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WEATHER REPORT FOR DECEMBER  
Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the  
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# Many Towns Destroyed By Earthquake In Italy

## Allies Meet Violent Attacks

Paris, Jan. 14.—An official despatch states as follows: "To the north-east of Soisson our counter attack has progressed slightly between Cuffies and Crouy. We were unable, however, to debouch from Crouy. Our troops, subject to a violent attack to the east of this place, have yielded slightly near the village of Moncel, which place they still occupy. They are still holding St. Marguerite and Nissy-sur-Aisne. There is nothing further of importance to report."

## Pays Visit to London

General French Came for Conference  
With Kitchener and Premier

London, Jan. 14.—For three days the operations of the British army in Flanders were directed by telegraph from the home of Sir John French, near Hyde Park, London, during the general's recent visit here. While it took Wellington three days alone to get a message to Whitehall and as long to receive a reply during the Waterloo campaign, General French was able to communicate directly with Sir John Archibald Murray at the base headquarters at St. Omer, France.

From a man who was in close touch with Sir John during his recent visit to England, the following details are learned:

Gen. French arrived at Folkestone, wearing the overcoat and rather soiled cap of an enlisted man. He made no attempt to disguise himself otherwise, and on the channel boat attracted no notice whatever. At Folkestone he was met by Lord Kitchener and both proceeded by motor to Walmer Castle, near Deal, where Premier Asquith resides. There a council of war was held, attended also by the leaders of the two political parties.

Sir John then came to London, where he attended council the next two days, the King being present on one occasion. His nights were spent in his own home, where hourly messages were received from his headquarters at the front, on his trip from Folkestone to London and on his return from Victoria station none of the passengers gave a second look at the old soldier in the private's coat and cap. Nor did they on the boat during the trip to Calais.

On landing at Calais, however, Gen. French appeared in his full uniform of field marshal and was enthusiastically acclaimed by the crowd as he drove through the streets to the station.

Gen. French is said to have remarked that this would be his last visit to London until the end of the war.

## Russians Gain Ground

Positions Taken at Point of Bayonet

Petrograd, Jan. 14.—An official statement says heavy cannon and rifle fire prevailed on the night of January 12 all along our front. An engagement of considerable importance took place following the advance of our vanguard column in the region of Rosog, East Prussia. Our troops repulsed the enemy's cavalry, which, strongly supported by infantry, occupied several villages, one of which being strongly fortified could only be cleared by a vigorous attack with the bayonet. South-west of Mlawa we advanced in the direction of Radznov. On the front comprising Kozlow, Biskupe, Zadrzew and Suca, the Germans, after having prepared the way by an intense artillery fire, made an offensive movement against the south section of this front. Our troops, however, repulsed the attack with little difficulty. In the region of Borjimow Gaimine, Wolla and Sziidowska, the enemy made several unsuccessful attacks, endeavoring in one instance to take cover under shields. In the region to the south of Mogecky, the enemy also delivered a series of attacks, all of which were easily repulsed.

## No Clash of Parties

Six Members of Dominion House to  
Be Chosen by Acclamation

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—While no official statement has been given out by the leaders of either political party, it is learned that the suggested arrangement whereby vacancies in the House of Commons will be filled without contests has been consented to by all parties concerned insofar as at least as the five constituencies mentioned in previous despatches have been concerned. The death of Hon. George Clare, Conservative member for South Waterloo, adds another member to the list. The agreement will doubtless be extended so as to include that constituency, or any other which may become vacant in the near future. As matters now stand, the Conservatives on February 1 or thereabouts, will elect, new representatives for Jacques-Cartier, Terre Bonne, London, Prince Albert, and Waterloo constituencies, while the Liberals will return, unopposed, a successor to the late Hon. H. R. Emmerson, who sat for Westmoreland. By virtue of this arrangement there will be no clash of party opinion as a prelude to the session of Parliament which it is anticipated will be practically free from contentions and partisan strife.

## Earthquake Cause of Fearful Calamity

Thousands of Italians Perish and Injured

Rome, Jan. 14.—Italy has again been visited by an earthquake. The area affected is extensive and many towns and villages are completely destroyed. According to latest advices over twelve thousand people have lost their lives and the number of injured will probably reach twenty thousand. The shock is described as the most severe that has been felt for many years.

## Floods Hamper Operations of Allies

Paris, Jan. 15.—The following official communication has been received: "Last night our troops were successful in a sudden attack with the object of overwhelming trenches recently constructed by the Germans to the north-east of Fonquescour, department of Somme. The attacks of the enemy north of Soisson have been repulsed."

