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THE UNITED STATES AND GERMANY

While Still Hoping to Avert Hostilities United States Government is Making Preparation for War. Has Seized 17 German Vessels in Philippines. Meanwhile German Citizens are Plotting Mischief.

(Special to The Guardian.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Still feverently hoping for peace but taking every possible step to prepare the country for war, it must come. President Wilson again appealed to Congress to quickly dispose of all routine business, appropriation bills and pending legislation and clear its decks for action to meet any emergency.

(Special to The Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 5.—Spain will follow the United States against Germany even so far as declaring war according to a wireless despatch received from Rome today quoting the Spanish Ambassador.

SPAIN WILL FOLLOW U. S. (Special to The Guardian.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Grimly preparing for the possible the United States awaits the decision of Germany in the matter of making her threats effective or non effective. If they are made effective the determination of the United States is unchangeable.

GERMAN GUNBOAT ON FIRE. (Special to The Guardian.) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—Censorship is in operation and the extent of damage to the interned German gun boat Geier at Honolulu is unknown. She was on fire in the harbor yesterday.

GERMANY WILL NOT MODIFY SUBMARINE ORDERS. (Special to The Guardian.)

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—According to information obtained in official quarters there is no prospect of any modification of the orders to submarines.

U. S. AUTHORITIES SEIZED 17 GERMAN VESSELS IN PHILIPPINES, SENDING CREWS ASHORE. (Special to The Guardian.)

MANILA, Feb. 5.—The naval authorities at six o'clock this evening seized seventeen merchant vessels anchored in Manila Bay. All the German crews were removed. Naval guards were left on the vessels, boats were sent to the German merchant men which were boarded one at a time. The American crews took off the Germans who were landed in the business district which was almost deserted at that hour. Squads of American police met the Germans as they were landed. The municipal authorities will care for the Germans who are without resources. The others will go free. American police are guarding the German consulates.

GERARD WILL SAIL FROM SPAIN. (Special to The Guardian.)

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—The United States ambassador Gerard, has practically decided to return to the United States from a Spanish port. The plan to have American interests taken over by the Brazilian minister has been abandoned and it is not known who will represent the United States in Berlin after Gerard's departure.

HENRY FORD NOW READY FOR WAR. (Special to The Guardian.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Henry Ford, manufacturer and pacifist, announced here today that in the event of war he would place his factory at the disposal of the government and operate it without profit.

SLASHING DENIALS OF DORCHESTER YARNS

(Canadian Press Despatch.) OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—On a question of privilege in the Commons yesterday, Hon. P. E. Blondin made a statement in denial of reports of alleged attacks during the Dorchester by-election. This Minister read the affidavit first published as to his remarks and a subsequent explanation of the same attributed to Felix Durocher who was described as his lieutenant. He then went on to say "First of all, as for Mr. Durocher, I beg to state that he did not act as my secretary or lieutenant and that during the whole campaign I had no connection whatever with him. I never spoke to him concerning the matter referred to in the report which I have just read. I never authorized him to make any statement for me, and I was never informed by him or anybody else of the statements reported as made by him on my behalf. I have enquired from Mr. Durocher, about the correctness of the statement, and he denies, and authorized me to deny to this House, the last part of that report, namely, the part which relates to conscription."

but conscription, and that very soon coercion would be used by the Dominion-Kingish Catholic French-Canadian and that very soon armed soldiers would come and force the husbands and sons to go to war.

"These are the very notes that are still fresh on the paper on which I wrote them when preparing my answer."

Mr. Gauvreau: "Can you swear to that?"

150 Affidavits.

Mr. Blondin: "I can swear to it. I can bring into this House 150 affidavits of men worthy of confidence which I am afraid will make the whole Liberal party blush."

"My answer to these arguments was that the National Service cards did not mean anything of the kind and were only a mere appeal to the patriotism and good will of every citizen whose duty it was to sign them; that if conscription had to come it would come openly; that this Government could not promise or declare that conscription would never come, as it would be cowardice on the part of the Government to make such a declaration or promise that which I said that there was no question of conscription, and the Government did not by the National Service cards intend any coercion of the people and that the best proof of this was that the stretch of 4,000 miles of frontier had been left unguarded and open. And this I said in order to show the stupidity of the contention of my opponents. I may add that any other construction of my words is purely and simply gross misrepresentation."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked the Minister to supplement his explanation by giving the names of the Liberal speaker he had referred to.

