

JERUSALEM TAKEN BY BRITISH TROOPS

HOLY CITY HAD BEEN UNDER RULE OF INFIDEL TWELVE CENTURIES.

SWAY OF TURK IS NEAR END

Allenby, Accompanied by British and French Officers Occupy Jerusalem—Turks Effort Against Suez Canal and Egypt Collapsed.

London.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, announced in the house of commons that Jerusalem after being surrounded on all sides by British troops, had surrendered.

The chancellor said British, French and Mohammedan representatives were on the way to Jerusalem to safeguard the holy places.

General Allenby reported that on Saturday he attacked the enemy's positions south and west of Jerusalem, the chancellor said.

The capture of Jerusalem by the British forces marks the end, with two brief interludes, of more than 1,200 years possession of the seat of the Christian religion by the Mohammedans.

For 756 years the holy city has been in undisputed possession of Mohammedans, the last Christian ruler of Jerusalem being the German emperor, Frederick II, whose short-lived dominations lasted from 1229 to 1244.

The Turks have held sway in Jerusalem since 1517 when they overcame the Mamelukes.

Apart from its connection with the campaign being waged against Turkey by the British in Mesopotamia, the fall of Jerusalem marks the definite collapse of the long protracted efforts of the Turks to capture the Suez canal and invade Egypt.

ANOTHER STORM HITS GRIEF STRICKEN HALIFAX.

Roaring Blizzard Drives Relief Workers From Task.

Halifax, N. S.—A roaring blizzard, the third to strike this sorely afflicted city since the blast from the exploding munitions steamer made 25,000 persons homeless four days ago, burst from the northeast.

For a while the contingents of the Canadian army stationed here tolled doggedly amid the ice-shrouded ruins of the devastated area of two and a half square miles, hundreds of men and women patiently seeking their dead gave up their task for still another day and sought shelter.

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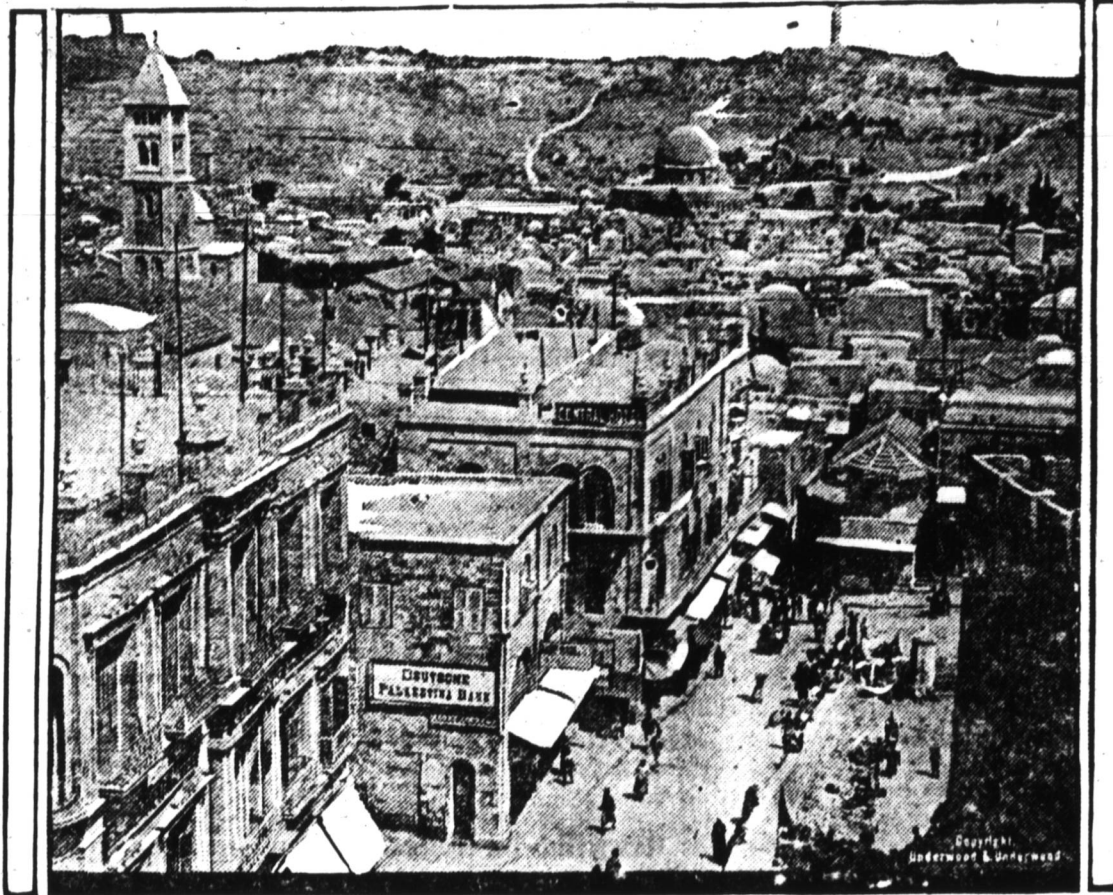
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HEART OF MODERN JERUSALEM TAKEN FROM TURK BY THE BRITISH



