

### German Proud He's Canadian

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—"I am fortunate to live under the Union Jack. I am proud that I am a Canadian."

With these inspiring words a German, the son of a race that is endeavoring to destroy to the uttermost the Great British Empire, within whose realms he has made his home, rose in his place in the Commons today and moved the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. W. G. Wetzel, the German Conservative member for North Waterloo was the young orator who made history by so doing. It was an epoch making speech. It told the Fatherland that the nation of the Kaiser had lost the sympathy of the German Canadian.

Here are his own words: "German

Canadians are proud of their history and their traditions, but they are not proud of the violation of the neutrality of Belgium nor of Louvain. German militarism is another. This is a fight for liberty and future existence and for the eradication of militarism. "Wherever the Union Jack floats liberty and justice prevails. There is no servitude under our flag. The die is cast. The empire must win."

The scene was one never to be forgotten. The galleries were crowded with a picked audience, picked because no one could get past the guards unless provided with a special ticket and the chamber itself was filled. All the ministers were in their places and General Hughes in his service uniform kept alive the remainder that war was with us.

### Active Measure Relief Provinces

The session of the Duma has been suspended by Imperial Ukase until the middle of December at the latest. Before suspending its sittings the Duma adopted the following resolutions:

"First—That the Government take as rapidly as possible measures for the relief of the Provinces which have suffered from the operations of the war."

"Second—That the Government work out plans for a complementary law on pensions, support of children of widows living with their mothers, as well as increased pensions for orphans left by soldiers who have fallen on the field of battle."

"Third—That the military reserves doing service as police be summoned to the colors and be replaced by soldiers, who have left the army service, but still are capable of performing police duty."

"Fourth—That a commission be appointed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to investigate violations of the law nations, rules and customs of war by the Germans, Austro-Hungarians and Turks, as well as damages sustained by the State, public institutions, societies and private persons."

### German Proposals Italian Gov't

Rome, Feb. 15.—The Ideal Nazionale, a newspaper published in the interests of the Nationalist party, in its issue of 7th day, publishes a forecast of German proposals to Italy, which are as follows:

"Before the end of February, Prince Von Buxtehude, the German ambassador to Italy, will present to the Italian government a concrete proposal for Italian participation in the war on the side of Germany."

"This consists of the cession by Austria of the Province of Trent, and the rectification of the eastern Italian frontier by the addition of a strip of land going as far as the Isone river."

"In addition Germany will pledge herself to conclude a new treaty with Italy which will afford protection to Italy's Mediterranean interests."

"In exchange Italy is to take part at once in the war. She will occupy Tunis and help Turkey drive the British from Egypt which will return under the dominion of the Sultan of Turkey. In addition the Italian fleet will attack the Anglo-French naval forces in the Mediterranean."

"Continuing, the Idea Nazionale says that Prince Von Buelow referring to Trieste made this statement:

"It is impossible to give Trieste to Italy, because this seaport is the lung not to Austria, but of Germany."

At the conclusion of one of his conversations with the Italian statesmen, Prince Von Buelow, according to this newspaper, made use of this phrase: "Either Italy will be friendly towards us, or we will treat her worse than we are treating Britain."

### For That Country's Participation in the War—Italy to Drive British From Egypt—In Return Get New Strip Territory

Use of holding flooded trenches, while strong posts, defended villages and farms and other arrangements, complete positions. In the rear masses of guns of all calibres, so well concealed that they are practically invulnerable, and joined up by telephones to all advanced trenches make a strong framework for the defence.

"During all the months that the British have occupied this district, only three direct hits have been made by German shells upon the British guns. An attack, therefore, has to deal with an intact artillery, which knows every range to an inch."

"Local Success Unimportant."

"A forward trench may often be assaulted or mined by either side, or it may be knocked to bits by heavy shells, or cleared by trench mortars and hand grenades, but a local success of this character has no consequences. The battling in front is largely between snipers and men in the sapheads."

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### Picture Theatres In United States

It is estimated that there are to-day between 17,000 and 18,000 motion picture theatres in the United States, to which more than 100,000 people go daily. A commission appointed by the mayor of Cleveland in 1913 reported that one-sixth of the population of that city went to movie shows at least once a day. During the summer months of 1914 the National Board of Censorship estimated that in New York City between 850,000 and 900,000 people—one-seventh of the total population—attended the motion picture theatres daily. Admission receipts total in 1914 (to December 1) approximately \$318,000,000 for the movie theatres of the country.

Over \$500,000,000 of actual capital has been invested in the business of making and exhibiting films in the United States. Two hundred and fifty thousand employees find in it a means of livelihood. Including all its ramifications and affiliations, the industry is called the fifth largest in the land, and the total value of the property and good will of it all is practically inestimable.

### A Labyrinth of Trenches

Only on High Ground Are Trenches Fit to Stand in—Acres of Barbed Wire Cover Most of Positions

The military correspondent of The London Times in a recent survey of conditions, said that there is little likelihood of any important advance movement by either side on the western front for a long time to come. Under the present conditions of weather and ground, with artillery which knows the range of every land-mark exactly, he argues that a successful offensive is next to impossible.

