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## AUSTRIA REFUSES TO ATTACK RUSSIA

### Strained Relations Between Emperors. Austrian Premier Declares He Will Not Participate in Attack on Russia.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—Further evidence of the growing strain in relations between Germany and Austria over the refusal of the latter to participate in the renewed attack upon Russia is given in an official despatch received here today from Vienna. It quotes the Austrian Premier as formally reiterating on February 22, that Austria-Hungary will take no part in military action against Russia or Roumania, and will not send her troops into Ukraine.

#### MEETING OF THE EMPERORS

"Charles I paid a visit to William II, the 22nd of February, Lunderdorff was present at the interview. If we are to judge from the tone of the interview it must have been lacking in cordiality. There seems to be little doubt that a serious conflict has broken out during the week between the Courts of Vienna and Berlin, which Germany is determined to settle if need be by violent measures. "The international situation of the Dual Monarchy is such that the Vienna Government in order to avert a catastrophe, has been obliged to distinguish by means of public declarations its own policy from that of Germany. The report that at the conference of February 14, Hertling and Lunderdorff has decided to pay no attention to the Russian demobilization and to prepare to begin again the conflict on the East Front caused a great stir throughout Austria. It was not simply the dissenting nationalities,

#### AUSTRIAN PREMIER'S DECLARATION

"An official Note of the 15th had announced that Austria for her part would continue to consider the war as terminated with Russia and would abstain from taking part in the operations planned by the German Command. A second Note of the 19th repeated the same statement. When asked to give further particulars at the sitting of the Chamber on the 22nd, the Austrian Premier formally stated:

"The words uttered by different Deputies have proved that the explanation which has been furnished up to the present by me, have not been sufficiently explicit. I repeat, therefore, that Austria-Hungary will participate in no way in the military action which is now being carried out in this country against Russia. I repeat that there is no question of having our troops penetrated into Ukraine with whom we are at peace. I repeat that the armistice exists between Austria-Hungary and Roumania and that we are only considering entering as early as possible into peace conversations with this country. "These declarations are serious without a doubt. In his speech on the 19th of February, Seydler pleaded his fidelity to the alliance. But more and more Germany runs the risk of seeing Austria, and after her Bulgaria and Turkey, take a positive attitude, and practically withdrawing from the struggle, witness as spectators the continuation of hostilities."

## SUCCESSFUL RAIDS BY BRITISH TROOPS

### Penetrated Hun Defences to Depth of 1,200 Yards, Killing Many of the Enemy and Bringing Back Prisoners.

#### (Special to the Guardian)

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The report from British Headquarters in France and Belgium tonight reads: Early this morning English troops successfully raided enemy trenches in the neighborhood of Monneville, south-west of Cambrai. Considerable casualties were inflicted on the garrison, a machine gun blown up and a few prisoners brought back.

In the raid last night south of the Houtholst Forest, Dorset, Manchester, Lancashire and Scottish troops penetrated the enemy's defenses to a depth of 1,200 yards. A gun was blown up and a few prisoners captured. A large number of the enemy are believed to have been killed.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—There are not lacking indications that the long expected German drive along the French and British fronts is impending. Aerial activity of great intensity is reported by the Germans, who claim to have brought down fifteen Entente

airplanes. At the same time the infantry is not idle and raids have been attempted at widely separate points in the past twenty-four hours. One of these was an attack in considerable force by the Germans against French positions near the Butte Du Mesnil which the American artillery assisted in capturing recently. The order was north of the Chemin Des Dames, where American troops are understood to be in training. Both assaults were broken up by the prompt action of the allied artillery. British forces have repulsed a hostile attack near St. Quentin. German "frighthfulness" has again been exemplified by the sinking of the British hospital ship *Glenart Castle*, according to the latest advices there are 164 persons missing from the ship, the vessel was fully lighted and carried the distinctive markings of the hospital service when fired upon. American torpedo boats assisted in picking up the survivors.

