

shells into the town at the other end away from where the landing party had begun operations. The first shell hit only a donkey, but the second killed fourteen men, and the Arabs quieted down immediately. In all they had lost 37 or 38 in the return fire from the boats, and they offered no opposition as the boats drew away from the beach and rejoined the ship. The officers previously mentioned went down to the beach unmolested and returned to the ship also. The Hyacinth men, who had lost five killed and nine wounded (one of whom has since died), were angry and excited, looking upon the action of the Arabs as nothing short of murder. They were for razing the town, but the Hyacinth being in wireless communication with the Admiral on the opposite side of the Gulf at Jask, her captain felt compelled to ask for orders. He was instructed to impose on the Sheikh of Dibai a fine of Rs. 50,000 and three hundred rifles. This was paid.

A telegraph station and post office is to be erected at Dibai and it is understood that measures will be taken to keep the place under control. Had the Hyacinth men had their way, it is to be feared they would have made a sweep of the male population, and it is fortunate that they were kept well in hand.



### Kuweit.

With mingled hope and fear we left our last annual meeting of the Arabian Mission at Bahrein and made our way to Kuweit when we were authorized to make a final attempt to obtain a permanent footing in that much coveted corner of the Persian Gulf, with money given some time previous by interested parties of the Bronxville Church.

We paid the usual courtesy call at the British Residency and at the Sheik's Palace where we at once indicated to the Sheik the purpose of our coming. For some time we had had negotiations for obtaining land either by long lease or rent, but we all felt that an outright purchase would be the only satisfactory settlement, although probably none of us had much hope that such a settlement could be obtained. However, as we had been appointed to do the task we told the Sheik that only the purchase of land would really satisfy the mission.

Such a proposition would undoubtedly have provoked a flat refusal on his part, had it not been for the fact that the doctor had treated him, besides having performed an operation under chloroform upon his daughter, and done many services to his men upon his personal request. This placed him under great obligations to us and these things combined with his personal friendship for the medical men tended to make him favor our propositions. However, it was

not until after two weeks of strenuous work with him and his associates that we were able to bring about a sale. This deed was registered with the British Political Agent, and the Arabian Mission have thus obtained a site nearly 300 feet square. The site is a most favored one as it is on the breezy side of the town, and is upon the highest piece of land to be found anywhere along the sea front.

You all know just what a strategic point Kuwait represents in the plans of the Arabian Mission for the future occupancy of the interior of Arabia, for from here start the great caravans to the interior of all Nejd traversing the very important cities are Riad, Hail and Medina. At the present time it is second only to Baghdad in its importance as a distributing centre to the Arabs, and bids fair to be in the future the great Bedowin market of all Arabia.

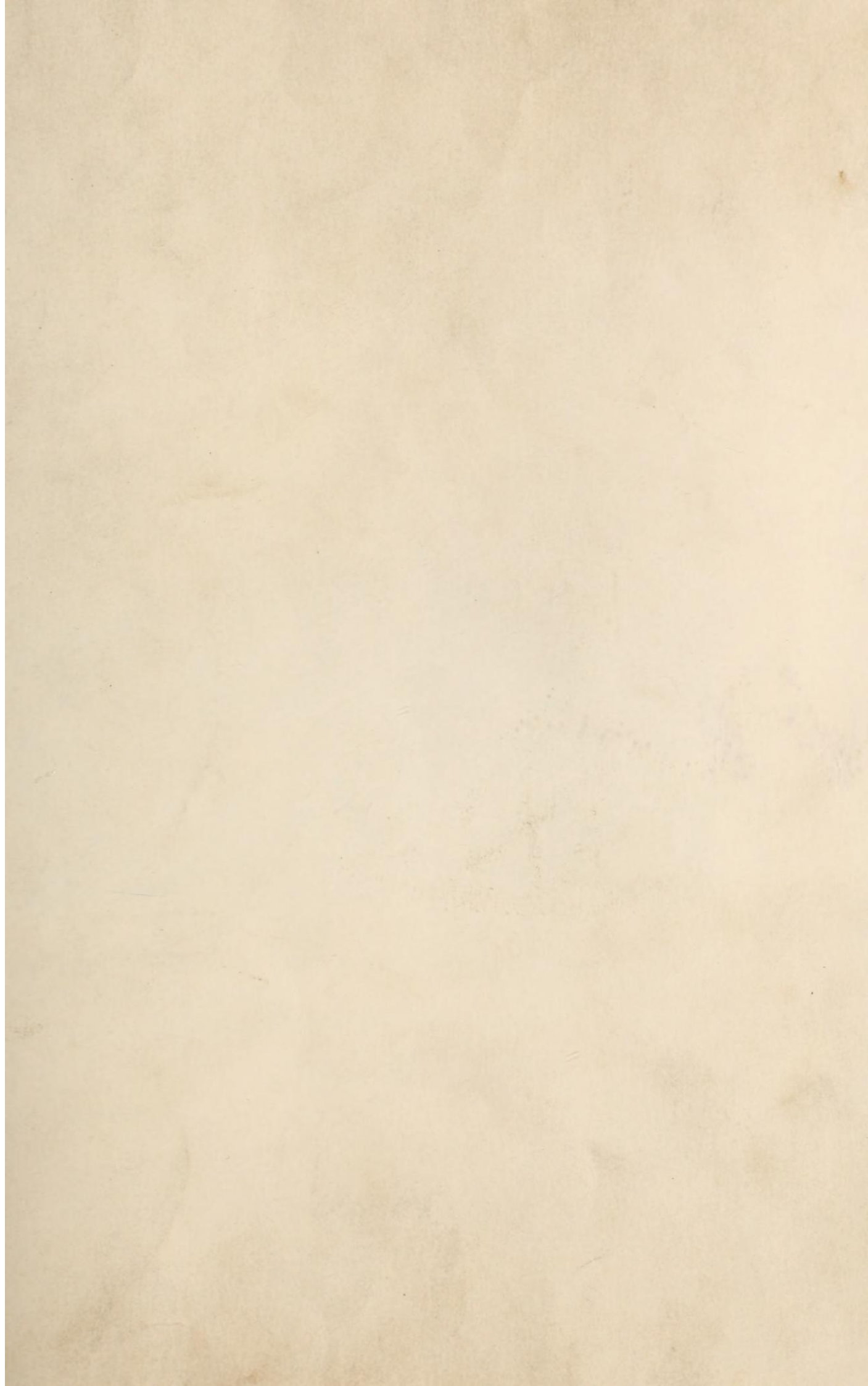
You all know of its importance as a projected terminus for the Baghdad Railroad, and will in some future day command the shipping of these parts, since here is the only harbor worthy of a name in all the Persian Gulf.

It is therefore with great thankfulness that we record progress which has just been made. For many years we have stood here waiting and praying for its doors to be opened, and now that so much has been accomplished we are confident that GOD will raise up money for the successful invasion of this new field.

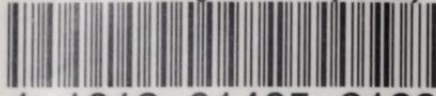
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