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THREE SUSPECTS ARRESTED FOLLOWING FIRE AT HESPELER Big Austrian Arms Factory is Wrecked by Explosion

HESPELER FIRE HAS SEQUEL IN THREE ARRESTS

Evidence Strengthens Theory
That Alien Enemies Dam-
aged Munitions Plant.

EXPLOSION WAS HEARD

Mysterious Stranger Said to
Have Left Valise in
Factory.

Special to The Toronto World.
HESPELER, Ont., Feb. 6.—Two
more arrests were made Satur-
day night by Chief of Police Wilson
of suspects in connection with the fire
which at noon hour Saturday destroyed
the shell department of A. B. Jar-
dine and Company's foundry. While
the fire was destroying the building
Chief Wilson placed John Schmidt under
arrest. Schmidt was lodged in
the town lockup and searched, but so
far as can be learned nothing of an
incriminating character was revealed.

Schmidt, who is an Austrian, has,
according to the authorities, been in
the town at intervals in the past two
years.

Last night the police arrested two
more men of suspicious character, who
have been in the town of late. While
the police refuse to divulge their
names, it is known that the men are
of foreign parentage. The govern-
ment authorities are working on the
case and every effort is being made
to ascertain the cause of the fire.

Residents in Hespeler and surround-
ing district are greatly aroused, and
are positive the fire was started by
enemies.

Heard Explosion.
The theory that Jardine Foundry fire
was of incendiary origin has been in-
creased by discovery of further
evidence. A workman, by the name of
Lewyck, who was eating his dinner
in the factory, heard an explosion and
found the plant in flames. Ernest
Radke, another employe, says he saw
a stranger come into the shop, and
asked for a job, and that he had a
valise which he set down beside a
resin tank. Radke saw it there when
he left the plant at 12:30.

The fire was in the shell department
of the works, which was a building
175 feet by 60 feet, and the loss is now
estimated at between \$35,000 and \$50,-
000.

At noon when the employes left the
factory, which is in the centre of the
town, everything was quiet. The
watchman was the only one known to
be in the building. Numbers of the
men went to a big recruiting meeting
which was being held at noon hour.
Mayor L. E. Westover was speaking and
the soldiers of the 11th Battalion
were present from Galt and Preston.
The meeting had scarcely commenced
when the alarm of fire was given.
The firemen made a quick response
and saved the other buildings.

ANTI-DRINK CANVASSER
DRIVEN FROM HOUSE
Charles Small Had to Run When
Owner Produced Revolver

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 6.—Charles
Small, a "dry Ontario" canvasser, re-
ports that he and a co-worker were
driven out of a Chesley avenue house
by the owner of the house,
who is a bitter anti-temperance man.
The prohibition committee have de-
cided to take no action in the case.

PAPERS FOUND IN TRUNK CLUE TO OTTAWA FIRE?

Plots of Parliament Buildings and Other Public
Works Left by German, Who Departed
From Capital in Haste.

By a Staff Reporter.
OTTAWA, Feb. 6.—What may provide a clue to the Ottawa fire is
the discovery of plans of Ottawa and the parliament buildings,
as well as some correspondence, in a trunk left by a German
named Schweiber in the Chateau Laurier.
Some months before the war, Schweiber stayed at the Chateau
Laurier, and went away leaving an unpaid bill of \$116. A few days
before the fire broke out here, a telegram was received from Schweiber
from San Francisco, asking that the trunk be sent on to him, and for-
warding money to pay his bill.
The trunk was opened today by secret service men, and in it were
found letters in German, as well as plans of the city, and also of Cana-
dian harbors. These may provide a clue.

SKODA WORKS BLOWN UP LARGE AERODROME BURNED

Big Austrian Arms Factory at Pilsen, Bohemia,
Partly Destroyed—Germans Lose Num-
ber of New Aeroplanes.

ROME, Feb. 6, via London, 7:30 p.m.—
Austria's arms factory, the Skoda
works, at Pilsen, Bohemia, has been
partly destroyed as the result of an ex-
plosion, according to a despatch from
Bucharest, Roumania, to the Messag-
gero.
According to a Geneva despatch,
fire has virtually destroyed the Johan-
neshal aerodrome, just outside of Ber-
lin, according to private telegrams
from Munich and Stuttgart received at
Basel today. Six or nine new aero-
planes are reported to have been de-
stroyed in the blaze which is said to
have been the work of spies. No lives
were lost.