Mr. Blondin replied that the Liberal speaker was Mr. Danjou, a lawyer from Rimouski.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, "Who is Mr. Durocher?"

Mr. Blondin, "He is a lawyer of Montreal."

Minard's Liniment Cures Toothache.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Feb. 5.—Strong winds and gales from westward; clearing and colder.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 30 degrees above; at 9 a. m. it was 20 above; at 9 p. m. 27 above. The coldest the previous night was 15 above.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Committee of House will be Appointed to Provide for Future of Returned Soldiers, and Legislation will be Enacted. Sir Robert Borden Explained what had Already been Done by Provincial Committees. 6,564 Discharged Men had been Found New Employment. Ross Rifle Again Under Fire.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—A committee of the House of Commons to consider steps to be taken to provide for the future returned soldiers will be appointed as the result of a debate which took place in the House today.

During the discussion a number of interesting announcements were made by the Prime Minister. Sir Robert Borden stated that legislation respecting the settlement of discharged soldiers on the land would be brought before Parliament this session; that a bill modeled on a British act, to govern the raising of funds for the benefit of returned men was under consideration; and that a pension bill would be brought down this session and referred to a committee.

The Prime Minister gave in details information as to the steps which had been taken to find partially discharged soldiers for new vocations. Speaking of the work of the provincial aid committees he said that in all 6,564 men, discharged from the overseas forces, had been found new employment. In Ontario 1750 men returned from abroad had been placed in positions and it was stated that there were no men of this class out of employment and there were 150 applications for their services on file.

Hon. Frank Oliver said that the government should have known when the war broke out, first, that there would be broken men to provide for and should have provided for them

(Special to The Guardian.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Count Tarnowsky, the Austrian Ambassador, arrived on Saturday and knew nothing of the German note incident. As soon as Austria notifies the government of her adherence to the German note he will be handed his passports.

AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR WILL GET HIS TOO. (Special to The Guardian.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Customs Collector Malone, of New York, reported to the Treasury Department today that he had found a bomb under the steps of his home.

FIRST FOUR DAYS OF GERMAN PIRACY

Huns Piracy Proceeding as in Days of Her Normal Deviltry. Got 24 Vessels in Four Days. (Special to The Guardian.)

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The first four days of German terrorism at sea have resulted in hardly a perceptible increase in the toll of shipping. Yesterday, in fact, the number of vessels sunk was below the recent average. On February 1 ten vessels were sunk; the following day eight more; yesterday the sinking of only four was reported and today two more. A third was damaged but remained afloat. Of the twenty-four victims, nine were sailing under neutral colors, including the American steamer Housatonic. This is accounted for chiefly because the stoppage of all outgoing shipping from European neutral ports has decreased the number of vessels that might fall a prey to German submarines.

MURDER AND SUICIDE IN KENTVILLE, N. S.

Young Woman Shot Through the Heart, Her Assailant Dying from Self-inflicted Wound. Jealousy Supposed to be Cause. (Special to The Guardian.)

KENTVILLE, N. S., Feb. 5.—Elsie Acker, a young woman aged twenty years, was shot through the heart Saturday evening, and Andrew Peindl, her assailant, lies at death's door as the result of a self-inflicted wound. The shooting occurred at the home of F. C. Dimock, in this town, the girl being employed as a domestic there. The motive of the crime is said to have been jealousy.

U. S. AUTHORITIES GUARDING PROPERTY

(Special to The Guardian.) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 5.—The tension created here by the crisis between the United States and Germany has resulted in strengthening all Government property and private-owned munition plants.

Plants of tremendous military importance are located in and near this city. All places were under heavy guard when the gates opened today.

Government agents are combing the lists of employees at all munition plants to eliminate undesirable.

City policemen both in uniform and in civilian clothes are on duty at the Post Office, the Customs House, the Quarter-master's Department and the two Government arsenals. Every marine and blue jacket in the Philadelphia navy yard was either at drill or helping to load supplies on war ships which are said to be practically ready for sea.

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PROGRESS OF WAR ON ALL FRONTS

French Repel Heavy German Attacks with Serious Losses to the Enemy. Germans are Held Up in Roumania. French Make Successful Raids in Alsace. Russians Have Again Made Further Progress.

GERMAN RAID REPULSED. (Special to The Guardian.)

