

# INDICATIONS OF A BREAK IN AUSTRO-GERMAN ALLIANCE

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planes and many other methods have been adopted by the American and associated naval forces to overcome the U-boat attack and most successful, but the assumption is that, forewarned, these efforts will be greatly multiplied in an endeavor to protect shipping along the trade routes. The German chancellor's speech to the main committee of the Reichstag on Germany's requirements for peace has not quenched the thirst of the great mass of the people outside the militaristic realm for a cessation of hostilities. The furor created among the newspapers and the public is great, apparently the Pan-German newspapers are declaring that Field Marshal von Hindenburg and his right hand man, General von Ludendorff, are talking of retiring. The militaristic wing seemingly is of the opinion that the words of the chancellor were too moderate; the proletariat, desiring peace, considers his speech as evasive. One of the German newspapers characterizes the speech as "equivalent to a battle won by the enemy."

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Reports coming by way of Amsterdam are to the effect that King Charles has accepted the resignation of the Hungarian cabinet and charged Premier Wierker with the task of forming a new one.

On the western battle front there has been no change in the general situation. Intermittent artillery duels and patrol encounters continue on various sectors. Near the coast, the Austro-German forces have been successful in capturing the village of Treviso and Mestre, killing or wounding non-combatants. Three hospitals in Mestre were badly damaged by bombs from hostile airplanes.

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### STONINGTON BARKEEPER IS TO BE INTERNEED

Fritz Popkin, 40, is Locked Up in Police Station at New London.

New London, Conn., Jan. 27.—Fritz Popkin, 40, a German alien, who has been employed as a barkeeper in a saloon in Stonington, is locked up at the police station here and a presidential warrant is on its way from Washington which will consign the man to an internment camp or detention station of the war. He was arrested Saturday night at the saloon by County Detective W. J. Jackson at the suggestion of United States Commissioner Frank L. McGuire of this city. Popkin has been outspoken in his pro-German sentiments, but the climax came recently when he struck in the mouth a young American who started to sing the Star Spangled Banner in the watch room where he was singing Die Wacht am Rhein and other German airs.

### IDENTIFIED AS BURGLAR WHO SHOT POLICEMAN

Harry Manster of Oakland, Cal., Trapped by Boston Police.

Boston, Jan. 27.—Four persons today identified Harry Manster as the alleged burglar who last Sunday afternoon hurled from an apartment house in the Back Bay district what Patrolman Joseph C. Reiser was found shot to death.

Yesterday Manster, who claims Oakland, Calif., as his home, was caught in a police trap in his apartment here which he was hired by the young woman with whom he had recently been living. When the police told Manster that they would hold the woman as an accessory he admitted that he was guilty of thirty apartment house burglaries in this city, but insisted on maintaining his innocence on charge of murdering the policeman.

### SERIOUS FIGHTING BETWEEN RUSSIANS AND RUMANIANS

Russian Troops Attempted to Fight Their Way Through Galatz.

Petrograd, Jan. 27.—Serious fighting has taken place between Russians and Rumanians in the neighborhood of Galatz, according to a report received from the Russian headquarters at Brest Litovsk. The Russian Ninth Siberian division and a detachment of the Tenth division attempted to fight their way through Galatz and regain Russian territory, from which they had been cut off by the Rumanians on Jan. 26.

The struggle against the Rumanians on the lower Danube continued for a whole day and night. Heavy artillery was engaged, as well as monitors on the Danube, but thus far the Russian attempt seems to have failed.

### JUBILEE OF WOMAN'S PARTY HELD AT HARTFORD

The Principal Speaker Was Dudley Field Malone.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 27.—Suffragists from all over the state attended the jubilee of the woman's party here tonight, at which the principal speaker was Dudley Field Malone, former collector of the port of New York. To aid the campaign to have the Connecticut legislature ratify the constitutional amendment recently passed by congress, \$2,129 was pledged by those attending the rally.

### Gabled Paragraphs

**U-Boat Sinks Spanish Steamer.**  
Madrid, Jan. 27.—After pillaging the Spanish steamer Giralda yesterday, a German submarine sank the vessel, which was of 4,400 tons. The crew was saved.

**Bolshevik Troops Occupy Kremenitshug.**  
Petrograd, Jan. 27.—It is announced today at the Smolny institution that Bolshevik troops had occupied the town of Kremenitshug, in the province of Poltava, and Putil, in the province of Kursk.

**EXPLOSION AT NEWPORT NAVAL TORPEDO STATION**  
Caused the Death of Twelve Civilian Employees and Injury of Seven Others.