GERMANS AND NATIVE TROOPS INTERNED IN SPANISH GUINEA

MADRID, Feb. 6, 2 p.m.—Nine hun-
dred Germans and fourteen thousand
of their colonial troops from the Ger-
man colony of Kamerun, have
crossed the border into Spanish Gu-
inea, according to an official announce-
ment made here today. The troops
have been disarmed and interned.
This is taken here to indicate that
the Franco-British campaign in Ka-
merun is nearing a conclusion.
The Franco-British campaign against
the Kameruns, a German protectorate
in western equatorial Africa, was be-
gun in the spring of 1915. French and
British official reports have told of the
occupation of Ngaoundere, one of the
chief trading stations, which from its
situation, was the centre of the Ger-
man resistance, of the taking of Ti-
nba, 137 miles from the Nigerian bor-
der, and the recent capture of
Towns of Duing, Nkan, Lolodorf, and
the retirement of large convoys into
Spanish Guinea.

BIG GERMAN WARSHIP SUNK BY MINE NEAR SWEDISH COAST

Vessel Sent Out Wireless Calls for Help Which
Ceased After Time, Copenhagen Re-
ports—Lost in Cattagat.

COPENHAGEN, via London, Feb. 7,
3:55 a.m.—A large German warship has
been sunk in the Cattagat between the
island of Anholt and the Swedish

const, according to a Copenhagen de-
spatch, quoting the newspaper Heis-
ingor Avis.
The despatch says it is supposed the
vessel struck a mine. Wireless calls
for help were heard, but these ceased
after a time.

The Cattagat is a body of water ly-
ing between Denmark and Sweden,
thru which vessels from the Baltic
must pass to reach the Atlantic Ocean.
The island of Anholt lies in the centre
of the Cattagat.

ALLEGED GERMAN SPY ARRESTED AT WINGHAM

Plans of Buildings and Bridges
Reported Found in Schatte's
Possession.

WINGHAM, Ont., Feb. 6.—On the
order of Colonel Sherwood, head of
the Dominion Police, Adolph Schatte,
aged 29, a member of the Wingham
band and an alleged German agent,
was arrested tonight by Provincial Of-
ficer Phippen and a detachment of
soldiers. Schatte is said to be wanted
on charges of espionage. It is re-
ported that drawings of buildings,
bridges, etc., in different parts of
western Ontario, were found among
his personal effects.
An investigation is to be held in
connection with the finding of a box
of cordite in a car of goods which
arrived here yesterday over the G.
T. R. Great excitement followed the
discovery.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS ISSUE NEW CIRCULAR

Weekly Publication Replaces Vor-
warts as Organ of the
Party.

BERLIN, Feb. 6, via London, 12:30
p.m.—The Socialist national commit-
tee has decided to issue a weekly
circular for expressing the official
decisions of the party management
and its views on critical develop-
ments. From discussion in the So-
cialist press it appears this action
was taken because the Vorwarts,
which hitherto occupied the position
of the official party organ, recently
rebelled and now maintains an atti-
tude hostile to the national commit-
tee.

KING OF BULGARIA TO RETURN KAISER'S CALL

BERLIN, Feb. 6, via London, 12:29
p.m.—King Ferdinand of Bulgaria is
going to Germany, it was learned
today, to return the visit paid by
Emperor William to the king at Nish,
Serbia, on Jan. 18.

NO DISAVOWAL FOR LISITANIA CAUSES FEARS

German Officials Express
Hopes of Settlement With
U.S. on Cash Basis.

BERLIN VIEW SERIOUS

Tagliche Rundschau Points
Out Penalties Lying in
Complete Backdown.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—President
Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing
are expected to confer tomorrow on
the latest tentative draft of the com-
munication the German Government
hopes will bring the negotiations over
the Lusitania disaster to a satisfactory
termination.

The president has had the tentative
draft before him since Friday night.
In it, German officials say, the Berlin
foreign office has gone as far as it
possibly can to meet the position of the
United States.

In the case of the Lusitania, the
submarine commander acted in ac-
cordance with orders. The general in-
structions not to sink liners without
warning were given, it was said tonight,
by high German authority, on the day
after the Lusitania went down. It was
said that Germany withheld announce-
ment of the fact for strategical naval
reasons.

To Pay for Lives Lost.
In the latest proposal, Germany as-
sumes liability for the American lives
lost, offers reparation by the payment
of indemnity and assumes the United
States that the killing of Americans
was without intent. The destruction
of the liner was a act of reprisal for
the British blockade under the orders
in council, according to the German
view, and reprisals should not be ap-
plied to neutrals. The tentative com-
munication also states that "the
method of conducting submarine war-
fare in the North Sea has been mod-
ified because of friendship for the
United States and because of the fact
that American lives had been lost."

