

GERMANY WILL WAGE WAR WITHOUT MERCY OR QUARTER

Primal State of Civilization Will be Restored, Man Will Face Man With Wolflike Ferocity

A despatch from London says: German newspapers which reached here Wednesday publish long extracts from the speech made by Maximilian Harden, editor of the *Zukunft*, at a public meeting in Berlin on February 5. He is quoted as saying: "We are yet unconvinced that we are fighting with our backs to the wall. As soon as we reach this conclusion, there will be war without mercy or quarter. The primal state of civilization will be restored. Man will face man with wolf-like ferocity."

"If the world insists upon despising the Germans, then the word 'Europe' will lose all its sense and meaning. Europe can still be rescued. It is only the attitude of our enemies which conjures up the menace of destruction. If the rescue, however, is attempted at the expense of the German empire, then let the world not deceive itself for a moment into thinking there will be any means whatever—let the world think what it pleases—which the German people will not joyfully turn against its foes."

Two Large German Banks Fail

A despatch from Geneva says: The *Gazette de Lausanne* reports two of the largest banks in South Germany

have gone into liquidation, with total liabilities of \$125,000,000. Thousands of depositors, the paper says, were ruined.

ON THE VERGE OF STARVATION

Indisputable Evidence That the Germans Are Suffering for Want of Food.

A despatch from London says: While the German newspapers are telling of the Kaiser and his armies marching on from victories and are relating daily new exploits calculated to stir the people to enthusiasm, the fact that Germany actually is on the verge of starvation is becoming daily more apparent. This conclusion is not founded on the statements of alleged "neutrals," whose impressions necessarily are biased, but is based on reports of the actual conditions as related by the German press.

The theory is advanced that the Berlin Government encourages the publication of alarming reports on the food situation with a view to misleading the enemy. This is obviously absurd. The German press is filled not only with reports of a most serious food crisis, but with advertisements of substitutes for missing articles of diet and the feverish activities of scientists seeking to discover new foodstuffs.

ZEPPELIN REPRISALS WOULD BE A CALAMITY

A despatch from London says: The Lord High Chancellor, Baron Buckmaster, speaking on Saturday night at Keighley, strongly condemned the suggested reprisals for Zeppelin raids. He said: "There could be no greater tragedy in the black tragedy of this time, than when we had conquered the Germans, we should have moulded ourselves and our behavior upon the very model we set out to break. This is not merely a war of armies, but of ideals."

MAY USE PRISONERS ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION

A despatch from Quebec says: It was learned on Thursday on good authority at the Parliament that negotiations are going on to employ alien enemies interned in Canada on the improvements to the roads leading to the Valcartier camp.

OVER 240,000 TROOPS HAVE BEEN RAISED IN THE DOMINION

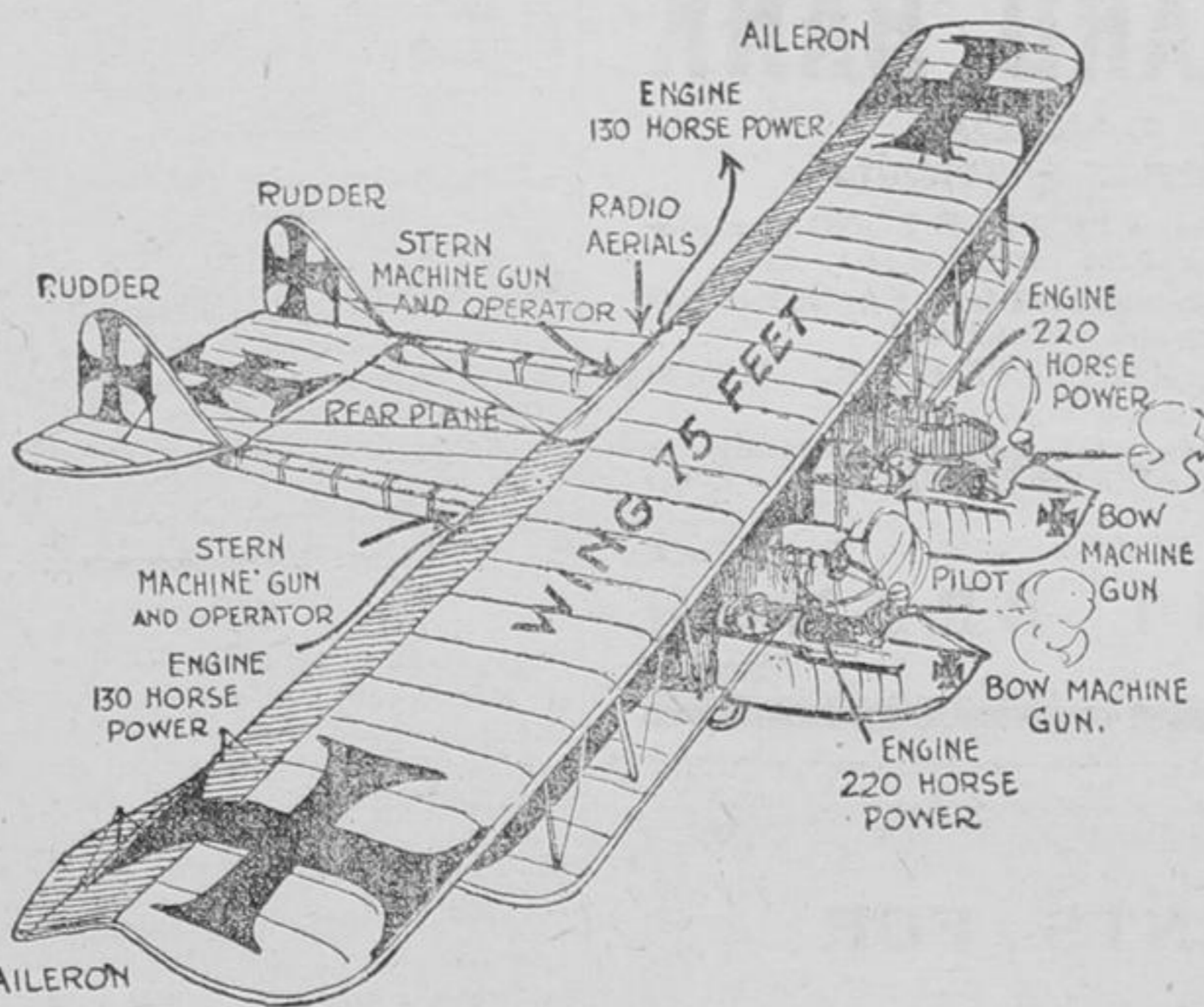
Figures for January Show an Average of One Thousand and Men a Day

