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## BOTH ENTENTE ALLIES AND GERMANS PREPARING FOR TREMENDOUS FORWARD MOVEMENT SHORTLY; HUNS TO ATTEMPT NEW SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN

### POLITICAL HORNETS' NEST HAS AGAIN BEEN STIRRED UP IN THE GERMAN EMPIRE

Pan-Germans Kicking up Tremendous Row and Declaring That Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Von Ludendorff, Dissatisfied with Chancellor Von Hertling's Speech Before Main Committee of Reichstag, Are Again Talking of Retiring—Emperor William Has Not Been Spared.

### KING LUDWIG OF BAVARIA MAKES SOME REPRESENTATIONS TO THE KAISER

Deutsche Zeitung Declares Chancellor's Speech is Equivalent to a Battle Won by the Enemy—Frankfurter Zeitung Reproaches Von Hertling for Lack of Clearness—Neuste Nachrichten Says Chancellor Could Not Sum Up Courage to Act and is Following Example of His Predecessor, Von Bethmann-Hollweg.

New York, Jan. 27.—What news has been permitted to pass the German censor indicates that a political hornet's nest has again been stirred up in Germany. A despatch from Zurich to the Exchange Telegraph Company quotes the Berlin correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung as saying that the pan-Germans are "kicking up a tremendous row" and declaring that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Von Ludendorff, dissatisfied with Chancellor Von Hertling's speech before the main committee of the Reichstag, are again talking of retiring.

Emperor William, himself, has not been spared, the Deutsche Tages Zeitung styling him the "present representative" of the House of Hohenzollern, probably desiring to show by a parallel between the Emperor and the Crown Prince that the annexationists cherish the latter as the saviour of Germany at the last moment, "from sinking in the abyss dug by four men—Dr. Von Kuehlmann, German foreign secretary; Count Von Hertling, imperial chancellor; Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister; and Count Von Roedern, German secretary of the treasury."

#### King Ludwig Intervenes.

The newspaper adds that King Ludwig of Bavaria already has made representations to Emperor William regarding the political situation which has arisen.

The Neuste Nachrichten, of Berlin, says Chancellor Von Hertling could not sum up courage to act and is following the example of his predecessor, Von Bethmann-Hollweg, in avoiding definite decisions.

The Deutsche Zeitung declares the chancellor's speech is equivalent to a battle won by the enemy. Commenting on the election at Bautzen-Kamenz, Saxony, in which the Socialist candidate received 9,662 votes to 8,673 polled by his Conservative opponent, the Vorwaerts of Berlin jubilantly asserts: "The victory is a victory for peace by arrangement."

The Frankfurter Zeitung, according to the Zurich correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company, reproaches Chancellor Von Hertling for a lack of clearness and emphasizes the fact that the agitation of the pan-Germans against Count Von Czernin is equally directed against the Austro-Hungarian people.

### RETURNED SOLDIER UNDER CHARGES

Man in Paymaster's Department Accused of Converting \$2,000 to His Own Use.

Montreal, Jan. 27.—John James O'Neill, a returned soldier, who was in the paymaster's department and entrusted with a number of signed blank checks for army purposes, is charged with stealing and converting to his own use checks amounting to about \$2,000. Pending final disposition of his case in the police court he is in the custody of the local military police.

### DISPUTE SETTLED

Washington, Jan. 27.—Adjustment of the industrial dispute between the big meat packers and their employes was effected today, when an agreement was reached for an open shop during the war and determination of the wages and hours questions referred to an arbitrator appointed by the secretary of labor.

### OLD PILOT DEAD

Halifax, Jan. 27.—James Flemming, fifty years in the Halifax pilotage service, died on Saturday afternoon. Pilot Flemming was on duty on board the Allan liner Parlatan when she was rammed by the Albano off Halifax harbor in 1906.

