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GERMANY LOSES BIG WARSHIP; SUCCESS CROWNS ALLIED CAMPAIGN IN KAMERUN

ALLEGED GERMAN AGENT PLACED UNDER ARREST

May Know Something of Fire in Parliament Buildings at Ottawa.

ANOTHER BODY IS FOUND AMONG RUINS.

Messages of Sympathy from all Over Empire Reach Ottawa—United States Also Expresses Regret.

Wingham, Ont., Feb. 6.—On the order of Col. Sherwood, head of the Dominion police, Adolphe Schatte, aged 29, a member of the Wingham Band, and an alleged German agent, was arrested tonight by Provincial Officer Philpott and a detachment of soldiers. Schatte is said to be wanted on charges of espionage. It is reported 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 Grand Trunk.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—The body of another of the victims of the Ottawa conflagration was found today. The man was unrecognizable. He had the nose at the end of a hose under his arm and presumably was Dominion Policeman Desjarlais. This is the fourth body recovered.

There are three other bodies still buried under the ruins. They are those of B. B. Law, M. P. for Yarmouth; Alphonse Desjarlais, a plumber, and uncle of former, and Randolph Parnis, of the post office department.

A report on Saturday night that the east block was on fire sent the capital into another spasm of excitement. The east block contains the premier's office, finance department, justice department and others. The fire brigade had only been called, however, for a slight new outbreak in the east end of the main building which was still standing.

The spectacle under 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.

Valuable Paintings Undamaged.

"Room 16," the lobby of the members of the government side, which is just west of the chamber and only the western wall of it remains to mark the place. Room, floor and all have fallen through to the basement. The Hansard offices, however, on the other side of the Commons chamber are entirely intact. The long press room running along the west end of the building was badly flooded, but otherwise undamaged. The offices of members on the second floor are also only flooded, and the restaurant and bar on the third floor scarcely suffered at all. The numerous large paintings on the walls of the restaurant are not damaged. Everything undamaged in

OTHER DOMINIONS MAY HELP BUILD NEW HOME FOR CANADA'S PARLIAMENT

London, Feb. 6.—(Montreal Gazette cable)—Notwithstanding official denials of German intrigue in connection with the burning of the parliament buildings at Ottawa, the British press is unanimous in regarding the catastrophe as the work of the Hun. With the expressions of sympathy there is invariably coupled the confidence that Canada will, in no way, allow herself to be terrorized by acts of frightfulness. The London Evening Star suggests that the imperial parliament, aided perhaps by the other dominions, be allowed to rebuild Canada's parliament as a mark of the Empire's gratitude and unity.

the ruined building that can be of use in the new home of parliament in the Victoria Museum is being transferred as rapidly as possible and wagons and trucks have been busy all day carrying furniture, desks, etc. The pictures in the senate chamber, and the carriages about it were all saved. Col. J. Chambers, gentleman usher of the black rod, and other officers, having put forth a desperate effort to save these from destruction. The furnishings of the senate side were also saved.

The lobby of the Liberal members of the House of Commons was flooded but not burnt. The area between the Conservative and Liberal lobbies is filled with debris including huge masses of cut stone that have fallen down from the top walls. The debris from the interior is being wheeled and carried onto the lawn to the west as the search for the bodies is pushed as fast as can be done. The gates leading up to the parliament building are still guarded by soldiers, and Rideau Hall is closely guarded by detectives.

Hon. Robert Rogers has requested General Hughes to recall Col. Robert S. Low from Halifax to superintend the work of clearing up the debris on Parliament Hill.

Will Call on Experts to Probe Disaster

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—(Via leased wire)—The special committee which is to investigate the burning of the parliament buildings will be constituted tomorrow or today. It will consist of two members, one nominated by the government and one by the leader of the opposition. Mr. R. A. Pringle, K. C., of Ottawa, will probably be the government nominee. The commission will issue as soon as the name of Sir Wilfrid's nominee is received by the government, and the commissioners will be given authority to employ all expert assistance that may be necessary for the purpose of making the investigation thorough and complete.

The search for the four bodies still in the ruins of the Commons wing was continued all day today but without success. A report that the remains of Bowman Law had been found was circulated this afternoon but proved to be without foundation. The searchers did succeed in reaching the part of the ruins where the members telephone cabinets had been. Mr. Law had been in this part of the building just before the fire broke out and had tele-

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BIG GUNS OF BRITISH AND FRENCH HAMMER GERMANS IN WEST

Destructive Fire of Allied Artillery Playing Havoc With Enemy's Defences — Thousands of Germans, Driven From West Africa, Cross Into Spanish Guinea Where They Are Disarmed and Interned — Campaign Nearing End a Notable Victory for British and French Arms.

GERMANS INTERNED IN SPANISH GUINEA

Madrid, Feb. 6.—Nine hundred Germans and fourteen thousand of their colonial troops from the German colony of Kamerun have crossed the border into Spanish Guinea, according to an official announcement made here today. The troops have been disarmed and interned.

This is taken here to indicate that the Franco-British campaign in the Kamerun is nearing a conclusion.

