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NOW ON TO BAGDAD IS BRITISH SLOGAN

British Cavalry Now within 30 Miles of Bagdad Having Driven the Turks Eighty Miles, Collecting Guns and Other Booty Abandoned by Fleeing Turks.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, March 7.—British cavalry had advanced within nine miles of Ctesiphon, on the river Tigris front, on Monday afternoon, it was announced officially today.

38 guns, including those of the captured river craft, have been collected exclusive of machine guns and trench mortars. The British are within less than 30 miles of Bagdad. The town of Lajje, which they reached on Monday, is 28 miles from that city. Since the fall of Kut-el-Amara on February 26, the British have advanced about 80 miles. On account of the nature of the ground between Kut-el-Amara and Ctesiphon which is but poorly adapted to defensive purposes it has been predicted by military writers the Turks would make no serious attempt to halt their retreat, until Ctesiphon was reached and a decisive engagement probably would occur at that point.

ANOTHER SURPRISE PARTY FOR HUNS

15 of Them Brought Back to French Lines. German Aeroplane Brought Down. French Exploded Mine, Occurring Crater.

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, March 7.—Between the Oise and the Aisne we made a surprise attack on German trenches at Queenewillers, and brought back 15 prisoners, says today's official announcement. In Argonne, in the vicinity of Ftor de Paris, we exploded a mine and occupied the crater. The Germans attempted several surprise attacks northeast of Flery, in Bouchet Wood, north of St. Michael and near Amertzwilher. The attacks were checked at once by our curtain of fire and losses were inflicted on the enemy. Elsewhere the night was calm.

Entente aviators are taking extra hazardous risks in their persistent search for information of hostile movements and disposition. This is evidenced by Berlin's report of the large number of Entente aeroplanes shot down in air engagements on Sunday and yesterday. Aerial scouting, interrupted by Monday's storm, was thus apparently in full swing again on Tuesday, with clearing of the weather. In the realm of infantry activity, the British, while continuing to pick up trenches abandoned by Germans in their sustained retrograde movements along the Ancre, have contented themselves with raiding operations in the Bouchavesnes sector north of Perronne on the Somme front, after having effected a gain along a front of nearly three and a half miles there.

CARS DERAILED MANY INJURED

(Special to the Guardian.) BELLEVILLE, Ont., March 7.—When the east bound C. P. R. passenger train due here at 12.50 yesterday was about two miles west of Trenton, four coaches left the rails, three of them rolling over a 15 foot bank and the fourth remaining partly on the track. About twenty-five were injured; five were taken to Belleville Hospital. They were chief mechanic Ronaldson of the C. P. R.; Mr. Kirk of Milwaukee, Mr. Jordan, A. N. Stone and P. Merrill, Americans. Mr. Ronaldson has a bad fracture of one arm and injures to one shoulder, while Mr. Kirk has his leg broken. The injuries of the other three were about the head and face. The rest of the injured proceeded on their way.

CHURCHILL EXPECTS WAR TO END IN 1918

LONDON, March 7.—A speech by Winston Spencer Churchill in the House of Commons yesterday urging that preparations be made for a 1918 campaign is construed to mean that the Allied authorities do not expect to end the war this year. Mr. Churchill intimated his strong belief that the blockade will force the collapse of the Central Empires and bring about the finish of the war in 1918, without such huge sacrifices of life as would be necessary in enforcing a military decision. This view is widely entertained and Mr. Churchill's wide reputation as a man who ordinarily favors action gives special significance to such demands.

LOOKING FOR IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS

(Special to the Guardian.) NEW YORK, March 7.—Intense aerial activity prevailing on the Franco-Belgian front indicates the probability of important developments there in the near future.

U. S. MAY ARM MERCHANT VESSELS

(Special to the Guardian.) WASHINGTON, March 7.—A definite impression that American merchantmen would be armed in the near future gained ground today, following a conference between President Wilson and administration officials and Democratic Senators. After the conference the Democratic Senators hurried to the capital for a conference with the Republican leaders to lay before them a plan for a modified clause, which the Democrats hoped to bring before the Senate tomorrow.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES ELECT OLD BOARD

(Special to the Guardian.) MONTCTON, March 7.—For the fifth time in succession two Montcton men, Messrs. Willard P. Hutchinson and Bliss A. Bourgeois, have come in at the head of the poll as the choice of thousands of voters, employees of the Canadian Government Railways, to be their representatives on the Provincial Fund and Insurance Association Board.

