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## Germans Hurlled Back at Vitebsk, British Hospital Ship Torpedoed, No Patients Were On Board

### GERMANY'S PURPOSE IS TO DOMINATE RUSSIA

#### Opinion of British Press on Germany's New Move on Russia—Russian Troops Blow Up Bridges Over Bernezia—Orderly Evacuation of Orsha.

#### BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIP SUNK—NO PATIENTS ABOARD

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

LONDON, Feb. 27.—An official announcement says the British hospital ship *Glenartcastle* was torpedoed and sunk in the Bristol Channel yesterday. There were no patients on board. Survivors were landed by an American torpedo boat destroyer. Eight boats are still adrift.

#### ENEMY RAIDS REPULSED NEAR ST. QUENTIN

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The British war office statement today says enemy raids were repulsed during the night northwest of St. Quentin in the neighborhood of Bellecourt and east of Vermeilles. The artillery was active on both sides early this morning north east and east of Ypres.

#### GERMAN FORCES REPULSED AT VITEBSK

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A Petrograd despatch states that the German forces have been hurled back at Vitebsk. At Orsha 30 miles southeast of Minsk after forcing the invaders to retire. The military was active on both sides early this morning north east and east of Ypres.

#### GERMANS REPORTED AT LUGA

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

PETROGRAD, Feb. 27.—No response has been received from Berlin as yet to Ensign Krylenko's message asking whether Russia's acceptance of Germany's peace terms renews the peace armistice. Meantime German troops are reported to have occupied Luga, half way between Pskov and Petrograd.

#### HUNS AIM TO DOMINATE RUSSIA WHOLLY

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The British press is practically unanimous in expressing the belief that Germany's new war against Russia gave the lie to Chancellor Van Hertling's partial acceptance of President Wilson's basis for a lasting world peace. It is that Germany's whole aim and purpose in the last is to bring Russia under German domination.

#### GERMAN GAS ATTACK ON AMERICAN SECTOR

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A despatch from American army headquarters says the first German gas attack on the American sector came suddenly early yesterday morning and that as a result five American soldiers were killed and fifty others suffering terrible agonies were sent to hospital.

#### FRENCH COMMENT ON VON HERTLING'S SPEECH

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The French press in its comments on Chancellor von Hertling's speech generally regard it as hypocritical and a further attempt to divide the Allies.

#### TROOPS SENT TO ASSIST POLICE IN IRELAND

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The newspapers today give much prominence to the official announcement that troops have been sent to assist the police in County Clare, Ireland. The unrest in the west and south is said to be deepening and there are reports that the situation in some parts at least is getting beyond control, though a despatch to The Daily News from Limerick declares there is no cause for alarm. H. E. Duke, chief secretary for Ireland is reported to have resigned.

#### THE NAVAL TUG CHEROKEE FOUNDERED

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The naval tug *Cherokee* foundered in a gale off Fenwick Island lightship 22 miles south of the Delaware capes yesterday. Ten survivors according to reports received here have been landed at some coast point. The

At the Tabernacle Methodist Church Monday evening Evangelist G. M. Sharpe opened his revival campaign with a gripping appeal. Several decisions were made as a result of his address. There was a large congregation. The meetings will be held in the basement

tug ordinarily carried a crew of forty

#### ONE HUNDRED PERSON TRAMPLED TO DEATH

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

HONG KONG, Feb. 27.—One hundred persons, mostly women and children, were trampled to death and several hundred more were burned to death when the public stands at the Hoak Kong Jockey Club races collapsed and fire broke out in the wreck.

#### GERMANS CAPTURE REVAL AFTER FIGHT, Pskov ALSO

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—The German forces have occupied Reval after an engagement with the Russians. The Germans have also captured Pskov (about 160 miles southwest of Petrograd). This announcement is made in the official report from general headquarters to-night. The text reads: "The town and fortress of Reval were occupied of 10.30 o'clock this morning after a battle. Pskov, south of Lake Peipus, is in our hands."

#### JAPS TO LAND ARMY TO HELP COSSACK CHIEF

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

HARBIN, Feb. 26.—The Japanese, according to reliable authority, intend to take action in Siberia at an early date, and there are indications that the Japanese have long been preparing to carry out this move. The situation in Siberia is considered extremely grave, owing to the inability of the Cossack General Semenov, head of the anti-Bolshevik movement in that vast territory, to secure allied support, for which he has appealed to the Japanese.