The Franco-British campaign against the Kamerun, a German protectorate in Western Equatorial Africa, was begun in the spring of 1915.

French and British reports have told of the occupation of Ngaoundere, one of the chief interior trading stations, which, from its situation, climate and the number of roads converging from it, was the centre of German resistance; of the taking of Tibati, 137 miles from the Nigerian border; and the more recent capture of the towns of Daing, Nken Lolodorf, and the retirement of large convoys into Spanish Guinea.

The Kamerun protectorate has an area of 181,130 square miles, and has a population of 2,540,000, including about 2,000 whites. The only other possession of the Germans in Africa, not conquered by the Allies is the protectorate of German East Africa, which has an area of 384,000 square miles, and a population of 5,500,000.

The British are pressing the Germans hard in the Kamerun region of German West Equatorial Africa. A Spanish official communication says that 300 Germans and 14,000 of their colonial troops have crossed the southwest border and sought refuge in Spanish Guinea, where they were disarmed and interned.

Except on the western line in France and Belgium, and on the Caucasus front, little fighting of moment is in progress in any of the war theatres.

In Northwest Russia there have been aerial raids by both the Germans and Russians, and in Galicia and Bukovina small infantry and grenade attacks. At one point along the line where the Russian General Ivanoff is in command the Russians found a system of Teuton mines and having wired it, detonated the mines.

The British and French in Belgium have shelled, with destructive effect, German trenches at Boesinghe, and the French heavy guns have silenced a German battery to the east of Boesinghe.

Petrograd says the Russians continue to harass the Turks over the entire Caucasus region, and that all attempts by the Turks at an offensive have been repulsed with heavy losses to them.

In Mesopotamia, near Palahle, small artillery and infantry engagements have been going on between the Turks and the British. At Kut-el-Amara, where the British are besieged by the Turks, there is no change in the situation.

With Italian Army.

Rome, Feb. 6.—The following official statement was issued here today: "In the Sugana Valley there have been minor encounters between Rogno and Tarcongo, where the enemy was repulsed, leaving some prisoners in our hands."

"In the Tolmino zone the enemy attacked our positions at Santa Maria yesterday at dawn. In spite of the thick fog, which paralyzed artillery action, the prompt arrival of reinforcements enabled us to repulse the enemy with an appreciable loss to him. On the Podgora Heights, west of Gorizia, the enemy on Thursday night tried to approach our positions."

"At the second attempt our troops counter-attacked, putting the enemy to flight and taking some prisoners."

Severe Test for British in Mesopotamia.

London, Feb. 6.—The correspondent of the British press in Mesopotamia, telegraphing from Basra, Asiatic Turkey, under date of Feb. 2, emphasizes the hard task of the Kut-el-Amara relief force. He says the climatic conditions compare with the worst experienced in France in the winter of 1914. In few campaigns have the British and Indians been so severely tried. Lack of cover in the flat country exposed the advance of the troops to rifle fire at 2,000 yards.

At the present time, owing to the recent halt, the conditions are becoming like those in France. Communications trenches have been cut, and for the moment the operations are confined to sniping and artillery fire.

GERMAN PLOT AGAINST CANADA DISCOVERED?

Invasion of Canada Part of the Scheme, New York Herald Says.

THOUSANDS OF RIFLES SECRETLY PURCHASED

German Officers Reach New York in Guise of Belgian Refugees to Take Part in Attack

New York, Feb. 7.—The Herald this morning prints a lengthy story to the effect that the Canadian secret service has uncovered a plot of enormous proportions, the object of which was the invasion of Canada and the destruction of the Welland Canal. The Canadian secret service agents, working on this side of the border, and reported by the Herald to have submitted these findings to their government:

"That two hundred thousand mousier rifles had been secretly purchased by German agents, and were being shipped along the Canadian border."

"That scores of German army officers recently have arrived in the United States in the guise of Belgian refugees, and from neutral ports of Europe, with the object of heading an armed force for the invasion of Canada."

"That the principal object of this secret movement is the destruction of the Welland Canal, and the shipment of \$600,000,000 of Canadian wheat to the Allies."

"That one-third of the output of American munitions plants has been purchased by German agents, manufacturing as agents for the allied governments, and that these war supplies, the greater part composed of rifles, are stored secretly."

"That the destruction of the Canadian parliament buildings at Ottawa last week, and the attempted destruction of a munitions plant in the same city Feb. 5, were the work of German sympathizers."

Born at Richibucto and Educated at Chatham Academy — One of Leading Members of Canadian Bar.

A. R. CREELMAN CHIEF COUNSEL FOR C.P.R. DEAD

Montreal, Feb. 6.—Mr. Adam Rutherford Creelman, K.C., for fourteen years general counsel to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and formerly a member of the Toronto law firm of McCarthy, Oster and Creelman, died this morning at his residence 634 Sherbrooke street, Montreal, after a lengthy illness. He was born sixty-six years ago at Richibucto, N. B., was educated at the Chatham, N. B. Academy, studied law with the late Hon. Adam Crooks, Q. C., and for many years was one of the leading members of the bar in Ontario. Owing to ill-health he resigned his position as counsel for the C.P.R. last year, but remained a director, he having been on the board since 1910. Lieut. Col. J. J. Creelman, who is at the front, is a son of the deceased.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK, ONE OF CREW LOST

London, Feb. 6.—The British steamship Balgowrie, 1,061 tons gross, has been sunk. The crew, with the exception of the second officer, was saved. The Balgowrie was 235 feet long, 30 feet beam and 17 feet deep. The vessel was built at Aberdeen in 1880, and was owned by the General Steam Navigation Company, Limited, of London.