## GERMANS DECIDE TO ATTACK PETROGRAD

### Invaders Driven Back from Vitebsk but Hopeto Enter Capital With Trained Troops.

#### (Special to the Guardian)

LONDON, Feb. 28.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Petrograd says: "The reports that Pskov has been re-occupied by the Russians came from Luga, (85 miles southwest of Petrograd), which apparently is still in Russian hands. "Events seem to show that the Germans have decided to attack Petrograd. "An attempt by the Germans to take Vitebsk met with strong resistance, and the enemy was forced to retire. The supplies at Orsa and other stations near that place were successfully removed. The railway bridge across the river Beresina has been destroyed. "If special despatches from Petrograd gauge accurately the situation there, the Germans are likely to find little difficulty in entering the city with trained troops. Russian soldiers quite frankly refuse to fight, and say: "We have had enough of fighting. If the Germans come, let them take us."

There is a stiffer attitude among the workmen from whom, if at all, resistance to the Germans must come. Even though for lack of training their resistance would prove of little value, they are said to be enrolling with enthusiasm in response to the call of the Bolshevik leaders. Some correspondents, describing the bulk of the population as lost in bewilderment and apathy, think such resistance as may be offered will amount to little. They say no amount of talk by the Bolshevik leaders can cover the plain facts of the situation. The Germans in Petrograd already have organized to police the city, the correspondent of the Morning Post reports. "In several despatches (Nikola Lenine figures as the backbone of resistance to the Germans, although originally he was responsible for swaying the executive committee of the Soldiers and Workmen Delegates in the direction of concluding peace on humiliating terms."

## DOMINION POLICE MADE A SCOOP AT HOCKEY MATCH

MONTREAL, Feb. 28.—A large squad of Dominion police, assisted by a number of soldiers patiently waited in the Jubilee rink tonight for the conclusion of the Hochelaga-St. Ann's Montreal Hockey League game; then when the crowd of spectators started for the door they were held up by the authorities. There was almost a riot, but the police and soldiers more than held their own and withstood a "rush" successfully. Some of the hockey fans jumped from windows, only to be gathered into the arms of soldiers stationed there in anticipation of this. Sticks were used by the soldiers with effect. It is said two men were injured jumping from the rink windows. The "haul" was six sleigh loads of men, who were immediately hurried to the barracks. Just how many of these will be put into khaki cannot be ascertained.

## SIR ROBERT BORDEN BUSY IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, February 28.—Sir Robert Borden, the Canadian Premier, called on President Wilson today and spent many busy hours conferring with American, British and Canadian officials. The purchase of war materials in this country is understood to have been discussed by Sir Robert with Bernard Baruch, of the War Industries Board. Tonight the Canadian Premier was a guest of a dinner given by Secretary Lane, in honour of the Earl of Reading, the new British Ambassador.

#### THE MARITIME STUCK IN SNOW

MONCTON, Feb. 28.—The Maritime express, due here from Montreal Wednesday morning, was stuck in the snow west of Mont Joli, Que., and was cancelled. Instead of rain, which prevailed in several provinces a big snow storm raged in Quebec with disastrous results to the railway traffic. The storm which was one of the worst of the winter seriously interrupted both freight and passenger traffic on the C.G.R.

#### CONDENSED SPECIALS

HEAVY BROWN PAPER FOR sale, excellent for putting under oilcloth or carpets. Apply at The Guardian Office. 732-10-20MIF

HIGHEST PRICES PAID FOR all kinds of Raw Furs, B. R. Holman, 156 Richmond Street, Charlotte town. 2671-2-21MIF

HORSES WANTED—WANTED AT Morell stables every market day. Good sound young horses of good appearance. W. S. Newson, 2809pud.

