

FALL OF BAGDAD SHATTERS DREAM

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power in India and Egypt, and while it is claimed that the capture of Bagdad will restore the balance, the chief gratification expressed is that the success of General Maude's expedition "has shattered the dream that Germans have indulged in for more than twenty years."

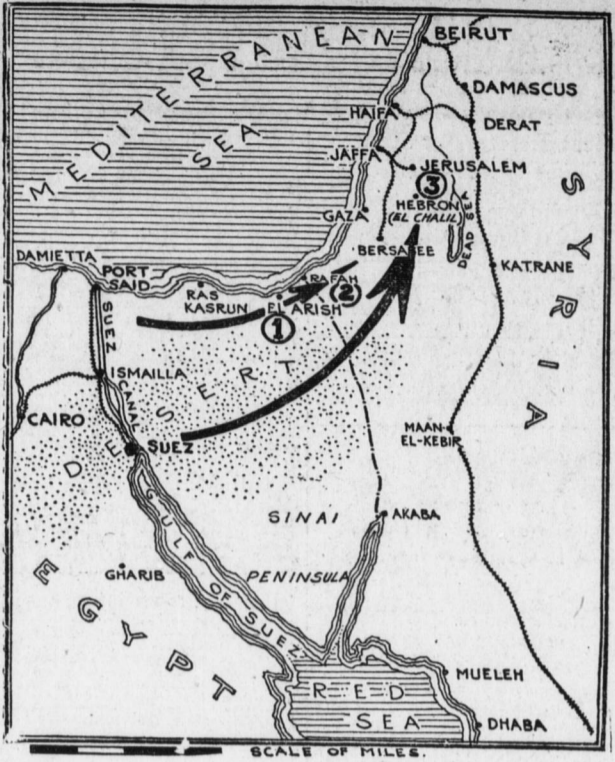
As one typical comment puts it: "The Germans' proud vision of an eastern empire is dissipated before their eyes, the German routes to the east is blocked, and the existing terminus of the Berlin to Bagdad railway has passed into British hands. To Orientals it will seem to sound the knell of German aspirations."

It is pointed out, however, that Bagdad will be a difficult city to hold under assault as it has neither natural nor artificial defenses and lies in an open plain. It is believed, however, that the Turks are so thoroughly routed that there is no present cause for anxiety, although it is admitted that they have shown in Armenia and elsewhere a considerable gift for bringing a victorious enemy to an eventual halt. Further developments are believed to depend upon the speed and effectiveness with which Anglo-Russian co-operation can be established.

General Frederick Stanley Maude, in command of the entente forces in Mesopotamia, telegraphed to-day the welcome news of the occupation of Bagdad early yesterday morning. No details of the capture have yet been received, General Maude's story of the operations carrying events only up to Saturday morning, when the British, after effecting a surprise crossing of the Djalala and bridging the Tigris, had driven the Turks back to within three miles of Bagdad. It is evident, however, that the Turks have been unable to offer any serious resistance since the fall of Kut-el-Amara.

Perhaps no more welcome news could come at a time when the British public for the time being, owing to the submarine war, is beginning to feel the effects of the war in a greatly reduced food supply, besides

BRITISH MARCH ON JERUSALEM



Working north from the Suez Canal a British force drove the Turks from (1) El Arish, on the Mediterranean, and two months ago from (2) Rafah. The latest advances put the army at (3) El Chail, 120 miles south of Jerusalem. A hard battle is expected before the Turks yield the city. If the British occupy the Holy City it will be the first time that it has been under the control of a Christian people since the time of the Crusaders.

being thrown into depression by the revelations of the Dardanelles report. Further news must be awaited before it is known whether General Maude made important captures of Turkish troops or guns, either before or at Bagdad.

Apparently the occupation was effected without resistance and with only slight losses. Even if the Turks succeeded in extricating all their forces, the loss of Bagdad is a grave blow to them. Bagdad has been the base for all Turkish operations in Persia. Up to within a few days the

Turks occupied about 30,000 square miles of Persian territory, but with the Russians pressing them closely from Kirmanshah, as well as from the direction of Erzerum, indications point to a speedy junction of the British and Russian forces which would soon compel the Turkish evacuation of Persian territory.

The British campaign against Bagdad was opened early in 1915, when an Anglo-Indian force, under Major General Charles Vere Ferrers Townshend, was landed at the head of the Persian Gulf and moved rapidly up the Tigris. The primary object of the expedition was to secure the valuable oil wells in the region at the mouth of the Tigris, but the ultimate and far greater object was the shattering of the great German dream of dominion in the Near East. The realization of this dream was based on the construction of the Berlin-Constantinople-Bagdad railway, and by the seizure of Bagdad the British hoped to prevent the completion of this road, at least by German hands, and strike a shattering blow at German prestige in that section of the world.

