

JERUSALEM'S FALL NEAR AS BRITISH GAIN

English Troops Only 20 Miles From Capital of Palestine

SLAVS WIN IN PERSIA

Turks Defeated and Demoralized Along Three Fronts

LONDON, March 8.

British cavalry detachments, pursuing the retreating Turks in the Ctesiphon region, have arrived within twelve miles of Bagdad, according to official dispatches received here this afternoon.

PARIS, March 8.

French forces took German prisoners in actions at three different places on the western front, the official statement today declared.

"Between the Oise and the Aisne very lively artillery actions continued," it stated. "During the night northeast of Embermenil, in Lorraine, the French raided German trenches and brought back prisoners."

LONDON, March 8.

The grand strategy of the Allied Asiatic campaign is revealed today in reports of victory on three fronts—in Palestine, where the British are within twenty miles of Jerusalem; Mesopotamia, where General Maude's cavalry has pursued the demoralized Ottoman forces to within twenty-eight miles of Bagdad and nine miles of Ctesiphon, the great battle ground of the 1915 campaign; and Persia, where the Russians have seized the mountain passes south of Hamadan, through which the Cossacks are driving in chase of the fleeing Askaris.

The Turks, beaten on every front, are giving way at the angles of a gigantic triangle running from well within the Holy Land, across the desert, through the Valley of the Tigris, then northeastward up to Mount Asadabad, just below Teheran, and Asia is developing as the most "romantic" straight back again across the Mediterranean.

THROW AWAY GUNS

The rout of the Porte's army on the Tigris is complete. Scattered equipment, flung pell-mell over the sands, covers the eighty-mile advance of the British so promiscuously that they have scarcely begun to enumerate it. The Turkish dissolution here has weakened the Persian front and seems also to have extended to their Palestine forces, which have been pressed back thirty miles in less than three weeks.

Signs have not been lacking that the Turk could not stand a concerted pressure on every front, and with today's reports these signs become actual portents. Financially, despite a liberal largesse of German gold, the Ottoman empire is in a desperate position.

POCKETS FOR MILADY IN DEWEES SHOP GOWNS

They're Roomy and She May Breathe Freely in Them—Rare Colors Shown

Milady may have pockets this summer and she may have plenty of room to breathe too—her waistline is to be unconcerned. Dame Fashion has so decreed; and B. F. Dewees, one of Philadelphia's up-to-date exclusive garment shops, 1122 Chestnut street, has the various styles of these pockets and roomy-waisted gowns.

There are suits and afternoon gowns of all the new shades, some of them riotous of color. There are the same favorite navy blues and blacks and tans as have been of yore and will be through all time.

Afternoon gowns in georgette crepe, crepe muller, tulle and crepe de chine predominate, although, of course, there are many other materials. The suits come in serges, Poirer twill and silks.

FIVE PLEAD NOT GUILTY TO BOOSTING COAL PRICE

Operators Arraigned in Federal Court on Charge of Violating Anti-Trust Law

NEW YORK, March 8.—Five individuals under Federal indictment for violation of the Sherman law in an alleged combination to force up the price of Virginia coal were arraigned before Federal Judge Hand today. All pleaded not guilty and were held in bonds of from \$2000 to \$5000.

The men arraigned were Isaac T. Mann, president of six coal mining companies; Thomas F. Farrell, general manager of the Pocahontas Coal Company; W. D. Welbridge, president of the American Coal Company; J. H. Farret, mine superintendent of the Algonquin Coal Company; and Frank Ellison, general manager of the C. G. Blake Company.

Despondent Man Kills Himself
Ill health and despondency is the cause given by the police for the suicide of Isaiah A. Davison, forty-three years old, of 1417 Hunting Park avenue, who shot himself in the right temple in his home some time between 8 o'clock last night and noon today. His body was found by his fourteen-year-old niece, Mable Robinson. According to his sister, Mrs. E. K. Robinson, with whom he lived, he was operated on for cancer of the stomach five years ago and recently the cancer redeveloped.

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AMERICAN REFUGEES HUNGER IN JERUSALEM

Turkey Denies Safe-Conduct to Ships Sent for Them, Worrying U. S.

WASHINGTON, March 8.

The thousand-odd American refugees marooned at Jerusalem and Jaffa, awaiting transportation back to the United States, are facing starvation, according to dispatches reaching the Government through various channels the last week. The refugees are also suffering privation generally.

