's chief line of communication with Australia, with India and with other British dependencies in the east, not counting its value in the relations with Japan. Slightly less than 100 miles in length, the Suez canal is even more important to Great Britain than is the Panama canal to the United States.

In any plan of war between Turkey and Great Britain the Suez canal

course of construction. The sultan marched troops from Akabah to Tabu, on the gulf of Akabah, at once.

Great Britain called upon him to evacuate Tabu on the ground that it was Egyptian territory and finally forced him to consent to the fixing of the boundary line so that it should run from El Rafa, on the Mediterranean to a point on the gulf of Akabah, at least three miles east of the town of Akabah. Since then the position of Great Britain has been even more delicate, and it has been obviously impossible to propose again to fortify Egyptian territory against an invasion which could come only from Turkey, the suzerain of Egypt.

### MOTHER PLOTS FAR TO CAMP

Trudges Weary Miles to Bring Clothing to Her Soldier Son.

Vienna.—A story of a mother's love for her soldier son is published in the Neue Freie Presse. A farmer's old wife suddenly appeared in one of the divisions of troops near the Serbian frontier after many days of weary walking from Szegedin along roads flooded with the rain of many weeks. She explained that she had made the trip in order to bring warm woolen clothing for winter to her eighteen-year-old son, a volunteer in a Hungarian infantry regiment. She wanted to make sure that he received the clothing.

The woman explained that she had been stopped countless times, but that invariably she found good hearted soldiers who forwarded her from regiment to regiment. Finally, reaching the regiment in which her son was serving, she was stopped by the guard. Her prayers finally brought her before the commanding officer, who, touched by this evidence of mother love, sent for the young soldier. The assembled officers loaded the woman down with gifts. Then, satisfied, she returned home.

### MAN'S LEG FOUND IN SHARK.

Shoe on Foot Identified as Belonging to Missing Captain.

Pensacola, Fla.—A man's leg was found in the stomach of a shark caught in the ocean near here and brought to land by the Austrian steamer Lucia. All the flesh had been digested, leaving the bones of the thigh and calf bare, with the knee joint still intact, except on the foot, which was covered by a new shoe.

This shoe was examined by a dealer and identified as one of a pair he sold a short time ago to Captain Bisneck of the fishing smack Algoma, who was drowned about two weeks before.

The skipper and a member of his crew were in a small boat trying to make a landing near the navy yard when their smack had been anchored for the night, when the boat was overturned. Captain Bisneck was never seen again, although the tugs and pilots on duty at the entrances of the harbor kept a close lookout for his body. The shark in which the leg was found was twelve and one-half feet long.

## WOMEN "BOBBIES" WAR INNOVATION

### London's Auxiliary Force Will Care Mostly For Children.

London.—Conditions incidental to the war in this city have resulted in the formation of a new police auxiliary force of women, known as the women's police volunteers, who will soon become familiar sights in the streets here.

Dressed in neat blue uniforms, they have already begun their duties, which are at present concerned mostly with the welfare of women and children. The headquarters of the force is in Cannon row, near the well known Scotland Yard.

The formation of a woman's squad in the London police force is being followed by the organization in England of a women's volunteer reserve for such military duties as signalling, dispatch riding, telegraphing, motoring and camp cooking, thus replacing men who could be more usefully employed on the firing line.

It is proposed to arm these women "for their own defense in the last extremity."

### ARM BROKEN, HE HUNTS ON.

Man, Seventy-four, Keeps After a Deer For a Week After Accident.

Bellefonte, Pa.—Isaac Miller, seventy-four years old, a member of a Bellefonte hunting party out on the Alleghenies after deer, fell off a box in the hunters' tent and dislocated his left shoulder. So eager was he to get a shot at a deer that he refused to listen

to the insistence of his friends that he come home, but strapped the upper part of his arm to his body and hunted all week. He walked six miles to the nearest settlement and was brought home, a distance of forty miles, by automobile. The arm was reset, and he is little worse for the experience.

### CURFEW FOR "CARD FIENDS."

It Strikes at Midnight in Muncie, When Cigar Stores Close.

Muncie, Ind.—Because of the complaint by wives and mothers that husbands and sons were being kept out too late at night by the fascination of playing rummy and other card games in cigar stores the police have issued orders that all cigar stores in this city must close their doors at midnight.