"The flooding of the river Aisne, which destroyed several of our bridges, has rendered very precarious the communications of our troops operating on the right bank, and the sending of reinforcements. This made essential the withdrawal of these troops which were fighting under most difficult conditions. We were obliged to abandon several cannon as the result of the breaking down of the bridges, but all were first rendered unfit for use by the enemy. The Germans took some prisoners, mostly wounded men whom we were unable to take away with us. We also took a number of important prisoners. To sum up, the enemy has met with partial success, which will, however, have no influence on the operations as a whole, being of purely local character." On the rest of the front there is nothing to report.

Berlin, Jan. 15.—By Associated Press.—Within two hours motor ride of Paris, Emperor

## Germans Preparing Grand Stroke

Petrograd, Jan. 15.—Information from Vienna is to the effect that the Germans are preparing another grand stroke. They have brought up all their eleven-inch monitors to the Russian front and began a general bombardment on Tuesday, which lasted all night and the following day. This is the prelude to an infantry attack which is perhaps now being delivered.

## Vancouver Elects Taylor

Vancouver, Jan. 15.—Taylor is elected mayor by over 800 majority. The following are the official figures: Taylor, 4848; Baxter, 4022; Martin, 3067; Douglas, 2176.

In North Vancouver, Hanes heads the poll with a majority of 67.

William is possibly now directing a violent attack on the French lines. The Germans, under the eyes of their ruler, won an important victory in the fighting yesterday near Soisson, the point at which the battle-line, stretching down from the north to the point nearest Paris, turns towards the eastward.

In both the Paris and Berlin official despatches the victory of the Germans on the heights of Vregny, north-east of Soisson is recorded. The Berlin statement adds that the Germans, charging through mud almost knee deep, took trench after trench, clearing the heights and capturing 1130 prisoners.

## Jottings of Bella Coola and District

Among the passengers arriving by the S. S. Chelohsin on Wednesday morning was Mr. John G. Walker, who is visiting the valley for the first time.

Mr. Walker left almost immediately for Firvale in company with the mail carrier, Mr. John Hober.

Ingvold Urseth left by the last south-bound steamer on a visit to his relatives in Minnesota, where he will spend the remainder of the winter.

Foreman Thomas McRostie, who has been in charge of the recently completed work on the wharf, left for his home in Prince Rupert by the Chelohsin on Wednesday.

B. F. Jacobsen and O. Kellogg are at present at Talio where they have a cattle ranch.

Rev. T. C. Colwell returned from his periodical trip to the Upper Valley as far as Firvale on Wednesday on which evening he assisted in a service at the Indian Mission church.

Mr. John J. Walker will lecture at the Mackenzie School on Tuesday, January 19, at 7:30 p. m.

Subject: THE ELIMINATION OF TURKEY.

All Are Welcome.

Antaine Capoose, Indian trader of Anaham Lake, came through from the interior on Monday with twenty-five head of pack-horses for supplies. He reports a very mild winter with very little snow in the upper country. Furs are plentiful and the trappers are taking full advantage of the favorable conditions:

## NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the B. C. A. A. will be held at the Colony Hall, Hagensborg, Saturday, January 23, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

All members are requested to attend.

R. Saugstad, Sec.

A most enjoyable dance was held in the Colony Hall, Hagensborg, on Friday 8th. A large number of people from different parts of the valley accepted the invitation of the young men of Hagensborg, who are to be complemented on the completeness of the arrangements. Excellent music added much to the success of the evening, while the excellently served refreshments were greatly appreciated, especially by those who at the close of the proceedings had to face a long and cold drive to their homes.

## NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Bella Coola Farmers Institute will be held in the Colony Hall, Hagensborg, on Tuesday, January 19th, 1915.

Election of officers and general business to be transacted.

A. Hammer, Sec.

## Bella Coola General Hospital.

The annual meeting of the subscribers was held at Hagensborg on Tuesday 12th, the large attendance showing the lively interest taken in this project.

The report of the last fiscal year showed that a small indebtedness had been changed into a handsome credit balance, in addition to which considerable improvement has been made to both the hospital buildings and grounds. The necessary material for a water system has been purchased and the work of installation will be undertaken this year.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, A. C. Christensen, re-elected by acclamation; secretary-treasurer, F. Broughton; trustees, M. B. Christensen and R. Levelton; medical superintendent, Dr. W. Bavis; auditor, O. T. Landry.

