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Roumania Likely to Break Soon With Central Powers

Vienna And Berlin Are Adopting a Threatening Attitude Toward Roumanian Capital---Concentration of Troops On Bulgarian Side of the Danube---Activity on the Greek Frontier.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The tension between Roumania and the Central Powers appears to be approaching the breaking point, according to despatches from Italy and Roumania appearing in today's morning newspapers. The Daily Chronicle's Marmornitz correspondent says Vienna and Berlin are adopting a threatening attitude towards Bucharest, and that there has been a sudden concentration of men and guns on the Bulgarian side of the Danube, while Roumanian troops are entrenched on the western frontier, within fifty yards of the Austro-Hungarian lines. It is also stated, the correspondent says, that the Central Powers have demanded a "neutrality favorable to the Central Powers," as well as the demobilization of the Roumanian army.

CONCENTRATION OF FORCES ON GREEK FRONTIER.

MILAN, via Paris, Feb. 7.—A despatch from Athens to the Secolo says that French aviators report continued concentration of adversary forces on the Greek frontiers. German reinforcements are advancing from Uskub, to the northwest of Gievveli, fresh German regiments have arrived at Monastir, and Austrian forces are concentrating around Tchevikovo. A Bulgarian division, says the despatch, finally has left Kustendil, going southward, and the transfer of heavy artillery from Nish to the Bulgarian frontier is confirmed.

French and Bulgarian Mounted Patrols Were in a Skirmish Sunday Near Salient (Canadian Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 7.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Saloniki says: "There was a skirmish Sunday between French and Bulgarian mounted patrols, on the Doiran front at a salient about 227 kilometres south of the front line. It resulted in two of the French troops being wounded."

The Bulgarian casualties are not known. This was the first clash since the Entente Allies' retirement to their new lines.

A Reorganization of London's Aerial Defences is Likely in the Near Future

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—A cable to the Herald says: The Times announces that Sir Percy Scott will relinquish command of the air defences of London at the end of this week, and that they will be taken over by the staff of the home army, of which Lord French is commander-in-chief. The newspapers of England have insisted strongly on a reorganization of London's aerial defences, especially since the last big Zeppelin raid. A week ago it was announced that the Admiralty, which heretofore has been in charge of the work, would be relieved of the development and supervision of the defence corps, and that the War Office would have supervision over it, with the Admiralty co-operating.

Explosion in a Skoda Munitions Factory Caused the Death of 195 Persons

MILAN, Italy, via Paris, Feb. 7.—A Bucharest despatch to the Secolo says that in the explosion at the Skoda armament factory in Bohemia, 195 workmen perished. Three buildings were blown up, the despatch adds, including the one in which the famous 12-inch hydraulic cannons were made.

A Rome despatch dated February 6 said that according to the Bucharest correspondent of the Messagero, the great Skoda works at Pilsen had been partly destroyed as the result of an explosion.

The Turkish Official Report Tells of the Bombardment of Villages by Allied Warships

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 7, via London.—The following official report has been issued at the War Office:

"Trak Front—Situation unchanged.

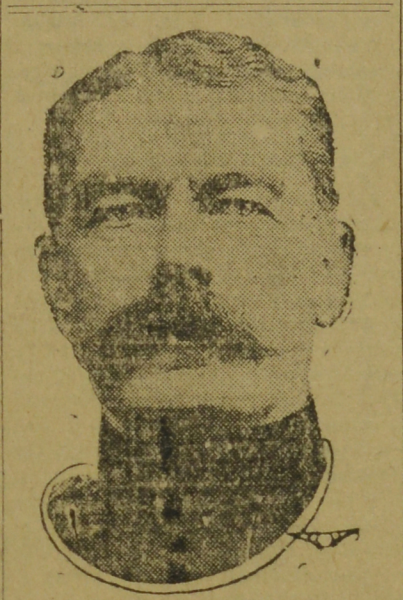
"Caucasian Front—Enemy attacks against our positions and against outposts in several sectors have been repulsed.

"Dardanelles Front—On Friday a Turkish aeroplane, piloted by Lieut. Kronhais, pursued a British biplane. The latter was shot down between the island of Imbross and Gabateppe, on the Gallipoli Peninsula, and fell into the sea. Two cruisers bombarded Tekke Burnu, in the vicinity of Seddul Bahr. Our Anatolian batteries replied and the cruisers withdrew after firing thirty shells.

"On Thursday two enemy warships fired forty shells on two villages in the Pofingama sector, in the Gulf of Smyrna."