A remarkable and recent photograph of the heart of the city of Jerusalem which was the coveted goal of the steady British drive through Palestine. The British forces, despite continued opposition from the Turkish-German forces have reclaimed it from the possession of the Mussulman.

ONLY ONE DISSIDENTING VOTE HALF OF CITY IS LAID WASTE

DECLARES STATE OF WAR EXISTS BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

Socialist Votes Against Resolution—Debate Was Brief in Both Houses.—Resolution Immediately Signed by President Effective at Once.

Washington.—War between the United States and Austria-Hungary has been formally declared.

Congress, with one dissenting vote in the house, adopted and President Wilson approved a resolution declaring existence of a state of war between the "imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government and the government and people of the United States" authorizing the President to employ the nation's armed forces and pledging its resources to victory.

Text of Resolution.—"Joint resolution. Declaring that a state of war exists between the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government and people of the United States and making provision to prosecute the same.

Whereas the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government has committed repeated acts of war against the government and the people of the United States of America; Therefore be it

Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that a state of war is hereby declared to exist between the United States of America and the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government; and that the President be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the government to carry on war against the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government; and to bring the conflict to a successful termination all the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States.

(Signed) "CHAMP CLARK, Speaker House of Representatives. THOMAS R. MARSHALL, Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate. Approved 7th December, 1917. WOODROW WILSON"

TWO AMERICAN AIRMEN WOUNDED IN FRANCE

Washington.—American airmen fighting the German planes on the western front have suffered their first casualties. Two men, a corporal and a private were reported wounded.

BAND OF VILLISTAS AMBUSHED BY FEDERAL

Juarez, Mexico.—Combined columns of federal cavalry, in command of General Francisco Murguía and General Pedro Eavela, ambushed a large band of Villa followers in Santa Clara canyon, 75 miles northwest of Chihuahua city according to an official statement, given out at military headquarters. A total of 400 were killed and wounded on both sides. The Villa forces suffered the heaviest losses.

Death Dealing Shock Caused by Collision Between Munitions Ship and Belgian Relief Ship—Property Loss Will Run Far Into Millions.

Halifax, N. S.—With the toll of dead steadily mounting, it was believed that more than 2,000 persons perished in the explosion and fire which followed the collision in Halifax harbor between a munitions-laden French ship and another vessel, the Ioma, loaded with supplies for the Belgian relief commission.

The disaster, which has plunged the Dominion into mourning probably will rank as the most fearful that ever occurred on the American continent. Residents of Halifax and thousands of volunteer relief workers who have come into the city have been almost dazed at the extent of the horror.