The British orders in council were
not issued till after the Germans be-
gan their submarine warfare against
British merchantmen.

TAKES SERIOUS VIEW.

BERLIN, Feb. 6, via London.—In a
leader, headed "The American Crisis,"
the Tagliche Rundschau is disposed
to take a serious view of the situation
existing between Germany and the
United States. It begins by saying:
"Let nobody deceive himself about
the fact that affairs between America
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MURDERER TO ESCAPE DEATH UPON SCAFFOLD

George Ball's Sentence Has Been
Committed to Life Im-
prisonment.

REGINA, Feb. 5.—The sentence of
George Ball, who was to have been
hanged in this city on Monday, has been
commuted to life imprisonment, ac-
cording to an announcement received
by Sheriff Cook, Ball was convicted
of the murder of a rancher named
Long in the Willow Bunch district,
and sentenced to pay the penalty on
the gallows.

The influence of the United
States Government, the department of
justice at Ottawa commuted the
sentence. Ball is an American, who
emigrated to Canada, where he took
up ranching in the western part of
the province.

SALVAGE WORK IS PROCEEDING AMONG DEBRIS

Wagons and Trucks Engaged
in Transferring Fittings to
Victoria Museum.

ANOTHER ALARM GIVEN

Slight Outbreak Caused
Fear—Three Bodies Still
Lying in Ruins.

OTTAWA, Feb. 6.—Friends of
J. O. Lavelle, M.P. for Bellechasse,
are anxious for information as to
his whereabouts. At 151 Al-
bert street where Mr. Lavelle has
rooms, he has not been seen since
Thursday afternoon.

By a Staff Reporter.
OTTAWA, Feb. 6.—Only two more
bodies have been recovered from the
ruins of the parliament buildings. On
Saturday the body of J. B. R. Laplante
was found and today that of another
victim, a man, was found, with the
nozzle at the end of a hose under his
arm. It is believed the body is that
of Dominion Policeman Desjardins,
but positive identification is impos-
sible.

The remains of E. B. Law, M.P., Al-
phonse Desjardins and Randolph Fan-
ning have not been found.

A report on Saturday night that the
east block was on fire sent the cap-
ital into another spasm of excitement.
The east block contains the premier's
office, finance department, justice de-
partment and others.

The fire brigade had only been
called, however, for a slight new out-
break in the east end of the main
building, which was still standing.

The spectacle within the blackened
walls of the former splendid home of
parliament is a most pitiable one. The
site of the chamber of the
house of commons is covered
with debris many feet deep,
and is open to the sky. Room 16,
the lobby of members on the govern-
ment side.

BIG PLOT TO INVAD CANADA LAID BARE?

New York Herald Says Secret
Service Has Made Sensa-
tional Report.

PLOT AGAINST CANAL

Mausser Rifles Shipped to Border
and German Officers in
Control.

NLW YORK, Feb. 7.—The Herald
this morning prints a lengthy story
to the effect that the Canadian secret
service has uncovered a plot of enor-
mous proportions, the object of which
was the invasion of Canada and the
destruction of the Welland Canal. The
Canadian secret service agents work-
ing on this side of the border, are re-
ported by The Herald to have submit-
ted these findings to their govern-
ment.

"That two hundred thousand Mau-
sers rifles had been secretly purchas-
ed by German agents and were being
shipped to points along the Canadian
border."

"That scores of German army offi-
cers recently have arrived in the Uni-
ted States in guise of Belgian refugees
and from neutral parts of Europe, with
the object of heading an armed
force for the invasion of Canada."

To Destroy Canal.
"That the principle of this secret
movement is the destruction of the Well-
and Canal and crippling the shipment of
\$20,000,000 of Canadian wheat to the
allies."

"That one-third of the output of Am-
erican munitions plants has been pur-
chased by German agents masquerading
as agents for the allied governments,
and that these war supplies, the greater
part composed of rifles, are stored se-
cretly."

"That the destruction of the Canadian
parliament buildings at Ottawa last week
and the attempted destruction of a man-
ufacturing plant in the same city on Feb. 2
were the work of German sympathizers."

DARDANELLES FORTS BOMBARDED BY SHIPS

CONSTANTINOPLE, via London, Feb.
6.—The following official communication,
issued by the Turkish War Office, was
given out today:
"On the Caucasian front, local fighting
continues."

