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Holy Land Routs a Locust Army

Night Attack of Devastating Horde Turned Aside by Flame Guns in a Weird Conflict With Ancient Enemy

Jerusalem.—Why do hungry locusts migrate in incredible hordes? Science cannot tell us with certainty, though the plague has been written on this cloudy page. Palestine has always known this aerial visitation, so have Syria, Arabia and India. The Bible is full of allusions to agricultural havoc wrought by the locust, swarming in numbers where with no effort of man to have accepted these devastating swarms as a "net of God." But today the afflicted Holy Land has a modern Department of Agriculture which is not fatalistic, but able and anxious to accept the hissing challenge, going forth to battle against the locust with every engine of war known to the modern laboratories of destruction.

A MOONLIGHT BATTLE.

In age-old Jerusalem—a well-lighted, well-fortified and prosperous Holy City—I have been watching a terrific rout by moonlight of the aerial enemy with the Haifa Defense Corps and the Tiberias and Nazareth Field Companies in full offensive array—using flame-guns and new chemical bombs of special design.

Advance forces of the aerial foe were first reported just north of Amman, in the lonely tracts of Transjordan. The defenders advanced at once, spreading out over a space of 18,000 Palestinian dunums, or about seven square miles. Here the fray was fiercest. We had soon taken not less than twenty-seven tons of live prisoners, together with more than 100 bushels of eggs. These last, in clusters of from 25 to 125, are laid by the females in little holes scraped in the sandy soil by their hind legs.

Behind our lightning lines we had 500 soldiers ploughing, turning over the

ground where the eggs had been deposited. And our Arab and Hebrew camp followers were seen dumping these eggs into empty shells of unsanctified burial with shrieks of excited triumph.

AN ARMY OF DEFENCE.

There were daylight campaigns with British engineer officers in command of the attacking forces and soldier-chemists and naturalists in trim khaki as well. The true migratory locust was in full force against us, darkening the heavens in power, and darkening the hearts of the people in a whole country alerted and covered with twinkling adults; and with young wingless "hoppers" too, in various stages of moult. Native Arab farmers say that the whole life of a locust is no more than a year, with only one or two broods. Eggs laid in the fall hatch out in the following spring. When quite young, the "hoppers" show a gregarious habit. The families will mass together until they are "as the sands of the sea for multitude." But by what laws they migrate in the search of food, and how they are led and directed on the march or in flight, still remain among Nature's baffling secrets.

For all the tons weight we took, and all the Mischel baskets of eggs, these enemy forces continued to advance as though they had suffered no losses at all! Never have I imagined such a spectacle as we witnessed on the classic Plain of Isdraelon between Megiddo and Nazareth. My horse was often fetlock deep in red insects which had changed their color like chameleons, from a dull yellow-green when preparing to swarm in search of food. At times, indeed, my Arab mate was past her knees in the living, feeding masses that struggled upon grassy vines and ripening grain and fruit.

Our scouts, both official and volunteer, continued to report fresh incursions, descended apparently from the blue without warning. New swarms were down and feeding greedily between Jaffa and Haifa. Other aerial army corps were devastating the orchards of Tulkarem—and also the line from Hebron to Afula and the Bab el-Wad, at the edge of the Shephalah farming districts.

Even the roving Beduin were worried and afraid. It was strange to see gayly clad patriarchy down in Jericho at the telephone, praying for deliverance to white magicians up there in Jerusalem, where all knowledge was enthroned, and troops of khaki warriors armed with strange guns that shot out inextinguishable fires.

So ours was a harassed Department of Agriculture. And at high noon, as disheartening battle swayed back and forth, there were human casualties in our scattered ranks. What wonder, seeing that the locusts, even in thick degree groves, was then above 100 degrees?