General Semenov's movement is now officially recognized, and a general committee has been formed at Harbin, which will act as a general staff, divided into three departments—financial, military and administrative. The Russian consul, M. Pokoff, has been appointed chairman of the committee. Two thousand Germans have been armed and are drilling at Inukusk, capital of the government of Inukusk in eastern Siberia, and according to an official report received from a foreign consul, the Germans are making all preparations to bring much larger forces there.

#### BRITISH NOT AFRAID OF GERMAN BLUFF

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, spoke confidently of the progress of the war at a luncheon held in the Aldwych Club today which was presided over by Lord Northcliffe. Lord Northcliffe said he had studied the coming of the war for twenty years and was not afraid of the German bluff. The Germans had not succeeded in driving the people of the British race or the race coming from across the Atlantic out of anywhere.

Mr. Bonar Law said it was obvious the war was not going to end soon. "Germany's conduct in the Russian negotiations," the chancellor added, "shows that she still is determined to carry out the policy with which she entered the war—the conquest of neighboring territories and peoples." The chancellor declared that the pacifists of England were very small in number. "If it were possible to have any election in this country on the plain issue, 'Shall we go on with the war until we have secured the results for which we entered it?' he added, "the result would astonish us and our enemies."

#### SINN FEINERS MAKE TROUBLE THROUGH IRELAND

(Ontario 4 p.m. Special G. N. W. Press Service.)

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Recent statements in London newspapers of all shades of political belief, that lawlessness was spreading alarmingly in the west and south of Ireland, were supplemented today by The Times Dublin correspondent, who says the government will have to take a prompt and firm step at repression. The law is ignored in Clare, Sligo, Roscommon and Mayo, says the correspondent. The police are in daily conflict with law breakers. In parts of Clare cattle drivers in fear of cattle thieves have called for small bodies of troops. The telegraph wires have been cut, and daily trees are thrown across the roads to hinder the movement of troops and police. Farms are seized daily in the name of the Irish republic.

Dublin is particularly startled over the successful attempt of the Sinn Fein to stop the exportation of pigs, which the Sinn Feiners declare it is their intention to continue.

In order to conserve fuel, but as soon as the crowds become too large then the auditorium will be used. Monday evening the Harshorn sisters sang a hymn with great acceptance.

### Death of Ernest Howe Was Purely Accidental

#### Jury Recommends Installation of Guard at Trap When Lowering Ice in Thurlow Cheese Factory Ice Box.

Ernest Howe came to his death on June 4, 1916. Witness stated that he was a patron of the factory in the Township of Thurlow, in the County of Hastings, on Friday, February 23, in the floor of the cheese house, 1918, by being struck on the head by Ernest would have been 21 years a cake of ice whilst assisting in filling the ice-box of the factory.

"In our opinion it was purely an accident but we would recommend a guard be placed at the edge of the platform where the ice is lowered into the ice-box."

This verdict was reached by Coroner Dr. W. W. Boyce's jury last night at the police court after hearing the testimony of ten witnesses regarding the lamentable tragedy at Thurlow Cheese Factory on Friday morning last. Crown Attorney Carnow conducted the examination of witnesses.

Thomas Keene, who was handling the ice above the storage, was the only witness as to the cause of the accident. He declared under oath that the total cake slipped from the edge at the landing and that he could not stop it, the result being that it dashed through the hole in the floor. He gave a warning of danger, shouting "Look out!" All who had anything to do with the storage of ice that day, the president of the cheese factory and two physicians were called to the stand.

Robert Mitchell, president of Thurlow Cheese Factory Company, for the past four years, testified that the ice house was built in 1906. For the first two years, ice was hauled up on slanting planks, but this system was dropped. Then a cage was adopted. This method had been in vogue for eight years. The ice was run into the cage and elevated about nine feet by a horse with block and tackle. The horse had to travel about 24 feet to raise the cage, which ran up between two oak uprights in a frame. The outer side of the bottom of the cage is a couple of inches higher than the inside. But the cage seldom left the cage until handled with a hook. From the opening of the trap was six feet. A crooked hook sixteen inches long is used by a man. The ice cake is lowered by a triple tong, which encloses the block. The lowering operation is controlled by the one man, who also handles the cake, applies the tongs and looks after the brake and gives the alarm to these below.