AM PAYING HIGHEST PRICES for muskrat skins. B. R. Holman, 156 Richmond Street, Charlotte town. 2671-2-21MIF

LOST—ON FEBRUARY 28th BETWEEN Dorchester and Sydney Streets by way of Hillsborough a silk crocheted yoke. Finder please notify Guardian. 2833-3-2M2I

EXPERTS SAY CAPLIN IS THE best feed for foxes. Get it at \$2 per 100 lbs. P. C. Brown, Revere Hotel. 2659-2-20MIF

GIRL WANTED FOR GENERAL housework. Good wages to reliable party. Apply to Mrs. P. C. Brown, 196 Richmond St. 2660-2-20MIF

WANTED—TO RENT THREE UN-furnished rooms for family of two. Apply at this office. 2597-2-16MIF

FARADOR MACHINE TO LET BY week or month. Apply to 224 Euston street. 600-10-12MIF

WANTED—TEN EXPERIENCED cod fishermen accustomed to trawl and hand line fishing, to fish next Spring and Summer on the north shore of Prince Edward Island. Motor boats and full equipment provided. For further particulars apply to Portland Packing Co., Charlottetown, P. E. I. 2783-M101

## HALIFAX STREET RAILWAY STRIKE MAY BE SETTLED

HALIFAX, Feb. 26.—There is a strong probability that the street railway strike in Halifax, which has now lasted three days may be settled today, by each side agreeing to a compromise. The company had dismissed two men, Zinck and Lowe for alleged insubordination and disobedience to orders. The employees denied the charge and demanded that the men be reinstated. This the company refused to do.

#### COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

\*Capt. Martin has been overseas, her him lecture in St. James Church Monday night. Tickets 25cents. 2812

\*The French River Literary Society will hold an entertainment and Candy Sale in the hall on Monday evening March 4th, at 7.30. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. 2826-3-2M2I

\*The Philathea Class of the Baptist Church will hold a Patriotic ban supper at Paton's store on Thursday, March 7. Tickets twenty-five cents. 2830

\*Cumberland Women's Institute will have a Weighing Contest and supper at Mrs. Nelson Currie's on Tuesday, March 5th. If stormy first fine evening following. 2806pud.

\*Come to the Social and entertainment in Hartsville Hall Tuesday evening March 5th. Admission 15 and 25c. Ladies with baskets free. It was their unfavorable first fine evening following. 2782-3-1M2Ipd

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria

## 100,000 BUSHELS WHEAT ARRIVE IN ENGLAND VIA PANAMA CANAL

(Special to the Guardian)  
OTTAWA, March 1.—With the arrival Feb. 16 after a voyage of 92 days, of the steamer War Viceroy in London, England, with a cargo of 100,000 bushels of wheat from Vancouver, via the Panama Canal, the first stage has been completed in an experiment which may have far reaching benefits for Western Canada.

## UNIVERSITY CLUB WILL ADOPT VILLAGE ORPHANS

(Special to the Guardian)  
WASHINGTON, March 1.—The adoption of the orphans of an entire village, in France that has been devastated by war is the task undertaken by the Misses Myra H. Jones, national secretary, and Miss Mary Emma Griffith, national treasurer of the Alpha Chi Omega fraternity of Syracuse University.

## WHAT HUN PAPERS TELL THEIR READERS

(Special to the Guardian)  
NEW YORK, N. Y., March 1.—German newspapers have informed the readers that New York city for its protection has girded itself with a barbed wire fence 425 miles in length. The Germans also have been told that 50,000 soldiers are guarding the port of New York, that rigorous measures have been taken in Chicago and elsewhere, and that Hoboken is deserted.

## GERMAN BOMB IN FEDERAL BUILDING

(Special to the Guardian)  
CHICAGO, March 1.—A powerful bomb was found yesterday in the Federal Building, partly hidden under a pile of rubbish in one of the rooms occupied by lawyers in charge of the I.W.W. prosecution.

## BRITISH SHIPS SUNK BY SUB

(Special to the Guardian)  
NEW YORK, March 1.—The British merchant steamer *Tiberia* of 4,800 tons, gross, built in 1913, and owned by the Anchor Line was sunk by a German submarine about Feb. 27 while bound for this port. "ANOTHER BRITISH STEAMER SUNK" AN ATLANTIC PORT, March 1.—British freight steam ship *Manhattan* of 8,904 tons, gross, was torpedoed and sunk while in convoy of warships and within hailing distance of an American merchantman, it was learned upon the arrival of an American oil tanker.

