

SOME OTTAWA GLIMPSSES

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War Orders For Party Use

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—No surprise is expressed here at the Government's refusal to turn the Transcona shops into a national munition factory...

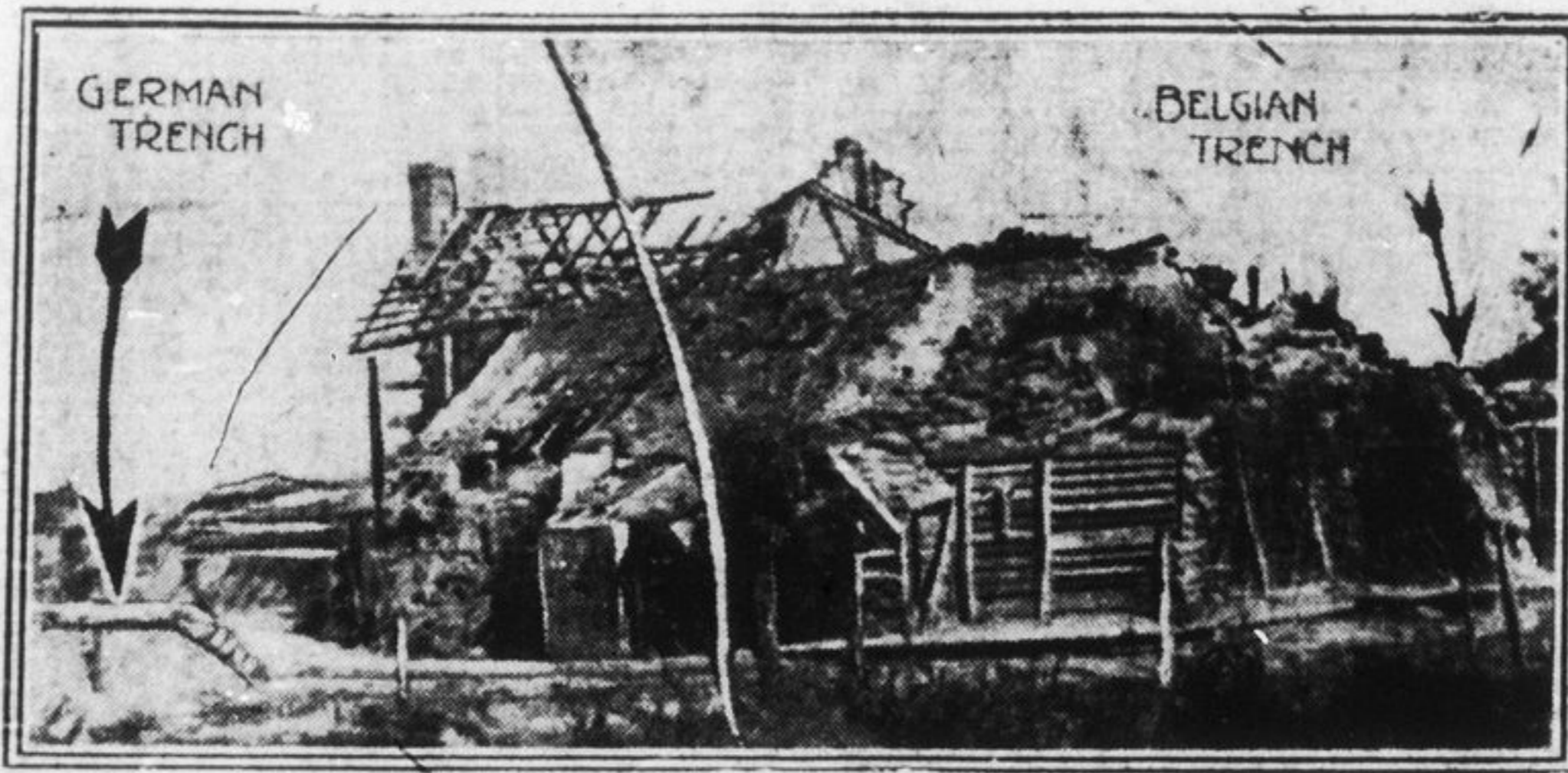
From the time the war started the Borden Government, like Pharaoh, hardened its heart and far from treating the deadly peril of the British Empire as a national crisis...