THE CANCELLED CENTRAL SEED FAIR

Mr. James Simpson, the President of the Central Seed Fair Committee when seen by a Guardian reporter and asked the reason of the Fair being cancelled replied:— "The reason it was cancelled was owing to the storm, on Tuesday, which made it impossible for the exhibitors to get their exhibits here. As you know all trains were cancelled on Tuesday and the indications were that by reason of the storm the trains on Wednesday would arrive too late considering the limited time in which we had the use of the Market Building. The rules of the Fair are that the entries should be in place by Tuesday, so as to permit of judging on Wednesday morning. As the judges were absent and did not get back from Georgetown until Wednesday afternoon it can quite easily be seen how utterly impossible it would be to carry out the arrangements. The exhibits of only four persons had arrived up to Wednesday morning and on that morning there were only two exhibitors present in person, and only one of the Fair Committee. In addition to myself on hand. As to postponing the Fair for a week this would not be feasible as the staff of the Department of Agriculture have their work laid out ahead and have meetings arranged for and plenty of other work to do. Moreover there is no building available where the exhibits could be stored. If the Central Seed Fair is to be Provincial in its scope it would certainly be absurd to hold it for the benefit of a few people from the outskirts of Charlottetown.

BELGIAN RELIEF FOODSTUFFS BURNED

(Special to the Guardian.) AMSTERDAM, Via London, March 7.—Twenty thousand Kilos of coffee belonging to the Belgian Relief Commission were lost in a fire which destroyed the storehouse at Hasselt, according to a telegram received. A quantity of other foods was also burned, the telegram says. Two persons have been deported to Germany in connection with the fire.

ANOTHER CUNARDER READY FOR PIRATES

(Special to the Guardian.) NEW YORK, March 7.—The Associated Press this morning carries the following: The steamer Carmania, owned by the Cunard line, which arrived last night from Liverpool is equipped with the best submarine defenses carried by any merchant vessels which have reached this port. The Carmania is the first ship here to show the smoke screen apparatus recently invented by the British Admiralty. In addition to this device she carried a naval six-inch gun with a range of eight miles.

CONDENSED ADS. TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

SAUNSONE SAUSAGES MADE fresh every day from selected young pork. Saunders, Newsome & Co., Market Building. DOMINION EXPRESS MONEY ORDERS are on sale in five thousand of fices throughout Canada. 4071-3-8M11. WANTED—FAIRCHILD WASHING Machine. Apply 102 Fitzroy St. 4704-3-8M51pd. GENTLEMAN WANTS BOARD AND lodging in private family. P. O. Box 252. 4706-3-8M31. FOR SALE—TWO NEWLY CALVED cows and several due to freshen this spring. Charles Howard, Milton. 4690-3-7M61. 100 SHEETS NOTEPAPEL WITH printed address 50c. Guardian office. 4685-3-6M1r. 100 ENVELOPES WITH PRINTED address 50c. Guardian office. 4685-3-6M1r. FOR SALE—RESIDENCE AND farm of 65 acres at Kensington. Apply to T. W. Bentley, Kensington. 4653-3-6M2wks. FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN A PROTOGRAPH check writer (almost new), also a New Era Check protector. Apply at Guardian Office. 4070-M1f. HOUSE TO LET—EIGHT ROOMS, bath and pantry, hot water heated, electric light, large lawn. Two blocks from R. R. Station, three from market. Geo. W. Gardiner, 222 Grafton Street. 4683-3-6M61f. FOR SALE—HOLSTEIN BULL Merceda Artis Mink. Splendid animal aged 2 years, price \$120, prize winner, raised by Lea and Clark. Apply T. P. Cullen, Sherwood. 678-3-6M41. BUILDING LOT FOR SALE—Central lot 50 x 168 feet, with large building in good order thereon. Excellent situation for private residence. Geo. W. Gardiner, 222 Grafton Street. 4683-3-6M61f. FOR SALE—90 ACRES OF LAND, 50 at Rocky Point Wharf overlooking the harbor. A beautiful Summer Resort. 40 acres about 1/4 of a mile from wharf. For further particulars apply to William Mutch, Rocky Point. 4702-3-8M31pd. AUTOMOBILE FOR SALE—MR. Boucher, who won the automobile

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 29 degrees above. At 10 a. m. it was 15 above; at 9 p. m., 21 above. The coldest the previous night was 9 above. TORONTO, March 8.—Moderate west to south winds, fair and becoming mild. The tide will be high this morning at 11 and tomorrow at 11:31; it will be high tonight at 10:53 and tomorrow at 11:38. The sun sets this evening at 6:14 and tomorrow at 6:15; it rises tomorrow at 6:43 and Saturday at 6:40. The moon rises this evening at 6:15. The first quarter of the moon was on Wednesday, Feb. 28th at 11:44 a. m. The moon will be full on Thursday, March 8th at 4:58 p. m. The length of today's will be eleven hours and thirty minutes. recently lottiered at Kelly's Cross, writes to say that, as he is a poor man with a small family to support, he would prefer to have it converted into cash. Any person who wishes to make an offer on it may write to Father Curran, Kelly's Cross, whom Mr. Boucher has asked to find sale for it. 4703-3-8M31pd. Minard's Liniment Cures Neuralgia.

