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## CROWN PRINCE'S BLOWS AT VERDUN CHECKED RUMOURS OF PEACE IN AIR AUSTRIA ANXIOUS TO QUIT

Since February 2 the Crown Prince Has Made Many Attempts Which Failed. Sensational Rumours in Circulation Regarding Ministerial Crisis in England. Good News of Allies. Minor Successes on Western Front Reported.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Feb. 12.—(By the Associated Press)—The armies of the German Crown Prince before Verdun since February 2 have suffered costly defeats in seven vain raids on French positions on both sides of the Meuse. Although large bodies of troops were employed at times, not a single permanent advantage has been gained. On February 2 the Germans made three separate assaults on the Caurieres Wood, on the right bank of the Meuse, but were hurled back on each occasion by the French, who dashed to meet them with bayonets and hand grenades, killed large numbers. North of Hill 344, on February 3, five German columns advanced in a thick fog, after a heavy preliminary bombardment, and succeeded in entering the French front line momentarily. The enemy was driven out in vigorous hand to hand fighting and again suffered severely. A Baden division, preceded by

shock units, assaulted the French line at the same place on February 4. They gained a footing in the trenches for few minutes and then were chased off after uselessly sacrificing many lives and leaving some prisoners. On February 6, in the vicinity of Fosses Wood, another attack was made at dawn, after a short and sharp artillery preparation by Hanoverian troops and a relief division. They succeeded in reaching the French barbed wire and in occupying an element of the French positions. They were driven out almost immediately and pursued by the French, leaving many dead and a number captured. Between Samogneux and Hill 344, on February 7, another German assault was repulsed with heavy losses. This sector is composed mainly of stations formed of groups of shell craters, organized since the French gained their great victory last fall.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 13.—According to the lobby correspondents of the Daily News, facts are known which bring the possibility of a separate peace between Austria-Hungary and the Entente Allies, much nearer. Great reluctance, he says, is manifested in Austria toward the prospect of fighting British and American troops on the Western front.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 13.—If anything is needed to emphasize the diplomatic wisdom of President Wilson's speech, the Daily News says, it would be supplied by a contrast between the principles laid down in Washington and the principles laid down in Versailles. It adds: "From the bankrupt statesmanship of the allied conference has emerged what is in effect a reassertion of the knockout blow doctrine. No declaration of war aims is formulated; no distinction between the speeches of Von Hertling and Czernin is recognized. The keynote of the President's speech is the policy of the open door, peace is waiting as soon as the Central Powers are ready. Count Von Hertling having balked at the President's fourteen definite proposals, Mr. Wilson goes back to first principles."

The Times says the debate worked a definite change in relations between the Government and the Opposition, and adds that rightly or wrongly ex-Premier Asquith, as the result of his speech, was hailed as the rising hope of a peace party which apparently expects to reinforce its numbers under the cover of the cry of "support the soldiers."

## THE HUSH BEFORE BREAK OF STORM

Quiet on Western Front Only Occasionally Broken by Roar of Guns—and Waiting for Storm to Break.

WAR CORRESPONDENTS' HEADQUARTERS, Feb. 8.—(Delayed)—This is the hush before the storm. Here and there along our front there is an uproar for an hour or two, the enemy's guns flinging over shells. The shell fire is very fierce and concentrated while it lasts, and our guns answer with the same sudden gusts of fury, but there is nothing systematic in this. It is not the beginning of those great bombardments which precede infantry battles, on a wide front after the mauling of many batteries. It is only the harassing

fire of winter warfare and there still reigns over our battlefields a strange unearthly silence between these bouts of shooting. It seemed to me during the last few days when I have been up at the front as though nature herself was in suspense, waiting anxiously watching and listening for the beginning of that conflict of men which is expected before the year grows much older, perhaps before the first crocus thrusts itself up through the moist leaves and before there is the first glint of green in the woods.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 13.—During and after the debate in the House of Commons on the motion by Mr. Asquith for information regarding Versailles Military Council the lobbies teemed with rumors. The sensational talk centered mainly around the possibility of military resignation and a ministerial crisis but the lobbies eventually were emptied without any of the rumors being substantiated. The morning newspapers reproduced some of these stories. The Daily News says those in high places in the House of Commons believe that on Monday night the government put pressure upon Sir Wm. Robertson Chief of the Imperial General Staff, with a view to inducing him to resign, the intention being to replace him by Major-General Sir Henry Wilson, the British representative at the Versailles Council. General Robertson resisted the pressure, the newspapers say, and the government on Tuesday was considering removing him. The Daily Chronicle, which is at possible military and political changes says that General Wilson is in London on important business.

