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Foreign Office Prepares Note Demanding Apology From France.

WITNESSES TESTIFY

Will Also Ask Damages For Loss of Three Lives.

By GEORGE WITTE.
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London, March 14.—The German foreign office claims that so far five witnesses have been secured who are willing to testify under oath that the two French officers who were killed at Buer on Saturday were murdered by two French soldiers and not by Germans. The foreign office is preparing a note to the French government demanding not only an apology for the subsequent events in Buer, including the shooting of three German civilians as the result of the martial law proclaimed there, but also damages for the loss of three lives.

The German government also will send notes to the United States, Great Britain and other countries denouncing the grave injustice done to Germany by charging German subjects with the murder of French officers without the slightest attempt having been made by the French military authorities to ascertain the true facts.

Chancellor Cuno is to make a speech on this subject in a day or two, after the official investigation as the result of General Caron's threat that he will have the burgomaster of Buer executed without further ado if another Frenchman should lose his life in that town. The burgomaster was arrested by the French as a hostage, with three other prominent Buer citizens, following the death of French officers.

The Berlin Tageblatt prints a despatch to the effect that several persons who were in a saloon near the scene of the crime rushed out into the street when shots were heard and saw two Alpine chamois dashing down the street. The bodies of the officers were only a few feet away from where the French soldiers were first sighted.

"Not another soul was to be seen anywhere, and the two French soldiers were running as fast as they could," witnesses are quoted as saying in the Tageblatt despatch.

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Take Action to Prevent Further Attacks on Soldiers in Ruhr.

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Many more arrests were effected in the disturbed area, which is held in an iron grip. An example of the French firmness is that German civilians at Buer are not permitted to walk on the sidewalks nor to put their hands in their pockets. Conflicting reports regarding the number of Germans killed within the past 48 hours vary from four to ten. German sources reported two civilians shot after a court-martial last night. Later despatches made no mention of the report was untrue. There was no confirmation of a report from Buer that French sentries shot three Germans for evading the curfew law.

A report from Offenburger stated 170 German families, mainly workers, were ordered to evacuate the barracks they have used as homes since the war. These people, according to the German advice, have no place to go.

NEWFOUNDLAND FOLK FEEL FOOD SHORTAGE

Vessels Are Unable to Reach Settlements—Make Bread of Oatmeal.

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Sydney, N.S., March 14.—Travelers arriving here yesterday from Newfoundland say people living in outposts of that island are short of food because coastal vessels are unable to reach the settlements with freight.

Many families are using rolled oats to make bread, as no flour is available. Very few of the houses have enough kerosene for illumination purposes, and home-made candles are used instead of lamps. The people have lived days on nothing but a very small quantity of meal and molasses.

DRIVERS ESCAPE INJURY WHEN AUTO SMASHES RIG

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Wabash, March 14.—Alfred Buckingham of this village and Dr. S. Stewart of Thamesville Motor Club held a meeting in the chamber of commerce board room yesterday, when arrangements were completed for a drive for members, which will be staged on Monday, March 19.

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