Temporary morgues have been established in many buildings to which a steady procession of vehicles of all kinds carried for hours the bodies of men, women and children. Most of them were so charred that they were unrecognizable. Thousands of persons seeking trace of relatives and friends passed by the long, silent rows, at tempting to identify the ones they sought.

Virtually every building in the city which could be converted into a hospital is filled with wounded, many of them so desperately injured that there is no hope of their recovery. Scores already have died in these temporary hospitals. An ever-increasing number is being taken from the completely devastated Richmond district to the relief station.

The worst area covers approximately two and one-half square miles. It begins at what is known as the North street bridge extending north to Pier 8 on the Richmond waterfront and back to a point running parallel with Goffington street. Nothing has been left standing in this section of the city. Only a pile of smouldering ruins marks the spot where the great building of the American Sugar Refining Company stood. The dry dock and all the buildings which surrounded it were destroyed.

Canadian officers who have seen long service in France characterize the catastrophe as "the most fearful which has befallen any city in the world."

Virtually all the north end of the city was laid waste and the property damage will run far into the millions. A part of the town of Dartmouth, across the harbor from Halifax, also was wrecked. Nearly all the buildings in the dockyard there are in ruins.

The business life of the city had just begun for the day when the town was shaken to its foundations by the explosion. Persons in the streets were picked up bodily and hurled to the ground. Occupants of office buildings covered under a shower of falling glass and plaster. Houses in the Richmond section crumpled up and collapsed, burying their tenants.

In the main part of the city where the buildings are chiefly of stone or concrete the damage was confined to the shattering of windows and most of the casualties in this section were caused by flying glass.

U. S. DESTROYER IS SUNK IN WAR ZONE

GERMAN U-BOAT TORPEDOES AND SINKS BIG AMERICAN DESTROYER.

MOST OF THE CREW IS LOST

David Worth Bagley Commanding Officer is Among Saved—Jacobs Jones Was One of Largest Vessels of the Destroyer Type.

Washington.—Lieutenant Commander David Worth Bagley and Lieutenant Norman Scott were among the survivors rescued after the sinking of the American destroyer, Jacob Jones, by a German submarine in the war zone last Thursday night. The navy department was so advised by Vice Admiral Sims.

These two officers, two warrant officers and two enlisted men were named in the admiral's dispatch as survivors in addition to the 37 previously reported saved. It is now established that the five line officers on the destroyer were rescued. Gunner Harry R Hood and 63 men are missing.

Admiral Sims' report said that Commander Bagley and the five other men saved with him got away in a motor boat and were picked up and landed uninjured at the Scilly islands.

The other four survivors reported besides Commander Bagley and Lieutenant Scott were:

Chief Boatswain's Mate Clarence McBride, wife Florence McBride, Syracuse, N. Y.

Coxswain Ben Nunnery, father Fred A. Nunnery, Edgemoor, S. C.

Firearm Joseph Kronenlecky, mother Anna Kronenlecky, Survive, Russia.

Vice Admiral Sims up to a late hour had been able to supply only meager details in reply to urgent messages from Secretary Daniels, whose brother-in-law, Lieutenant Commander David W. Bagley, commanded the lost vessel, and was first reported among the missing. Three officers and 34 men were picked up by other vessels from life rafts to which they clung, but the names of only ten of these had been transmitted to Washington.

The Jacob Jones, one of the largest and newest American destroyers operating in the Atlantic, was the first American warship to fall victim to a German submarine, but was the second American destroyer to be lost in foreign waters. The Chauncey sank with her commander, Lieutenant Commander Walter E. Reno, two other officers, and 18 enlisted men, after being cut in two by the transport Rose early on the morning of November 20.

NO ATTEMPT TO CHECK UP LIST OF HALIFAX DEAD

Morgue Officials Hold to Estimate of Four Thousand.

Halifax, N. S.—No official attempt was made here to check up or revise the long list of dead and injured resulting from Thursday's disaster when a munitions ship's cargo exploded in the harbor.

