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## A Heavy Artillery Duel is Reported in Artois Region

### German Troops Chased From Communication Trenches by Hand Grenades---A Violent Outburst From a German Editor---Briand's Mission to Italy.

PARIS, Feb. 10, via London.—The artillery duels between the French and Germans are continuing in the Artois district, according to announcements made by the French War Office this afternoon. The text of the communication follows: "In the Artois district the artillery duel has continued between Hill 119 and the road from Neuville to the Lus. An engagement with hand grenades resulted in our chasing the enemy from certain communication trenches which they occupied."

#### GERMAN EDITOR SAYS PRIMEVAL STATE OF CIVILIZATION WILL BE RESTORED

LONDON, Feb. 10.—German newspapers which reached here today publish long extracts from the speech made by Maximilian Harden, editor of the *Zukunft*, at a public meeting in Berlin, on February 5. He is quoted as saying: "We are yet unconvinced that we are fighting with our backs to the wall. As soon as we reach this conclusion, there will be war without mercy or quarter. The primeval state of civilization will be restored. Man will face man with wolf-like ferocity. If the world insists upon despising the Germans, then the word 'Europe' will lose all its sense and meaning. Europe can still be rescued. It is only the attitude of our enemies which conjured up the menace of destruction. If the rescue, however, is attempted at the expense of the German Empire, then it the world not deceive itself for a moment into thinking there will be any means whatever—let the world think what it pleases—which the German people will not joyfully turn against its foes."

#### ROMANIA ENGAGED IN IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GERMANIC POWERS

LONDON, Feb. 10.—According to the Salonika correspondent of the Daily Mail, Bulgarian officers stationed along the frontier have told Greek officers that their units were shortly to be transferred to the Roumanian frontier.

The Mail, referring to this and to other reports that have been received from Saloniki, Rome and Paris, says that they indicate that Roumania has reached the critical hour. "She is engaged," the Mail goes on, "in important negotiations with the Germanic powers, who seem to have taken most offensive steps." The reports include statements to the effect that when Germany has completed her concentration on the Roumanian frontier, she will demand that M. Bratiano hand over the premiership to M. Carp, the ex-Premier, who recently visited Vienna, and that the army shall be demobilized and an agreement made to observe neutrality. A grave note has been sounded at Bucharest.

#### BULGARIANS CLAIM THE RIGHT TO INVADE GREECE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTACKING ENEMIES

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Feb. 10, via London.—The government organ *Narodni Prava*, publishes a leading article asserting that Bulgaria has the right to invade Greece for the purpose of attacking the French and British troops there. It declared Bulgaria is not responsible for the fact that her enemies have violated the neutrality of Greece, and continues:

"Our enemies must not remain where they are. We have the right to seek our enemies and destroy them, in order that they may not threaten us. It may be hard for Greece to see foreign troops on her soil, but we cannot possibly permit the enemy to remain near our border. He must be driven out. We are prepared to meet all possibilities with the fullest confidence in our power to win a final victory."

#### GERMAN MINISTER EXPRESSES REGRET OVER SINKING OF DUTCH STEAMER

THE HAGUE, Feb. 9, via London, Feb. 10.—The foreign ministry today made the following official announcement regarding the torpedoing some time ago of the Dutch vessel *Artemis* by a German submarine:

"Very strong representations of the Dutch government through its Berlin minister, based on official depositions of witnesses, were made at Berlin at the same time that the German minister at The Hague offered his regrets. The Dutch foreign minister states that the German government, after the necessary investigation and after having seen the depositions of the Dutch witnesses, will eventually be ready to give satisfaction and to pay an indemnity."

#### SMYRNA BOMBARDED BY FRENCH.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—An Aliens despatch to the Daily Mail says that a squadron of French aeroplanes bombarded Smyrna Tuesday.

#### SWEDISH STEAMER TEXAS IS SAFE AT QUEENSTOWN

(Canadian Press.)  
London, Feb. 10.—The Swedish

steamship *Texas*, New Orleans for Gothenburg, which on Tuesday reported by wireless that her cargo of cotton was on fire, arrived at Queenstown today.