"We generally had three men packing, one man handling the jack, one handling the horse and one on the sleigh, six altogether. We never before had an accident—never a finger pinched that I know of."

Juror—"Did you ever have a guard around the trap?"  
Witness—"We never thought it necessary."  
Dr. R. W. Tennent, who was called to the scene of the accident, stated that he found the body of the boy on the left floor not far from the hole. He had been dead for quite a while. Death was due to a fracture of the skull over the right orbit. The injury was about two inches long and affected both tables and seemed to have affected the base of the skull. A piece of ice would have caused the injury.

William Howe, father of the unfortunate youth, was next called to the stand. About twenty-five minutes to eleven on Friday morning he received word to hurry to the cheese factory as his son was badly hurt. Ernest had never had any experience in ice packing, having only worked the afternoon previous at the job. He was dead in the right ear owing to the accident at the C.P.R. crossing.

Albert Browney, of the second concession, arrived on the scene after the accident and helped to raise Howe to the floor.

Harold Brown, of the front of Thurlow, was the young man who was putting the ice from the sleigh into the cage. The ice was cut at the foot of Church Street, Belleville. "I don't know what was happening the cake in question, as I was packing the last cake."

Arthur Holston, of the second concession, could offer no evidence. Mr. Robert Mitchell, recalled—"The ice-box was built on a blue-print drawing from government specification."

"The ice-box had been filled for twelve years without an accident. The ice is nearly a foot thicker this year than usual."

This completed the evidence. The jury retired and were out about thirty minutes before they returned with their verdict.

### Got Into Deep Water On Ice

#### Trying Experience of Mr. Bert Redner—Load of Hogs Uproot into Water on the Bay

On Tuesday Mr. Bert Redner, a farmer in Ameliasburg attempted to cross the ice east of Rednerville with a load of hogs. The heavy rain on Monday night had caused large quantities of water to run on the ice from the creeks and the gale of wind during the later part of the night had caused the water to settle in some places to a considerable depth. The weather being cold it was impossible in many places to tell how deep the water was or how thick the ice had frozen over it. Mr. Redner, in crossing the bay drove into one of these water places, his sleigh breaking through the ice, upsetting his hogs into the water. The water was so deep that a boat had to be gotten to secure some of the pigs which were really frozen before they could be taken from the water, besides being cut with the ice. Mr. Redner was in the water to his waist and was almost frozen himself before getting his hogs out.

### Late Reverend Joseph Brown

#### Remains of Retired Presbyterian Minister Brought Here From Chicago

The body of the late Rev. Joseph Brown arrived in this city from Chicago on Tuesday afternoon accompanied by his son Rev. H. R. Brown, chaplain of the Officers' Training Corps, Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas, and his daughter Mrs. L. W. Canner, at whose home 4444 Berkeley Avenue, Chicago, he passed away. Funeral services had been held at Chicago and this morning the Rev. A. S. Kerr, M. A. this was his seventh season in packing. "I have always worked in the storage part."

"Had you any warning?"  
"Yes, I heard the man holler 'look out.' He said it in such a way that we knew something was wrong. I did not have time to speak to my companion."  
"I had often warned them before to keep away from under the hole, as the ice was brittle in cold weather and would not hold at times and would fall."

Walter Bennett was leading the horse. "I try to stop the horse as near as possible so that the cage is just opposite the landing. I got no instructions from anybody except from the man above."  
"You can't explain why the cake skidded from the cage clean down through the trap?" asked the juror.  
"No, I could not see what happened. The cake was a very heavy one and had been raised only to the level of the landing. I did not see anybody touch the cake above."

Mrs. Burd Phillips, Philpston, is visiting relatives in the city this week.

Mr. Allan and Miss Lillian Fox, of Quinceon, are visiting relatives in Madoc.

Mrs. K. Duprau, Montreal, is the guest of Mrs. (Dr.) Duprau, Hillside St.