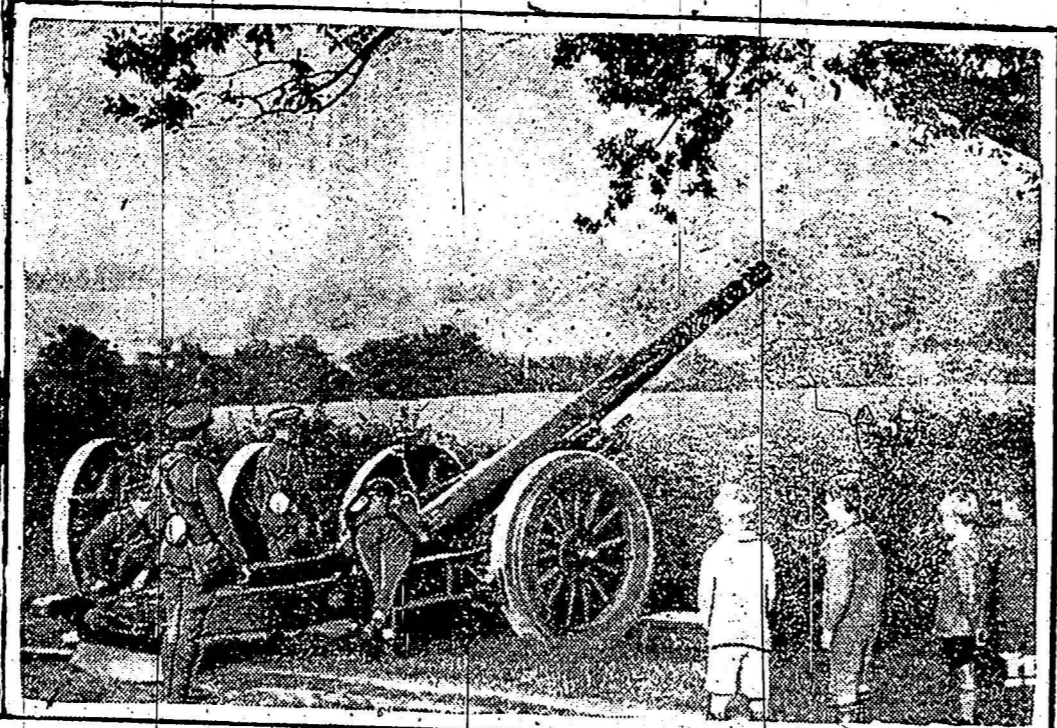
tion rayed and pierced with broad tongues of dazzling flame, a mile long it seemed, that withered and withered the locusts in countless myriads. We were now concentrating the assault on some ten square miles of invaded farm lands between Semakh and Daganiah. Here our flame guns, strategically placed to anticipate new outflanking motions of the invader, shot long bars of killing light in all directions, like the searchlights of a naval squadron searching out unseen attackers in the dark and stormy sea. And to all this dark and broken English, and you will visualize the weirdest war scene ever staged in the Holy Land since Joshua advanced upon walled Jericho with his destructive jazz.

Toward dawn intelligence officers

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British Artillery Keeps Its Eye In



ARTILLERY IN ACTION "SOMEWHERE IN SUSSEX"
Royal Artillery, interested in this incident of the divisional military operation of the Aldershot command in England.

"We shall fight all night," said our Commander-in-Chief. And so, as a pitiless sun sank over a poor and stony land, and faint airs played in brief, stifling twilight, the Tiberias and Nazareth Field Companies sallied forth again with more than seventy of their special flame-guns. A great round noon, serene and pale, showed eerily down, with their radiators blocked and choked by enemy masses.

FLAMES ROUT ENEMY.

Was anything ever more wonderful as the moonlit advance of scientific troops against this recurrent Plague of Egypt? The hot Eastern night was

WEARY VICTORS.

At dawn the Tiberias and Nazareth Field Companies packed up and left the field. On their way back to camp and barracks with their queer-looking "mechanized" forces lumbering out to bury the dead—whose mangled, mangled remains of work for those steam plough and mechanized shovels, and for gasoline trench-diggers and fussy Ford tractors.

Now were the human victims gay after routing these migrating swarms of devastation. Many of them had fought in bloody campaigns of the World War, from Gallipoli to White Russia, and from Antwerp to the jungles of East Africa. And what our flame-gun experts said about swarming locusts in the Holy Land—in pure English and many other languages—as they lunched home at sunrise, weary and gray—cannot be printed in the story of the Insect Campaign. No. 1. Times.

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The British High Commissioner

Sir William Clark has arrived in this Dominion to assume the duties of High Commissioner for Great Britain in Canada. It is forty-eight years since Canada named Sir Alexander Galt as her first High Commissioner in London, but Sir William is the first occupant of the complementary post to be chosen from the Empire.

In the first interview given on his arrival on these shores Sir William describes the functions which he has come here to carry out as "an additional channel of communication between the Government of Canada and that of Britain. Co-operation and interconsultation have for long past, one is glad to think, been the keynote of the relations between the two governments and it is hoped that the creation of my appointment may make the bonds between them still closer. So far as in me lies it will be my earnest desire to do everything in my power to further that end."

Such a declaration will have confounded those pessimists who saw in the appointment some sinister effort to undermine the British Empire and to weaken the cordiality of the relations now existing between London and Ottawa.

Sir William Clark has had a wide experience in the machinery of government administration. He is a man of outstanding talent and strong personality, and it is hardly likely that he will ever consent to do anything more than a transmitting agency between Ottawa and London. Sir William Clark announced that it will be his first task to travel throughout Canada from end to end in order to gain knowledge of the country and to dispense the varying outlooks of the people in the different provinces. Such a course has everything to commend it, and when he has returned to Ottawa he will be in a far better position to interpret the negotiations in which he is to play the part of go-between with such knowledge he will not merely be transmitting, but communicating, the Canadian view with a detached and impersonal outlook, rather than the partisan viewpoint of a Cabinet member who is bound to be influenced by the restrictions of political expediency.

