

# LONDON AWAITS AERIAL INVASION

## Takes Precautions to Repel Attack by Zeppelins.

### GERMANS READY FEBRUARY.

Will Need Four Months' Time For Preparation of Fleet of Dirigibles "Wait and See," Says Inventor—"Zeppelin Neck," Due to Peering Upward, Prevalent in British Capital.

Information received in Amsterdam from an authoritative source regarding Germany's aerial plans throws a new light on the action of the London authorities in doing away with all brilliant illumination, sweeping the skies at night with many searchlights and mounting guns to assail balloons and aeroplanes. These precautions are thoroughly justified, though a bit premature, says the New York Times correspondent in Amsterdam.

While occasional minor raids may be made on London sooner, if Germany gets a firm foothold on the channel, the grand aerial armada will be launched against England until February at the earliest, for Germany will not be ready till then.

"We are building 200 aeroplanes especially for the attack on London. These are of a new and extra large type, capable of carrying 1,000 pounds of explosives in addition to the weight of the pilot and bomb thrower," the correspondent was informed.

"These new aeroplanes will not be in commission before February. The fliers are being trained now at special aviation camps, and at least one of the instructors was flying in London as recently as last spring."

**Germany's Aerial Equipment.**  
An American refugee from Roumania, who reached London six weeks ago via Austria, Germany and Holland, told the correspondent at the time that at the flying field in Berlin he had seen at least 500 aeroplanes and fifty Zeppelins in their sheds.

When the German officer interviewed was asked if there was any truth in the statement that Germany had fifty Zeppelins six weeks ago he replied frankly:

"That is nonsense. But we are working on new Zeppelins night and day and by February we shall have forty-six."

Confirmation—of a sort—of the planned aerial attack on London came from Count Zeppelin himself, who returned to his home in Stuttgart, Wurttemberg, after a three days' stay in Berlin.

**"Give Us Time," Says Zeppelin.**

An American woman saw the count in Berlin and, rushing up to him, exclaimed, "Tell me, when are the Zeppelins going to London?"

Count Zeppelin bowed politely, replying: "Wait and see. Only give us time, madam."

"Zeppelin neck" is the form of maldy now prevalent in London, according to one report.

This is the popular term for stiff necks, which are commoner than ever at this season because so many Londoners are craning their necks, scanning the heavens as the government searchlights relentlessly examine the sky for the enemy.

### WATCH BRINDILLA CASE.

Washington and London Deeply Interested in Seizure of Oil Ship.

If in the capture of the Brindilla, the oil tank ship formerly the Washington, the British government wishes to test neutral ownership, not alleged contraband cargo or an unneutral destination, it will be appealing to a principle of international law which Great Britain has never formally ratified. There are precedents for such a course, as when both Spain and the United States in 1898 adhered to the declaration of Paris, though neither had ratified it. The case is attracting much attention in Washington and London.

The Brindilla was a ship of the Deutsch-Amerika Petroleum company, caught in New York by the war. She was bought by the Standard Oil company under the American registry act and sent out under the American flag. Outside the three mile limit she was taken and towed to Halifax and the jurisdiction of a prize court.

The declaration of London, article 56, declares void the transfer of an enemy's ship to a neutral in war "unless it is proved that such transfer is not made in order to avoid the consequences to which an enemy's vessel, as such, is exposed." The burden of proof of good faith is put upon the owners of the Brindilla by this article.

The British commons, December, 1911, passed a naval prize act accepting the declaration of London. The lords rejected it. Yet it has passed by usage into the common law of nations, was embodied in declarations by Russia and Italy during the Tripoli war and is admitted in principle by the present belligerents. If an appeal is taken from the prize court to The Hague that tribunal is bound by the convention establishing it to decide in accord with international law, or, if no "recognize rule" exists, to follow "the general principles of justice and equity."

