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JERUSALEM TAKEN BY BRITISH TROOPS

Capital of Palestine is Wrestled from Possession of Turkish Government.

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 Welsh and home county troops, advancing from the direction of Bethlehem, drove back the enemy and, passing Jerusalem on the east, establishing themselves on the Jerusalem-Jericho road. At the same time, London infantry and dismounted yeomanry attacked the strong enemy positions west and northwest of Jerusalem and placed themselves astride the Jerusalem-Schem road. The holy city, being thus isolated, surrendered to General Allenby.

The chancellor said General Allenby entered Jerusalem officially, accompanied by the officers of the French and British forces.

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. Raging with all the fury for which these northern winter storms are noted, it all but crushed the Learts of the brave band of workers struggling against overwhelming odds to alleviate suffering.

For a while the contingents of the Canadian army stationed here toiled doggedly amid the ice-shrouded ruins for the unrecovered dead, but when the wind veered suddenly to the southeast and blew with redoubled force, the soldiers were obliged to withdraw. Pungs bearing hospital supplies and food to the numerous relief stations were storm-bound. The crippled lighting system broke down again, leaving the city in darkness.

Burial parties who had volunteered their services were driven to cover. From 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.

Relief trains bringing workers and supplies reached the city in the heights of the blizzard, but those so eager to help found themselves helpless and knew not which way to turn in the confusion of the storm, the unlighted city and the wreckage.

UNIFICATION OF ALL RAILROADS DURING WAR

Washington.—President Wilson will go to Congress for special legislation to bring about unification of the railroads during the war. That the President has decided definitely on such a move became known after he had gone over the whole transportation situation with Senator Newlands, chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee. He probably will ask for the legislation in an address before Christmas holidays.

Selective Classification Begins on Saturday, December 15th.

We desire to call attention to all persons registered under the Selective Draft law and to the public that the Selective Service regulations, governing the classification of men, goes into effect on December 15th

On the above date, all discharges and exemptions heretofore granted by this local board or the district board will become null and void. Every registered man, except those who have failed to appear for examination and those who have been sent to the mobilization camp and there accepted, will be recalled as well as all those who have not yet been called. To each will be submitted a questionnaire. These questionnaires will be mailed, beginning December 15th and continuing for twenty days, until the complete list has been exhausted. Every registrant will have seven days from the day on which the questionnaire is mailed in which to fill out and return same to the local board. Failure to so return, is constituted a misdemeanor and punishable by one year in prison.

The authority to extend time for returning questionnaire has been largely curtailed. The local board will have no authority to extend time, except in cases of extreme hardship. Therefore, it is necessary that every registrant furnish this board immediately any change in his address. It also becomes the duty of those interested in any registrant, who may be absent from his address given on the registration card, to watch the mails and see that the questionnaire reaches him in time to make the return within seven days from the mailing.

The local board gives this notice so that no man may be taken unaware, and to the end that the board may not be forced, through the failure to return the questionnaire, to make report to the Adjutant General, as it is required to do immediately after the expiration of the seven days.

On the questionnaire each registrant will assert any claim for deferred classification he may have. Failure to so assert it is constituted a waiver and in such event he will be classified under the first class. The President has requested the services of the legal profession throughout the United States to assist, without compensation, registrants in properly preparing the questionnaire.

The failure to receive a questionnaire does not relieve the registrant of the duty to file it, as a notice will be posted at the office of the local board of the order numbers of those to whom questionnaires are each day mailed, and this is notice.

The office of the local board will in the future be in the store room the second door above the Mariana Hotel on Main street in Marion.

LOCAL BOARD FOR McDOWELL COUNTY.

The enlisted men at Camps Sevier and Jackson are to have the opportunity to win commissions through examinations soon to be given, which will win for the successful competitors admission to the third officers' training camp. This encampment is due to start on January 5.

U. S. DESTROYER IS SUNK IN WAR ZONE

German U-Boat Torpedoes and Sinks American Destroyer: Most of Crew Lost.

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.

Fireman Joseph Kroniencky, mother Anna Krozeniecky, Suive, 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. von 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.

Hemphill-Wattiers.

The following account from the Charlotte Observer of the wedding of Mr. Fred H. Hemphill, of this place, and Miss Marie Louise Wattiers, of New York, which took place in Charlotte last Thursday, will be of interest to friends here:

"It was not until Rev. John S. Wood announced the customary of the Presbyterian wedding ceremony did the Shriners at the ceremonial in the city auditorium last night realize that the marriage ceremony that was taking place was 'a really truly wedding.'