Many handsome cash dona-

tions were received towards the cost of installing the new water system, among which may be mentioned the Lysdahl Sewing Circle, \$100; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jacobson, \$90.

The meeting expressed its high appreciation of the excellent service rendered by the officers during the past year which called for both energy and executive ability.

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The much needed repairs to the wharf are now completed and it is hoped that Bella Coola will be given a new wharf with better docking facilities and proper accommodation for small boats before any further repairs become necessary. The present wharf has always been a bone of contention, and while being admittedly built in a most unsuitable spot has cost thousands of dollars in upkeep. Efforts have been made to secure a new wharf but so far without avail. It is somewhat curious that while we need a better and larger wharf so urgently and cannot get it, the people of Quesnel are threatened with having one thrust on them in spite of all protest that the thing is unnecessary and will be detrimental to the interests of the place.

For some reason known only to those in charge, the work on the wharf was left until mid-winter with the disadvantage of short days and variable weather. Fortunately the winter so far has been extremely mild with an almost entire absence of snow, but the constant fear of interruption by bad weather necessitated the rushing of the work. For the first time in this valley the government public works were carried on on Sundays. Last Sunday the town was startled by heavy blasting at an hour usually set apart for Divine service. This is a matter much commented upon locally and we commend it to the attention of the Conservative club with the hope that the best endeavors of that organization will be used to prevent the repetition of a practise that in most communities is regarded as at least reprehensible.

## Church Notice

LOWER BELLA COOLA: Church Service, 11 a. m.  
BELLA COOLA: Sunday School, 10-15 a. m.  
Church Service, 7:30 p. m.

Rev. T. C. Colwell, B. A., Pastor

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SATURDAY, JAN. 16, 1915.

### Reviewing the Activities.

In the editorial columns of the Vancouver News-Advertiser appears an interesting article under the heading of "Sir Richard's Message." It speaks of the Premier's New Year's review of the activities of the province, and says "it shows that the value of British Columbia products were little, if any, less than previous years, and more than the recent average." The News-Advertiser admits the probability that the products of last year were less than of previous years, and then asserts that they were above the recent average. What method of reckoning the esteemed editor would employ to justify such a contradictory statement would be interesting to know. Our contemporary informs us that the mineral productions decreased from \$30,000,000 to \$26,000,000, and also that the lumber statistics are not available, but that there is a considerable decrease. Then we are offered a sedative in the statement that farm products increased from \$24,000,000 to \$27,000,000, which would be encouraging to some extent if it could only be taken to mean that the cultivated area in the province had been increased to any appreciable extent, and that production had increased by eight per cent. The fact is, that only the cash value of the production has been increased. In other words, the cost of farm products has increased. The consumer has had to pay more. The News-Advertiser says "it would appear that the province has produced more than the average." What we would like to know is, to what extent has the import of farm produce into the province decreased?

"Certainly the people have spent less," says our contemporary, and finishes up with the statement that "taken as a whole the province is improving its financial position much faster than when the people thought they were growing rich."

Yes, the people have spent less, for the simple reason that they have had less to spend. With thousands of able men out of employment. With our industries at a standstill. With our cities congested and faced with the need of reducing the salaries

of civicservants, is it any wonder that the people have spent less. Does the News-Advertiser believe, and ask us also to believe, that the fact of people having less to spend evidences an improvement in the financial position of the province.

Numerous business houses in our cities have gone to the wall. Not on account of any depression brought about by the war, but by reason of the financial slump which struck the province over two years ago.

Commenting on the failure of the Dominion Trust Company the Toronto Saturday Night makes the following statement: "To those investors abroad who sent money to Vancouver for investment through the Dominion Trust Company the credit of Canada has received one more blow. These blows will continue until there arises in this country some non-political administrator of finance, who will insist that all company laws of Canada will make it a crime to steal and which laws will be so operated that stealing will be difficult."

Through the failure of the Dominion Trust Company many people in the province will have less money to spend, and consequently will spend less. This to our contemporary, means that the "province is improving its financial position."

Less than three years ago the province was supposed to have a surplus of \$9,000,000. Last year it was found necessary to raise a short-term loan of \$1,500,000, because (according to Mr. Bowser) the province was unable to square its ledger. Following closely we have legislation authorizing the raising of a loan of \$10,000,000, stated by the Minister of Finance to be merely the precursory to others. Yet, the "province is improving its financial position."