Newport, R. I., Jan. 27.—Naval authorities today started an investigation to determine the cause of the explosion which wrecked three concrete bomb proofs at the naval torpedo station yesterday, causing the death of twelve civilian employees and injuring seven others.

With the exception of James Mahoney, all the men at work in bomb proof No. 2 where the explosion occurred were killed. Mahoney and the survivors were taken from the other two structures were injured so severely that they could give no account of what happened. Captain Edward L. Beach, commandant of the station, said that so far as he could learn the explosion was accidental.

A few days ago the regular sailor guards about the bomb proofs and other naval establishments were replaced by picked men from the United States marine corps. Today the guards at the bomb proofs were doubled.

The search of the ruins was continued until tonight when it was announced that all bodies apparently had been recovered. In addition to the twelve dead, however, four employees at the bomb proofs were still unaccounted for. The twelve bodies taken from the wreckage were positively identified as follows:

William Caswell, T. E. Wyatt, John Connelly, Joseph Malone, George Spoor, Joseph Frazier, Timothy Fitzpatrick, J. Andrea, John F. Murphy, David J. Sullivan, r., Pelletiere, G. C.

With the exception of Pelletiere and Fitzgerald, all of those killed lived here. Caswell was one of the oldest employees at the torpedo station.

Most of the victims were killed outright but early today, several hours after the explosion, a rescue party discovered two buried alive in the wreckage of bomb proof No. 1. A pipe was run into the debris and stimulants were given to the men. They were taken to the hospital and are recovering.

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Twenty Per Cent. of Specified Flours to Be Used in Baking.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 27.—So far as this state is concerned, the order of the federal food administrator has been modified so that the purchase of an equal quantity of a substitute with every sale of wheat flour is not to be enforced tomorrow. Instead, the household ration will have to secure but 20 per cent. of some of the specified flours to use in baking and cooking.

State Food Administrator Scoville was in consultation tonight with wholesale grocers from many cities of the state and thereby learned that the supply of substitutes available for use in baking and cooking is lacking to meet the demand. Further, because of the leuc in transportation at this time, it is impractical to enforce the order.

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# Bakers Start Making War Bread Today

WILL CONTAIN A 5 PER CENT. SUBSTITUTE FOR WHEAT FLOUR

BE INCREASED TO 20% AGAINST U. S. LINES

Presidential Proclamation Calls for Two Wheatless, One Meatless, Two Forkless Days and a 10 Per Cent. Reduction in Sugar Ration.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Bakers will begin tomorrow the manufacture of the new Victory loaf, a war bread containing a 5 per cent. substitute for wheat flour, prescribed by the food administration as a part of its 1918 food conservation program. At the same time grocers will sell to householders wheat flour only when the purchaser buys an equal amount of some other cereal.

The percentage of substitute flour used by baking establishments will be increased gradually until a 20 per cent. substitute is reached on Feb. 24. As substitutes for wheat flour are not some other cereal or flours made from potatoes or beans.

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# Sec'y Baker's Weekly Military Review

WARNS THAT GERMANS ARE PREPARING U-BOAT OFFENSIVE

ATTACHES GREAT MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE TO THE VICTORY OF THE BRITISH OVER THE TURKISH NAVAL FORCES OFF THE DARDANELLES.

WASHINGTON, AN. 27.—Warning that the Germans are preparing for a great submarine offensive against the American line of communications, Secretary Baker in his weekly military review made public tonight by the war department.

Recently there has been a marked decrease in the number of German submarines sunk by the American navy. The explanation for this is found in the withdrawal of submarines in preparation for the coming thrust on land and sea. The review says:

"As the time draws near when one strike against our lines of communication is a decisive blow in the west, it must be emphasized that he will not be content with mere military operations on a large scale."

**U-Boats Are Being Refitted.**  
"During the past fortnight enemy submarines have been recalled to home ports to be re-fitted and the most powerful submarine offensive hitherto undertaken may be expected to be launched against our lines of communication with France, to interrupt the steady flow of men and munitions for the allied armies and food supplies for the civilian population."

"During the period under review, renewed activity along the entire western coast of the British Isles has been observed. The region bordering the North Sea has once again become the scene of severe fighting."

**Bombardment of Ostend.**  
"A careful co-ordinated operation undertaken by British monitors acting in concert with the French navy in the area north of Ypres subjected the German defenses of Ostend and surrounding country to a severe bombardment."

