

SERB CAPITAL FIRST SHELLED THEN PILLAGED

Belgrade in Bad Shape After the Austrian Bombardment and Occupation, says Correspondent

PECULIAR VAGARIES OF DEADLY MISSILES

Outside of Some Buildings Normal, Except for broken Windows, but Inside a Mass of Ruins

Z. D. FERRIMAN, special correspondent with the Serbian Army and the editor of the Daily Chronicle first British journalist to enter Belgrade since the Austrian occupation, sends a long despatch, describing the Serbs re-entry into their capital, in the course of which he says:

"On the first view Belgrade does not seem to have suffered to any great extent from the bombardment. Walking up the broad thoroughfares of the city you arrive nearly at the top before you see a house with the upper story blown away and with a segment of what appears to have been the roof, an imminent peril to passers-by."

"But appearances are deceptive. Many buildings whose facades are intact are skeletons. Projectiles with high trajectory have fallen through the roof and wrought destruction within. This is the case with a wing of the Royal Palace. The windows are shattered, but the masonry has not suffered. Within, however, all is devastated. Among the public buildings the museum is a shapeless heap of debris and the University is so much knocked about that the plainest and cheapest remedy will be an entirely new edifice."

Havoc Wrought by Shells.

"The higher part of the city has suffered most, with the exception, perhaps, of the district around the station which is completely battered down. Ruins in the pavement show that shells charged with very high explosives were employed. One huge culvert I noticed at least twelve feet deep by fifteen long and eight wide. There are many instances of the

vagaries of their missiles of destruction. I visited a house in which M. Nikovitz, who accompanied me in my peregrinations, had occupied an apartment. There was nothing the matter with the front, but a neat hole in the side marked the passage of a projectile which had traversed the building and exploded in the adjoining house, now a mound of brickbats and match-wood. One half of a large establishment in Prince Michael Street was completely wrecked but the other half was undamaged, and rolls of textile fabrics were in order on their shelves or piled on counters. The best shops are in this street and much havoc has been wrought."

The Object to Kill.

"I picked up spherical shrapnel bullets on several premises. Shrapnel has no battering force. Its object is to kill or disable men. It can do no harm to walls. Its employment in this instance was a wanton act intended to inspire terror and doubtless augment the loss of life among the citizens."

"The principal hotel, the Moskwa, situated at the highest part of the town, has been devastated partially within, but the framework of the building is intact. On the other side of the street a row of houses far less spacious has been demolished. In one street we met a little girl of 12 coming out of a house opposite to one which was a heap of ruins. We asked her if she had seen the bombardment. She said she had and was very frightened. Shortly afterwards a shell fell in their own garden; then they ran away and took refuge with friends at the other end of the town. An old woman had a stall containing tins of shoe polish and other trifles. A jumble of charred wood and twisted iron behind had been her shop. The caretaker at the house occupied by M. Nikovitz, a cheerful old dame, told us how she hid herself at the other end of the long garden, but it was terrible."

Not Scared Now.

"We asked some urchins, who would be at school in normal times, but whose occupation and delight is now to hold officers' horses, if they were not frightened. At first, they replied 'but not afterwards. They make a great noise, but they never catch us, and we do not mind them—the shells.' A boy of 12, who was carrying on his father's hair-dressing business single-handed during the latter's absence on service, expressed a similar opinion."

"I am assured on unimpeachable authority, supported by accounts of several eye-witnesses, that not fewer than 1,000 persons were carried off to Austria. Among them were boys of 15 and 16. Nor were foreign residents

immune. M. Bissers, the Belgian Consul, who is also a Director of the electric tram and light company, was of the number. He was handcuffed like a common criminal. Neither the fate nor whereabouts of these civilian prisoners of war is known."

Windows Mostly Smashed.

"The plate-glass fronts of many shops in the principal thoroughfares are smashed, and the interiors present a picture of desolation, overturned cash registers and objects that have not been stolen lying broken and scattered on the floor, but the majority of the establishments that have been ransacked do not show outward signs of it. The system seems to have been to obtain ingress from the back."