Perhaps the News-Advertiser is in possession of information regarding provincial finances of which the public has as yet no knowledge, if so, we should be pleased to be taken into the confidence of our contemporary. According to press reports, Sir

Richard's recent trip to London was made as Dominion representative to confer with certain persons on the matter of Imperial Defense. Sir Richard added, incidentally, that he also conferred with several leading financiers regarding the future finances of British Columbia. Does our contemporary know the outcome of Sir Richard's hob-nobbing with the financiers. Did he succeed in extracting another loan from them. Is that how our financial position is improving?"

### As Others See Us.

Under the caption of "A Forecast," the Montreal Weekly Witness editorially speaks as follows: "The story goes in Conservative newspapers that Sir Richard McBride, the dictator of British Columbia, is to enter the national ministry as minister of naval defense, a new portfolio, with a view to the reversion of the premiership when Sir Robert Borden shall go to London as High Commissioner, a position he would grace. There can be no question but that, with the possible exception of Sir Rodmond Roblin, and of the impossible Major-General Hughes, who has just, with a war-lord looseness of tongue, made bitter enemies of the patriots at Toronto, Sir Richard is the most forceful leader, and without exception the most practical politician in the Conservative army, if not in the whole country; for what is called practical politics does not find itself at home in the Liberal party. In favor of this forecast there is more than one omen. It is notorious that Sir Richard has exploited and forestalled all the great resources of his province to such an extent that it is now for the time being a sucked orange, which affords small promise for a continuance of such exhaustive methods. As long as every constituency could be bribed by some great public work and politically handled by one or more favored corporations all went well. But the province itself, as well as its politics, has got so largely into the hands of speculative companies and absentee owners looking to make rich by a development which they are



doing nothing to further, that the resentment of the actual inhabitant is becoming a thing to be counted with. It might be a good move, therefore, on the part of Sir Richard McBride to leave to others the task of pulling the province through its time of recuperation. Indeed, one can foresee distress in the foreground of that process, such good land as there is in the province having risen to prices which would be counted fabulous here in the province of Quebec.

### Squandering.

It is not often that the government's intention of constructing wharves or other public works meets with opposition, but in the case of Quesnel a strong protest has been made to the department of public works at Ottawa. It is stated that a wharf has not been found necessary during the past twenty years and that when the Pacific Great Eastern is completed there will be even less use for it. The only company who will operate a steamer on the river next summer has joined in the protest, so that one must come to the conclusion that the money would be practically wasted. The wharf, as proposed by the government, would prevent the landing of logs in an eddy near a new \$22,000 sawmill. It will also make it impossible to haul out boats for the winter at this point. Indeed, the charge has been made openly that the construction of the wharf is only a sop to keep the voters in good humor. The statement is made that owing to the press of ice, no wharf could stand the strain, and every year would necessitate extensive repairs, if not a new wharf.

In the meantime we are in receipt of a letter from a reader residing at Kleena Kleene in which he says they have for a long time past been endeavoring to obtain a post office at that place. He complains of only

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getting mail about once every two months. So far their efforts have been unsuccessful. The government almost insists on spending money at Quesnel where there are a fair number of votes, and must needs be prevented from a wasteful expenditure by strong protest, while here at Kleena Kleene are a number of settlers whose repeated request for a post office has been met with a refusal. We suggest that the good people of Kleena Kleene again approach their Dominion member on the subject. It is not well to be too easily discouraged. It is evident that the Dominion government has money to spend, even where it

