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## CAPTURE OF JERICHO IMPORTANT VICTORY FOR BRITISH TROOPS

### General Allenby's Men Are Now Encamped Along the River Jordan---The Turks Likely to be Cleared Out of Country West of the Dead Sea.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Much importance is attached to the arrival of the British on the banks of the river Jordan. Reuter's Limited learns from an authoritative source. General Allenby's advance from Jerusalem was carried out under great difficulties. It was made during heavy rains, when the British had to march over hills comparative to masses of slippery soap.

The possession of Jericho is an important step toward establishing touch between the British and their Arab Allies. The British will be in direct contact with the Arabs for the first time, which should be a great encouragement to them, as they have fought a long and hard contest against superior numbers.

### BRITISH TROOPS ENCAMPED ON SACRED GROUND BETWEEN THE DEAD SEA AND MEDITERRANEAN

General Allenby's force is now encamped along the Jordan, which probably is fairly high. It is a swift, deep and narrow stream with a very treacherous current, and is in a country which will supply food and fodder. With the latest advance the British position is quite well defined. The right flank rests on the Dead Sea, and the left on the Mediterranean Sea, so if the enemy wishes to attack, he can only make a frontal assault. The British now control the Dead Sea and have access to the rich lands east of the sea. They also menace the railway running towards Damascus, while the country has better roads than those around Jerusalem.

The capture of Jericho, the military correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says, deprives the enemy of one of the chief local points in his defensive scheme in Palestine.

### GENERAL ALLENBY IS NOW FREE TO CHOOSE A LINE FOR HIS ADVANCE TO THE NORTHWARD

"The advance," the writer adds, "should result in the clearing out of the enemy from west of the Dead Sea, since it gives the British a line right across Palestine. It endangers the enemy's motor boat flotilla, which has its base at the mouth of the Jordan, and cuts off from any Turks now left west of the Dead Sea, as well as from the east where they are exposed to bold raids of the Bedjaz Arabs, their means of support from this source. And it must not be forgotten that the Arabs are making their way up the Bedjaz railway and already have been in action directly east of the Dead Sea. General Allenby is now free to choose a line for an advance northward by whatever route seems best."

### TURKS IN THE CAUCASUS STARTED AN OFFENSIVE MOVE BEFORE EXPIRATION OF THE ARMISTICE

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The Turkish army in the Caucasus have begun an offensive, a correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company wires from the headquarters of the Russian western army. The attack was started before the expiration of the armistice. The Turks occupied Platana and Paral, forcing the evacuation of the Caucasian corps, which is now grouped along the coast. Platana is a small Turkish port on the Black Sea coast in the vilayet of Trebizond, 100 miles west of the Russian border. At the height of their successes in Turkey the Russians pushed considerably west of Platana and also west to the south. The Russians agreed at Brest-Litovsk to evacuate Turkish territory, and withdrawal was underway at the time of the Turkish attack. Occupation of Platana would cut off the retreat of Russian forces along the coast west of there.

## ESCAPED FROM GERMAN PRISON

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Amsterdam, Feb. 22.—Lieutenant Roland G. Garros, the famous French aviator, and Lieutenant Antoine Marchal, who flew over Berlin in the summer of 1916, and was forced to descend a few kilometers from the Russian lines, according to Les Nouvelles, of Maastricht, escaped from a German prison.

Lieut. Marchal, starting from French soil, flew over Berlin in July, 1916, dropping pamphlets and continued his flight with the intention of landing within the Russian lines. He was forced by motor trouble to descend in Holland and was taken prisoner by the Abwehr. He made a continuous flight of more than 800 miles and established a record.

Lieut. Garros was an aviator before the war, holding several world's records.

## BREAD PRICES IN WINNIPEG

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Winnipeg, Feb. 23.—On and after March 1st, bread will cost to citizens of Winnipeg seven and a half cents for each 16 ounce loaf, unwrapped, made from government standard flour and containing a percentage of fat, sugar and malt extract not to exceed two pints of each to the barrel of flour, if the demand made by the bakers is met. The bakers have instructed the city solicitor to draw up a by-law with provisions for the making of a 16 oz. standard loaf, to be sold at 6½ cents wholesale and 7½ cents retail.