"In the Russia there is a stately mansion. Its owner, M. Kersmanovitz, died a short time ago, leaving large sums for charitable purposes. The house was occupied by his widow when the war broke out. Chalked on the door were names distinguished in the Austro-Hungarian peerage—Baron Zichy, Graf Festetics and Graf Vonderstraten, all lieutenants on the staff, who had been its tenants during occupation. Though their tenure was brief they had made the most of their time. The place was gutted, carpets torn up, tapestry torn down, and pictures destroyed. It was also indescribably filthy. This may have been the work of the soldiery after the departure of the young noblemen."

"The poor suffered equally with the rich. A humble restaurant used by the working classes, one of two or three still open, was despoiled of its linen and cutlery. Small shops had been sacked as well as the larger establishments. It was all fish that came to the Austrian net. I have not yet met anyone whose dwelling escaped. The Russian Legation is wrecked."

"The Royal Palace was thrown open to the people. 'It is yours' said the Austrian liberators in the generosity of their hearts; but they had gone over it with care first."

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Und has a word or two to say
Indo your private ear:
So durn away all udders now
Und listen vell to me.
For vat I say concerns me much.
Meinself und Shermany.

You know, dear Gott, I was your friend.
Und from mine hour of birth
I quietly let you rule de Heffen Vile I ruled o'er de Earth.
Und ven I told mein soldiers
Of by-gone battle days,
I gladly split de glory.
Und givt you half de praise.

In every way I tried to prove
Mein heart to you vas true,
Und only claimed mein honest share
In great deeds that ve do
You could not half a better friend
In Sky, or Land, or Sea,
Dan Kaiser Vilhelm number two
De Lord of Shermany.

So vat I say, dear Gott, is dis
Dat you should still be friends,
Und you should help to send my foes
To meet deir bitter ends,
If you, dear Gott, will dis me do
I'll nothing ask again.
Und you und I vill bardners be
For evermore—Amen.

But listen, Gott, it must be quick
Your help to me you send
Or else I half to stop attack
And only blay defend.
So four and twenty hours I givt
To make the Allies run.
Und put me safe into my place,
De middle of de sun.

If you do dis, I'll do my part
I'll tell de world de fact—
But if you don't, den I must tink
It is an hostile act.
Den var at vonce I will declare
Und in my an' rise,
Und send mein Zepp'lin ships to wage
A fight up in de skies.

Diss Ultimatum now, dear Gott,
Is von of many more.
Mein mind is settled up to clean
De whole world off de floor.
Because you vas mein hartner, Gott,
An extra shance is giften,
So help at vonce, or else I'll be
De Emperor of Heffen.

New York. S. SAKÉ.

U.S. Parliament Votes \$101,000,000 To Army Uses

One Million of this is for Aviation and \$50,000 for an Armored Motor Car.

Washington, Jan. 27.—After two days of debate on the general state of the national defence, the House of Representatives passed without a roll call the Army Appropriation Bill, carrying \$101,000,000.

Advocates of immediate strengthening of the military establishment fought to the last for additional appropriations, but their efforts met with no encouragement from either Democratic or Republican leaders. The last roll call on a motion by Rep. Gardner of Massachusetts, to recommend the bill with instructions to report back an amendment carrying

\$1,000,000 for aviation, was defeated 253 to 24.

The bill, which carries funds for the maintenance of all branches of the army during the coming fiscal year, included \$300,000 for the purchase of 25 aeroplanes and \$50,000 for an armored motor car. These items, and efforts to add to them, furnished texts for long discussions on the use of the aeroplane and armored motor car in the European war.

During the debate, Rep. Guernsey, of Maine, made a plea for stronger coast defences, declaring that if Great Britain should go to war with the United States over questions arising from the European war, "her plan would be to seize the city of Portland, set Maine off into Canada overnight and make property and life there worth no more than in Belgium to the Atlantic or Republican leaders. The day."