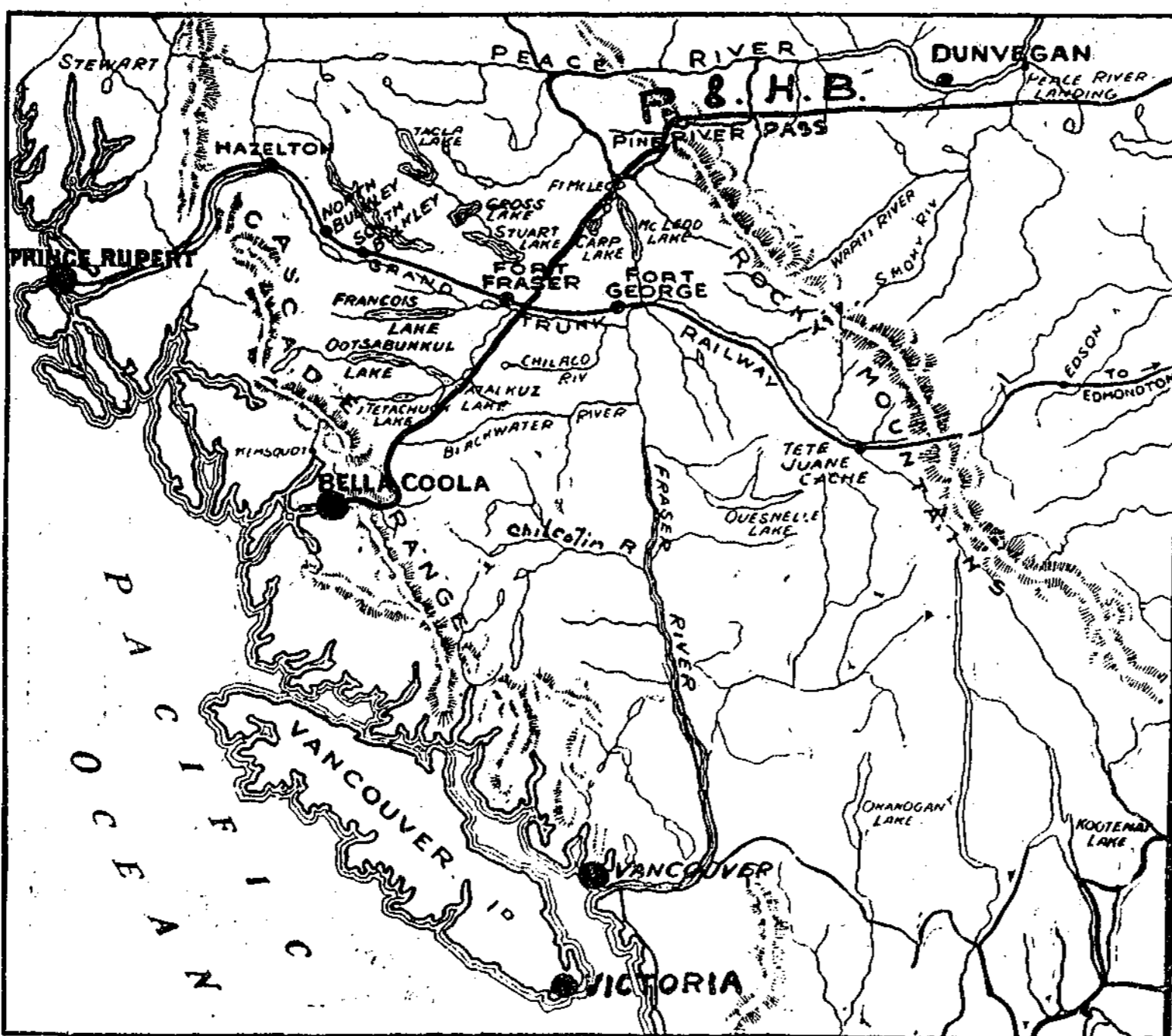
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Vaccination on the arms and, in extreme cases, on the nether limbs, is a common thing; but a morning paper goes one better with a heading to the effect that

it is recommended that Indians be vaccinated on the North Shore. Eh! What?

**Taxing Wages.**

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(From the New York Evening Post.)

"We now let these Belgian documents speak for themselves" is the concluding sentence of Dr. Dernburg's plea in justification of Germany's violation of her treaty obligations. And they do speak for themselves; but not for Dr. Dernburg. That gentleman, in the course of his 1500 words, more or less, of introduction, has not a word to spare for the simple fact that the military arrangements discussed between a representative of the British army and a representative of the Belgian army related solely to what would be done "in case Belgium should be attacked." Special pleading, on the part of the official advocates of any belligerent, is to be expected; but there are limits beyond which special pleading becomes an insult to intelligence. Those limits are passed when the consideration of measures to be taken by one country in case a treaty is violated by another is deliberately declared to be proof that the first country herself was determined to commit a violation. And on no better basis than this does Dr. Dernburg rest the defence of Germany's crime against Belgium.

**Crime of Vorwaerts.**

At a time when the German government was trying to excuse itself to the world for the barbarities in Belgium that they were necessary reprisals for the unwarranted participation by civilians in the fighting, Vorwaerts, the Socialist daily published in Berlin, pointed out that German law expressly requires German civilians to attack and harass an invader by every possible form of night and secret attack. For this indiscretion, Vorwaerts was forced by the military authorities to suspend publication for several days.—Winnipeg-Free Press.

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