Meanwhile the United States cruiser Des Moines and the collier Caesar, dispatched to bring back the refugees, are held at Alexandria. Turkey has withheld safe-conduct guarantees for the vessels so far as Beirut for so long that Government officials here have become suspicious. It is feared that one or both of the vessels may be sunk by submarines, and in that event they force a long controversy over the nationality of the undersea destroyer.

One of the refugees stated today that it would be quite possible for a German submarine to sink the vessels and then blame it on a Turkish craft. Inasmuch as the vessels would be traveling in Turkish waters, it would be hard matter to throw out. Dispatches reaching officials here state that Germany already is slightly worried over the failure of her allies to break with the United States, and would welcome such an opportunity to force an issue.

BLAMES DIRTY STREETS ON 'WINKING' INSPECTORS

Chamber of Commerce Speaker Hints of Favoritism to the Contractors

LONDON, March 8.

Hints of favoritism shown contractors by inspectors of streets in the Highway Bureau were made this afternoon by Powell Evans at the monthly meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce in a discussion of "winking" inspectors.

"Why do the highway inspectors take such a curious stand in favor of the street cleaning contractors within a few weeks after they begin work for the city?" Mr. Evans asked. He suggested that the chamber's committee in municipal affairs investigate the system of highway inspection, following anonymous complaint by a number of directors of the chamber that the condition of the streets was scandalous.

"The root of the matter of unclean streets lies in the system of contract work on the streets," said Mr. Evans. "It is a question with the contractors of trying to make as much money as they can out of the contracts. I want to suggest to the committee on municipal affairs to look into the system of inspecting streets. I will give them this hint—that it would be interesting to know the cause of the change of attitude of inspectors toward the contractors within a few weeks after they begin work for the city."

Mr. Evans then urged the committee to engage an inspector "whose integrity could not be questioned" and to send him around over the ground covered by the city inspectors, checking up their work on the same kind of forms, and back up his observations with photographs.

Mr. Evans caused another stir with his statement that the Department of Public Safety, "without giving public notice in any way," had cut down the number of inspectors attached to the Fire Marshal's office from sixty to ten within the last few months, and that the number of fires was increasing.

It was explained that the Fire Marshal's office goes about the city, manufacturing in the central section, looking for faults in fire prevention devices and construction susceptible to fire.

Mr. Evans asked for an authorization by the directors of the fire prevention and insurance committee to investigate completely the rates for fire insurance with a view to recommending lower rates if the facts warranted a change. The request was granted.

CAN'T FORCE NEWSPAPERS TO GIVE NEWS SOURCES

Circuit Court in Chicago Makes Ruling in Garment Workers' Recent Strike

CHICAGO, March 8.—That no newspaper can be forced to disclose the source of its information concerning articles it publishes and that no one can be forced to tell who wrote the article was the ruling made by Judge Baldwin of the Circuit Court.

The decision was made when attorneys for garment manufacturers attempted to trace the authorship of a story ascribed to Ben Schlesinger, president of the Garment Workers' Union, in regard to the Chicago garment workers' strike.

PRUDENTIAL PAYS \$297,900 STATE TAX

HARTFORD, March 8.—The Prudential Life Insurance Company sent a check for \$297,900 to the State Treasury today, representing the State tax on capital stock.

TRANSIT LEASE AGAIN ASSAILED BY POTTER

He Repeats Charge That It Involves Maximum Annual Deficit of \$5,000,000

Colonel Sheldon Potter, one of the city's representatives on the Philadelphia Rapid Transit board of directors, today assailed the Philadelphia Real Estate Board and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit board at a joint luncheon at the Hotel Adelphia today that under the terms of the lease proposed by the transit company for the operation of the city's high-speed system the city would face a maximum annual deficit of \$5,000,000, to meet which an increase of forty-five cents in the tax rate would be necessary.

Colonel Potter urged that the present form of the lease be rejected by the city in order to prevent such an increase in the tax rate as would "drive out the industries which have made us" and "menace the power and glory of Philadelphia."

Colonel Potter for the first time since he opened his attacks upon the proposed lease, publicly criticized A. Merritt Taylor and charged that Mr. Taylor was not a "cleansing" any more than any of the men he was addressing at the luncheon.

Without naming him directly, Colonel Potter also attacked former Mayor Blankenship on account of the recent statements of the latter that Transit Director Taylor should be removed from office.

"Because our transit director tells us facts and figures and truths," he added, "our citizens city officials would have him removed."