## CANADIAN HIGHLANDERS IN CAMP

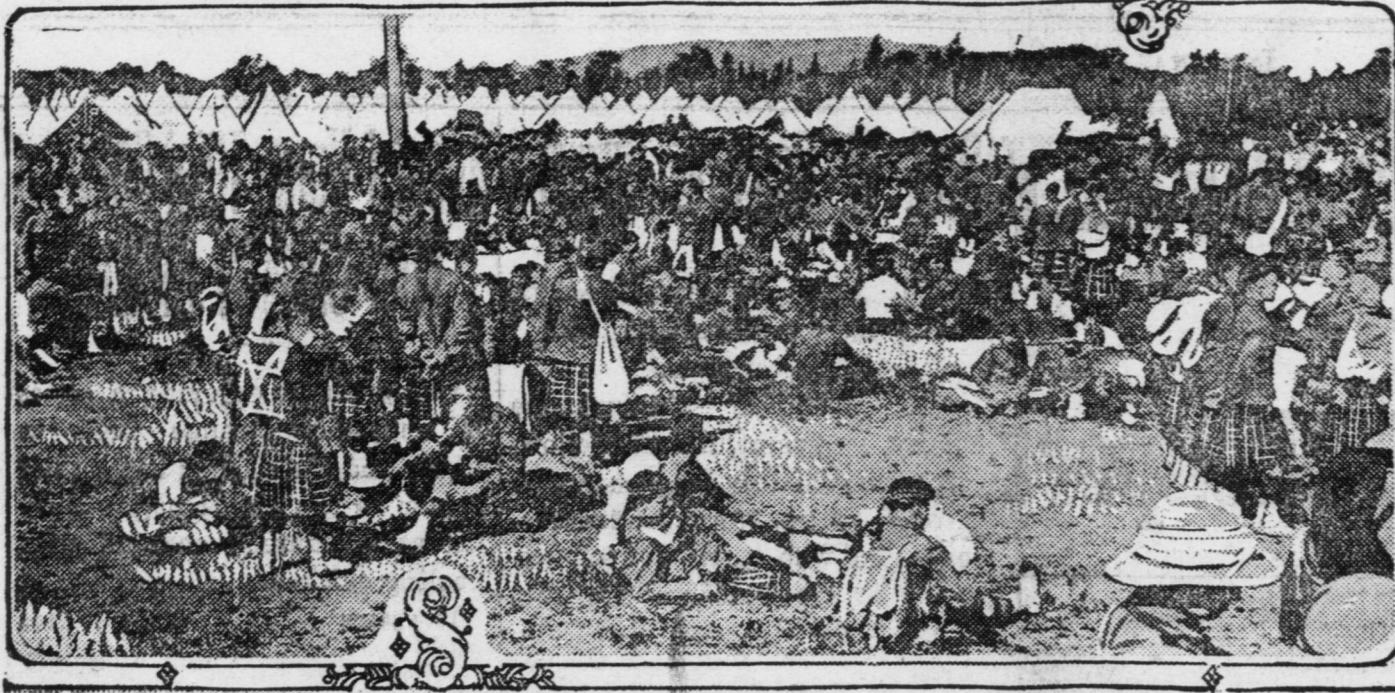


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Recruits mobilized near Quebec are sitting transportation to England.

**A Mean Reply.**  
She—Do you remember that thirty years ago you proposed to me and that I refused you?  
He—Oh, yes. That's one of the most treasured recollections of my youth.—Exchange.

**The Place For All.**  
"Nothing," says Robert Herrick, "irritates the thinking woman more than to be told that woman's place is in the home. She knows it. It is the man's place also, and she knows that."—Boston Globe

**The Sofa in Germany.**  
In Germany the sofa is invested with a sanctity as of a throne. The visitor must not sit upon it unless especially invited to do so by the hostess. To take a seat there unasked is an outrageous presumption.

**A Moving Reason.**  
Grannie—Why should I take another chair, Gerald? Don't you think I'm comfortable here?  
Gerald—Yes, gran'ma, but I'm afraid my little kitten isn't. She's there too.—London Opinion.

**At the Fair.**  
"He was a good man," said the old woman, "but every year he was a different man."—London Opinion.

**What Made Him Sick.**  
Teacher—Your little brother was all right when he left the house with you, and yet you say he's sick and won't be in school. The Kid—Sure! Didn't I give him the seegar wid me own hands?—Puck.

**Willie Knew.**  
Papa (hiding something in his hand)—Willie, can you tell me what has heads on one side and tails on the other? Willie (triumphantly)—Oh, I know! It's roosters on a fence!—Judge.