General Townshend commanded a force of about 40,000 men, and at first he pushed forward with amazing speed. Early in June, 1915, he captured Kut-el-Amara, about 250 miles from the mouth of the Tigris and about 100 miles from Bagdad. On the following November 22 he reached Ctesiphon, 20 miles from Bagdad, where he was attacked by an overwhelming force of Ottoman troops. His water supply gave out and he was forced to retreat.

Fighting a continuous rear guard action, the British expedition regained Kut-el-Amara, December 5. Here General Townshend determined to make a stand with a portion of his forces and entrenched with about 10,000 men while the remainder of his troops continued to fall back along the Tigris in order to join hands with the relief army that was hurriedly dispatched from France and India after the defeat at Ctesiphon.

Compelled to Surrender

For three months General Sir Percy Lake, the relief commander, fought his way up the Tigris and was within eight miles of his besieged comrades when, on April 12, 1916, General Townshend, his food supplies exhausted, was compelled to surrender.

The resumption of British operations on a major scale did not occur until December, 1916, when an advance on Kut-el-Amara was made from the Babylonian plains, while a second force again moved up the Tigris. General Frederick Stanley Maude was in command of the new campaign and was unofficially reported to have 120,000 men at his disposal. The exact composition and numbers of the British forces have, however, never been officially made public.

THE CITY OF BAGDAD

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 a past so distant that it is semi-fabulous. The known history of Bagdad reaches back for more than four thousand years to the shadowy times of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, whose rule by the scriptural monarch still existing submerged in the Tigris. Within its precincts also there still stands the tombs of the Jewish prophets, Isaiah, 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-Raschid, the potentate whose magnificence is immortalized in the Arabian Nights.

In 800 B. C., 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 caliphs before the Turkish sultans, the decline of Bagdad commenced. 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 center of the lines of communication between India and Persia and the West, and the opening of new routes by way of Trebizond

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DIDN'T KNOW SON IS HERE

By Associated Press

Paris, March 12.—Madame Nungesser, mother of the French airman who has brought down twenty-one German aeroplanes, has just reached Paris in a party of elderly Frenchwomen repatriated from the invaded northern territory of France. She was in complete ignorance of her son's achievements in the war, which have made him one of the great popular war heroes.

FIENDS STEEL TO GET MONEY

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dence that was furnished the police department was given by Harry Andrews to Alderman James B. DeShong when his father, William Andrews, brought suit against him for larceny.

The younger Andrews, who is a dope fiend, had stolen a pipe, an overcoat and a sweater from his home to obtain the "joy dust." The pipe and overcoat were sold to a pawnshop and the sweater traded to George Gore, 947 North Seventh street, for dope. Andrews at that time was such a confirmed user that he carried coal for George just to get a single shot.

Andrews furnished the names to DeShong of every person from whom he had obtained dope and the persons present that could be used as witnesses in a prosecution. Among them was Roy Alexander, who is now under arrest. Alexander was arrested on December 8, charged with raising the amount of a prescription for cocaine that was issued by Dr. Cicero Ewing,

1500 North Sixth street. Alexander was allowed to go free at that time when his father promised to have him placed in an institution for dope wrecks. He did not go, however, but returned to his old haunts where he was later arrested.

The list of dope fiendish accused by Andrews also included Donald Bricker and Catherine Fox, 720 Strawberry avenue; James Thompson, now under arrest; Jean Fairfax, when Anna Warden and Bob Cheniworth were present; George Gore, when Helen Grier was present, and William Nickolas, alias Thawley, when Marie Thawley was present, also furnished dope, according to the police. The goods had been furnished by Nickolas about December 15.

All facts of the arrest were at the time carefully suppressed that the Alderman James B. DeShong furnished the information given him to Chief of Police J. Edward Wetzel and asked his advice.

Hyde Speer Put on Case

Detective Hyde Speer, as the man on the force best acquainted with dope users and their methods, was detailed exclusively on the case. Since that time, Wetzel, DeShong and Speer have worked day and night on the case. Speer frequently devoted much of his spare time to the case.

Every known user of dope in the city was under constant surveillance. Several of them were allowed to go free on minor charges that they might be used as stoopigeons in the big arrest.

Wanted to Be Arrested

When the police descended on the house at 42 Court street Saturday afternoon, they found several men from out of town downstairs. Not having any warrants against them the policemen told them to stay where they were while they went upstairs, fully expecting the men would step through the open door to freedom. After the police finished the search upstairs they

came down again and found the men lined up beside the door with their coats and hats all ready for a ride in Black Maria. There was nothing to do but take them along to the police station, where they were required to file a nominal bail of \$10 for the hearing.

If they fail to forfeit their bail and appear at the hearing the men will face a serious charge notwithstanding the reluctance of the police to hold them.

Those arrested at 42 Court street Saturday night by Detectives Speer, Shuler and Allison were Maud Baker, proprietress; Grace Perago, Emma Smith, George Lauser, H. C. Poorman and Willard Early. No dope was found at the place but several of those arrested are believed by the police to be confirmed users.

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