Naturally a time came when England objected to paying through the nose for war supplies simply to keep the Borden Government's friends sweet and D. A. Thomas and later on Mr. Hichens were despatched to Canada...

It took sixteen months to effect a change of heart in the Shell Committee and it will probably take another sixteen months to convince the Government that thimberling British shells for the profit of their party friends is no game for true patriots...

It can hardly have escaped Messrs. Thomas and Hichens that they were asking the Government to go against its whole previous policy. From the very start the Canadian war contracts were awarded with a view, not to reaching the producer directly...

Can't Convince the Women. "You can't improve on nature." "That may be," said the druggist, "but you'd be surprised at the amount of complexion dopes we sell."



THE RUINED FARMHOUSE "FORT." A section of the Belgian front which was in dispute for nearly three months, although the opposing armies were only twenty-five yards apart. The Belgian trenches can be seen on one side of the picture, while the Germans held the trenches on the right. The farmhouse was a shelter for both sides. Ultimately the Huns were driven back.

SOCIALISTS IN REVOLT

German Government Denounced For Pursuing POLICY OF CONQUEST

AND WARNED OF MUCH STRONGER OPPOSITION.

One Socialist Said That Endeavors For Peace Had All Failed Because Of the Annexation Aims Of Both Sides.

London, Dec. 22.—The Daily Telegraph publishes the following despatch from Rotterdam: "According to a Berlin source Herr Naase, chairman of the German Social-Democratic party, resigned immediately after yesterday's meeting of the Reichstag, when the new war credit of ten billion marks was passed with the approval of a majority of the Socialists..."

The spokesman of the Socialist majority, Herr Ibert, denounced the Government on the ground that it was pursuing a policy of conquest, and hinted that unless something were done to improve the economic condition of the people the Government would find the whole party in opposition when it next asked for money to continue the war."

Fifteen Oppose Measure.

Berlin (via Saville), Dec. 22.—The split, which was predicted in the Socialist party occurred to-day. An overwhelming majority of the Socialist party members voted for the supplementary credit of the billion marks, while only fifteen members voted against it.

In behalf of the majority Socialist member Ebert stated that the supplementary credit was necessary, since the enemy Governments were not yet disposed to make peace.

Another Socialist, Friedrich August Karl Geyer, declared that all endeavors for peace had failed because of the annexation aims of both sides.

The Secretary for the Colonies made a strange disclosure. He stated that the British stories about German aggression in South Africa were absolutely untrue. The British had reported that the Germans had attacked Nakabosuth. At the same time the British circulated maps according to which Nakabosuth is on British soil.

THE SPORT REVIEW

The Northern League has shut down on the Cleveland Hockey Club. Galt Hockey Club may organize and play at Preston. Galt rink is now used as a barracks.

PEDEDEWSKI CAN'T PLAY.

New York, Dec. 23.—Ignace Jan Paderewski is ill in his apartments at the Hotel Gotham and was obliged to cancel the recital he was to have given in Carnegie Hall yesterday afternoon.

Stiff Neck Forces Cancellation of New York Recital.

The pianist's physicians assure him the trouble will be a matter of only a few days, and the recital is likely to take place early in January.

Marriage is Quite Often Made a Vehicle of Convenience.

The Cornwall management expect to line up a strong team this year. A number of the 59th Battalion who are wintering there are said to be good men, and they are completing with the local boys for a place.

RELIEF IN NEAR EAST.

New York, Dec. 23.—The Allies have formed a joint relief commission, with headquarters in Rome, to co-operate with the American Relief Clearing House in Paris for the relief of the suffering in Serbia, Montenegro and Albania, and of refugees in Northern Greece.

ALLIES FORM JOINT COMMISSION TO WORK IN ROME.

Arrangements are being made to charter an American vessel to carry supplies from Marseilles or an Italian port to Antivari, Montenegro, for trans-shipment to Scutari, where they will be distributed.