### GERMANY PLANNING TO DEAL ENTENTE A TERRIFIC BLOW

Conference of Representatives of Allies and United States Will Be Held in Paris This Week to Consider Threatening Situation and to Prepare for General Advance Against German Army in France and Flanders—The Teutons Fitting up U-Boats for Concentrated Attack on Tremendous Scale Against Lanes of Commerce from United States to France, Hoping to Cut off Men of American Army and Food and the Ammunition Supplies That Are Being Hastened Europeward by United States.

Blow Will Be Attempted While Armies of Enemy, Reinforced to Great Extent by Men Withdrawn from the Russian Front, Are Attacking on Land from the North Sea to the Adriatic in Hope of Gaining Victories at Various Points Through the Bending Back of the Entente's Line—Apparently Greatest Fighting of War to Come—Little Important Fighting on the Various Fronts.

That the Teutonic Allies, in their expected offensive on the western battlefield, are not to be satisfied merely with infantry operations, but will employ their submarines in the most intensive manner they yet have adopted to aid them, is an announcement that has been made by Secretary of War Baker.

It was announced last night that a supreme war council of representatives of the Entente Allies and the United States will be held in Paris this week to perfect plans for a concerted drive in France and Flanders against the enemy.

While the armies of the enemy, reinforced to a great extent by men withdrawn from the Russian front, are attacking on land, underwater boats, refitted and generally prepared, are to seek the lanes of commerce, especially those between the United States and France, there to attempt to ravish commerce and to cut off if possible men of the American army, and food and ammunition supplies that are being hastened Europeward by the United States.

Since the debacle on the Russian front the fact has been well established that the high command of the German army purposed, at as early a date as was practicable, a general military attack against the Entente front, from the North Sea to the Adriatic, in the hope of gaining victories at various points through the bending back of the Entente's line which would give new heart to the people of home whose hopes for ultimate victory are at low ebb.

Without the American, British, French and Italian navies will not be taken unawares by the submarine menace, which recently has fallen off in a great degree, when the number of U-boats sunk by the underwater boats is compared with that of previous months. Depth charges, bombs dropped from seaplanes and many other methods have been adopted by the associated naval forces to overcome the U-boat attacks most successful and the assumption that, forewarned these forces will be greatly multiplied in an endeavor to protect shipping the trade routes.

#### Furore in Germany.

The German chancellor's speech to the main committee of the Reichstag on Germany's requirements for peace has not quenched the thirst of the great mass of the people outside the militaristic realm for a cessation of hostilities. The furore created among this branch of the people has been so great apparently that pan-German newspapers are declaring that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and his right hand man, General Von Ludendorff, are talking of retiring.

Reports coming by way of Amsterdam are to the effect that King Charles has accepted the resignation of the Hungarian cabinet and charged Premier Wekerle with the task of forming a new one.

On the battlefronts there has been no change in the general situation. Intermittent artillery duels and patrol encounters continue on various sectors. Near Cape Sile, on the Lower Piave river, the Austrians again have attempted to penetrate the Italian bridgehead positions, but have met with a repulse.

All over the Venetian plain from Lake Garda to the Piave river, there have been numerous air battles in which Austro-German aviators have been worsted. In their incursions the enemy again bombed Treviso and Mestre, killing and wounding non-combatants. Three hospitals in Mestre were badly damaged by bombs from hostile airplanes.

### BRITISH ARMY EXTENDS LINE AT S. QUENTIN

Extension Effected Under Cover of Anti-Air Fighting Weather and Germans Get Severe Surprise—Canadians in More Fighting—Major-General Wood of United States Army Injured in France by Accidental Explosion Which Kills Five French Soldiers.

London, Jan. 26.—The Reuter correspondent at British headquarters in France says that the southern British army on the western front lately extended its line to slightly south of St. Quentin. The extension was effected under cover of anti-air fighting weather and was only discovered by the Germans when they attempted a raid as they believed, against the French, a couple of nights ago.