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Feb. 13.—The official statement from British Headquarters in France and Belgium today reads: "The enemy's patrols were somewhat more active than usual during the night in the sector north of Lens. There is nothing further to report."

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## THE PRICE OF BALKAN PEACE

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AMSTERDAM, Feb. 13.—Germany will offer Roumania a slice of Russian territory as part of the peace terms the Central Empire are about to proffer the Balkan States, it was learned here today. Copies of the Essener Allgemeine Zeitung, the Krupp organ, received here today carried the following statement: "The Roumanians, by renouncing

all claims to extension westward, can win offer Roumania a slice of Russian territory in the southwestern province of Bessarabia, the southwestern province of Russia, lying between the Danube and the Pruth rivers and the Dniester river. It contains the important city of Kishinev. Such an arrangement would give Roumania complete control of the mouth of the Danube."

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## Allied Missions Have Been Sent From Petrograd

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—An unfurnished report that all the allied missions of Petrograd had been driven out by the Bolshevik Government and are on their way to the Swedish border, was received today at the State Department, through American Minister Morris at Stockholm. The department has not heard from Minister Francis at Petrograd since February 2.

(Special to the Guardian.) PEKIN, Feb. 13.—Two thousand Serbian prisoners of war, captured by the Russians from the Austrians, who had compelled them to fight, have been released from prison camps in Serbia. They are now at Mukden on their way to Dalny and Europe by way of America.

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

TODAY IS THE 129th DAY OF CANADA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR.

TORONTO, Feb. 14.—Fresh westerly winds and fair.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 34 degrees above. At 9 a. m. it was 34 above. At 9 p. m. it was 24 above. The lowest temperature night was 7 above.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 12:53 and tomorrow at 1:32; it will be high tomorrow morning at 1:17 and tomorrow at 2:12.

The sun sets this afternoon at 5:46 and tomorrow at 5:47; it rises tomorrow morning at 7:17 and Saturday at 7:16.

The moon sets tonight at 10:25. There was a new moon on Monday, Feb. 11th at 5:05 a. m.

The first quarter of the moon will be on Sunday, Feb. 17th at 7:57 p. m.

The length of today will be ten hours and twenty eight minutes.

## CONDITIONS IN INLAND

ARMACH, Ireland, Feb. 12.—Cardinal Logue, the Primate of Ireland, in his Lenten letter, read in the churches of the Armagh Archdiocese today, referred to the Irish Convention "its failure," he said, "would throw Ireland back into the old round of alternate outbreak and repression, blasting every hope of progress and prosperity. The reform must, however, be thoroughgoing. The halcyon days which have been the ban of Ireland in the past so far from proving a remedy would aggravate the disease. It would be lamentable if a measure were produced which the people would reject with contempt, as they so often before have rejected worthless projects."

The Cardinal exhorted the people to pray perseveringly that this effort might end in a complete and satisfactory settlement.

## AMERICAN LOSSES

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Feb.—Five American soldiers are believed to have been killed, four are missing and one was wounded, when an American patrol was ambushed in No Man's Land last night by superior forces of Germans. The soldier wounded through the chest, unable to talk crawled back to the American lines. There is no doubt that the Americans fought gallantly but were completely overpowered.

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Mr. G. D. Wright Elected Mayor by Large Majority.

Charlottetownians arise this morning to greet a new Mayor, a new commissioner and four new members of the City Council Board. Yesterday was a record election day for several reasons—there was an unusually high vote polled, the new Mayor (Mr. Wright) scored probably the highest majority ever polled in the City over a mayoralty opponent (510). There is a splendid representation from each ward, ideal weather favored the day and sobriety and careful consideration marked the attitude of every voter.

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