The appointment of Sir William is a natural outcome of the Imperial Conference of 1928, by which the powers and privileges of the Governor-General in Canada were restricted, the Governor-General becoming the personal representative of the Sovereign while the latter Government transacted its business directly with the Cabinet at Westminster. Sir William Clark has worked well and the appointment of a High Commissioner should ensure an even smoother running of the machinery than at present.

It is a tradition in England that she sends to Canada men of outstanding ability and brilliant gifts. It is the poster of men who have served the Empire so ably as Governors-General must now be added those who are to serve in the exalted office of High Commissioner. It will be a post demanding ability and qualities of rare fact and generally. Sir William Clark's past record in the Board of Trade in India and in other branches of imperial service warrants the confident expectation that he will be a standard in the new office worthy of the past which will be difficult to surpass. In so doing he will help to support and follow the good wishes of the united people of Canada.—Montreal Star.

Legs and the League

London Sunday Dispatch (Ind. Con.). We congratulate the young women who effected an entrance to the Council room of the League of Nations without the guarantee of respectability afforded by stockings. If the League has a fault, it lies in a slight tendency to excessive detachment from common life. If its members follow the crest of the world in making the discovery of the female leg, it may help to humanize them and cannot hinder the work for peace.

This count for nothing nowadays.—Sir Oswald Mosley.

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Canada's Premier Visits Trenches

Party of Distinguished Visitors From Dominion Still Work in Progress

Paris.—Premier Mackenzie King of Canada, accompanied by a party of distinguished Canadian visitors, inspected the Canadian trenches occupied by the British and French Governments along Vimy Ridge, scene of the most bitter encounter of the Great War.

The tour was a thorough one, and the Premier expressed the opinion that the Canadian trenches held so gallantly opened up so that visitors could inspect the whole situation. He stated that the expense involved in the visit of the King and Premier to the trenches has been estimated at £100,000.

After viewing the position, the Premier declared that the Vimy Monument, which is being planned, will be a fitting memorial to the Canadian soldiers who fell in the battle of Vimy. He also stated that the Canadian Government will contribute £100,000 towards the cost of the monument.

Major Seagrave Will Attempt to Beat Record

Car Being Built Designed to Travel 240 Miles Per Hour

London.—Further progress now available of the new car, which was the first to travel over 200 miles per hour to attempt to establish a record on the London-Dartford road next March.

Many features of the car still remain a closely guarded secret, but it is designed to travel at 240 miles an hour. The car is 2 feet wide, the length 28 feet and weight 3½ tons. The car has been developed to carry a maximum of 1,000 brake horsepower, and is specially designed to reduce heat, since they will enable the car to pull up from 200 to 400 miles.

One of the most remarkable features of the equipment of the car is the use of a "telescopic sight" which will enable the driver to see 200 miles ahead. The car is also equipped with a "telescopic sight" which will enable the driver to see 200 miles ahead.

Each target will have a red eye. The driver when taking the bull's-eye on the first run will drive straight for the measured mile. Major Seagrave's car is completely assembled, which amounts to many thousands of pounds, is being borne by the business man. The week attempt on the London-Dartford road will be made on the 15th of March.

6,000,000-Year-Old Fossil Discovered in Central Asia

Roy Chapman Andrews Found Remains of Mammal 25 Ft. High

Bombay.—A 6,000,000-year-old fossil of the earth's largest mammals among the discoveries announced by the American Central Asiatic Expedition, just returned to Peking from a three-month expedition to the interior of Mongolia.

The monster is probably related to the Palaeotherium found in Belgium and must have been at least 25 feet high and weighed 15 to 20 tons. Mr. Andrews failed to find the "Peking man" fossils, but he is unexpectedly compensated by the discovery of important traces of the culture resembling that of the Peking man in a cave at Mas D'Azil and in its later stages in Scandinavia. Those people appear to have lived among the Mongolian and about 20,000 years ago and were doubtless vastly more numerous than the Mongols today.

Mr. Andrews thinks it probable that as Mongolia became more and more arid they migrated into China across Siberia, possibly as far as Alaska. The Andrews' expedition created a gathering 6,000,000-year-old fossil, giving much of the unknown territory.

To Make Sahara Bloom Like Rose

The French Have Scheme Which Will Change Africa's Future

An lengthy scheme which, for boldness of conception, rivals Ferdinand de Lesseps' achievement in making the Suez Canal, is now under the consideration of the French Government. Mr. Albert Darlan, Minister of Public Works, Mr. Paul Painlevé, Minister of War, Mr. Briand, Foreign Minister, and Mr. Lyautey, Governor-General, have all expressed themselves favorably on the subject, while Mussolini has approved the project as a Roman achievement. The originator of the scheme is an American, Mr. Dwight D. Davis, of Boston, who is now in the hands of the French Government.