The owners of these places have complied willingly, most of them saying that they welcome the opportunity to get away from their places of business at a reasonable hour instead of having to spend the night entertaining "card fiends."

### Censor Opened Prince's Mail.

London.—When the Prince of Wales sent two long letters to his mother describing his experiences at the front they were opened by the censor in the same manner as those of ordinary soldiers.

## GIRLS NEARLY DIE OF THIRST IN BIG DESERT

### On Walk to California Their Canteen Springs a Leak.

Chesaning, Mich.—According to letters received by Chesaning friends from Misses Marie and Kittle Bibberitz, the girls had a narrow escape from death by thirst while crossing the Nevada desert. They left Saginaw last spring to walk to the coast and are now in San Francisco, having completed the journey successfully.

At the point where they crossed the desert it was fifteen miles between human habitations. When they were five miles on their way they discovered that their only canteen had sprung a leak and that there was very little water left. They drank this and then hastened their pace. It was a race against death.

Very soon their tongues swelled up from lack of water and their faces turned purple. It was intensely hot, with no shelter of any kind. Several times one or the other, exhausted, was ready to give up and lie down beneath the blazing sun, but they struggled on. "If the courage of both of us had given out at the same time we surely would have died there," said one of the letters.

As they were staggering along, dazed and half blinded, the building which houses a pool in the desert was discovered on the horizon. Their strength was almost spent, but they reached the spring, crawling the last few rods on their hands and knees. They were too inexperienced to drink sparingly, and overindulgence almost completed the work which privation began. They finally managed to reach a little town on the edge of the desert and there spent the night.

### AIR CRAFT TEST LABORATORY.

Second of Its Kind and Most Elaborate Opened in Bay State.

Boston.—At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology a new aerodynamic laboratory, second of its kind in this country, has been opened. Its equipment for testing aeronautic devices and models of air craft is said to be the most elaborate in the United States. The government has assigned Assistant Naval Constructor Jerome C. Hunsaker to duty as superintendent of the laboratory, which is expected to prove of great service in training the future builders of aeroplanes and dirigibles and in giving assistance to constructors who have begun the work of upbuilding the nation's aerial fleets.

### Germany Won't Buy Our Oil After War.

Amsterdam.—Professor Wygodzinski, lecturer on economics at the University of Bonn, in discussing in the Koelnische Zeitung the economic measures which Germany will adopt after the war, expresses indignation at the United States for not insisting that Great Britain permit the passage of petroleum. He declares that after the war Germany will make herself independent of American oil generally.

Cheer up, brother! The United States has enough ammunition for its coast defense guns to fight a battle of an hour's duration. And many things might be accomplished in an hour.

## LAY NINE DAYS ON FIELD WOUNDED

### German Officer Fell Between Trenches; Kept Diary.

### WAR STORIES KEEP ARRIVING

Every Day the Cable and Mail Bring Tales From Europe's Battlefields. Senegalese Had Frozen Toes Amputated Without Even a Groan—A King Albert Incident.

New York.—Strange stories keep coming from the battle front in Europe. Tragic tales of heroism and death are so numerous that only the most striking can ever be printed. Here are some that have just reached this country:

A correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle in Flanders telegraphs the following:

"The Germans had been attacked and driven back during a certain en-



Photo © by American Press Association. FRENCH ALPINE SOLDIERS TAKING SOMETHING TO EAT BEFORE A BATTLE.

agement to their trenches, 400 yards from ours. Between the lines a German officer fell wounded by a bayonet. He was nearer the British trenches than the German, but whenever our men began to go out to carry in the wounded man the German snipers got busy. They would neither succor their tortured comrade nor let the British do it.

"For nine days the wounded officer lingered. Finally a British noncommissioned officer and one or two privates crawled to the fallen man at night and brought him in. For nine days he had lain there pierced by a bayonet from breast to back without food or drink. He was unconscious when rescued and died soon afterward. During his purgatory the gallant man, unable even to crawl, had kept a diary, a record of physical and mental anguish borne like a noble gentleman. On him was found a photograph of his wife and two little children.

"A British officer translated the diary to our men and with a catch in his voice held up the German officer as a hero to whom they should bow their heads in reverence. The diary was sent to headquarters and perhaps has by now found its way with the picture to the widow of this man."

### A King Albert Story.

A Belgian soldier in northern France, slightly wounded, told a correspondent: "The other day I saw our king. He was muddy and stained. An officer with him wanted to remove the mud from his clothes.