"The district in which the British Army is operating is practically a swamp," declares this observer. "Water stands on the stiff slippers and holding clay, rendering the movement of infantry across country impossible. For weeks on end it has rained, and when it has not rained thick mists have enveloped the country. The deep trenches are filled with water, and the necessity of standing in this has cost us many casualties."

A Labyrinth of Trenches. "It is only on slightly rising ground that the life is at all supportable. The fronts of the rival armies are costered with a labyrinth of trenches. On both sides the front lines are often only posts of observation. Acres of barb wire cover most of the positions. In rear stretch many lines, zig-zags and communication trenches. "Breastworks have been constructed by both armies on the top of the ground to meet the difficul-

### Terrific Effect Modern Explosives

London, Feb. 16.—The fierceness of trench warfare and the force of modern explosives are described by the British eyewitness at the front: He says that a mine which the Germans fired under one of the British trenches, hurled a piece of rail weighing 25 pounds to a distance of more than a mile, and that the detonation of one of the British lyddite shells threw a German soldier across the railway and canal.

Following a description of bitter fighting near La Bassee, where the Germans, he says were driven back by British artillery, hand grenades and bayonets, the "Eyewitness" speaks of three "singularly gallant but unsuccessful" attacks on the French south of the Bethune road.

The "Eyewitness" says that the Germans reached the French trenches and there were almost wiped out, seventy-five bodies being counted in front of the defender's line. It was reported that not more than two or three of them escaped. He continued:

"The enemy's losses in La Bassee area appears to have been heavy. The reason for their activity along the canal was that they had suffered severely from an influenza fire brought to bear upon them by one of our machine guns, from a post they attacked. In two days one of their companies had lost thirty men from shell fire alone."

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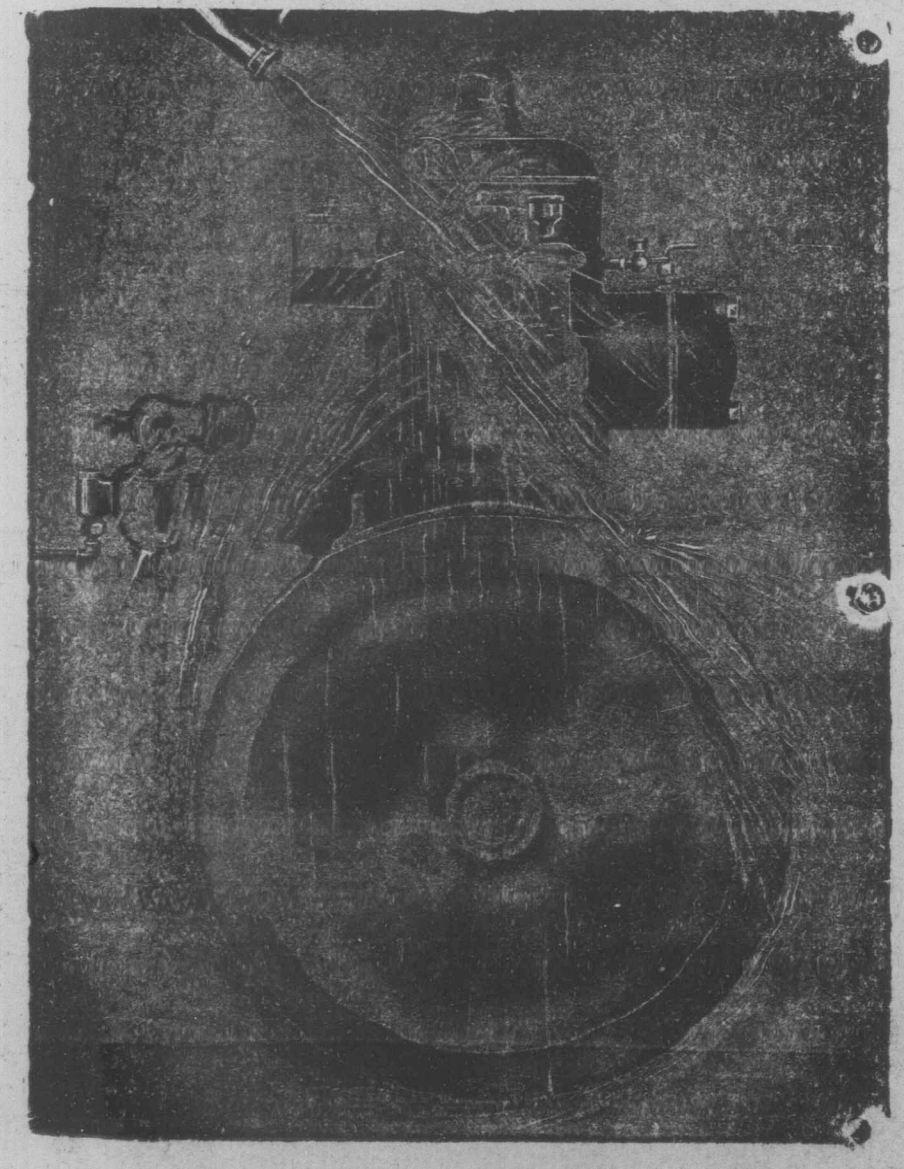
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