P.E.I. DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION HOLDS 1ST ANNUAL MEETING

Excellent Reports Submitted Showing the Great Possibilities which Lie in Many Directions for the Advancement and Prosperity of P. E. Island.

The Prince Edward Island Development Commission held its first annual meeting in the Legislative Council Chamber, last evening. Mr. F. R. Hertz, the president, presided. There were also present, Premier Matheson, Hon. M. McKinnon, Hon. J. A. McDonald, Messrs. W. F. Tidmarsh, Percy Pope, J. O. Hyndman, P. W. Clark, J. D. Stewart, N. Rattenbury, Dr. McMillan, J. E. B. McCready, J. W. Callbeck, Franklin Boyver, J. R. Elliott, J. H. Gill, J. T. Lantz, John Anderson, Rev. Dr. Gauthier, W. L. Cotton, F. J. Nash, W. P. Callaghan, J. B. McFadyen, J. R. Burnett, R. McDonald, J. J. Enman, and others. The President, Mr. F. R. Hertz, said he was gratified to see so many of the Development Commission present. Considering the inclemency of the weather, it might have been advisable to postpone the meeting and it would have been postponed, but for the fact that the report had to be submitted in time for the coming session of the Legislature and owing to other engagements it would have been impossible to secure another suitable evening. Mr. Hertz explained that that was the anniversary of the inauguration of the Development Commission—a year ago that night they came into being. During the year it had not been necessary to call frequent meetings of the whole Commission. Under their constitution sub-committees had been appointed to deal with the various aspects of development work and these submitted their reports of the deliberations to the programme committee which went over them and discussed them in detail. By this arrangement the maximum ground was

AMERICANS ASK BRITISH PROTECTION

(Special to the Guardian.) COPENHAGEN, March 7.—Sir Ralph Paget, British Minister, called today in London asking permission for a special Danish liner to sail direct to Halifax, without calling at Kirkwall, to enable a large number of Americans here to reach home. Sir Ralph replying to an American delegation headed by Dr. Eastman of Red Cross said the case looked like a good one and would refer it to London. (Special to the Guardian.) WASHINGTON, March 7.—Some administration officials today were urging on President Wilson their view that he may legally arm merchant ships without awaiting express authority which Congress might give if called in special session. They argued that an old law passed in 1819 forbidding merchantmen to fire on a public armed vessel in amity with the United States would not apply to the present situation. The President heard these views with keen interest and indicated that he is seeking some legal means of acting promptly but would prefer congressional approval. Prospects of an extra session of Congress soon seemed strong today. Members of Congress generally now look for an extra session to be called to meet not later than June as a result of hints said to have been thrown out by officials close to President Wilson.

THE IRISH QUESTION UP IN COMMONS

Resolution Moved by T. P. O'Connor Urging That Long Promised Free Institution be Conferred Upon Ireland. Lloyd-George to Speak on Question.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, March 7.—The prospect that Premier Lloyd-George would take part in today's debate in the House of Commons on the Irish question and outline the Government's position towards Ireland aroused deep interest in the proceedings. The debate hangs on a resolution which will be moved by T. P. O'Connor on behalf of the Nationalists. The resolution is as follows:— "That with a view to strengthening the hands of the Allies in achieving recognition of rights for small nations and the principle of nationality

against the opposite German principle of military domination and government without consent of the governed, it is essential without further delay to confer upon Ireland the free institution long promised to her. It is expected that an amendment recording the desire of the House for a settlement without coercion of any section of Irish opinion will be moved from the Government benches and adopted as the official view. John Redmond, who has been ill, hoped to be well enough to speak and Sir John Lonsdale was prepared to explain the principle of nationality

THE MARITIME DAIRY SCHOOL AT TRURO

School Opened Yesterday at Truro Agricultural College. Open to all Maritime Provinces.

During the past year a great impetus has been given to the development of the dairy industry, through the enactments and work of the Provincial Department of Agriculture. At the recent meeting of the Dairywomen's Association the Inspector of Factories reported many changes of equipment being made and a better general feeling toward needed improvements than he had previously noted. Such a report speaks well for the men who are producing the greatest product Prince Edward Island can boast of, namely, milk. While the producer is thus doing his part to improve the quality of the raw product the cheese and butter makers are striving for greater proficiency in the best methods of manufacturing the finished articles, cheese and butter, at the Maritime Dairy School held at Truro, N. S. The three Maritime Provinces are co-operating to establish uniformity in the methods of cheese and butter making. When this has been accomplished it may be taken as the greatest step toward en-

guring a firm and lasting grip on the best markets. The first part of the course is instruction in buttermaking and is in operation between March 7th and 20th, after which the course in cheesemaking is conducted between March 21st and April 3rd at both of these courses the most competent instructors that are to be found in Canada will take part. Several Island instructors being included. In view of the fact that Prince Edward Island as a province abroad in every means at its disposal to enhance the quality of its dairy products it should be the wish of every cheese and butter maker to attend the course. It is free to anyone in the Maritime Provinces who has had one season's experience in a cheese factory or creamery. Railway charges are refunded by the local Departments of Agriculture, as an inducement, which helps the securing of board and lodging as the only expense to be borne by the student. From this and other features of the improvement in Dairy work it is expected a lasting benefit will result.