GERMANS ARE BLUFFING.

Little Likelihood of Big Offensive in West. London, Dec. 23.—Correspondents at British headquarters in France say that Dutch and Swiss reports regarding the coming German offensive in the West are received with indifference. They state that it is true that there has been much moving to and fro in the German armies lately, but it is not believed that this can be interpreted as foreshadowing a general attack.

Kaiser's Horror of Cats.

"The German Emperor has a horror of cats. When he came to England," says an English journal, "all cats at the castle he was to visit were rounded up and sent into exile till he had departed."

REMOVE PRISONERS TO NEUTRAL LANDS. Scheme to Provide For Their Custody and Comfort a Failure.

London, Dec. 23.—The question of getting neutral powers to relieve Germany of the cost of the maintenance of prisoners of war and provide at the same time for their safe custody has been carefully considered Lord Robert Cecil, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons. The Under-Secretary's statement was made in reply to the suggestion that "in view of the sufferings" of these prisoners, such a step should be taken.

Prisoners in Africa.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The Ministry of War announces that after six months of diplomatic negotiations France has agreed to allow a neutral commission to visit prison camps in Algiers, Tunis and Morocco, and that six Swiss commissioners are now on their way to Africa.

The announcement says that the commissioners, who include three physicians, will visit the French colonies in groups of two. They are taking with them huge quantities of clothing, medicaments, bandages and presents and money enough to give each prisoner ten francs. They will purchase such additional clothing and supplies as may be necessary in Malta.

Before starting the commissioners visited several prison camps in Germany for the purposes of later comparisons.

SPAIN RE-ARMS HER TROOPS

And Denies Any Connection With the War.

CONSUL-GENERAL SAYS THE BRITISH DIPLOMATS ARE WATCHING VERY CLOSELY

New York, Dec. 22.—Francisco Gaviera Salar, Spanish Consul-General in this city, admitted that Spain has begun a campaign of preparedness, but he denied emphatically that it has any relation to the present war or to conditions between Spain and Portugal.

"Spain is merely trying to bring her military efficiency up to a higher grade," he declared. "It has no more significance than has the demand for better armament in this country. Spain has no intention of becoming embroiled in the war, and while, of course, we have always desired a union with Portugal, the great sentiment is for treaties with that country to bring us closer together."

"The despatch from Gibraltar is misleading. As I understand it, the carbiniers, who are only used for police duties, are ordered to turn in their Mausers, needed in the army, and receive in return the old Remingtons which were discarded by the army years ago, but which have been since stored in the arsenals."

"Spain is buying munitions in this country, added Senor Salar, and a commission of five has been in New York for the past ten months, which has closed several contracts with the Winchester, Western and other cartridge and shell companies. But the vast bulk of the expenditures, which are estimated to total \$20,000,000 before the commission leaves, is for machinery with which Spain will be able to manufacture its own munitions as well as all other war supplies."

Three of the commissioners, L. Claros, Major Perez Vidat and Captain Mouton, are now in New York. The two others, Major Garrido, who is in charge, and Captain B. Sarda, are now in the West inspecting several large factories, whose systems they intend to copy in part.



WOUNDED BRITISH AND CANADIAN SOLDIERS IN OHRDUF HOSPITAL. Photos forwarded by a Canadian in Ohrduf indicate the situation of wounded prisoners there. In large group are included a group of British and Canadians, among whom are: Ptes. Grainger, Royal Warwick; Howe, Durham Light Infantry; Bennett, 8th Canadians; Keer, 3rd Canadians; Sgt. Potter, 8th Durham Light Infantry; Sgt. Wells, 1st B. C.; Barlow, 5th Highlanders; Marindale, 7th Canadians; Macmillan, 8th Canadians; Corp. Ross, Dublin Fusiliers; Grimdsdale, 5th Highlanders; James, 5th West Cavalry; Archer, Irish Fusiliers; Lucas, 1st W. Yorks; Clifford, 1st W. Yorks; Phillips, 5th Highlanders.

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