"The British fleet, which has been operating in the sector by the British, but later in the week the Germans reacted sharply and directed a strong assault against the British fleet in the dune area, which fringes the coast in the vicinity of Neuport. This attack, which must be considered something more than a simple raid, broke into the French lines and for a brief period, the enemy detachments were in possession of the dune area. The British quickly brought up fresh forces, drove out the enemy and were able to re-establish their former positions without difficulty."

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### Condensed Telegrams

A new consignment of Portuguese troops have arrived in France.

It is reported in Copenhagen that the Austrian Premier resigned.

The Chicago Stock Exchange decided to close on hectic Mondays.

Armed guards patrolled the Boston Fish Pier Saturday for the first time.

The Bolshevik troops have driven General Duffoff's rebels toward Denmark.

Health conditions for the American troops in France show only a slight change.

Two-thirds of the churches in Washington have been ordered closed to save coal.

The Corn Products Refining Co.'s earnings for the year 1917 were \$10,000,000.

Leo Hirsch, a bell boy of Paterson, N. J., was held on \$1,500 bail for selling liquor to soldiers.

Secretary Daniels announced the promotion of 178 enlisted men to temporary warrant officers.

Five stores of the business section of Fairhaven, Vt., were destroyed by fire, which caused a \$40,000 loss.

Twenty-six second lieutenants, southerners, were assigned to the old 14th Regiment of New York.

The New York Produce Exchange will remain open on the Monday holidays for trading in foodstuffs.

All anthracite in Newport has been used. The Fuel Administration has taken over 300 tons of soft coal.

The War Department has leased the big Cape May Hotel, at Cape May, N. J., for use as a military hospital.

The War Trade Board announced that after Feb. 1, a comprehensive export application form will be in use.

Lord Robert Cecil said that "Chancellor von Hertling's speech was a very warlike, not a peace speech."

A train of the Virginia-Carolina Railroad has been stuck in the snow at White Top Gap since last Tuesday.

Representative Carter of Oklahoma introduced a resolution to have the Indians made citizens of the United States.

Premier Lloyd George of England has summoned all the Irish leaders to confer with the members of the Cabinet.

Five men on board an oil-carrying vessel were taken into custody by federal authorities on a charge of being slackers.

A Vienna telegram, with a German date line, announced that all the strikers in Austrian shops were back to work.

The resignation of Theodore E. Percie, chief designer of the Federal Shipbuilding Board, was accepted by Chairman Edward N. Hurley.

The German-American Alliance of Kansas City filed a petition in court to have the name changed to the Citizenship Association.

The Red Cross has given 300,000 bottles of milk to the children of Russia. The milk is enough to last 25,000 children for two months.

President Wilson had to cancel all his engagements at a Cabinet meeting because of a cold. He remained at the White House all day.

Lloyd George, and Viscount Milner, members of the British War Council, are going to Paris to confer with the French Premier Clemenceau.

The Labor Conference, in convention at Nottingham, adopted a resolution in favor of having the House of Lords and Second Chamber abolished.

Gen. Pershing reported the death of another man killed in action on Jan. 22. The names of six others dead from natural causes were also reported.

Major Rhinehart and Capt. Phipps, of the British Royal Flying Corps, traveled 60 miles to safety from San Antonio to Fort Worth with a broken wing.

Dr. W. Horace Hoskins, dean of the New York State Veterinary College, urges that more horse meat be used on the tables of the homes of the people.

Increases in class rates between Memphis and Mississippi River points have been asked by the railroads. The increases asked for range from 10 to 50 per cent.

W. C. Anderson, a Laborite member of Parliament, declared at the labor convention at Nottingham, England, that a "dangerous industrial situation is looming in the horizon."

The Taylor building in City Square, the largest business block in Taunton, Mass., was burned yesterday. It contained twenty stores and offices. The loss is estimated at \$175,000.

Three manufacturing concerns were wiped out and a fourth crippled by fire which swept a five story building in the industrial section of Philadelphia last night. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

John McNiff, a railroad switchman, was killed in the freight yard at Danbury yesterday when he stepped out of the way of one train and was hit by another. He was 39 years of age and lived in Bridgeport.

# PACKERS AND EMPLOYEES TO ARBITRATE

AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED TO HAVE SECRETARY WILSON APPOINT AN ARBITRATOR

PLANTS TO BE OPEN SHOPS DURING THE WAR

THE MAN TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY OF LABOR MUST HAVE THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE—

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE WORKERS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE EMPLOYERS WHETHER THEIR MEMBERSHIPS CONSIST OF UNION OR NON-UNION MEN—AGREEMENT AFFECTS WORKERS IN PLANTS AT CHICAGO, EAST ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY, OKLAHOMA CITY, FORT WORTH