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From THE CANADIAN MINISTER IN BELGIUM
To THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA.

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No. 4. In view of the developments in international events and in particular of recent frequent flights of German aeroplanes over Belgian territory, reports of important movements of German troops along Dutch frontier, and German Minister Frick's declaration that the German Government was about to take a far-reaching decision and resort to force to bring quickly to an end outstanding disputes with Great Britain and France, Belgian Government called up, Friday, Saturday and again this morning, numerous fresh (^{troops} word omitted), including reservists of Phase "D" of Mobilisation Plan. At the same time, all soldiers on leave were ordered by radio to join their units and further war material was moved to northern and eastern frontiers.

It is significant that "Vingtieme Siecle", newspaper of Prime Minister Pierlot, reiterated this morning the complaint which was so deeply resented in these (^{quarters?} word omitted) last week that certain western countries by refusing to accept the same sacrifices as Belgium had now become the cause of anxiety for their neutral neighbours.

CANADIAN MINISTER

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