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THE LAND OF EGYPT

The annulling of Turkish suzerainty over Egypt and the establishment of a British protectorate over that country is one of the most important events arising out of the European war. Egypt, exclusive of the Soudan, has an area of 363,181 square miles and a population of thirteen million people. The area of the Soudan is 984,000 square miles and has a population of three million, while Darfur, a tributary state, has an area of 150,000 square miles and a population of 750,000 people. There are many facts of outstanding interest appertaining to the wonderful land of Egypt. Thousands of years before America was discovered, thousands of years before the Norman conquest, Egypt was a powerful nation with a great and a refined civilization. It had a settled form of government and dynasties had risen and fallen ages before the advent of Moses, the great statesman and law giver. It was from Egypt Moses led the people of Israel out of bondage and thus achieved a reputation as the greatest master of transportation in all history. It was to Egypt that Mary and Joseph fled with the Babe of Bethlehem to escape the wrath of King Herod. It was in Egypt that Moses and Aaron performed the most wonderful miracles. Egypt the land of the Pharaohs and the home of Cleopatra, the wicked queen to win whose favor Mark Antony gave up the dictatorship of the world has had a wonderful and romantic history. Her mighty armies at one time held sway over a large portion of the known world and her people raised mighty pyramids and erected temples, which are today among the wonders of the world and attract pilgrims from every land. The handicraft of her people in art and sculpture are today to be found in all the great museums of England and America and incite wonder and admiration.

As a contemporary well puts it, when Egypt was a mighty power, before whose kings millions bowed the knee in subjection, there was a country in some wild islands off the north west coast of Europe, whose people were slowly emerging from the stone age. It is to the descendants of the then people of that country that Egypt now passes for protection. Controlled for centuries by alien rulers there has been no protest in Egypt over the establishment of British protectorate. It is not for the sake of territorial gain or aggrandizement that Great Britain has established a protectorate over the land of the Nile, but Turkish participation in the European war and Egypt's relation to the great Indian empire has made Britain's action necessary. It is most important that Britain should maintain control of the Suez Canal and the successful control of that great waterway depends on the maintenance of peace and order in Egypt. The annulling of Turkish suzerainty over Egypt is but one of many things which is going to happen to the semi-barbarians of the Bosphorus before this war is brought to a close.

The fact that the government of New Brunswick was unrepresented at the Maritime forward Conference held at Amherst last week was entirely due to an accident. Mr. A. R. Shipp, M.P., of this city was one of the delegates and was firmly of the belief when he left home that he would be a member of the government and duly qualified to speak for it by the time that the conference got settled down to work. Through no fault of his something happened to upset his calculations. The members for Carleton County and the graft element of the party registered an emphatic protest against his joining the administration and Premier Clarke surrendered to them. Mr. Shipp was sacrificed, and on this account the government was unrepresented at the Amherst Convention. It is only fair to Premier Clarke to say that his intentions were good.

The people of Carleton County, where a by-election is pending are read to Gagetown would now be in the Railway. The people of Queen's County, where no election is pending, are compelled to worry along in the same old way. Had Mr. A. R. Shipp been taken into the Flemming government it is safe to say that the now in a position to make use of Val-operation. Mr. Shipp failed to win out, and the people of this constituency must pay the penalty.

The snow storm has spoiled the skating on the river. This will be a bad thing for the people of Gagetown, Oranmore and other places, who had planned to visit Fredericton during Christmas week. But they should not lose heart; the walking is good on the Valley Railway line.

Fredericton's Christmas presents an ammunition column and a snow storm.

DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION

(Continued from page one.)

Frank E. Hamm, St. John.
John J. Jenkinson, Sydney, N.S.
Vincent H. Joyce, W. St. John.
W. J. Jobaston, Quispamsis, N.B.
W. A. Kenney, St. John.
P. M. H. Lawson, St. John.
R. H. Lawrence, Birmingham, Eng.
C. E. Lewis, St. John.
C. F. Lee, St. John.
Chas. LaBraik, St. John.
Roy E. London, St. John.
W. H. Lewis, St. John.
Roy F. Logan, St. John.
Wm. Laskey, St. John.
Austin T. McClaskey, Rolling Dam, N.B.
Otty J. Morgan, St. John.
T. W. Masters, St. John.
C. A. Masters, St. John.
Fred Marshall, St. John.
F. C. MacRae, Grand Bay, N.B.
H. D. Manning, Norton, N.B.
J. A. Marcus, St. John.
Oliver I. Mundee, West St. John.
Allan G. Marr, St. John.
Wm. E. Montford, St. John.
Chas. A. Noble, St. John.
Donald M. Noble, St. John.
H. L. O'Dell, St. John.
Charles O'Neil, St. John.
Gordon A. Penny, St. John.
P. Power, Conception Bay, Nfld.
Ralph M. Parker, St. John.
J. D. Patterson, St. John.
Norris Pettis, Parrsboro, N.S.
Walter Peacock, St. John.
David W. Patterson, St. John West.
Joe S. Pitman, West St. John.
Wm. G. Peacock, St. John.
Thos. Parsons, Bagdad, Queens Co., N.B.
F. E. Robertson, St. John.
David Russell, St. John.
Allen Russell, St. John.
Wm. J. Ryan, Brookville Station, N.B.
Arthur Reynolds, Conception Bay, Nfld.
Stephen Speight, Welsford, N.P.B.
A. E. Stephenson, St. John.
Alfred P. Simpson, St. John.
W. E. Sullivan, St. John.
James E. Speight, Brookville Station, N.B.
Wm. A. Sommerville, St. John.
W. J. Stephenson, St. John.
H. A. Stephenson, St. John.
A. H. Steeves, Cunningsville, Albert Co., N.B.
R. E. Shea, St. John.
C. L. Stoddard, Moncton, N.B.
Walter Feott, St. John.
W. B. Spicer, St. John.
Robt. E. Storey, St. John.
John K. Trifts, St. John.
Berthon E. Turner, Hampshire, Eng.
Roy A. Virtue, Bermuda.
Walter Vincent, Fairvale, Kings Co., N.B.
Arthur M. Wooden, South Weymouth, Mass.
Charles Will, Battersea, London, Eng.
Percy H. Wood, Woodside, Sunbury Co., Eng.
Wm. T. Wallace, St. John West.
Wm. Williamson, St. John.
Bennett W. Wilson, St. John.
T. H. Williams, St. John.
W. Harold Young, St. John.
W. L. Young, Summerset, Bermuda.
Cleveland Yorke, Parrsboro, N.S.
Officers—Major W. H. Harrison, Capt. and Adjutant, W. A. Harrison; Lieut. and Paymaster, D. F. Pidgeon; Capt. G. A. Gambin, Lieut. Wm. Vassie, Lieut. S. K. L. McDonald, N. P. McLeod, Lieut. T. E. Ryder.