Major-General Wood Hurt. Washington, Jan. 27.—General Pershing cabled the war department today that Major-General Wood had been slightly wounded in the arm by an accidental explosion in France which killed five French soldiers and slightly injured two other American officers, Lieut-Col. Charles E. Killbourne and Major Kenyon Joyce.

General Pershing reported the wounding in action of five infantry men of the expeditionary force. No details of the fight were given.

### DR. VON KUEHLMAN FLAYS THE BOLSHEVIKI IN SPEECH BEFORE THE REICHSTAG

Expresses Confidence That Status of "Great German Free State" Will Appeal to Border Peoples—German Government Earnestly Desires Wise and Honorable Peace, He Declares—Asserts the Bolsheviki Rule Not by Popular Will But by Violence and the Shot Gun.

Amsterdam, Jan. 27.—The German foreign secretary Dr. Von Kuehlmann made a second speech before the Reichstag main committee on Sunday, replying to speakers in the debate which followed his first explanation on Friday on the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, incidentally he expressed confidence that the status of the "great free German state" would appeal to the border peoples, and he dealt strongly with the Bolsheviki policy of ruling by force as opposed to their professions.

The secretary continued: "I warmly greet the statements of Dr. David, (Socialist leader of the Reichstag), that a representative body of Lithuania has really been honorably set up and that the representatives of the Lithuanian people of all classes can strive towards the realization of possibilities. Will Aid Lithuania. It has been suggested that we should wait until the end of the war for the extension of other existing representative bodies. We work under different circumstances in the country in question. The war still continues. We will, if peace is reached in conjunction with the military necessities, with a view to bringing (Continued on page 2)

### Food Situation More Serious in Britain, France and In Italy

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—The war cabinet plans for a far-reaching and important campaign for increased production this year. It was in connection with this plan that Mr. Crerar recently consulted the representatives of provincial agricultural departments, in order to secure their support and cooperation. The minister has since consulted with other leaders of agriculture in connection with the question of food control. It is understood that the food controller is giving special attention to the question of increasing the use of certain essentials of consumption. The manufacture of standard flour will be commenced by Canadian milling companies tomorrow. The making available of a larger part of the wheat berry for human consumption and the stopping of the manufacture of patent flour, will mean a considerable saving of wheat for export to the allied nations.

### Preparing Mighty Submarine Attack Against U. S. Ships

Washington, Jan. 27.—Warning that the Germans are preparing for a great submarine offensive against the American lines of communication with France, in connection with the impending Teutonic drive against the west front is given by Secretary Baker in his weekly military review, made public tonight by the war department.

Recently there has been a marked decrease in the number of allied merchant ships sunk by submarines. The explanation for this is found in the withdrawal of submarines in preparation for the coming thrust on land and sea. The review says: "As the time draws near, when once again the enemy will endeavor to strike a decisive blow in the west, it must be emphasized that he will not be content with mere military operations on a large scale.

"During the past fortnight enemy submarines have been recalled to home ports to be refitted, and the most powerful submarine offensive hitherto undertaken may be expected to be launched against our lines of communication with France, to interrupt the steady flow of men and munitions for our own armies and food supplies for the Allies."

### TEN KILLED IN RAILROAD WRECK

Fifty Injured in Bavaria as Result of Benzine Explosion as Train Passes.

Amsterdam, Jan. 27.—An express train while running between Berlin and Munich, Bavaria, caught fire at Schleissheim, six miles north of Munich, as the result of an explosion of a bottle of benzine, says the Saturday edition of the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin. Ten persons were killed and fifty were injured.

### CHINESE CUT OFF RUSSIAN EXPORTS

Act Has Accentuated Food Shortage in Russia—Russians Make Protest.

Harbin, Manchuria, Jan. 26.—The Chinese officials here have cut off all exports of goods to Russia, thus accentuating the food shortage in that country. The Russian frontier authorities have filed a protest, threatening to suspend the operation of the Chinese Eastern Railway.