"Just before the completion of the first section of the ceremonial Potentate Cameron announced that a wedding would take place before the work would proceed. It was thought by the thousand Shriners present that it was just another of the 'stunts' the patrol was pulling off.

"Then the strains of the wedding march sounded from the piano, under the direction of Prof. Robert Lee Kessler, and from the doorway appeared Miss Marie Louise Wattiers, of New York city, on the arm of Noble O. B. Robinson, and from the wing came Noble Fred H. Hemphill, a member of Oasis temple, formerly of Marion, N. C., but now of New York city. They met in front of the stage and faced Rev. Dr. Wood, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Forest City, N. C., another member of Oasis temple.

"With the impressive ceremony of the Presbyterian church he united them in marriage, and immediately, in the name of the temple Dr. J. H. Way, of Waynesville, a captain in the United States army and a member of Oasis temple, presented the bride with a magnificent silver vase, and following that were other presentations, of which it is not permitted to write.

"Miss Wattiers came from New York city, arriving this morning for the special purpose of wedding Noble Hemphill here tonight, and Potentate Cameron was approached with a request that the ceremony occur at the ceremonial, in courtesy to Noble Hemphill. This was readily secured and the wedding was the result.

"It was one of the most interesting features of an unusually interesting ceremonial and the happy pair left the hall to the plaudits of the assembled Shriners, taking with them every good wish for a happy, prosperous, and long life."

Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill arrived here the latter part of the week and are stopping with Mrs. Maude Kirby. They will spend some time here before returning to New York City where Mr. Hemphill will be engaged in business.

Weather Seven Above Zero.

The first snow of the season fell here last Saturday, measuring 2½ inches, and this was followed by a deeper one on Tuesday evening, 6½ inches. The thermometer registered seven degrees above zero on the 9th, 10th and 12th, the coldest weather so far this winter.

A cold wave has covered almost the entire country. Much suffering has been reported from the cities.

Services at St. John's next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Dec. 10.—Mr Zack Davis was happily married to Mrs. Jane Alred of this place yesterday, Rev. Burton Mashburn officiating. Mrs. Alred has many friends here who wish her a long and happy wedded life. Mr. and Mrs. Davis left Sunday for Thermal City where they will make their home.

Mrs. Henry Duncan and children of Granite Falls visited her sister, Mrs. Relas Huffman, the latter part of the week.

Clarence Mason and family of Nebo are spending a few days with Mrs. Mason's mother, Mrs. Mrs. C. D. Wacaser. Mrs. Wacaser's sister, Mrs. Morgan, is also here on a visit.

Frank White is spending some time with his daughter, Mrs. John Parker.

Miss Nora Huffinan left Sunday for Granite Falls where she has accepted a position.

We hope to celebrate North Carolina Day next Friday. A program will be given by the school in the afternoon and we hope to secure a good speaker for the occasion. Everybody is invited to attend.

A short program will be given by the school on Thursday night before Christmas. Everybody invited.

Following is the school honor roll: First grade, James Poteet and Rena Bright; third grade, Thelma Holland and Frank Proctor; fourth grade, Florence Corpening, Bertha Huffman and Laura Bright.

Mother of Four Ministers Passes.

Mrs. Belzora Stamey, who died at the home of her daughter at Pilot Mountain on November 1st, at the age of 86, had the distinction of being the mother of four ministers of the gospel who, with her husband, the late Rev. Alexander Stamey of the Baptist church of Virginia, made five ministers in the family out of six boys; the late Rev. P. F. W. Stamey, who was presiding elder of the High Point district of the Western North Carolina M. E. Conference when he died in High Point in 1890; the late Rev. Whiteford Stamey, of Galax, Va.; the late S. D. Scamey, and Enoch L. Stamey, now physician in charge of Keeley Institute. He is the only living minister-doctor of the family. Five other children survive. There are a large number of grand children, great grand children and great great grand children living. The grandchildren who reside in High Point, says The Review, are W. L. Stamey, Mrs. Harry Huffman, Mrs. J. L. Kirkman and Mrs. W. R. Wix and others of the immediate family are Mrs. O. H. Bumgarner and Mrs. Ad Gilkey of Marion. At a big reunion held in Winston four years ago there were five generations represented.

Mrs. Stamey was born in Lincoln county, and was a girl enum of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson. Her people were of French descent.

Red Cross Stamps.

The sale of Red Cross Christmas stamps deserves to be large and we hope all of our readers who have an opportunity will buy a number of the stickers.

Rev. A. T. Graham, D. D., a Presbyterian minister and formerly pastor at Davidson College, died Friday night at the home of a relative in Charlotte of Bright's disease. He was 60 years old and a native of Winchester, Va.