"In the Balkans, the Turkish army
has been successful in the Dardanelles
front. Near Focah there has been
a small artillery and infantry battle.
Near Kuz-el-Amara there is no change
in the situation."
"On the third, a torpedo boat and
cruiser in the wide entrance in the Dar-
danelles threw some bombs against Tokke
Burnu and Seddul Bahr, and then re-
turned."
"On the other fronts there is nothing
of importance to report."

PRINCE LEOPOLD WILL LEAD RAID ON EGYPT?

Suez Canal Will Be Attacked in
Spring, Says Munich Report

GENEVA, Feb. 5, via London, 4
p.m.—Prince Leopold of Bavaria,
who has studied Egypt thoroughly, will
be appointed to command a German-
Turkish army in an attack on the
Suez Canal, according to The Bay-
erische Kurier of Munich. The
newspaper says the expedition is ex-
pected to get under way in the
spring, and that it will be command-
ed by German officers, who are mak-
ing preparation at Constantinople.

BRITAIN TO CONSERVE HER COAL AND COKE

Runciman Appoints Committee
to Investigate Problem of
Distribution.

LONDON, Feb. 6, 7:55 p.m.—Walter
Runciman, president of the board of
trade, has appointed a committee to
investigate all questions connected
with the distribution of coal and coke.

TWO ANTIPODES PREMIERS DUE HERE SHORTLY

Fisher of Australia and Mas-
sey of New Zealand Pass
Thru Honolulu.

EN ROUTE TO LONDON

Important Trade Matters Will
Be Discussed With Sir
Robert Borden.

By a Staff Reporter.
OTTAWA, Feb. 6.—Premier Fisher
of Australia and Premier Massey of
New Zealand are on their way to Ot-
tawa, and have passed thru Honolulu.
They will be met at Vancouver by re-
presentatives of the Canadian Gov-
ernment and conveyed here on a govern-
ment train.

The Australasian premiers will pro-
ceed from Ottawa to London, where
they will hold a conference with the
imperial authorities.

It is understood that Sir Robert
Borden will not accompany them to
London, but Messrs. Fisher and Mas-
sey, after discussing various matters
of imperial concern with the British
Government, will return to Ottawa and
a conference will be held here. The
expectation is that the leading ques-
tion to be discussed in Ottawa will be
the promotion and protection of inter-
imperial and inter-allied trade. The war
arrangements are thoroughly perfected.

Sir Robert Borden, when asked to-
night if he could give any information
regarding the visit of the Australasian
premiers, said: "I have been familiar
with their arrangements, but they are
confidential and I cannot say anything
at the present time."

A despatch from Honolulu reported
the arrival of the premier of Aus-
tralia on board the steamer Makura,
on the way to Vancouver. It was said
that he was to accompany Sir Robert
Borden to London to attend an imperi-
al conference. It was said that the
premier boarded the steamer seven miles
from Sydney from a launch, and that
every effort was made to keep secret
his identity.

Stop the Rumor Mongers.

Something should be done to stop the
rumor-mongers, who spring up all over
Toronto nearly every Sunday. Week after
week the newspapers are besieged with
telephone enquiries on Sunday nights for
information about some absolutely foolish
yarn.

Yesterday people from all parts of
Toronto and Ontario were calling up The
World asking if it was true that so-and-
so's munitions plant had been blown up;
whether it was true that the Ottawa mint
had been destroyed, and other "cock-and-
bull" stories. These dangerous rumor-
mongers should be suppressed.

A CONUNDRUM OF THE DAY.

(Ottawa Journal, Feb. 5.)
Should the chief intelligence officer of
the war department of Canada be a Ger-
man, with brothers in the German army?
Should there be other Germans in the
government service here? A number
there are.

Is Canada at war with Germany or
playing marbles?

ATTRACTIVE FUR WEEK.

Dineen's was the
most attractive
fur store in To-
ronto last week
on the score of
quality with price reduction, and it
will continue attractive this week
again. An absolute clearance of all
furs. Dineen's, manufacturing fur-
riers, 140 Yonge street, corner Ter-
rance.

DARK PLOTS TO DESTROY SHIPS ARE DISCLOSED

British Board of Trade Gives
Warning to Ship Owners
and Merchants.

HUNS SHOW INGENUITY

Wood Used for Packing Pur-
poses of Highly Inflam-
mable Nature.

LONDON, Feb. 6, 12:08 p.m.—The
board of trade has issued an official
warning to ship owners and mer-
chants of the possibility of foul play
on British and neutral ships thru the
machinations of enemy agents, who
in numerous instances are declared to
have caused fires and explosions.