The estimate that the city will face a maximum annual deficit of \$5,000,000 from the operation of the lines under the proposed lease, Colonel Potter attributed to an official of the Rapid Transit Company, whom he did not name. Continuing he said:

In his opinion, the Transit Director Taylor in his 1915 report placed an unduly high annual deficit at \$1,840,000. And then Mr. Taylor reduced this by estimating that each rider on the high-speed system would save fifteen cents an hour. The average man's time is worth more than that, and I think he should have raised the rate a little, but even then would we hear of all these non-rising to the city treasury to pour this money into the treasury in order to help the city meet its deficit?"

Colonel Potter likewise attacked the "excessive fare clause" by which the company has the right to increase the fare above five cents if at the end of any period of six months the revenues show an operating deficit. "This clause," he declared, "not only contains a right to increase the fare, but it also contains a right to increase the fare above five cents if at the end of any period of six months the revenues show an operating deficit. This clause," he declared, "not only contains a right to increase the fare, but it also contains a right to increase the fare above five cents if at the end of any period of six months the revenues show an operating deficit."

CHARTERS STEAMSHIP FOR HONEYMOON TRIP

Philip Byrd, Jr., Guards Against Curious Companions When He Sails With Bride

There is nothing cheap about Philip Byrd, Jr., of Harbor, Pa. He chartered the entire passenger accommodations of the United Fruit Company's steamer Limon, so that he and his bride could sail to Havana with peace and quiet, without being subjected to the curiosity of other passengers.

The Limon sailed today from Boston to Havana. The newlyweds have the choice of a dozen staterooms, each of uniform size. Byrd is a planter, with a stock farm and fruit plantation near Cartago, Costa Rica. Before he went to the tropics, several months ago, he became an expert in the use of a rifle.

"LIGHTS O' BROADWAY" NOT PARKWAY IDEAL

The Parkway, is not to be "another Broadway." Chief McLoughlin of the Electrical Bureau, informed Director Wilson today that he has rejected several applications from firms along the thoroughfare to erect illuminated signs.

EX-SOLDIER SENT TO JAIL

Frank Aiken, 341 North Fifth street, who is also known to the police by several other names, was sentenced today by Judge Terry in Quarter Sessions Court for not less than three years nor more than five years in the Eastern Penitentiary for severely beating and robbing Herbert Redfield, 629 East Wishart street. The robbery took place in a house on North Seventh street.



LITTLE VICTIM OF FLAMES
Lorraine McGovern, eight years old, is in a serious condition following burns received at her home, 1215 Ringgold street.

GYPSIES DEFY POLICE TO BANISH THEM

Move Field of Activity to South Street and Do Thriving Business

Gypsies are defying the order of the police to get out of the city. Some of them today established headquarters at 1116 South street.

They were wise enough not to put any signs in the window but got business just the same. Their method downtown is to solicit on the street. They solicited an EVENING LEDGER reporter who went inside where the gypsies were perfectly willing to tell their fortune.

It is funny telling that it is illegal and gave the police the basis on which to order them to move.

Mike Yuranno said he was in charge of the four women who were in the house at 1116 South street when the EVENING LEDGER man was there. He said he had some others outside, getting business.

The gypsies are finding their most fruitful field in South Philadelphia, among the negroes, who are eager to find what the future has in store for them. Business seemed to be pretty good.

Mike said he came from the Tenderloin, "somewhere in Vine street," he said, but "couldn't remember"—or wouldn't—the address.

He denied that he was among those who had been ordered by the police to move; he said he had just decided it was the best thing to do.

Other gypsy places are about to be opened up in the Eleventh and South streets section, business men fear. Several of them said they had seen ten or twelve gypsies on the street between Eleventh and Thirteenth and Bainbridge and South streets.

Heretofore the gypsies have not frequented that territory; their appearance there only follows their being routed from their haunts in the Tenderloin.

Charles Lee, head of the vice squad, said he intended to go right after them again. He has been in a similar capacity in the crusade against the gypsies, and thought he had them cleaned from the city. He expects to drive them out for good, he said.

The gypsies at 1116 South street moved from the Tenderloin in an automobile.

TRASK DISCUSSES ART

Former Managing Director of Academy Speaker at Gallery Talk

John E. D. Trask, former managing director of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, was the speaker at the weekly gallery talk in the Academy galleries this afternoon.

He discussed "What is Happening in the United States," using an illustration to his remarks the pictures in the annual exhibition.

Mr. Trask, both as art commissioner of the United States at the Buenos Aires Exposition and as a similar capacity in the Panama-Pacific Exposition, achieved a brilliant success and is regarded as one of the foremost art executives in the country.