The morgue officials held to their estimate of 4,000 dead, but other observers said that estimate was too great by half.

A joint appeal by the mayors of Halifax and Dartmouth was made to the Canadian public for money for the relief of the homeless and the reconstruction of that part of the city which is in ruins. It was said that between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000 would be required.

A heavy rainstorm interrupted the systematic search for bodies, but by night 95 additional bodies had been placed in the morgue. Several deaths occurred among the injured.

The task confronting the relief committees seemed almost hopeless but later in the day the skies cleared and cheering word came from the physicians in charge of the tents in which 600 of the homeless had found shelter. The tents had withstood the storm, and the occupants were as comfortable as could be expected.

GERMAN TROOPS ARE RUSHED TO CAMBRAI

Geneva, Friday, Dec. 7.—Both Field Marshal von Hindenburg and Gen. Ludendorff are on the Cambrai front, according to a dispatch from Strassburg today. Railway traffic through the Rhine towns has been congested from this source, owing to the flow of troops and artillery being rushed through to this front. No civilians are permitted to travel along the Rhine and the German frontier remains closed.

PLANNING TO FORCE BOYS INTO THE ARMY

Amsterdam.—Intimations that Germany is planning to force boys of 16 and 17 years into the army are contained in an appeal appearing in the Essen General Anzeiger, that they immediately join the juvenile corps.

"This great struggle between the nations," says the newspaper, "will necessitate those who are now 16 and 17 being called up at no very remote date for army service."

KALEDINES AND KORNILOFF START REVOLT IN RUSSIA

London.—A proclamation to the Russian nation has been issued by Russian government announcing that "Kaledines and Korniloff, assisted by imperialists and constitutional democrats, have raised a revolt and declared war in Don region against the people." The proclamation adds that "the constitutional democrats and bourgeois are supplying the revolting generals with scores of millions."

E. NORTH CAROLINA M. E. CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

BUSY SESSION OF CONFERENCE AT GREENVILLE ADJOURNS.

Greenville.—Pastoral appointments for the year read by the bishop follows

Methodist Appointments

Durham District—Presiding elder, J. C. Wooten; Burlington, S. E. Mercer; Burlington circuit, W. F. Galloway; Brookdale circuit, J. A. Russell; Chapel Hill, E. H. McWhorter; Durham, Branson, J. A. Martin; Calvary, I. D. Hayman; Carr church, C. B. Staring; Lakewood, to be supplied by B. Reavis; Memorial, H. M. North; Trinity, C. J. Harrel; West Durham, W. C. Martin; Durham circuit, H. C. Smith; East Durham, E. C. C. L. Shaver; Graham, D. E. Earnhardt; Hillsboro, M. W. Hester; Leasburg, R. E. Atkinson; Mebane, B. Boone; Milton, E. E. Blalock; M. T. T. Smith; Orange circuit, J. R. Edwards; Pearl and Eno, J. B. Hurley; Peiham, to be supplied by L. C. Brothers; Person, J. A. Dailley; Rougemont, M. Hall; Hertford, O. W. Dowd; South Alamance, N. B. Strickland; Yanceyville, S. F. Nick; professor of Bible in Trinity College, W. W. Peele; student Boston university, H. E. Meyers; Sunday school field secretary, H. E. Spence; chaplain U. S. A., A. McCullen.

Elizabeth City District—Presiding elder, G. T. Adams; Camden circuit, C. C. Carson; Columbia, M. C. Cox; Currituck circuit, D. A. Futrell; Dare circuit, J. J. Lewis; Edenton, W. A. Cade; Elizabeth City, City Road, J. W. Bradley; First Church, A. L. Ormond; Gates circuit, J. T. Huley; Gum Neck and Eastlake, to be supplied by Theodore Westcott; Hartness, to be supplied by S. J. McConnell; Hertford, W. B. North; Kennebec circuit, A. W. Price; Kitty Hawk, to be supplied by R. L. Beasley; Moyock circuit, T. J. Folger; North Gates, V. A. Royall; Pasquo tank circuit, Rufus Bradley; Perquimans, W. L. Loy; Roanoke Island, J. C. Humble; Roper, N. L. Zaholt; professor in Southern Methodist University, J. L. Cunningham.