A despatch from Ottawa says: Recruiting figures for January show an average of practically 1,000 men per day for the full month. Commanding officers of each division say that the men are enlisting now at a most satisfactory rate. The continued keeping up of the flow of men to the colors is all the more remarkable in view of the fact that up to the end of last year Canada had already enlisted about 210,000 men. The total number recruited to date, including officers, is now over the 240,000 mark. To the total number the 1st military District (London) has contributed a little over 20,000 men, the 2nd District (Toronto) about 54,000 men, the 3rd District (Kingston) a little

over 25,000 men, the 4th District (Montreal) about 22,500, the 5th District (Quebec) about 5,500, the 6th District (Maritime Provinces) nearly 23,000, the 10th Military District (Manitoba and Saskatchewan) about 46,500, the 11th District (Alberta) about 23,000, and the 13th District (British Columbia and the Yukon) nearly 23,000.

During January the Toronto District recruited over 8,000 men, the Maritime Provinces about 2,000, Western Ontario about 4,000, Eastern Ontario about 3,000, Quebec about 2,000, Maritime Provinces about 2,000, Manitoba and Saskatchewan over 5,000, Alberta 3,000, and British Columbia nearly 2,000.

THE NEW FOKKER IRONCLAD



Germany's Dreadnought of the air, the Fokker bi-plane, with its twin bullet-proof bodies, its powerful engines, its four machine guns, and its great, spreading framework and wings. They will carry 27 men. Their one drawback is that their altitude limit is about 6,000 feet, wherefore British aviators do not fear them.

RUSSIANS HURL NEW ONSLAUGHT

Promises to Extend to the General Initiative Along the Whole Line.

A despatch from Petrograd says: Although a general revival of activity is officially reported along the entire Russian front the only developments of more than local and temporary importance are the Russian advance in the Stripa region, south-east of Isebroff, where the Russians succeeded in capturing heights commanding the district in which runs the main railway line between the Chodorov and Stry rivers, and the occupation by the Russians of the heights east of Tchemerine.

The progress in the latter district, which is between Rovno and Lutsk, is another sign of the resumption of the Russian offensive, which came to an abrupt halt a month ago, when the Germans apparently succeeded in erecting such firm fortifications that further attempts at an advance on the part of the Russians became a waste of energy and ammunition.

It is considered significant that a new and more formidable Russian offensive is being launched against the same positions, and with initial successes. This is explained by most of the military observers as due to the new power and effectiveness of the Russian artillery, which recently has shown marked improvement on all fronts.

The Germans, evidently surprised by the fierceness of the new Russian onslaught, which promises to extend to a general initiative along the whole line, have been forced at several points in Galicia to retire to their second line of defence.

The Czar has arrived at the front.

Britain to Use the Distilleries for the Manufacture of Munitions

A despatch from London says: The *Daily Chronicle* of Monday states that the Government will immediately requisition all the large whiskey

distilleries in the country for use as munitions factories. The *Chronicle* adds that the Government intends to prohibit the importation of barley for distilling purposes.

All Single Men in Britain called to the Colors

A despatch from London says: The Central News is authority for a report that all single men are to be called on to enlist next week. A Royal proclamation shortly to be issued

notifying all single men to attest, the Central News states, attributes the unexpected speedy summons to the many recent consultations between the Minister of Munitions and the War office.

CALGARY TROOPS ATTACK HOTEL

Demolish the Bar of One House in Belief That German Was Owner.

