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Hon. A.J. Balfour Replies to Diatribes of Von Hertling

**Belgium is the Victim of German Crimes
and Must Not be Punished for Them
---Huns Must Abandon Policy of Am-
bitious Domination.**

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Foreign Secretary Balfour replied last night in the House of Commons to criticisms of his recent speech concerning Von Hertling and Count Czernin, made by Richard Holt, a radical member. Mr. Balfour maintained his previous position that nothing had yet happened to make diplomatic conversations fruitful of good results.

Mr. Balfour said that unless German militarism had become a thing of the past, and there was in existence a hall or court armed with executive powers making the weak as safe as the strong, it would never be possible to ignore the principles underlying the struggle for the balance of power.

"I am convinced," he continued, "that I should be doing an injury to the cause of peace if I encouraged the idea that there is any use in beginning these verbal negotiations unless something like a general agreement is apparent in the distance, and until the statesmen of all the countries see their way to that broad settlement which, it is my hope, will bring peace to this seriously troubled world."

THE CASE OF BELGIUM THERE MUST BE UNCONDITIONAL RESTORATION AND REPARATION

Mr. Balfour justified his previous attitude on the ground that Von Hertling and Count Czernin spoke after a conference and agreement. He said that Richard Holt, radical M. P., whose amendment to the address to the throne expressing regret concerning the decision of the Versailles conference was offered in the House of Commons two weeks ago, appeared to be the only person in the world who considered Von Hertling's reference to Belgium satisfactory.

"Many questions must be settled at the peace conference," he said, "but the question of Belgium is the best touchstone of the purpose of the Central European diplomacy, and especially of German diplomacy. There is only one course for the offending nation in this case, namely, unconditional restoration and reparation."

VON HERTLING'S LIP SERVICE TO WILSON'S PROPOSITIONS NOT JUSTIFIED BY PRACTICE

"Belgium has been the victim, not the author of the war's crimes, and why should she be punished because Germany is guilty? Germany always had in mind new territorial, commercial or military conditions which would prevent Belgium taking an independent place among the nations, which Germany and ourselves were pledged to preserve. What we had to consider is how far Von Hertling's lip service to President Wilson's four propositions really is exemplified by German practice."

The foreign secretary continued: "You could understand a German taking a different view of the French, British, Italian and American governments, but not a German discussing the principles of essential justice and saying, 'there is no question of Alsace-Lorraine to go before a peace conference.'"

HUNS SHOULD ABANDON POLICY OF AMBITIOUS DOMINATION NOW OVERSHADOWING THE WORLD

"Regarding President Wilson's second proposition, we have had within the last few weeks an example of how Von Hertling interprets in action the principle he so glibly approves in theory. To take one instance only, the cession of Polish territory to the Ukraine. We would like to know how the Germans came to make this gross violation of their principle. If Von Hertling really wants to make the balance of power antiquated, he can do it by inducing his countrymen to abandon that policy of ambitious domination which overshadows the world at present."

"I return to President Wilson's third and fourth principles. Consider for a moment how Von Hertling desires to see the principle that the interest and benefit of the populations concerned should be considered in peace arrangements. He mentions two countries he wishes to see restored to Turkey, namely, Palestine and Mesopotamia. Does anyone think that it would be to the interest and benefit of the populations concerned?"

German Methods.
"Von Hertling accuses us of being animated with purely ambitious designs when we invaded Mesopotamia and captured Jericho. I suppose he would say that Russia was similarly moved when she occupied Armenia; but when Turkey went to war she picked a fight with us for purely ambitious purposes. She was promised by Germany the possession of Egypt. Would the interest and happiness of the population of Egypt be best conserved by Turkish conquest of Egypt?"

"The Germans, in search for the greatest happiness of these populations, would have restored Egypt to the worst rule the world has ever known. They would have destroyed Arab independence and abandoned Palestine to those who had rendered it sterile all these centuries."

"How could anyone preach seriously a profession of faith about the interests of populations, after this evidence of the manner in which Von Hertling desires to see it carried out? If the Reichstag had any sense of humor it must surely have smiled when it heard that the Chancellor, in dealing in that spirit with the domination doctrine of every important German statesman, soldier and German thinker for two generations at least. So much for the four principles which Mr. Holt says Von Hertling accepts and which he thinks the British government is backward in not accepting. I hope my short analysis may have convinced them that there are two sides to that question."

The Invasion of Russia.
"I cannot, however, leave Von Hertling without making some observations upon the Russian policy which he defines. That also is a demonstration of German methods. He tells us the recent agreements with Russia were made on the earnest appeal of the populations for protection against the Red Guard and other bands, and the invasion was therefore undertaken in the name of humanity."

"We know that the east is the east and the west is the west, and that the German policy of the west is entirely different from the German policy of the east."

Why This Difference?

