

Bagdad Captors Near Junction With Russians

Turks Lost Two-Thirds of Guns and Are Fleeing to Escape Trap

Gen. Maude Praised

Bonar Law Says Victories Prove Efficiency of British Supply System

London, March 12.—In announcing the fall of Bagdad in the House of Commons today Andrew Bonar Law paid tribute to the brilliant manner in which the entire Mesopotamian operation was conducted by General Maude and said there was good reason to believe two-thirds of the Turks' artillery had been captured or destroyed.

Russians Closing In "The fact that General Maude not only has been able to feed the army, provide it with munitions and assure proper attention to the sick and wounded, but has been able to report that he is satisfied he can provide for the necessities of his army in Bagdad, reflects the greatest credit on all concerned."

Interest in the Bagdad victory and its possible effects was heightened today by the announcement of further successes for the Russians along the Persian border.

Critics were speculating to-night on the possibility of the Russians having driven over the Mesopotamian frontier in the intervening four days.

Moral Disaster to Turks The press of Paris lays stress on the political importance of the British victory.

Turks Stronger than Ever, Enver Pasha Tells Nation London, March 12.—Enver Pasha, who has just returned from Asia Minor to Constantinople, has informed the Turkish Parliament that the military situation is better than at any time since Turkey's entrance into the war.

Postoffice in Panic Over Shrapnel Shell

Package Breaks and Three-Inch Missile Comes Out

The discovery of a three-inch shrapnel shell in a parcel post package that broke open in the postal branch in the Hudson Terminal last night caused a panic among the clerks and a hurry call for the police.

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WILDFIRE by Zane Grey

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Roused by Pacifist Speech, Makes Appeal for Universal Training

Backed by Dr. Hibben

Excitement at Economic Club Dinner Caused by Defence Debate

Stirred by a sweeping criticism of universal military training, Major General Leonard Wood last night made a vigorous defence of the system in a second and unannounced speech he made before members of the Economic Club at a dinner held at the Hotel Astor.

"The Military Obligations of Citizenship," the general topic of discussion for the evening, ranged the announced speakers in distinctly opposed ranks, the general, President John R. Hibben of Princeton and Mayor Mitchell pleading for compulsory training, and Adolf Augustus Berle, a clergyman, author and educator, of Cambridge, Mass., taking a stand, with the Rev. Charles F. Aked, for a pacifistic idealism.

So high did the feeling run that the speakers were frequently interrupted and cheers and hisses met the various arguments. At the opening of the programme General Wood had delivered a brief plea for universal training, endorsing the Plattsburg and other forms of training. He was followed by Dr. Hibben, who declared that war is now a distinct possibility.

Facing Conflict of Duties

"We are in this country facing a conflict of duties," Dr. Hibben said. "We are compelled to choose between the comforts of peace and the horrors of war. As Americans we are pledged, just as we are as Christians, to pursue peace to the limit. But there is a limit, and we cannot turn our backs on duty."

Mr. Berle's arraignment of compulsory service began almost as soon as he had taken the rostrum. As he continued General Wood grew impatient, speaking frequently to President Hibben, to whose speech the anti-militarist several times referred.

"The question now is whether we are to reorganize with our brains or our emotions," Dr. Berle insisted. "Who is going to do that organizing and how is it going to be done? Dr. Hibben has said that the army bill in Congress calls for a great invisible army. That army is to be larger than the Prussian army before the war, which took 100 years to perfect. Can we do it in fifteen minutes. We have done nothing, and then we get hysterical and do the wrong thing."

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