A despatch from Calgary, Alta., says: Another riotous outbreak on the part of soldiers belonging to the garrison here occurred on Thursday night and for two hours the authorities, police and militia were powerless to cope with the mob. Riverside Hotel, a two-storey brick and frame structure in the Riverside district, north of the Bow River, was attacked by a crowd of about 500 soldiers and civilians and thoroughly wrecked. The windows were smashed, frames and all, and most of the furniture pitched out into the snow, where it was broken to bits by the shouting crowd. The bar was raided and the stock passed around among the rioters, who speedily grew to about 2,000 strong, at least half being civilians, and under the influence of the liquor orgy of wild destruction followed. The building was reduced to a mere shell.

FRANCE CERTAIN WAR WILL END THIS YEAR

A despatch from Bordeaux says: The French Line steamer *Rochambeau* arrived here on Thursday. Among her passengers was Maurice Damour, head of the French commercial mission which recently visited the United States to organize trade relations between France and that country. A tour will be made by M. Damour to the principal industrial and commercial centres of France to prepare for a visit to them by an American and Canadian delegation of business men next Spring.

MINISTRY CONTROLS 2,834 SHELL PLANTS

A despatch from London says: The Ministry of Munitions through the Official Press Bureau announces the addition of 116 manufacturing establishments to those already under its control. This brings the total of plants directed by the Ministry to 2,834.

BRITAIN HAS THE WORLD'S GREATEST HOSPITAL SHIP

A despatch from London says: Britain has the biggest hospital ship in the world. She is the new 48,000-ton liner *Britannic*, which was built at Belfast for the White Star Line. As soon as completed she was taken over by the Admiralty, towed to Liverpool and converted into a hospital ship. The *Mauretania* and *Aquitania* are also being used for hospital service.

ARMED VESSELS ARE WARSHIPS

U-Boat Commanders Are Notified to "Treat Them Accordingly."

A despatch from Washington says: Germany and Austria have formally notified the United States that beginning March 1 commanders of their submarines will consider armed merchant ships of the Entente allies to be warships, and will treat them accordingly.

Under such instructions commanders would be at liberty to sink without warning any armed vessel, whether passenger or freight carrying.

The notifications were presented orally to Secretary Lansing by Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, and Baron Erich Zwiabinsk, charge of the Austro-Hungarian Embassy here. Notes from their Governments are to follow.

NEW STYLE HELMET SAVES MANY LIVES

A despatch from London says: Lieut. F. W. Bird, of the 29th Vancouver battalion, recently wounded, is in the Empire Hospital, Westminster. While on his way to the trenches one evening he was hit on the top of the head by shrapnel, which has also affected his arm. He was not wearing a helmet at the time, but says that these helmets, which are chiefly reserved for sentinels, would undoubtedly have prevented many casualties if generally used. When he left, the men of the battalion were in good condition and excellent spirits.

HOLLAND IS A WAREHOUSE FOR SUPPLIES FOR GERMANY

Dutch Cities Swarm With German Merchants, Agents and Spies, Trading Freely

A despatch from London says: The *Daily Mail* recently sent an investigator to Holland, as it had previously sent one to Scandinavia, to ascertain the effect of the British blockade.

This investigator contributed a three-column article to the *Daily Mail* on Monday morning, the gist of which is that the correspondent, after patient and careful enquiry, has come to the conclusion that Holland is being used by the Germans as a warehouse from which goods are taken daily to the German factories, cities and troops.

ITALY IS INVITING WAR WITH GERMANY

A despatch from Rome says: Almost coincident with the arrival of Premier Briand of France in Rome an absolute prohibition of the introduction of German imports into Italy has been proclaimed. It is evident that the decree, which is unmistakably a hostile act, was made purposely with the object of provoking Germany to a declaration of war. The most prominent statesmen and members of Parliament in Italy openly predict a declaration of war on Germany which will be no longer delayed, because it is now indispensable to clear up the situation, both with respect to allies and enemies.

EXPECTS BIG INFLUX OF AMERICAN SETTLERS

Persistent Scott Confident of Success in Combating Anti-Immigration.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Hon. Walter Scott, Premier of Saskatchewan, was in Ottawa on Thursday en route to Regina, after attending a conference of Canadian Immigration agents at Chicago. Premier Scott says that the measures taken to combat the recent publicity campaign in the States against immigration to Canada on account of fears of conscription, etc., would undoubtedly be successful. He was confident that next spring would see a big influx of the most desirable class of American settlers to the Canadian west.

MOBILIZE BRITISH WOMEN TO WORK ON THE LAND

A despatch from London says: It is officially announced that the Board of Trade, in conjunction with the Board of Agriculture, is taking steps to mobilize a sufficient number of women to work the land in order to meet the shortage of agricultural labor due to the shortage due to the enlistment of men.

He asserts that the Netherlands Overseas Trust, established under a pledge to control the imports so that Holland would import only for her own needs has been a failure. "The Dutch cities," he says, "are swarming with German merchants, agents and spies, trading freely. Dutch commerce is inextricably entangled with German interests and German capital."

The correspondent supports his contentions by statistics and other evidence.