URGES SHIPPING VIA PHILADELPHIA

George E. Bartol Tells Merchants They Can Boom Port if They Will

FACILITIES HERE IGNORED

Many Philadelphia business houses ship their goods via other ports. If they would ship their goods by way of Philadelphia the commerce of this city would show a great expansion.

This was brought out this afternoon in the report of George E. Bartol, at a meeting of the Joint Committee to Foster Commerce via Philadelphia, at the Bourse. Twenty-seven trade organizations were represented in the joint committee.

It was pointed out in the report of Mr. Bartol, who is chairman of the committee, that many of the shipments now being sent or received via New York are so directed because of ignorance or indifference.

The report reviewed the work done by the Government for the improvement of the Delaware River channel, and it predicted that the channel in a few years could be deepened to thirty-five feet from Philadelphia to the sea.

WHY NOT 'VIA PHILADELPHIA'?

Mr. Bartol then went on to say: "For many years we complained of the lack of public piers and terminal facilities. The city, with some State aid, has spent millions in response to our complaints and is prepared to spend millions more to promote the commerce of the port by providing adequate modern facilities."

"Disregarding present abnormal conditions in ocean transportation, it is no secret that neither the channel nor the pier and terminal facilities were used to anything like their capacity prior to the European war, nor are they likely to be used to capacity when normal conditions prevail, unless our Philadelphia business houses can be induced to use them to the fullest extent, and even at some slight sacrifice of convenience for the time being, insist upon shipments being routed via Philadelphia whenever possible."

"To sum up the situation, the purpose which this joint committee has been formed to discover why Philadelphia does not utilize to the fullest extent present facilities for routing shipments via Philadelphia."

"To discover what obstacles, if any, exist to such full use of present facilities, and to eradicate such obstacles, if possible.

"To ascertain if apathy, indifference, neglect, or ignorance are contributing causes to the non-use of existing services and facilities, and, if found to be so, to educate our business houses controlling the routing of shipments to the fact that it is not only a duty owing to their home city and to the community in which they live and prosper to utilize to the fullest extent possible our present shipping facilities, but a duty they owe to themselves, and that such action on their part will ultimately be greatly to their own benefit by stimulating the improvement of present services and inviting the inauguration of new services in all directions."

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Man on Trial for Murder
MURKIN—March 8.—A man was placed on trial before Judge Swartz, charged with the murder of Herman Lipscomb, another negro, in the shooting took place during a fight. The Attorney Anderson contends that the shooting was done with malice and not in self-defense.

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VILLA BANDITS DEFEAT CARRANZA'S MEN TWICE
Murguia Forced to Return to Juarez for New Forces—Outlaws Demand City Surrender

EL PASO, March 8.—Villistas were victorious in two battles with Carranzistas south of Juarez today and a troop train of General Murguia's command was driven back to Juarez with many casualties. General Murguia said he would obtain reinforcements and return south. One battle took place near Pearson, another only a few miles from Juarez.

A large force of Carranzistas is moving east in the direction of Fort Hancock to give battle to Villistas who have demanded the surrender of Juarez. They are commanded by Parfino Ojuna.

NAVY DEPARTMENT GETS BIDS FOR PROJECTILES
Midvale Company Among Several Which Submit Proposals for High Explosives

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced this afternoon the receipt of bids for a new type fourteen-inch high explosive projectile, as follows: Crucible Steel Company, Pittsburgh, \$285,000; Midvale Steel Company, Philadelphia, \$325,445; Washington Steel and Ordnance Company, Washington, D. C., \$320,365; E. W. Bliss Company, Brooklyn, \$475,000; American Clay Machinery Company, Butler, Pa., \$400,000; Bethlehem Steel Company, Bethlehem, Pa., \$250,000.

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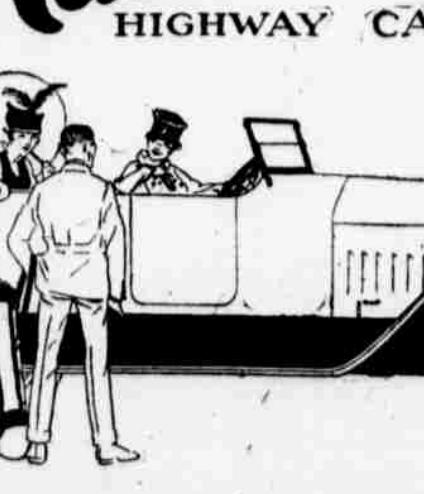


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