"The German policy in the east recently has been directed toward preventing atrocities and devastation in the interests of humanity, while German policy in the west is occupied entirely in performing atrocities and devastation. Why this difference of treatment of Belgium on one side and other countries on the other? I know of no explanation except that Germany is pushing her methods with remorseless insistence and varies her excuses."

LOSS OF LIFE ON FLORIZEL TOTALS 92

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

St. Johns, Nfld., Feb. 27.—Men from the steamer Terra Nova who boarded the Red Cross liner Florizel after word reached here today that signals had been observed on the ship rapidly breaking up on the rock near Cape Race, reported that there was no living person aboard. Every part of the vessel remaining above water was searched and the bodies of five men and a woman were recovered. None however was identified. The body of an unidentified woman was washed ashore this morning.

Advices to the government authorities that fisher folk had received signals from survivors on the Florizel caused the immediate despatch of the Terra Nova to the scene, although agents of the Red Cross line declared that all survivors had been taken off by the rescue fleet which returned here Monday with 44 persons, most of them members of the crew.

Of the 136 men and women who sailed from this port on the Florizel Saturday night 92 were lost.

WELL KNOWN MISSIONARY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, Feb. 28.—Rev. Frederick G. Harrington, D. C. L., for 25 years a missionary in Japan, is dead of pneumonia following a surgical operation at the Royal Victoria Hospital here. Dr. Harrington was born at Sydney, N. S., 61 years ago. He was educated at Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S., and later at the University of Chicago, and was a distinguished linguist.

The deceased was a cousin of Mrs. L. C. Macnutt, of Fredericton.

WAR SITUATION DISCUSSED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—A frank statement of the war situation was submitted by members of the government this morning at the opening session of the Women's Conference. The women were from every province and representatives of leading women's organizations. They were welcomed by the Governor General and the Duchess of Devonshire. Afterwards they were addressed by Hon. N. W. Rowell, president of the provincial council, Major General Mewburn, Hon. T. A. Crerar, Sir George Foster and Senator Robertson.

CANADIANS CARRY OUT MORE SUCCESSFUL RAIDS

**Small Party of Nova Scotians Pulled Off
Daring Exploit---A Machine Gun and
Some Prisoners Captured.**

(By W. A. Wellison, corres. of Canadian Press.)

CANADIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, via London, Feb. 27.—Raiding the enemy by night Sunday, Canada in the field is continuing the policy of trench activity with marked success. No less than three raids have been carried out in the past twenty-four hours, netting us enemy prisoners and a machine gun. Without the support of artillery, an officer and seven men of the Nova Scotia troops attacked an enemy position in Lens last night. Creeping through the ruins of a village, they first shot and killed an enemy sniper. Then the officer and three men, breaking through the breach in the wall, entered a shallow enemy trench, where four of the enemy were killed. Others forced to take shelter were bombed in their dugouts. The single Hun in the enemy bombing post who showed fight, made a good stand until finished with a grenade. Then, taking their prisoners with them, the party withdrew, followed by a sharp boche artillery barrage. Only one of our men was slightly injured by a bomb splinter.

CARRIED OUT A DAYLIGHT RAID.

In another sector some Quebec men, supported by a fifteen-minute bombardment by our artillery, trench mortars and machine guns, carried out a daylight raid into an enemy position, but the Hun had taken shelter and no prisoners were secured.

At approximately the same time Manitoba troops also were carrying out a daylight stealth raid in which they were successful in entering an enemy position and securing a machine gun abandoned by the boches, who had retired. The artillery continues its usual activity, while the enemy heavily shelled Lieves yesterday for practically the whole day, further wrecking this already ruined village. Though enemy airplanes have been less active, our own machines have been very busy, continually crossing the enemy lines.

RETURNS SHOW TRADE BUOYANT IN FEBRUARY

The customs returns for February at the port of Fredericton show a marked trade buoyancy. They are as follows:

February, 1918.	
Dutiable goods	\$66,657
Free goods	9,776
Total value	\$76,433
Duty collected, \$8,801.64.	

February, 1917.	
Dutiable goods	\$22,002
Free goods	89
Total value	\$22,091
Duty collected, \$4,534.93.	

Increase in duty collected for February, 1918, as compared with the corresponding month last year, \$4,266.71.

The amount of duty collected for the first eleven months of the current fiscal year, April to February, inclusive, was \$149,371.51, as compared with \$101,091.07 collected in the same period last year, a gain of \$48,280.44 for the present year.

PREMIER OF B.C. IMPROVING

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Calgary, Feb. 27.—Premier Brewster of British Columbia is reported resting easily at eleven o'clock tonight, and his physicians are hopeful of his recovery.

A later despatch says that Premier Brewster's condition was regarded as very serious at 10.30 this morning. The pneumonia has affected his right lung, which is said to be filling up. A consultation of physicians is being held.