## ENQUIRY INTO OTTAWA FIRE WAS BEGUN THIS MORNING

(Canadian Press.)

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—Investigation of the fire which destroyed the Parliament building with a loss of seven lives, on Feb. 3, was begun this morning by two government commissioners, Judge McTavish and R. A. Pringle, K.C., in the council chamber of the city hall this morning. The work of examining the witnesses was undertaken by W. R. White, K.C., of Ottawa.

At the outset, Mr. Pringle referred to the appointment of Judge McTavish and himself as a commission to investigate the origin of the fire. He mentioned they had been given full powers to probe the matter. The material from the conflagration had not been great and in a few short months the building will be restored and would be better fitted to meet the requirements of the country. The loss of life was deplorable and the commission extends its sympathy to the relatives of those who had been victims of the fire.

#### Canada is at War.

Mr. Pringle then dealt with the causes of fires in big buildings and which, he said, would all be examined to see if they had application to the case under consideration. They had to remember, Mr. Pringle said, that Canada was at war. It was natural to suspect an enemy hand of having been connected with the destruction of the Parliament buildings. They knew fires had been discovered in the country to the south, which had been set in a very simple manner. They had knowledge of a case where spilt liquid was thrown upon papers. After awhile this burst into flames. Whether or not anything of this sort had occurred will be one of the most carefully considered subjects of their inquiry. Canada was at war, and if they were slumbering as to dangers, this fire, if of incendiary and enemy origin, will awake them.

Probably it was better to be awakened by this happening than sleep on until a greater disaster overtook them. If any man, woman or child knows anything of the start of this, it is their business to communicate it to us two, said Mr. Pringle in conclusion.

#### The Evidence Taken.

The first witness was E. L. Horwood, chief Dominion architect, explaining the the law-out of the various sections

## MONTREAL CITY HALL UNDER STRONG GUARD

Quebec, Feb. 10.—Mayor Martin of Montreal, who arrived here today in the interests of Montreal bills before the Legislature, is not yet convinced that the city hall is safe. The reason of his disquietude after yesterday's bomb scare is a second telephone message he received last night before he left for Quebec. A lady inquired whether the city hall was "yet" attacked. "Now this is a time when what may appear a farce must be taken seriously," said His Worship. Today I do not know whether that lady was an accomplice in any plot. How do I know she was not seeking information that would hold her?"

So until further orders, sixteen firemen and twenty constables will guard Montreal's civic home.

#### N. S. LEGISLATURE FORMALLY OPENED

Halifax, N.S., Feb. 10.—The last session of the present Provincial Legislature was opened this afternoon at three o'clock by Lieutenant Governor MacKeen.

## FOOD SHORTAGE IN GERMANY HAS BROUGHT PEOPLE TO VERGE OF STARVATION

### Extracts From Newspaper Advertisement Show That The Situation is Serious---Reports of the Victories Are Published to Allay Popular Discontent.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—While the German newspapers are telling of the Kaiser and his armies marching on from victory to victory and relating daily new exploits calculated to stir the people to enthusiasm, the fact that Germany actually is on the verge of starvation is becoming daily more apparent. This conclusion is not founded on the statements of alleged "neutrals," whose impressions necessarily are biased, but is based on reports of the actual conditions, as related by the German press.

The theory is advanced that the Berlin government encourages the publication of alarming reports on the food situation with a view to misleading the enemy. This is absurd. It is obvious that the government does not encourage the publication of advertisements like the following, displayed in Berlin papers:

"In view of the great shortage of fats, hotels, restaurants and all cooks are urged to make use of the new apparatus called the fats-separator, which, installed in an ordinary sink, prevents a particle of fatty matter from slipping through the drain."

Other advertisements from the German papers follow: "Werner & Metz, of Mainz, wish to buy hundred pound lots of rancid fat of any description." "The Phoenix Flour Milling & Grain Works require refuse of all descriptions." "Wolfer's Grocery, of Bingen, offers high prices for peanuts, but seorns horse-chestnuts."