Fayetteville District—Presiding elder, J. T. Gibb; Bladen circuit, J. A. Tharpe; Coleraine, T. C. Maness; Carthage, N. E. B. Huchinson; Duke, W. E. Brown; Dunn, J. M. Daniel; Fayetteville, Hay Street, J. D. Bundy; Person and Calvary, L. H. Joyner; Fayetteville circuit, W. F. Craven; Goldston, M. M. McDonald; Haw River circuit, G. W. Perry; Hemp circuit, J. L. Midgett; Jonesboro, T. H. Sutton; Lillington, H. B. Porter; Parkton, W. L. Maness; Newton Grove circuit, T. W. Siler; Pittsboro, P. D. Woodall; Roseboro circuit, H. E. Lance; Sanford, W. R. Royall; Siler City, C. W. Robinson; Steadman, W. Dargan.

Newbern District—Presiding elder, J. B. Hurley; Beaufort, R. F. Bumpass; Carteret circuit, C. N. Caviness; Craven circuit, J. W. Autrey Dover; J. P. Fife; Elm Street and Princeton, C. E. Durham; Goldsboro, St. Paul, A. D. Wilcox; St. John, R. G. Edwards; Goldsboro, W. A. Piland; Grifton, F. E. Dixon; Hookerton, T. M. Gant; Jones circuit, T. C. Rogers; Kingston, Queen Street, W. H. Tuttle; Caswell Street, Daniel Lane, Jr.; LaGrange, K. F. Duvall; Morehead City, R. H. Broom; Mt. Olive circuit, R. E. Frank; Culberson, Mt. Olive circuit, R. E. Pittman; New Bern, Centenary, H. A. Humble Riverside, H. B. Gill; Ocracoke and Portsmouth, Guy Hamilton, Orrell; S. N. Hays; Swain, H. B. Johnson; Straits and Atlantic, supplied by W. E. Hocutt; Snow Hill circuit, C. O. Durant; Valdemaire, H. M. Weiman.

Raleigh District—Presiding elder, J. E. Underwood; Benson, J. T. Stanford; Clayton, O. I. Hinson; Four Oaks, T. E. Davis; Franklinton, T. A. Sikes; Garner, E. B. Craven; Graniteville circuit, W. H. Blake; Johnston circuit, R. E. Johnson; Kenly, C. P. Jerome; Lenoir, N. H. D. Wilson; Millbrook, J. C. Williams; Oxford, R. H. Willis; Oxford circuit, B. C. Thompson; Raleigh, Central College, F. H. Hays; Edenton Street, M. Bradshaw; Epworth, R. F. Taylor; Jenkins Memorial, J. W. Potter; Selma, C. K. Proctor; Smithfield, S. A. Cotten; T. R. Ruff; W. H. H. Hays; Youngville, H. M. Jackson; Zebulon, G. W. Fisher; superintendent Anti-Saloon League, R. L. Davis; editor Raleigh Christian Advocate, L. S. Maness; president, Central College, F. H. Hays; editor Nashville Advocate, T. N. Ivey; conference missionary secretary, N. H. D. Wilson; chaplain U. S. Navy, W. E. Edmondson.

