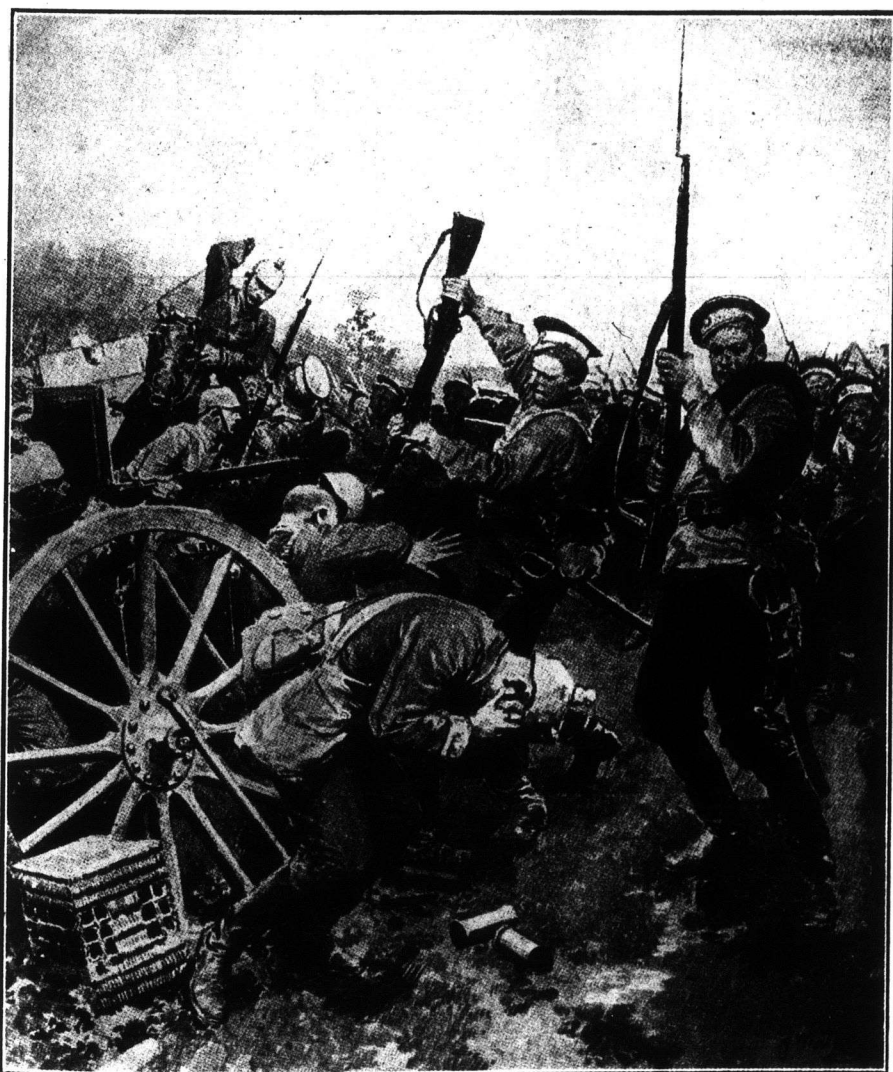


Sweden, King Gustav. Denmark, King Frederick. Norway, King Haakon.

The three Scandinavian kings accompanied by their ministers of foreign affairs and secretaries met Dec. 18th and 19th at Malmö, southern Sweden, to discuss affairs of common interest which have arisen as a result of the war. The meeting was arranged by King Gustav (left), who invited King Frederick of Denmark (center) and King Haakon of Norway (right) to visit him at Malmö. This meeting may be the most momentous one since war broke out as it may result in an alliance of the three Scandinavian kingdoms in a new triple alliance or triple entente. If such be the case then a new and powerful alliance of European nations will have been born. It is altogether unlikely that the Germans or Allies would attempt to attack any one of these Scandinavian countries when it is understood that they are united for defensive purposes against any such possible attack. It is understood, should an alliance of the three nations take place, it would be in the form of an alliance for defence only, no aggressive alliance being contemplated.



Belgian Soldiers. In front of the tree trunk a pit has been dug and covered with branches.



After a fierce artillery bombardment in east Prussia the main Russian forces advanced with the bayonet and enveloped the German left. The Germans fled from the trenches and were cut up in small parties.



An orderly in the Royal Army Medical corps went out to attend to a badly wounded officer. While he was applying bandages a shot hit him and he knew he was mortally wounded. Nevertheless he calmly went on with his work, saving the officer's life, and had barely finished it ere he fell dead.



Belgian and British cavalry wintering in the trenches.



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