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MAGIC READ THE BAKING LABEL NO. 1000 POWDER

GIFTS FOR TROOPS.

A box containing presents from the Daughters of the Empire of Moncton, for the artillery men of that city, was received at the exhibition building this morning. The box contained many useful Christmas gifts and the kindness of the Moncton ladies is greatly appreciated.

Mr. M. McDonald, of St. John, is a guest at the Queen today.
Mr. R. P. Steeves, of Sussex, is stopping at the Queen.
Mr. Harvey Mitchell, Keswick, is a guest at the Queen.

LOCAL NEWS

THE MARKET.

There was a small market this morning but prices were quite firm. Turkeys sold at 27 cents per pound and geese at \$1.50 each. There is likely to be a big market tomorrow and Thursday.

LARRIGANS FOR TROOPS

The special service battalion at Halifax is to be furnished with larrigans of a special pattern. The footgear probably will be made at the factories in this city. Each man of the corps is to pay for his own larrigans under present arrangements, but it is possible that there will be a government issue.

OUT WITH BAYONET.

Letters from men serving with the Canadian Expeditionary Force on Salisbury Plain state that Jack D. McDonald, who was well known as a hockey player in the Maritime Provinces some years ago was seriously cut about the head some time ago. He got into an altercation with another soldier who used a bayonet on him.

CHATHAM MAN FREE.

Telegraph—Charles Dickens, the Chatham man who was arrested on Saturday on a charge of providing liquor to a soldier on duty at the Armory, was allowed to go by Police Magistrate Ritchie yesterday morning. Frank and John Hayes, charged with robbing a Roumanian laborer, were allowed to go, but Lieut. Colonel McAvity, who appeared in their behalf, said that if any further complaints were received about them, they would be discharged. Six prisoners, including two women, pleaded guilty to drunkenness, and were remanded. Another charged with a similar offence, was turned over to the military authorities. Frank Mason, arrested on a charge of assault, was allowed his freedom.

Some hang up their stockings, and some, their creditors.

FREDERICTON OFFICER RETURNS HOME

Lieut. C. W. Clark, One of a Party of a Fifty-Five Surplus Officers' Back From England.

Lieut. C. W. Clark of the 71st York Regt., arrived here last night, having come from England by steamer "Grampian" which docked at St. John yesterday afternoon. Mr. Clark is one of the fifty-five officers of the Surplus Officers Corps who have returned to Canada to join corps to be raised for overseas service. The "Grampian" had a rather rough passage of ten days from Liverpool to Halifax. Her passengers with the exception of military officers who left the ship at Halifax were taken west from St. John by special steamer train. A heavy snowstorm delayed the steamer somewhat in the Bay of Fundy.

The snow at St. John presented a great contrast to the weather the Canadian officers had been accustomed to on Salisbury Plain where the rain was continuous and the mud everywhere.

Several of the fifty-five officers who returned on the "Grampian" have already received appointments to corps now being raised or which are to be raised. The number which have returned to Canada is only about one quarter of the strength of the Surplus Officers Corps and it is probable that others will be returned to Canada shortly.

Mr. Clark says that there is considerable misapprehension in Canada concerning the offers of commissions in Kitchener's new army which were made to the Surplus Officers of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. No real offers were made but a few of the Canadians applied for an opportunity to join the new force. The conditions of acceptance, however, were such that practically no Canadians joined the New Army. No allowance whatever are allowed officers in that force and a private income was insisted upon by the officers commanding the various battalions. Several Canadian officers who applied for commissions were asked at once how much their private income was and on saying that they were dependent on their pay were told they were not wanted. The fact that the separation allowance for wives and other dependents which is paid by the Canadian Government was to be withdrawn deferred many Canadian Officers from joining Kitchener's Army. Lt. Col. C. D. McPherson of Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, who was in command of the officers on the "Grampian" was at the front in the trenches, going there at his own expense. He saw an interesting artillery duel, one shell bursting within seventy-five yards of him.

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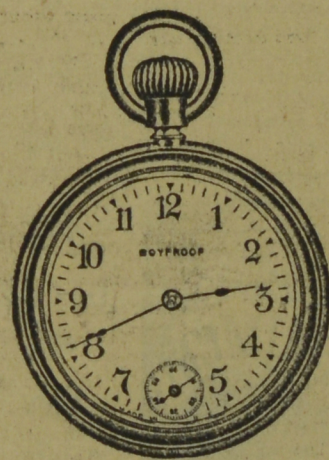
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