The scheme is to reclaim some 10,000 square miles of the Sahara Desert by the use of the "Mothair" process, which involves the use of the "Mothair" process, which involves the use of the "Mothair" process, which involves the use of the "Mothair" process.

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Macdonald's Tour of Canada

British Labor Leader Finds Mining Families Well Settled on Farms

In his last speech before leaving for home, J. Ramsay Macdonald, British Labor leader and former Premier, said he objected to the term "Empire" as implying force, while in reality the great genius of the British Empire was its ability to maintain itself on an ever-growing atmosphere of understanding, sympathy and self-respect.

Canada's outstanding problem, he said, was immigration, a problem which was made it all the more acute by the fact that the country was now receiving a large number of immigrants from the United States, who had been brought over by the Government to help in the war effort.

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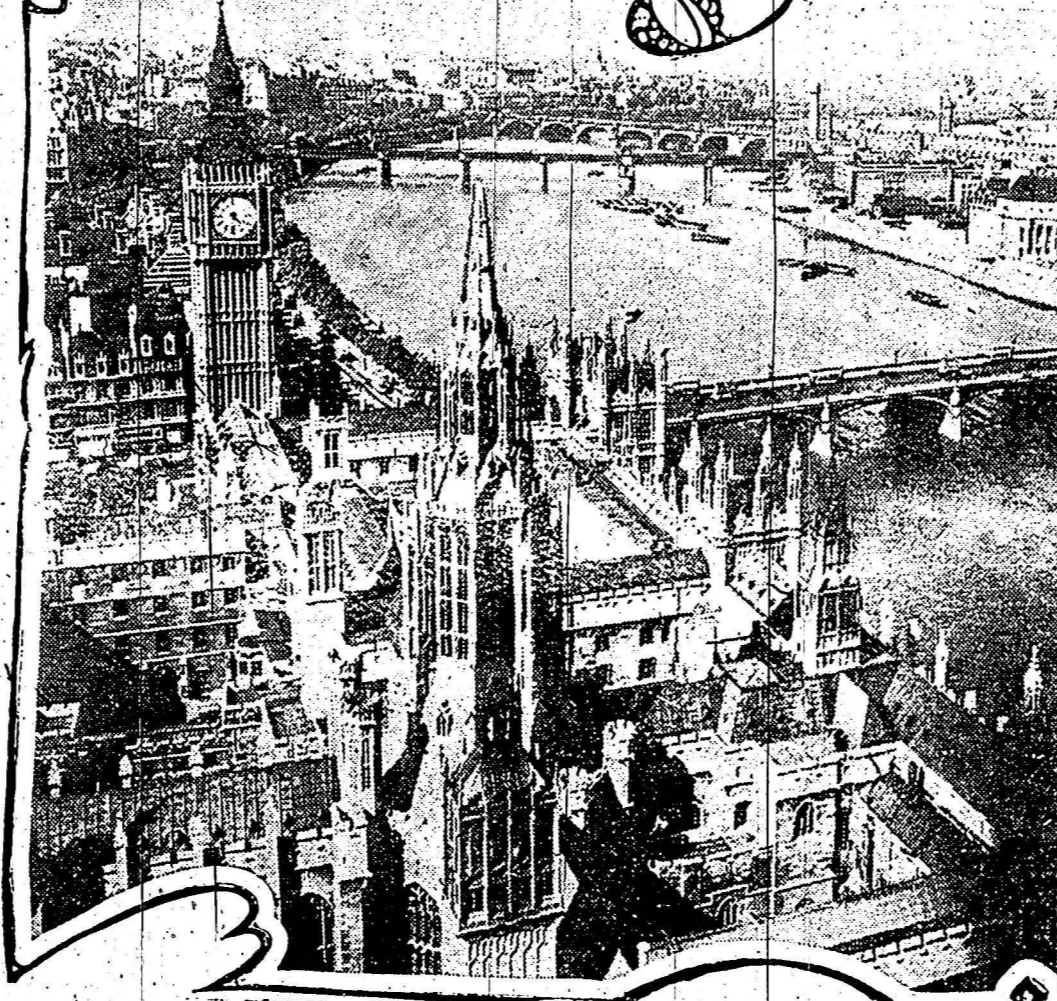
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Grim Old London in Happy Humor



Over the Thames River in foreground is the Westminster bridge; in background, the Hungerford bridge, and back of that, Waterloo bridge. The country hall is across the river, on the right. The extraordinary clearness of a summer day makes the buildings brilliant with light.

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