KING ATTENDS REQUIEM FOR DEAD HEROES

London, Feb. 5.—King George today made his first public appearance since he suffered injury from an accident while reviewing the British troops in France last October. His Majesty attended a performance of Verdi's requiem in memory of the soldiers who have fallen in the war.

CORRUPTION IN BULGARIA'S PARLIAMENT

Thirteen Adherents of Former Foreign Minister Charged with Taking Bribes from French Agent.

Sofia, Feb. 6.—The state attorney has asked the Bulgarian parliament for authority to arrest thirteen of its members, constituting the so-called Ghendakoff group (adherents of M. Ghendakoff, formerly minister of foreign affairs), for accepting bribes from a French agent. The case created a great sensation in Bulgaria some time ago, when the facts were first divulged.

The request was referred to an appropriate committee.

BLACK'S HARBOR DOES WELL IN RECRUITING

Rousing Meeting Last Night and Ten Men Offer Their Services to Empire.

St. George, Feb. 5.—A splendid recruiting meeting was held at Black's Harbor tonight in Connor's Hall. The hall was donated for the occasion by Lewis Connor, who also looked after the decorations and presided at the meeting. The hall was filled to the doors and stirring addresses were made by the following:—H. R. Lawrence, Dr. H. I. Taylor, M. L. A.; C. Hazen McGee, Dr. C. C. Alexander and M. E. Baldwin, all of St. George.

At the close of the meeting no less than ten young men between the ages of eighteen and thirty signified their intention to don the khaki and fight for king and country. These men are all splendid specimens of the best type of manhood, and Black's Harbor is to be congratulated on the response they made to the call of the Empire.

The names of the men are George Wilson, Donald Wilcox, Martin Bradford, Harold Bradford, Percy Thompson, Jake Thompson, Joe Moses, Cecil Wickerson, Elmer Bell and George S. Ryan. These men will have their choice of joining either the 115th or the 140th. On Tuesday night a meeting will be held at Beaver Harbor where equally good results are looked for.

GERMAN WARSHIP SUNK IN CATTEGAT

Bulletin—Copenhagen, via London, Feb. 7.—A large German warship has been sunk in the Cattogat, between the Island of Anholt and the Swedish coast, according to a Copenhagen despatch quoting the newspaper Helsingor Avis.

The despatch says it is supposed the vessel struck a mine. Wireless calls for help were heard, but these ceased after a time.

AUSTRIAN ARMS FACTORY WIPED OUT BY EXPLOSION, HUN AERODROME BURNS

Several New Aeroplanes Lost in Fire Which Destroys Aerodrome at Johannisbal Just Outside Berlin.

Rome, Feb. 6, via London.—Austrian arms factory, the Skoa works at Pilsen, Bohemia, has been partly destroyed as the result of an explosion, according to a despatch from Bucharest, Roumania, to the Messaggero.

AERODROME BURNED

Geneva, via Paris, Feb. 6.—Fire has virtually destroyed the Johannistal aerodrome, just outside Berlin, according to private telegrams from Munich and Stuttgart received at Basel today. Six or nine new aeroplanes are reported to have been destroyed in the blaze, which is said to have been wrecked by spies. No lives were lost.

FIRE IN SHELL PLANT AT HESPELER, ONT, AUSTRIAN ARRESTED ON SUSPICION

Man Giving Name of John Schmid Caught by Police — Worked in Other Plants Under Different Names.

Hespeler, Ont., Feb. 5.—Fire which started in the furnace room shortly after noon today, partially destroyed the tool and shell plant of the A. B. Jardine Company.

Suspect Arrested.

Hespeler, Ont., Feb. 6.—An Austrian giving his name as John Schmidt, is under arrest at Hespeler on suspicion of being implicated in the fire which yesterday destroyed the shell department of the A. B. Jardine foundry. It is learned that he has been recently employed in munition plants in Galt, Berlin and Hamilton, and in each case gave a name different from Schmidt.

Chief of Police Thomas Wilson says there is no doubt that the fire was started by an explosion.

company by the unexpected freshet in July last, no dividend was declared, but a call of five (5) dollars per share was authorized to be made on the stockholders. E. Hutchinson, Esq., was elected president for the ensuing year. Allan J. Ritchie was elected a director to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the death of the late Hon. Allan Ritchie, his father.

An employer, to do his bit, should have a suit of khaki alongside every vacant job. If the suit fits the applicant, tell him to wear it.

SOUTHWEST BOOM CO. PASSES DIVIDEND

Newcastle, Feb. 5.—At the annual meeting of the South West Boom Co. owing to the losses sustained by the