PARIS, Feb. 5.—South of the Somme a German raid near Barleux last evening was repulsed. The War Office announces today. The French made several incursions into German lines in Chambrette and Point au Moos on sectors and in Alsace without suffering losses. Otherwise the night was calm along the front. Colmar, Alsace, was bombarded by French airmen.

(Special to The Guardian.) PETROGRAD, Feb. 5.—The Germans are continuing their attacks in the north, the War Office announced but have made no gains. Today's official announcement follows: Western Front:—In Riga region, north-east of Kalzeim, enemy formations which took the offensive were driven back to their entrenchments.

In the region of Linden, northwest of Friederichstadt, the Germans attacked but were dispersed by our fire.

Roumanian Front:—Scouting reconnaissances and infantry fire are in progress.

Caucasian Front:—There is no change. (Special to The Guardian.)

JASSY, Roumania, Feb. 5.—The last push of the Russo-Roumanian armies between Dorna Watre and Caizin Valley, although it led to only local successes, is regarded here as a good omen as it was made under difficult conditions of intense cold and deep snow in a region of practically

no roads. These successes show the offensive spirit that prevails among the tired Roumanian troops which have shown much energy in carrying the enemy's positions at the point of the bayonet.

180,000 FROZEN AUSTRILIANS. In occupied trenches were found the bodies of 180,000 frozen Austrians. The enemy troops in these regions seem to completely lack adequate clothing. Only a few have warm wraps, the majority are still wearing light uniforms.

The main question now is whether the Germans are likely to abandon their forts to seize the remainder of Roumanian territory. In the opinion of Roumanian statesmen the enemy will most certainly resume the struggle with that end in view, unless the Allies render the task beyond its strength. There are unmistakable indications that the German plan was to seize the whole of Roumania, depose the present monarchy and set up a new dynasty and ingratiate themselves with the present masses by expropriating the property of the landlords. Hitherto the Roumanians have systematically destroyed the property of the large land-holders while the Bulgarians mercilessly slaughtered the inhabitants. Much has been written about the surrender of Bucharest, but comparatively little is shown of the enormous difficulties of the struggle against a foe wielding great superiority in numbers and equipment.

(Special to The Guardian.) ST. JOHN, N. B., Feb. 5.—While crossing the bar from the lighthouse and fog whistle station at Passamaquoddy Head Harbor to his home on the main island of Campbell's Charles Hilliard, the keeper, was drowned Saturday morning.

ISLANDERS IN CASUALTY LIST

(Special to The Guardian.) OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—In the casualty list, E. J. Rockwell of Ocean View, who was reported wounded is now reported dead. Wounded and remaining at duty, Fred Rice, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Wounded dangerously, Everett G. Richardson, Beils Island; Wounded, Barnaby C. Francis, Lennox Island, all of P. E. I.

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER DROWNED IN N.B.

(Special to The Guardian.) QUEBEC, Feb. 5.—The two year old son of Philip Notin, Lewis, is dead from falling into a tub of boiling water. Both the father and mother of the child were sick in bed when the accident occurred.

HOLLAND FEARS GERMAN MENACE

(Special to The Guardian.) AMSTERDAM, via LONDON, Feb. 4.—Commenting on the German note, the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant reaches the conclusion that it considerably increases the prospects of Holland being drawn into the war.

It expressed doubt, however, whether Germany will be able to increase the effectiveness of her submarine warfare.

(Special to The Guardian.) ROTTERDAM, Feb. 2.—Four German troops were reported this afternoon to be massing at Dutch border points, near Wellen and Benbrugge, leading to the general apprehension in Holland.

SACKVILLE MAN ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

(Special to The Guardian.) MONCTON, Feb. 5.—Mr. Mack Leger of Middle Sackville is in the hospital at City Hospital with a bullet in his head. Leger had been out shooting rabbits and dropped his rifle on the floor when he returned home. The rifle exploded with the effect stated.

100 CASUALTIES FROM EXPLOSION

(Special to The Guardian.) TOKIO, Feb. 5.—An explosion of chemicals in a storehouse at Yokohama resulted in 100 casualties. Thirty houses were destroyed or damaged. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

\*\*Cumberland Women's Institute meets at Mrs. S. T. Currie's Wednesday. 4269-2.3M21.

\*\*The Annual Supper of Stratheona Institute will be held at the Florida Hotel, Powell on Thursday, Feb. 8, beginning at 7.30 p. m. All old members expected and prospective members welcome. 4297-2.2ME11.

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