He brought down a number of German airplanes and was taken prisoner in the spring of 1915.

## PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE HAS ENDED SESSION

Appointment of Caretaker of Buildings Under Consideration—Returned Soldier Probable Appointee.

The Provincial Government completed its session last night and adjourned to meet here March 6th, the day before the opening of the Legislature. The meeting yesterday was taken up largely with preparations for the session, particularly the review of legislation. The various members left for their homes last night and this morning.

**Caretaker of Parliament Buildings.**  
The matter of appointing a caretaker of the Parliament Buildings in succession to the late John F. Payne is under consideration. It is probable that a returned soldier will be appointed as the government believes that the claims of the soldiers should be recognized. A large number of applications have been made for the position. It is probable that a list of names of returned soldiers will be submitted.

## RAILWAY BILL WAS PASSED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Washington, Feb. 22.—The administration bill, providing for government control of railroads until 18 months after the war, including many "short lines" and appropriating a revolving fund of \$500,000,000 for Federal operations, was passed tonight by the Senate without dissent and now awaits action in the House, where it is under debate.

## HUNS WANT AN EXPLANATION

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Feb. 23.—The publication by the Vienna official news agency of the Polish manifesto, reflecting upon Germany has given great offense, says the Zurich correspondent of Reuter's Limited. According to the Munich Neuste Nachrichten, the German ambassador at Vienna has been instructed to demand an explanation.

Mr. H. A. Powell of St. John was in the city yesterday. He left for St. John last night.

Man prides himself on his superior intelligence, but who ever heard of a woman buying a gold brick?

## SOME CANADIAN RAILWAYS MAY BE NATIONALIZED

### Committee of the Cabinet Submits a Report---Recommends That the C. P. R. Continue as a Company Owned Road.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 23.—The Morning Journal-Press thinks, so far as the deliberations of the sub-committee of the cabinet named to consider the railway problem, the plan of government action has been determined, but that the report of the sub-committee is still to be reviewed by the cabinet. The Journal-Press says:

The sub-committee of the cabinet which for the past month has been stating the railway problem, has completed its investigations and submitted its report to the Privy Council. It is now being considered by the cabinet as a whole. While nothing official has been given out, it is understood that the recommendations are as follows:

1. That the Canadian Pacific Railway be not now nationalized, but retained as a property owned and operated by them.
2. That the Grand Trunk Pacific and Grand Trunk Railway be nationalized.
3. That negotiations be opened with the Grand Trunk stockholders in England in regard to terms for the disposal of their stock.
4. That the Grand Trunk, Grand Trunk Pacific, Canadian Northern and Intercolonial be operated as one state-owned system.
5. That the railway rates be considered as a war measure with a provision for the taxation of abnormal profits in order to prevent undue earnings from the increase.

## Population of Petrograd Calmly Awaiting Events

### DISCRETIONARY WITH INSPECTOR TO GIVE LICENSE

Judgment Given Yesterday in Local Case—Appeal Court Adjourned—Other Judgments.

The Appeal Division of the Supreme Court adjourned yesterday since die after argument had been completed in the case of the The Woodstock Electric Light Company vs. The Dominion Tanneries Company, Mr. J. C. Hartley, K. C., for defendant supporting appeal to set aside verdict entered for plaintiff and to enter verdict for defendant or for new trial, Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., and Mr. R. P. Hartley, the same side, Hon. Frank B. Carvell, K. C., and Mr. A. B. Connell, K. C., contra. Court considers.

Among judgments handed down by the court was one of particular interest to Fredericton. It was ex parte R. Bruce McFarlane and is to the effect that the Chief Inspector under the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1916 has discretionary powers in the issuing of licenses. The application was for the Chief Inspector to show cause why he refused to grant a retail beer license to Mr. R. B. McFarlane. The application was refused.

In Peters vs. Charlott the appeal was allowed. This case was from Restigouche and concerned an arrest on capias and payment to the sheriff of the sum required. The appeal was allowed and the money ordered refunded.

