India.

THE LAND OF 350 MILLION PEOPLE AND 150 TONGUES

Royal Relatives familiar with the Taj Mahal, a memorial mausoleum owned by a former Mughul in memory of his wife.

One of India’s most beautiful cities is the Taj Mahal at Agra, a massive monument owned by a former Mughul in memory of his wife.

These elephants are drinking from a well, perhaps they are drinking water for their daily needs.

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Bahadurpur's Own Band turns out to greet the hero, exactly as the village band would turn out in Wiltshire or Worcestershire. Singh and the District Commissioner roll regally in a motor car just as their ancestors would do here.

Singh's Proud Father makes no attempt to conceal his satisfaction at the honour thus brought on his family.

The Conquering Hero, splendidly in the hour of his triumph, stands up to welcome everybody to get a good sight of him.

The Maternal Blessing bestowed in the presence of the female relatives obviously raises deep-seated emotions.

An Off-related Tale in Bahadurpur, possibly for generations to come, will be the story of how Acting Naik Nand Singh won his Victoria Cross fighting in Burma against the Japanese during the Second World War. This is family's first battle.
Iran and Iraq

About 150 American and British Oil-field Men Live at Kirkuk in Iraq

Discovery of near-by oil fields lifted this long slumbering pastoral town to fame and affluence. Its bridge spans a dry river bed which, after heavy rains, turns quickly into a roaring torrent. Alt near-by Tikrit the valiant Samson ledet, Saladin, was born (page 173).
This man from Mecca, Mohammed Demerdash by name, is a perfect Arabian type; which means that he is an individualist, likes to keep moving, can live on dates and water—as his forebears did in pre-Biblical times.

Bin Saal, leader of the sword-swinging Akhwan brotherhood, has oil for sale.

The Amir Abdullah of Transjordan kept his appointment with Author Lamb despite flood waters.
Ruthin, Overnight Stop on the Baghdad-Damascus Trail, Lies Near the Traversed Path of Iraq Oil Pipe Lines

Medieval in aspect, this British post was originally fortified against nomad raids. In 1941 it was attacked by Iraqi troops. Here the authors rested, on a flight from London to the Near East. To reach Ruthin you fly low, black, tent-like tents of wandering desert tribes. From a plane you see curved paths converging here, like a map of railway lines entering St. Louis or Chicago (page 171). This important post owes its position to the wells under the white road.

Millions of Date Palms Spread over the Shatt-al-Arab Delta about Basra and Its International Airport
Blotted from Big Drinks of Welcome Water, These Camels Now Bawl, Grunt, Wheeze, and Snooze in Satisfaction

Baghdad, Ancient Seat of the Caliphs, Scrawls along Both Banks of the Tigris
The Holy Land.
THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

CAMULE STILL, COME LANCE TO THE PLACE WHERE JESUS WAS BORN
Modern Jerusalem Overflows Its Ancient Walls as New Structures Rise on Adjacent Historic Hills

The magnificent Temple Area, elevated and walled, occupies the center of this air view. In the middle of the 3-acre plaza rises the Dome of the Rock, the Mosque of Omar. Solomon's Temple stood here. On the far right, in Kiriat Anfia, is the new Church of Gethsemane (page 10).
Tree Rows Are Spoken in a Bicycle-wheel Pattern Whose Sprocket Is the Circle of Houses—The Village of Nahalal

Jews reclaimed waste swamps and built up this thriving fruit-farm area of Enkik Jarrod in Palestine. Driving past the many such close-growing colonies in western Palestine suggests a trip through southern California or Florida's orange belt. Jewish migration to Palestine in the last generation or more, has built up a population of more than 425,000. Few old people arrive. Immigrants have come largely from Poland and Germany.
Because for seven or eight hot months of each year in forsaken Palestine not a drop of rain falls, neither well nor stream. But legend extolled the virtues of cool and living water, fountains, and brooks, and described vividly the fruits of these.
GENERAL
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Commander-in-Chief
Allied Forces in Italy.
A study by Oliphant.

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