## G.T.P. TO CONCLUDE IN ENGLAND

(Special to the Guardian)  
OTTAWA, Ont., March 1.—It is believed in Ottawa that the final negotiation taking over the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Grand Trunk will be consummated when the Canadian cabinet ministers visit England in June to attend the Imperial War Conference. "If Hon. Mr. Meighen goes to England as now proposed the final negotiations will likely be conducted by him. It can be stated definitely that the Government has decided to nationalize the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific."

As matter of fact informal negotiations have already been opened in London with the Grand Trunk shareholders and bond holders, who number some 750,000. "It has been decided that the only feasible manner in which the roads can be secured is by negotiation and agreement. With two thousand miles of line in the United States, and with the shareholders and bond holders all living in England, expropriation is impracticable.

## SPAIN TO PUBLISH NOTES TO BERLIN

MADRID, Feb. 26.—Three notes to the German government relative to the sinking of the Spanish ships, by submarine and the invasion of Spanish territorial waters by U-Boats, will be published, it has been decided by the Spanish Government. "The first takes up the case of the *Duca di Genova*, and demands that Spanish territorial waters be respected. The second, concerning the *Giardia*, demands German recognition of Spain's right to regulate her coastwise traffic without reserve. The third, concerning the *Ceterino*, asked explanation or information thus far received officially in Berlin. The note relative to the *Ceterino* has not yet been despatched by the Spanish Government which is hourly expecting additional information.

## HERTLING'S MOVE A TREACHEROUS ONE

### German Chancellor's Speech Fails in its Purpose to Divide Allies. Mr. Balfour Sounds Note of Warning.

#### (Special to the Guardian)

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Foreign Secretary Balfour, replying today to the speech of Count von Hertling, the German Imperial Chancellor, regarding the doctrine of the balance of power, said that unless German militarism had become a thing of the past and there was in existence a ball 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. "Mr. Balfour told the House of Commons, which he was addressing, that he was unable to find in Von Hertling's speech any basis for fruitful conversation or hope for peace. The Chancellor's attitude concerning Belgium, said Mr. Balfour, was completely unsatisfactory and his lip service to President Wilson's proposals was not exemplified in German practice.

#### A WAR SPEECH

PARIS, Feb. 28.—The consensus of opinion in official and diplomatic circles concerning Von Hertling's speech "is that it is a 'war speech' not a 'peace speech.' A high official of the Foreign Office informs the Associated Press that the aims of Von Hertling's oration were threefold. First, he desired to create a division between the Allies, especially between the Anglo-Saxon group and the Latin group. Second, he wanted to stimulate peace talk in Allied and neutral countries in an effort to bring about another 'Brest-Litovsk.' Third, the Chancellor's manoeuvre was expected to impress public opinion in Germany and abroad that military officials do not rule in Germany, but that the diplomats and politicians have the upper hand.

#### THE HAND OF HINDENBURG.

"Count von Hertling has failed to understand," President Wilson's speeches," this official said. "He has interpreted them as if they had been written by himself. The offer made to Belgium to state her terms is only for the purpose of influencing public opinion in the United States, which Germany knows is fighting for no other purpose than to redress the wrongs committed against Belgium. As the treatment of Belgium was the most flagrant and initial wrong perpetrated by Germany, the Chancellor thinks that by restoring a semblance of liberty in Belgium, he will thereby separate America and Great Britain from the Latin Allies. "By stimulating peace talk among the Allied countries, Von Hertling hopes that one among them may be brought to sit at a conference similar to that at Brest-Litovsk. The voice is that of Von Hertling, but it is the hand of Von Hindenburg."

#### INJURY TO CAUSE OF PEACE.

"I am convinced 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 until 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 sorely troubled world."