The case The King vs. The Municipality of Westmorland ex parte Fawcett concerned an election for councillors in the Parish of Sackville. Rule was discharged. The judgment was to the effect that "double ballots" were properly rejected, all names of candidates being required to be on but one piece of paper, also that the ballots on which had been written the word "dirty" after the name of one candidate were properly rejected. The ballot on which the initials A. C. appeared partially defaced was declared improperly rejected.

### IS HONORARY COLONEL.

London, Feb. 23.—The appointment of Princess Patricia as honorary colonel in chief of the famous "Princess Pats", Canadian Light Infantry, is gazetted.

## People Continue to Pursue Their Ordinary Vocations---Many Will Welcome the Arrival of the Huns---Allied Ambassadors to Aid in Fight Against Enemy.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The population of Petrograd awaiting coming events with an outward calm, according to the latest despatches received here, and continue to pursue their ordinary business life seemingly unconcerned over the great interests at stake. The Times Petrograd correspondent, in a despatch sent late on Thursday, expresses sentiment that the majority would welcome the arrival of the Germans, fearing an outbreak of uncontrolled anarchism, with riot and murder.

The bulk of the population, the correspondent says, is tired of revolution, tired of hunger and tired of the uncertainty perpetually overhanging them, declaring that they are experiencing all of the disadvantages of the Czar's regime without any of its advantages.

### AUSTRIAN TROOPS ARE CLOSING ON KIEV, THE UKRAINIAN CAPITAL, NOW HELD BY BOLSHIEVIKI

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Austrian and Ukrainian troops are nearing Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, now held by the Bolsheviks, according to despatches from Petrograd in the late editions from that city.

That the Polish legionaries aided the Germans in occupying Minsk, is stated by Petrograd newspapers, which add that it is reported that Russian soldiers on the northern front seized twenty-seven trains which are being used to carry 40,000 of the soldiers to Moscow. The Germans are taking no prisoners, merely disarming the Russians and liberating them.

### BRITISH CONSULATE AT PETROGRAD IS CROWDED WITH PEOPLE ANXIOUS TO LEAVE THE CITY

German airplanes, the Petrograd correspondent of the Times says, are distributing proclamations calling on the Russian people to remain calm and keep order, as the Germans are coming to suppress anarchy and bring food as soon as possible.

The correspondent reports some anxiety in the British colony in Petrograd, and the consulate there is crowded with persons wishing to get away. A British military order directs all Englishmen of military age who have been exempted from service up to this time to hold themselves ready to start home at six hours' notice. Other British subjects, especially women and children, have been advised to leave Russia without delay.

### The Bolshevik Government Uneasy.

The Bolsheviks are greatly perturbed and distressed. Foreign Minister Trotsky is reported to be sick in consequence of the renewal of hostilities, and is unable to attend meetings of the council of people's commissaries, which are held constantly.

## HALIFAX STREET CAR CONDUCTORS WENT ON STRIKE THIS MORNING

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

Halifax, Feb. 23.—The people of Halifax were forced to walk through a blinding snowstorm to work this morning, because the motormen and conductors in the employ of the Nova Scotia Railway Company went out on strike this morning. The company had suspended Conductor Zinn and dismissed Motorman Lowe for a violation of the rules. Their brother employees did not consider the action of the company justified, and several conferences were held with the management, but no satisfactory agreement was reached. The employees held a mass meeting, which was in session all night, and this morning they decided to strike. The company made no attempt to operate cars on any of its lines.

## HUN METHODS ENFORCED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Feb. 22.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Amsterdam, dated Thursday, says, according to frontier reports at Beverloo, in Belgium, where German recruits are trained for the front, the officers announced on Feb. 17 that the men would leave for Flanders on the 18th, and ordered them to sing "Die Wacht am Rhine" and other German national songs. The soldiers, according to the despatch, declined to comply, whereupon an officer drew his sword and attacked a recruit. The officer was shot and afterwards all the soldiers sus-

## PAYING PENALTY OF TORY MISRULE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Winnipeg, Feb. 23.—Manitoba's first direct taxation bill was introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. Mr. Brown, provincial treasurer. It provides for a levy of a tax of one million on assessable property in the province, organized or unorganized territory.

The tax is expected to produce an additional \$750,000 revenue per annum.

pected of having participated in the revolt were court martialed, sentenced to death and shot the same day.