The warning says that great inge-
nuity has been displayed in en-
deavouring to work damage to vessels.
In one case it was found that the wood
used for packing purposes had been so
treated that it would burst into
flame under slight friction. Ship own-
ers are requested in the warning to
satisfy themselves that no firm
importing enemy interests shall have
anything to do with the handling of a
ship or cargo in which they are in-
terested.

A Bordeaux despatch today says:
"A small metal tube supposed to be a
bomb, has been found on the British
steamship Hannington which ar-
rived here last Friday, four laden
from New York. The tube was con-
cealed among some sacks of wool
where it is thought to have been placed
after the steamer left New York. An
investigation is being made."

WARFARE OF TRENCHES PROCEEDS WITH VIGOR

French and British Continue to
Wreck German Defensive
Positions.

PLANES BROUGHT DOWN

Reservoirs of Asphyxiating Gas
Exploded, Blow Into
Trenches of Foe.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.
LONDON, Feb. 6.—Little new save
the continuance of the artillery actions
is reported from the western front of
the war today.

British and French batteries carried
out a destructive fire against the Ger-
man positions in front of Boesinghe
in Belgium, and they destroyed two
German heavy batteries to the east of
this point by large shells. German
works on the Chassemy plateau, east
of Soissons, were cannonaded by the
La Bassee Canal. The British gun-
ners shelled the hostile trenches on
the front between the Ancre and
the Somme Rivers. The Ger-
mans claim the trench destruction
detachments which attempted to ad-
vance southeast of Neville and south
of the La Bassee Canal were repulsed.
German aircraft showed some activity
about Ypres and German batteries
again shelled Elverdinghe.

French artillery Saturday shelled
the bridgehead at Venimieul and Ger-
man works at Vendresse and Cernay
on the march east of St. Souplet; it
damaged the hostile defences on the
Navarin plateau; it bombarded enemy
trenches and shelters north of St.
Thomas between the Aime and the
Argonne; it was active in the Coin-
court and Domreve regions in Lor-
raine; and French infantry occupied
the northern rim of a crater at Haute
Chevauchee formed by the explosion
of a German mine. Sergeant Pilot
Gunter of the French aerial corps
engaged a German aeroplane in the
Frie region, and drove it to earth in
flames, placing the fifth destruction
of a hostile machine to his credit.

German trenches in the region of
Maison de Champagne were constant-
ly shelled by French guns since Sat-
urday. The French war office reported
today. Another German aeroplane was
brought down in flames by a French
battalion.

After the French were able to ver-
ify the result of their shell fire against
German organizations on the Navar-
in plateau in Champagne, they re-
ported tonight that the trenches
bombarded were seriously wrecked
and several munitions depots were
blown up. Moreover, reservoirs con-
taining asphyxiating gas were demol-
ished and emitted waves of the gas
which spread out and was driven back
by the wind waves over the German
lines.

WAR SUMMARY: Today's Events Reviewed

REPORTS by Balkan press agencies convey the information of the
opening of a great artillery duel in the vicinity of Lake Doiran,
north of Saloniki, on the Greco-Serbian frontier, and intimate
that this operation is a preliminary to the contemplated advance of
the Germans, Austrians, Turks and Bulgarians to oust the allies from
Saloniki. It is generally interpreted that the movement against this
port has been delayed, owing to the dwindling numbers and consequent
weakness of the Germans and Austrians, and their prolonged
inactivity is interpreted as a strong sign of their having passed the
climax of their strength and having begun their journey downhill.
The German Emperor did all that he could to induce his Greek brother-in-
law to expel the Anglo-French forces from the port, but the Greeks
had sense enough to realize that as the allies held command of the
sea and as the Greek navy would not last a week of warfare, they
had better remain on the side of the powers holding the whip hand.
So the Germans have to undertake the task which they failed to in-
duce the King of Greece and the pro-German members of his staff
to attempt.

It is now admitted that had the Germans advanced in December
against Saloniki, they would have found the allies holding on to this
harbor by their eyelashes, and they would have had comparatively
(Continued on Page 2, Columns 2 and 3.)

Lenore Ulrich
"Oklahoma"

NTIC CITY HAS NEW
Y-SCRAPER HOTEL

the completion of the new
Hotel Atlantic City, N. J., a
modern fireproof hostelry in ad-
dition famous resort's list of ho-
tels. The St. Charles, which
twelve stories high, will con-
rooms, and in appointments,
fines, etc., will compare
with the leading metropolitan
Included in the features of
Charles will be an assembly
table for conventions, balls,
etc.

blaze broke out