KITCHENER MAY LEAVE WAR OFFICE

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Changes of great importance in the direction of the war are contemplated, says the Daily Sketch. It asserts that Earl Kitchener will probably leave the War Office. The Sketch also says that Sir Wm. Robertson, now chief of staff, probably will take over active direction of the war without interference, except from the cabinet as a whole, and that a civilian of real ability for organization will become Secretary of War.



LORD KITCHENER.

In the event that Earl Kitchener leaves the War Office, the Sketch adds, he will undertake work of an important character elsewhere.

Mr. G. F. Burt of Hartland, is at the Queen.

ARE GERMANS PLANNING INVASION OF CANADA?

Dominion Police Discuss a New York Report That 200,000 Germans Are Arming---Do Not Believe That Recent Fires Were of Incendiary Origin.

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—In reference to the report in the New York Herald of the purchase of 200,000 Mauser rifles and that an effort is to be made by Germans in the United States to invade Canada, blow up the Welland Canal, etc., the Dominion Police state that they have been on the lookout for purchases of rifles in the United States. The department has on different occasions received intimation that rifles were being purchased by Germans. Nearly all these clues were followed up and in the majority of cases they were found either to have gone to Mexico or to one of the allied nations. As this is secret service work, the Dominion Police of course are not making the results of their searches public. But they do not seem to think there is any immediate likelihood of an invasion.

"They were going to invade Canada," said one of the officials, in a non-committal way, "when the war first broke out, according to rumors; but it never happened. However, we are not taking it for granted that they will not try to enter Canada. We are following up all the clues."

Regarding the statement that the destruction of the Parliament Building and the Grant Holden-Graham factory was attributed to German sympathizers by the Canadian secret service officials, Col. Sherwood's men absolutely deny such a story.

"We never said that," the Canadian Press was informed at Col. Sherwood's office, "and we never said it because we do not believe it. We feel assured that when the investigation into the fire is held it will be shown that the fire was not of incendiary origin."

THE GERMANS LEVY ON THE CITY OF VILNA

London, Feb. 7.—A fine of 75,000 marks is said by Reuter's Petrograd correspondent to have been levied on the people of the city of Vilna by the German authorities on the ground that the recent great fire there was of incendiary origin. The flames reached the headquarters of the general staff of the German army operating on the front between Vilna and Baranovich.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY IN NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 7.—Herbert Sandler, 29 years old, last night shot and fatally wounded Miss Mary McNeil, 18 years old; killed Oscar Johnson, 29 years old, who had escorted her to her home here from a reception, and then committed suicide. According to the police, Sandler was an admirer of Miss McNeil, who spurned his attentions when she learned he was married. Miss McNeil died a few hours after being taken to the hospital.

MANITOBA METHODISTS WILL FORM A BATTALION

Winnipeg, Feb. 7.—Major J. E. Hanford, of the 14th Battalion, will recruit here a battalion of Methodists, the 203rd, for overseas service. The battalion is endorsed by the Methodist ministerial association.

THE LUSITANIA CASE MAY BE SETTLED

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—Chairman Stone, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said today, after conferences with administration officials, that it was his impression that the Lusitania case was "practically settled." He did not go into details.

WILL GUARD LEGISLATIVE BUILDINGS AT REGINA

Regina, Sask., Feb. 7.—A special guard of provincial police has been placed in the Provincial Parliament buildings.

"WE ARE PASSING THROUGH DARK, DAMP DAYS WHICH ARE NOT GOOD FOR THE SOUL"

Rudyard Kipling Gives Out Remarkable Interview On The War---When a Whole Nation Goes Into the Trenches There Can be no Victory, He Says.

PARIS, Feb. 6.—Rudyard Kipling has given out the following interview: "We are passing through dark, damp days, which are not good for the soul. I have known some black moments, and doubtless shall know more. The German is exploiting all the psychological factors he is capable of understanding, and his press just now is engaged in confirming the world in the idea of a motionless and unbeatable Michael, straddled across Europe and disdainful of his little enemies. But the idea is beginning to penetrate the Teuton's head that this is not a war of victories, but a war of extermination for his spies. We in Britain are better informed on this point than we were a year ago."

"When a whole nation goes into the trenches there can be no victories; there can only be killing, and at least three nations desire greedily that the Teuton be killed in retail since he cannot be killed in wholesale. The German cannot withdraw from his present lines. He dare not, because he would have to explain that action to his own people. He must use himself up gradually, either by advancing and winning victories or by staying where he is."