\$35,000 FIRE IN TORONTO

(Special to the Guardian.) TORONTO, March 7.—Fire from an unknown cause shortly after midnight destroyed two warehouses belonging to Orr Bros. and McGrath and I. N. Devins, on the Humber River at the extreme west end of the city. Boats kept for hire, boats stored for private owners and gasoline launches, numbering in all 350, were destroyed. The loss is \$35,000.

MR. NICHOLSON, M.P. AND SHIPBUILDING

In the latest issue of the Official Journal of the National Association of Marine Engineers of Canada, the following appears, complimentary to Mr. P. Nicholson, M. P.:— As the matter of wooden shipbuilding in Canada is a live issue today, would it not be possible to have an early issue of the Journal "Shipbuilding Issue." Get the correspondents or any of the members of the various councils to gather all the information they can in their localities on the subject, and send it to the Journal. The Alberton and West Prince County Board of Trade passed a strong resolution on the matter which has been endorsed by the "Laborers' Protective Union" and by Council No. 15, copies of which I am sending. Now there is no politics in this question as prominent men in both parties are in favor of bonusing wooden shipbuilding. Sir Donald (Donald) Nicholson, M. P., for Queen's County) as his friends familiarly call him, in an address before the Charlottetown Board of Trade (about the most comprehensive address ever given on the subject) was ably supported by Mr. A. B. Warburton, his political opponent, a man who has also written some able articles on the same subject. Hon. William Pugsley is on record as favoring wooden shipbuilding and the Finance Minister, Sir Thomas White, is also on record as favoring the bonusing of shipbuilding. Mr. Donald Nicholson in his speech in the House of Commons on January 29th, 1917, spoke strongly in favor of a bonus to wooden shipbuilding. So favorably did Mr. Warburton speak in supporting Mr. Nicholson, and the Liberal paper's editorial on the same that I attach them so that you may see that both Grit and Tory in this province stand together for the Union Jack and the bonusing of wooden and steel ships. I have no doubt, Mr. Editor, you remember the time, not so very long ago, in St. John it was almost impossible to get beyond the sound of the caulking mallet, and so it was in this province, as can be remembered by many; in one town alone, twenty-two vessels on the stocks. The "Canadian Courier" has had some very good articles on shipbuilding in the Maritime provinces, and the "Busy East," published in Moncton, contemplates getting out a special edition on the question, and has asked Mr. Baillie (whom no man has worked harder in the inter-

ANOTHER RETURNED ISLAND SOLDIER

There arrived in Charlottetown yesterday by the mail special from Georgetown another P. E. Island soldier, back from Europe—Private William Martin, of Colebrook. Private Martin arrived in Halifax on Saturday aboard a hospital ship which brought a total of 575 invalided soldiers back to Canada. He was the only P. E. Islander among them. He enlisted in the 47th Battalion in New Westminster, B. C., where he had been living for some years and was later transferred into the 16th Canadian Scottish, the Highland garb of which he is still attired in, the real kilts. Pte. Martin went to France in 1916. He saw his first heavy fighting at the third battle of Ypres, where he was severely wounded in the left arm, shoulder and head and was twice wounded. He left France on June 13th last and since that time has been in England, having been under treatment in five different hospitals. He returns almost completely recovered from his wounds and speaks in very eulogistic terms of the treatment accorded him at these institutions. Pte. Martin who left P. E. Island about twelve years ago, is a son of Mrs. Charles W. Martin of Colebrook. His father died some years ago. He leaves for his home today and during his stay in Charlottetown was the guest of Lieut. McQueen, another war veteran, who was a chum of his boyhood. As no word of his coming had been received Pte. Martin was not tendered any public reception. The reception committee of the City Council and the Patriotic Society will officially welcome him at the City Building at 2.15 today and the military will afterwards accompany him to the depot when he leaves for his home this afternoon.

ISLAND CASUALTIES

In the latest casualty list appears the name of J. M. McCormick, of Launcheon, P. E. Island, a member of the Mounted Rifles, as among the dangerously wounded; J. A. McLeod, of Charlottetown, is also reported as wounded. Minard's Liniment Cures Colds &c.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

A concert and basket social will be held in Cherry Valley hall, Monday evening, March 12th. Proceeds for Belgian Relief Fund. 4688