Replying to a question, Mr. Balfour said that the final fate of the Russian provinces occupied by the Germans and of Roumania and Armenia must ultimately be decided at the Peace Conference. "Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of the Blockade, referring to the Von Hertling speech, said: "It would be foolish to enter into negotiations unless there were a reasonable prospect of success. We do not desire to repeat the experiment of the Brest-Litovsk negotiations."

## DOWNED SEVENTY-FIVE AIRPLANES

LONDON, February 28.—Seventy-five enemy aircraft were brought down by the Royal Flying Corps on the Western front from February 1 to 22 inclusive, according to an announcement made today by the British Air Ministry. "During the period thirty-nine enemy aircraft were driven down out of control and six enemy aircraft were brought down by anti-aircraft defences, and infantry. Against these one hundred and twenty machines of the enemy, says the statement, twenty-eight of the Allies are missing. The weight of bombs dropped during the month, to February 22, was sixty-five tons. "On the Italian front, since the arrival of British airmen to the present time, fifty-eight enemy machines, principally German, have been destroyed. The British loss for the same period were eight. "Some hostile machines, the statement adds, have been driven down out of control.

## SUGGESTION FOR ENDING THE WAR

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Could the King of Spain end the war at once? According to a French writer this should be possible. "In Madrid, in a certain public square, stands a statue of Our Lady of Almodena. On a gold chain about the neck of the statue hangs a ring richly set with diamonds. Nobody touches it. Even thieves let it severely alone. "The reason is plain. For the ring is endowed with a terrific power, as its history proves. "King Alfonso XII, made a present of it to his wife, Queen Mercedes. Queen Mercedes died a month later. Then the king gave the ring to his sister, the Infanta died. The ring, reverting to the royal gavel, was next presented to his late Queen's grandmother, Queen Christina, who died within three months. "After that the monarch kept the ring in his own jewel casket. Within the year he was dead. Ever since that time the ring has hung about the neck of Our Lady of Almodena. "The suggestion of the French writer is this: Why shouldn't the present King of Spain give the ring to the Kaiser?"

## Alleged Spies Arrested on Ship

A PACIFIC PORT, Feb. 28.—The captain, chief engineer and purser of the steamship *Centrella* were ordered arrested today by Federal authorities. It was announced, after an investigation of an alleged pro-German plot to supply Germans in Lower California and South and Central America and allegations that the men uttered pro-German sentiments and attempted to obstruct operations of the Selective Draft. "The *Centrella* has been held in port nearly a week while the authorities investigated reports that the men took supplies to the Germans interned at Santa Rosalia, Lower California, and that explosives were taken to various points in Central and South America under suspicious circumstances. The men ordered arrested were: John Benediktson, master of the *Centrella*, H. Rockwell, chief engineer; J. Ortiz, purser. "It also was alleged that the men tried to induce Americans subject to draft, who were returning to the United States voluntarily on the vessel, to refuse to serve; that they made pro-German declarations and seditious statements. "The three men claimed to be naturalized American citizens. "The charges against the men were made by some twenty-three Americans on Thursday as soon as the vessel arrived here from southern waters. "The *Centrella*, it was stated, is owned by the Pollard Steamship Company of San Francisco.

#### ANOTHER ROW IN THE REICHSTAG

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 28.—Herr Walfer, minister of the Interior, declared in the Reichstag today that the recent strike had been incited by leftists issued by French, British and American propaganda societies, which continually reached the troops on the western front. "Ernest Von Heydebrand, the Conservative leader, launched an attack on Von Payer, declaring that "Prussians ought to have been spared the lecture of the *Wuerttemberger*."

Chancellor Von Hertling came to the rescue of the vice-chancellor, pleading for a united front at home.