"No," said King Albert; "let it stay. If my own land should cling thus to me let it stay. It is better so," he laughed.

"We all cheered him. He bade us take heart, as brighter days are dawning."

### The Hardy Senegalese.

Mrs. Harry Floyd, chief commissioner of the French wounded emergency fund, who has just returned to London from a visit to French hospitals, tells of the suffering of the soldiers from the tropics in the Belgian trenches. She says also many of the hospitals need anaesthetics, tetanus serum, surgical instruments and surgeons.

"In one hospital I saw Senegalese operated on without anaesthetics," said Mrs. Floyd. "Their toes had been fro-



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zen, and immediate amputation was necessary.

"All the toes of one Senegalese were removed, and he did not even groan. Suddenly he leaped from the operating table and began searching. He found a pipe, filled it and lay down, smoking to deaden the pain. Then he began to pray in a low voice. Presently a nurse offered to bring luncheon, but he refused. He walked to the convalescents' table and ate with his friends.

"The courage and heroism of these men is simply beyond belief. They never complain. They always urge the nurses to attend to others. But their sufferings in the cold climate are pitiful."

### COURT TO INSPECT HIGHWAY.

Work on Proposed Road to Newport Will Be Commenced Soon.

The county court will probably make a trip over the road from Falls City to the Siletz basin this week, the object being to inspect the present condition of the highway in order to make arrangements for its further improvement as early as possible next spring. It is proposed to make this road a short cut to Newport, and it will be graded and macadamized to the Lincoln county line, the road district having voted a special tax to aid in the work of permanent construction.—Observer.

### Something Wrong

At the council meeting Monday night, Mayor Gaither made the statement that during the past year the amount of money paid into the city treasury exceeds the sum paid out by about \$1200. This means that the council during the past year has made a great reduction in the city tax. The policy of the council has been retrenchment and nothing but commendation

can be had for the way they have carried out their work.—Lincoln County Sentinel.

### Mayor Balks

Mayor Van Orsdel of Dallas has refused to sign the bill providing an appropriation of  $\frac{1}{2}$  mill on the assessed valuation for the support of the Dallas Band.

### Drug Stores in Coos Go "Dry"

Marshfield, Or.—No more liquor of any kind under any circumstances will be sold in the drug stores in Coos county. This was decided upon at a meeting of the Coos County Pharmaceutical association when resolutions to this effect were passed. Liquor will not be sold by the druggists even on prescriptions of physicians. The resolutions state that the druggists realize that liquor is not necessary in modern materia medica and that they desire to free themselves of the necessity of holding a United States license and thus avoid the odium of being classed as retail liquor stores. The resolutions include spirituous, vinous or malt liquors. The signers include the leading druggists of Marshfield, North Bend, Coquille and Myrtle Point. At the last term of the circuit court one of the Myrtle Point druggists was heavily fined for selling liquor in a dry town.



Photo of canal © by Illustrations bureau. BOATS IN SUEZ CANAL AND DEPOSED KHE-DIVE OF EGYPT.

would naturally be the first object of attack by the Ottoman army. For a long time the porte has been preparing for such a move.

Many years ago an agitation was begun to have the canal adequately prepared against an invasion. It was proposed to put the province of El Arish, comprising the desert of Tib and the peninsula of Sinal, in a state of defense in order to prevent injury to the canal by an enemy.

The difficulty in the way of a realization of this plan has been the fact that Egypt has been until now a theoretical dependency of the Ottoman empire, the khedive ranking at Stamboul as hereditary governor—inferior in grade to the grand vizier and the grand eunuch of the seraglio. The khedive has always been a Turkophile, preferring the porte to England, which he has always hated.

In addition to this there has been a very considerable pro-Turkish element in Egypt which, with the ruler, would have raised very serious objections to the use of the revenues of the nation to fortify the canal against the Turks, who, in all probability, would have construed such an action as a hostile step.

The porte has always insisted that the desert of Tib really belongs to Turkey and was not included in the khedivate. In 1906, on the occasion of a Bedouin uprising in the province of Sinal and the Tib desert, a British official of the Egyptian government, was appointed commander and inspector of the peninsula. Thereupon the anti-British element in Turkey spread the report that England was going to fortify the gulf of Akabah to menace the Medina-Damascus railway, then in