"The Vorwaerts, the Berlin Socialist daily, cites the case of A. Fuerstenwalde, butcher, who offers to sell a pound of fat to clients buying goods with gold coins."

Those familiar with German appetites will realize the gravity of the situation by examining the daily menus printed in the newspapers. The following are taken from the Hamburg *Fremdenblatt*: Tuesday, dinner: Barley soup, pancakes, pickled beans, tomato sauce. Friday, dinner: Potato soup, fish pie. Saturday, dinner: Potato soup, oatmeal pudding, pickled cabbage.

The Magdeburg *Ische Zeitung* predicts a most serious situation. "We may expect a new period of hungering on an extensive scale," it says.

#### 300 LIVES SAID TO HAVE BEEN LOST WHEN THE SKODA AMMUNITION FACTORY WAS DESTROYED

PARIS, Feb. 10.—A despatch from Bucharest to the Balkan agency, which was delayed for five days, states that the damage to the Skoda armament factory in Bohemia was more serious than at first announced. Roumanian officials circles, the despatch says, have received confirmation from Vienna of the destruction of all the cannon which were in the course of manufacture, as well as all the plans and drawings in the draughting office. The dead number nearly 300 and several hundred were injured by the explosion which caused the disaster and which is said to have been the work of criminals who employed melinite for the purpose.

The despatch adds that the Austrian military censorship has prohibited the publication of the disaster in Austria-Hungary.

#### PRUSSIAN CASUALTY LISTS.

London, Feb. 10.—The Amsterdam *Courant* states that the Prussian casualty lists number 420 to 429 show 19,339 dead, wounded and missing, and Prussian lists numbered from 430 to 439 show 18,349 dead, wounded and missing. The total Prussian losses are computed by this newspaper as 2,377,378. The German military losses include also 335 lists of casualties in Wurttemberg forces, 247 Bavarian lists, 248 Saxon lists, 60 navy lists, and some lists concerning German officers and non-commissioned officers in the Turkish service, according to the *Courant*.

#### CLOSER AND MORE FRUITFUL COLLABORATION AMONG THE ALLIES TO BE ESTABLISHED

PARIS, Feb. 10.—The establishment of a closer and more fruitful collaboration between the Allies was indicated yesterday by Aristide Briand, the French Premier, as the chief purpose of his visit to Italy.

"I undertake this journey with the greatest confidence," said M. Briand to the Paris correspondent of the *Corriere della Sera*, of Milan, before he took the train for Italy.

"I feel certain that I shall gain from your statesmen, who have given such splendid proofs of intelligence and wisdom, the strongest support in carrying out the task of establishing among the Allies a closer and more fruitful collaboration."

## DEMAND REPRISALS FOR GERMAN ZEPPELIN RAIDS

(Canadian Press.)

London, Feb. 10.—Despite the announcement in the Standard yesterday that the Government had definitely decided against air raids on centres of German population as a measure of reprisal for the Zeppelin raids on English towns, the agitation in favor of reprisals continues in the press.

Lord Rosebery has written in favor of reprisals, while such prominent persons as Field Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood and Sir Edward Clarke oppose the suggestion.

Sir Wm. Maxwell Aitken, member of parliament for Ashton-under-Lyne, in a statement published today, sums up the arguments which have convinced him that the reprisals are urgently necessary. He states that it is the view of government experts that further German raids on a still larger scale are certain to occur. He adds: "It follows that many hundreds, perhaps thousands of women and child-

ren will probably be killed in England by Zeppelin bombs before the war ends, unless we find a method of stopping these raids. Is there such a method? It seems clear to me that the true and perhaps the only method of stopping them is the adoption of reprisals on a large scale. Let Germany know that every raid on civilians will be punished by a counter raid on civilians. A deep measure of responsibility will rest on any government which allows its women and children to be murdered because it is too refined and too cultivated to adopt, by way of reprisals, the only course which affords the slightest prospect of averting further murders. The time has come to act."

Mr. J. M. Robinson of St. John, arrived here last night. Dr. O. E. Morehouse, W.P.R., is in the city.