#### THE WEATHER. TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TODAY IS THE 130th DAY OF CANADA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR. "TORONTO, March 2.—Fair today with higher temperature. "The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 24 above. At 9 p. m. it was 13 above. At 9 p. m. it was 11 above. The lowest temperature noted was 10 above. "The tide will be high this afternoon at 1.17, tomorrow at 1.39 and Monday at 2.02; it will be high tomorrow morning at 2.05, Monday at 2.36 and Tuesday at 3.32. "The sun sets this afternoon at 6.06, tomorrow at 6.07 and Monday at 6.09; it rises tomorrow morning at 6.32, Monday at 6.50 and Tuesday at 6.52. "The moon rises tonight at 11.17 and tomorrow at 12. "The moon was full on Monday, March 25th at 4.35 p. m. "The last quarter of the moon will be on Tuesday, March 5th at 7.44 p. m. "The length of today will be eleven hours and twelve minutes and of tomorrow eleven hours and fifteen minutes.

Minard's Liniment Cures Rheumatism

## RESENT LIBEL ON CANADIAN SOLDIERS

TORONTO, Feb. 28.—In addressing the prohibition convention today, Captain Bailey, C. A. M. C., who has just returned from the fighting front, made the statement that at least 90 per cent of the Canadian soldiers were drunk.

"The officer from whom I have this," he added, "told me that if the Germans had known the state of affairs with us they would have broken through."

Captain Bailey was proceeding to develop his theme which was the substantial benefit in soldier life of total abstinence, and the necessity for more drastic prohibitory measures in the Old Land, when he was halted by Joseph Gillard, a former President of the Alliance, who asked if Captain Bailey spoke with knowledge of the facts.

Captain Bailey repeated that he had his information from an official who was in a position to know conditions. A delegate, named E. Tennyson Smith, denounced the statement of Captain Bailey as "abominable lies." The Convention later passed this resolution by a standing vote:

"We, as a Convention, enter our protest and assert our dissent in the report of the statement made today in reference to our soldiers."

Note—Mr. E. Tennyson Smith has lectured in Charlottetown on several occasions.

#### QUEBEC LIBERALS LOSE DEPOSITS

OTTAWA, Feb. 26.—A curious result in connection with the election returns in Quebec province as changed by the soldiers' vote is that of the three unsuccessful Liberal candidates in the province two have lost their deposit because they did not poll half the vote by their successful opponents. These were Munn in St. Lawrence-St. George division, Montreal, who has 2,385 votes as against 5,165 cast for Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, and Hushion, Liberal candidate for St. Antoine, who received 2,516 votes, while Sir Herbert Ames polled 5,067. In both instances the soldiers' vote was responsible for the loss of the deposit. In St. Denis division both the opponents of E. R. Verville lost their deposits.

## HIS DUEL WITH DEATH

LONDON, February 28.—London papers are printing the story of this one of the most miraculous escapes of the war, that of a submarine sailor who was locked in the vessel as she sank to the bottom of the English Channel. The rest of the crew and the officers escaped by way of the conning tower, rising up through 100 feet of water to the surface, where destroyers picked them up. "One man, however, was locked away in the engine room so that he could not avail himself of the conning-tower exit. A hatch above him would not open owing to the weight of the water bearing down upon it. The sailor made a last desperate effort to force it by opening the sea-cocks and letting the water flood the compartment. "Gradually the water rose about his knees, his waist his shoulders. The air compressed in the hatch space between the water and the roof of the submarine made him almost lose consciousness. "But the 'long chance' he had taken proved wise for just as the water reached his mouth he managed to throw his last strength into another effort at raising the hatch with a bang and shot the man like an arrow up through the water to the surface of the Channel. Not long afterwards he was rescued by a passing vessel.

## PSKOV RECAPTURED FROM THE GERMANS BY THE BOLSHEVIKI.

Street Fighting Reported in Progress.—Red Guards Everywhere Resisting Advance of the German Invaders.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Pskov, 175 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been recaptured by the Bolsheviks and street fighting is going on there, according to an exchange Telegraph Company despatch from Petrograd dated Monday. The Red Guards are resisting the German advance everywhere. "LONDON, February 26.—The steamship *Isolt-Mendi*, according to a despatch from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph Company, was captured by the German auxiliary cruiser *Wolf*, nine months ago in the Gulf of India. The German navigators who were placed aboard had been following the *Wolf* ever since. "All the persons who had been held prisoner on board the vessel, the correspondent adds, have been taken ashore."