Wilmington District—Presiding elder, J. H. Hall; Aberdeen, G. M. Daniels; Bladensburg, C. S. Parker; Caldwat, J. B. Thompson; Charlotte circuit, H. Hays; Hamlet, J. H. Buffalo; Laurel Hill, G. T. Simmons; superannuated, D. A. Watkins; Laurinburg, E. L. Davis; Lumberton, R. L. Carr; Maxton, A. Norman; Montgomery circuit, S. H. Harlesly Jr.; Mount Gilead, N. C. Yearby; Mount Gilead circuit, W. F. Trauwick; Raeford, F. L. Humber; H. Townsend; Red Springs, T. J. Parker; Richmond circuit, supplied by B. P. Watson; Robeson circuit, E. L. Hill; Robeson circuit, J. T. Draper; Rockingham, E. F. Smith; Rocky Mount circuit, A. J. Groves; superannuated, R. W. Townsend; St. John and Gibson, W. S. Brown; St. Paul, C. R. Ross; Troy, J. P. Ross; President Carolina College, R. B. John; army secretary, Y. M. C. A., W. B. Sharp.

Washington District—Presiding elder, C. L. Read; Aurora, L. E. Sawyer; Axden circuit, T. G. Vickers; Bladwell, L. Carr; Bethel circuit, E. E. Trotman; Elm City, L. T. Singleton; Fairfield, S. A. Nettles; Farmville, S. T. Moxie; Brentwood circuit, J. L. Rumley; Greenville, Walter Patton; Hartsville, W. P. Constable; McKendree, I. E. Poole; Mt. Pleasant circuit, G. B. Perry; Nashville circuit, L. B. Jones; Rocky Mount, First Church, R. C. Groves; Rocky Mount circuit, J. W. Hove, Sr.; Stantonburg circuit, C. O. Armstrong; Stokes circuit, to be supplied by E. P. Pooch; Spring Hope circuit, R. T. Phinney; Quarter, R. R. Grant; Tarboro, H. I. Glass; Vanceboro, W. J. Covington; Washington, D. H. Tuttle; Wilson and Mission, W. J. Stanbury and J. W. Hove.

Wilmington District—Presiding elder, J. H. Shore; Burgaw, L. M. Chaffin; Carvers Creek circuit, W. J. Watson; Chadbourne, E. E. Stanfield; Clinton, D. E. Earnhardt; E. Nelson and Warsaw, to be supplied by O. P. Fitzgerald; Hillsboro, to be supplied by J. C. Stroud; Jacksonville and Richards, C. S. Vail; Kenansville, M. E. Hodges; Magna, R. P. Munns; Onslow, T. W. Lee; Scotts Hill, C. N. Phillips; Shalotte, J. F. Usry; Southport, C. B. Culbreth; Swansboro circuit, W. C. Benson; Taylor circuit, A. H. Linton; Town Creek circuit, A. H. Andrews; Wallace and Rose Hill, M. D. Hix; Whiteville, J. H. Fizzle; Wilmington, Bladen Street, E. C. Satterly; College, J. H. McCracken; Grace, M. T. Plyler; Trinity, W. V. McRae; Wilmington circuit, J. H. Miller; students in Trinity College, R. O. Hewitt and E. W. Glass; transferred to Western North Carolina conference, C. R. Canine.

Warrenton District—Presiding elder, E. M. Snipes; Battleboro and Whitaker, L. B. Pattison; Bertie, F. B. McCull; Conway, J. J. Boone; Enfield and Halifax, E. D. Dodd; Garysburg, R. W. Bailey; Harrelsville, J. J. Barker; Henderson, L. E. Thomsen; Litchton, A. B. Pitt; Murfreesboro and Winton, N. M. Wright; Northampton, J. M. Wright; North and South Henderson, W. G. Love; Rich Square, J. E. Holden; Ridgeway, W. C. Merritt.

Roanoke Circuit, William Towe; Roanoke Rapids, E. C. Few; Rosemary circuit, C. M. Lane; Scotland Neck, M. Y. Self; Warren circuit, C. A. Jones; Warrenton, J. A. Horna; Weldon, F. M. Shamburger; Williamston and Hamilton, H. M. Rhodes; president Littleton College, J. M. Rhodes; missionary to Japan, J. W. Frank.