THE QUESTION OF INDEMNITY TO GERMANY HAS DISAPPEARED BY FORCE OF FACTS

"And when he is used up there will be very little of the German problem to settle. That is the end whereto the destinies are forcing us, despite all the efforts we have made to avoid it. The question of indemnity to Germany has disappeared, by the force of facts. If she claimed one it would be cheaper to continue killing. If she demands peace without indemnity, returning to the status quo, what guarantee will there be that as soon as civilization is disarmed she will not throw herself on us again? The moral law directing her life compels her to do so."

"That is why her spy-ships cannot be allowed to go to sea again. She cannot wage any more war than she is now waging, because she is engaged on all possible fronts. She can defend and consolidate her conquests, but what good is consolidation when she perpetually has to throw men into the fringe of fire burning around her?"

"All have decided that she shall perish by her own act, from the consequence of the law that she professes, and through her own temperament. If the Allies had won five or six months ago, they would have left Germany still capable of regaining her lines."

GERMANS WILL REMAIN ON THE DEFENSIVE IN SOCIAL, MORAL AND POLITICAL TRENCHES

"No Germany shall remain. This may sound extravagant, but all that will remain will be a few people living on the eternal defensive in moral, social and political trenches. Grant that everything in Germany favors a defensive impossible to break, an influx of foodstuffs which cannot be stopped, a people indefinitely enthusiastic for war. Even then, we must hold on. France, who has had the flesh of her flesh; Britain, with her half million losses and about to pay more; Russia, with her dead impossible to count. All the rest are before us in the same ditch, and as far as Britain and the Empire are concerned, we can put as many into the lines in France to hold the Teutons as the French have."

"Regarding the financial situation, if I were younger, I would say an immense wave of prosperity follows every war; but I leave that for the people twenty years younger, and accept the commoner belief that universal ruin awaits us. But when the whole world is materially ruined each nation will be as rich as its neighbor."

THINK CENTRAL EUROPE WILL BE ADMINISTERED LIKE AN ESTATE, FOR ALLIES' BENEFIT

"I imagine that in Britain, where small subscribers are not numerous, a certain proportion of debt will be simply effaced or repudiated for the just reason that men rich enough to lend the big sums to the state are rich enough to lose them. It is immoral, but we should only laugh, and so would even the rich men thus forced to lose."

"Perhaps they would receive titles or nobility, a compensation that would be an admirable and practical apotheosis for our national snobbery."

"Anyhow we shall see funny finances and the spectacle of central Europe administered like an estate for the benefit of France, Russia, Italy, Serbia, Montenegro, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, South Africa, India and Belgium."

GERMAN REPORT IS GIVEN A FLAT DENIAL

London, Feb. 7.—The following official statement was issued here today: "A German wireless message today quotes: The Koelnich Zeitung reports from the Dutch frontier that on the occasion of the recent air raid on England, H. M. S. Caroline was struck by a bomb in the Humber and sank, with great loss of life. Neither the Caroline nor any other of His Majesty's ships, nor any merchant ship, large or small, was struck by a bomb in the Humber or in any other port."

NEW MOTION IN THE CASE OF S. S. STORSTAD

Montreal, Feb. 7.—In the Admiralty Court this morning, in the case of the C. P. R. and the owners of the steamer Storstad arising out of the sinking of the liner Empress of Ireland, a motion was made before Justice Dunlop to have W. Simpson Walker, K. C., assess the damages awarded. The motion was left in abeyance.

Vancouver, Feb. 7.—Two small children of Thomas Hensall, of Vancouver, were burned to death Saturday at Sumas, where they were visiting.

OFFENSE ACKNOWLEDGED.

The second offense against the Canadian Temperance Act charged against the Barker House was before the police magistrate this morning. The offense was acknowledged and a penalty of one hundred dollars fine or two months in gaol was imposed. Mr. P. J. Hughes appeared for the accused and Mr. R. B. Hanson for the prosecution.

HORSE RAN AWAY.

The horse driven by Major C. G. Pincombe's orderly ran away on Queen street Saturday evening after a portion of its harness gave way. The animal was caught on York street before any further damage was done.

HEAVY ARTILLERY ENGAGEMENTS REPORTED.

Berlin, Feb. 7, via London.—Artillery engagements of terrific intensity have been in progress in the sector between Labassee and Arras, in northern France, and south of the river Somme. German army headquarters announced today.