LAWLESSNESS IN IRELAND

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Feb. 28.—The newspapers continue to print reports of seizures of land and other acts of lawlessness by Sinn Feiners in Ireland. The police are said to be unable to prevent the disorders. Among the minor incidents is a report that Sinn Feiners seized American flags which two boys were carrying in a street in Galway and tore and burned them.

APPROVED BY VIENNA PRESS

ZURICH, Feb. 27.—A Vienna despatch to the Munich Neueste Nachrichten says that Imperial chancellor Von Hertling's speech meets with the general approval of the Vienna press.

THE GERMAN PEOPLE LAY THEIR TROUBLES AT THE DOOR OF THE KAISER

**The War Lord Denounced in Pamphlets
Circulated in Berlin During Recent
Strike---Huns Now Despised, and
Hated all Over the World.**

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

LONDON, Monday, Feb. 11.—Some of the pamphlets which were secretly circulated in Berlin during the recent strikes consisted of savage attacks on the German Emperor, a fact which was admitted and deprecated recently by the German press. One of these pamphlets, smuggled out of Germany, has reached the Liverpool Daily Post, which gives a literal translation, which is in part as follows:

"When will peace come? It will come when Germany is ready for it, and the time is approaching. It will come when Germany has learned the lesson of the war; when it has found, as every other nation has had to learn, that the voice of Europe cannot be denied with impunity."

PEOPLE HAVE SACRIFICED ALL, AND HAVE NOTHING IN RETURN BUT DISEASE AND DEATH

"The hour of peace will strike when Germany no longer heed the makers of war; when they despise and hiss the apostles of militarism and jingoism. Peace will come when the Germans say to their Emperor: 'You, whom we have followed and obeyed; you, for whom we have sacrificed ourselves and our dear ones; you, who have not spared even our ideals and beliefs and traditions, for you we have sacrificed all—and what have we in return? Nothing but hunger and cold and nakedness, disease and death, ruin and destitution.'"

ALL OVER THE WORLD GERMANS ARE DESPISED FOR ON THEM RESTS THE CURSE OF CAIN

"Never before in the history of the world has there been sacrifice so great or so willingly made. Before our heroic deeds the armies of Napoleon shrivel, and what have we won by it? Four years ago the world lay at our feet, visitors from every land came to our cities; all over the world the industry of our merchants was successful; everywhere the German spirit was welcomed. Will it ever be so again."

"All over the world we are now despised and hated. On our forehead rests the curse of Cain. Men shut us in the street and our language is forbidden. We have you, Emperor William—we have you to thank that the achievements of a century of national effort have been lost. We will no longer follow you."

The pamphlets speak with still greater plainness of the ambition, vanity and personal cowardice of the Emperor.

SOLDIER VOTE CAST IN ENGLAND CHANGES RESULT IN P. E. ISLAND

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—Overseas soldiers' votes issued this morning elect McIsaacs, government candidate in Kings, and Nicholson, government candidate in Queens, P. E. I., increasing the government majority from sixty to sixty-four. McIsaac received 148 soldiers' votes in England, as against only fourteen cast for Hughes, his opponent. This gives the former a total vote of 2,889, a majority of 52. In the double seat of Queens, P. E. I., Nicholson got 395 soldier votes, increasing his total to 5434. Warburton, his Liberal opponent, received only 23. Sinclair, the second Liberal in Queens, won out by four votes. He also received 23 soldier votes in England, making his total 5377. Martin the government candidate, with 391 soldier votes, was four behind this figure with 5373 votes. In Kings county Lafursey, government, received 270 soldiers' votes and Read, his opponent, 34. Read's total however, is 4297 against 3974 for Lafursey.

BAN ON BIBLE LITERATURE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Mattoon, Ills., Feb. 27.—An order forbidding the distribution of alleged antiwar literature by members of the International Students Association was issued today by United States commissioner McIntyre. At the same time commissioner McIntyre ordered W. G. Wallers, and Miss Emma Timms, leaders in the local organization, held to the grand jury for alleged distribution of the literature. Wallers asked protection tonight, declaring he had been threatened by mob violence. Wallers is chief statistician of the St. Louis division of the Big Four Railway and Miss Timms a school teacher.

RAID ON BOOTLEGGERS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Calgary, Feb. 27.—In a raid upon an organized band of bootleggers, police shot and wounded perhaps fatally, a C. P. R. brakeman of the party.

DR. HANNA, M.P., PASSES AWAY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Perth, Ont., Feb. 27.—Dr. A. E. Hanna M. P. for Lanark County, died suddenly at his home here this morning. He was apparently in good health on retiring. Mrs. Hanna found him dead in bed. Dr. Hanna has represented Lanark County since the death of Hon. John Haggart. He was 55 years old and leaves two sons.

NIGHT ATTACK ON BARRACKS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Amsterdam, Feb. 27.—Three or four night air attacks on the barracks at Bozen, in the Tyrol, 35 miles from Trent, have taken place. Eight war-prisoners have been killed and twenty wounded.