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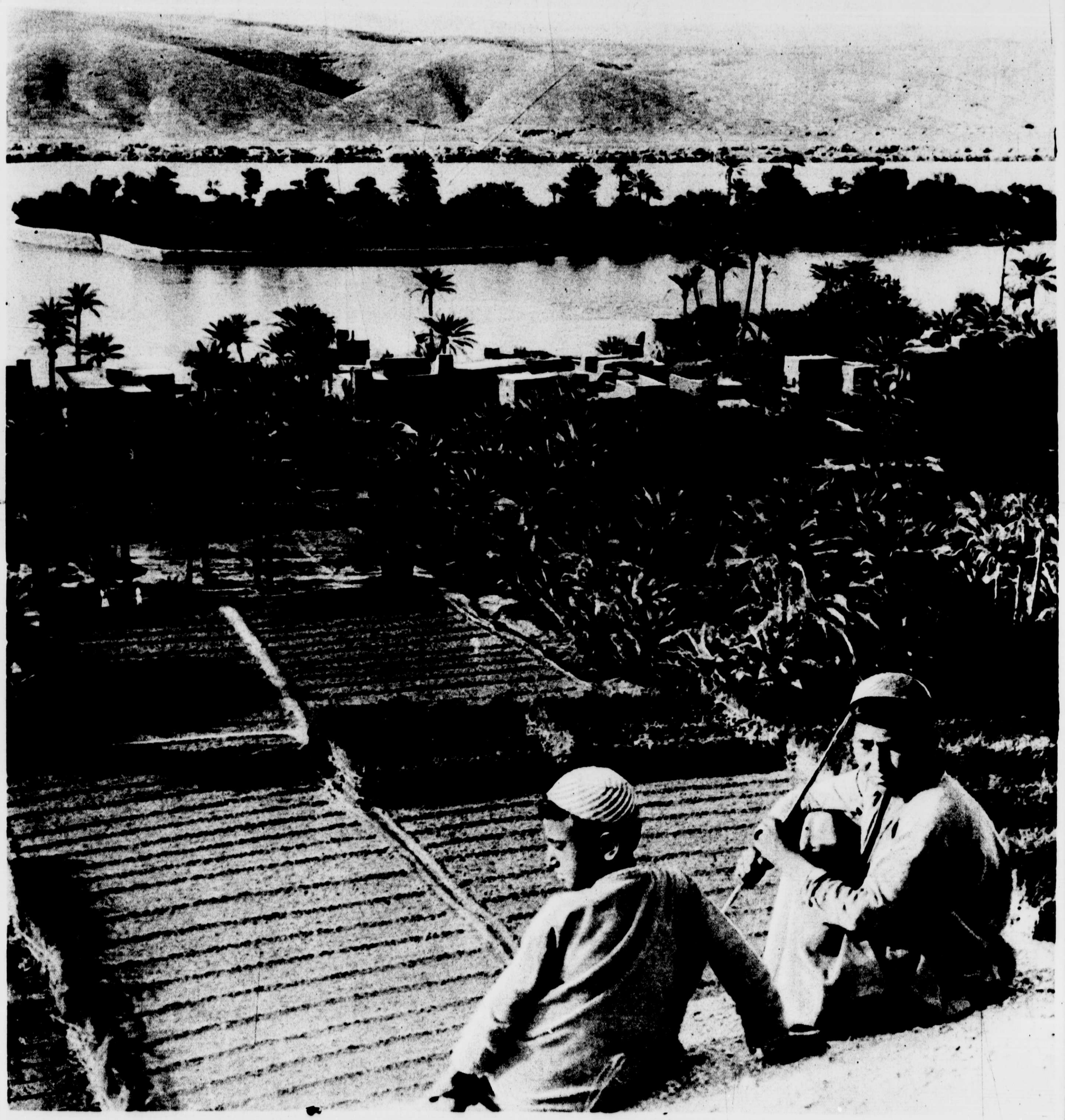
WAR'S GRIM BLIGHT ON THE GARDEN OF EDEN



THE FERTILE VALLEY OF MESOPOTAMIA ON THE EUPHRATES, IN THE PERSIAN GULF THEATRE OF WAR.

British troops are encamped in the valley of Mesopotamia, on the banks of the Euphrates, the region that many Biblical students have fixed upon as the location of the Garden of Eden. The soldiers have named one part of their camp "Serpent Corner," another "Temptation Square" and others by similar names, a brand of humor that the London *Times* saw fit to defend in a weightly editorial. The wonderful fertility of Mesopotamia lends color to the belief that it was the Biblical cradle of the race. Dates are its principal product, and a date palm tree will yield its owner an income of $40 a year and continue doing so for nearly a century.

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