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Whole Regiment Of Highlanders Was Wiped Out

The Rev. J. E. Adams, who has been acting chaplain for the Gordon Highlanders, recently returned home. He stated that the first regiment of Gordon Highlanders had been entirely wiped out and that of the second battalion only 120 men and three officers answered the roll call after one battle. This second battalion left Britain over one thousand strong. This simple story means volumes. Undoubtedly many deeds of heroism in keeping with the traditions of this famous fighting force were performed before practically the whole regiment was wiped out. The fighting in France and Flanders should provide material for future historians that will make the blood of Britishers course fiercely as long as the empire endures.

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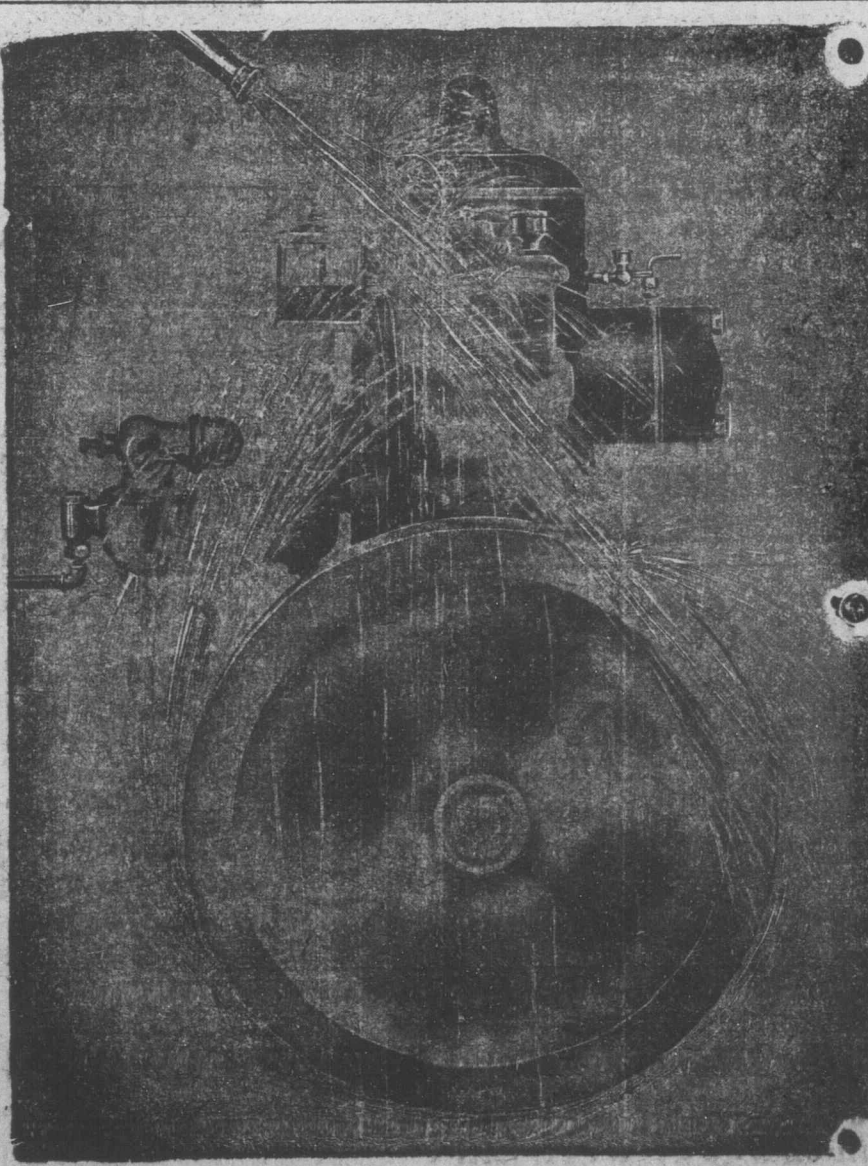
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In Addition

- TO these ends we are offering splendid value in a Double width finely woven, smoothed-faced, soft finished, pure woollen, dress material, handsomely worked with a silk art-spray, in one, two and three tones. Colors: Pink, Sky Blue, Dark Green, Light Green, Navy Blue, Saxe Blue, Brown, Cream and Black. **40c.** Original price, a yard, 70c. Sale price, a yard,
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