### FRENCH ADVANCE GUARD.

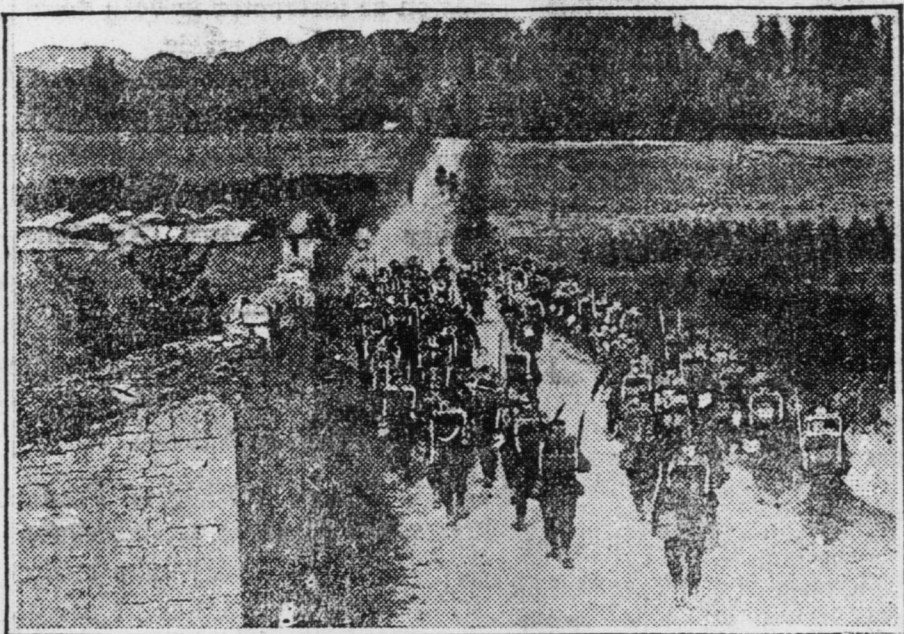


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## BELGIAN REFUGEES ON THE MOVE.



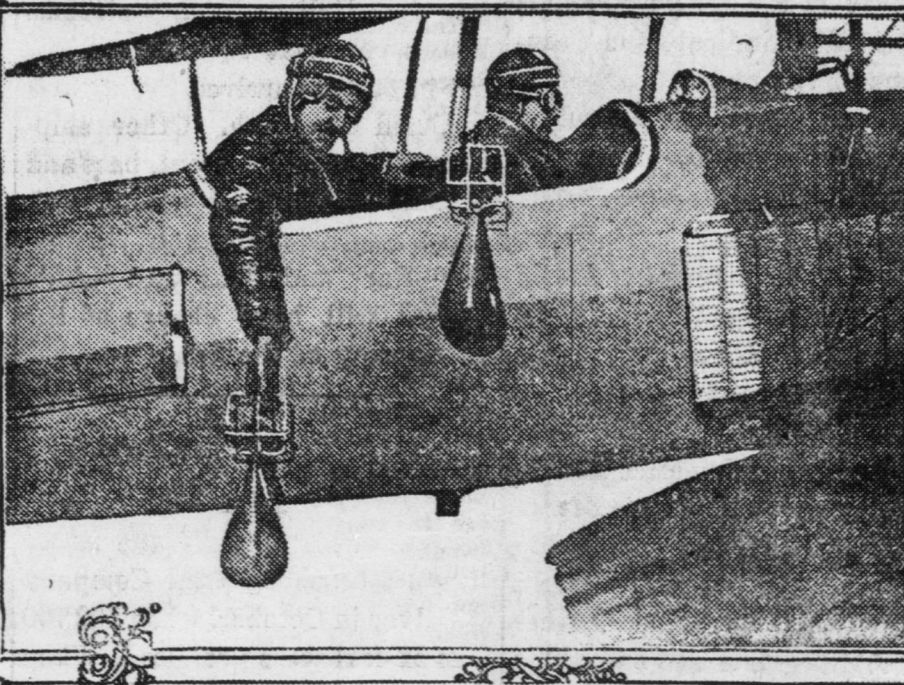
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**Quite Sufficient.**  
It was on a long railway journey, and for six hours he had sat opposite a solitary traveling companion, and not a word had been spoken. "Excuse me," was his opening, "but are you an Englishman?"  
"Yes," rapped out the stranger.  
"Oh, then I beg your pardon."  
And after that the long journey was completed in silence.—London Answers.

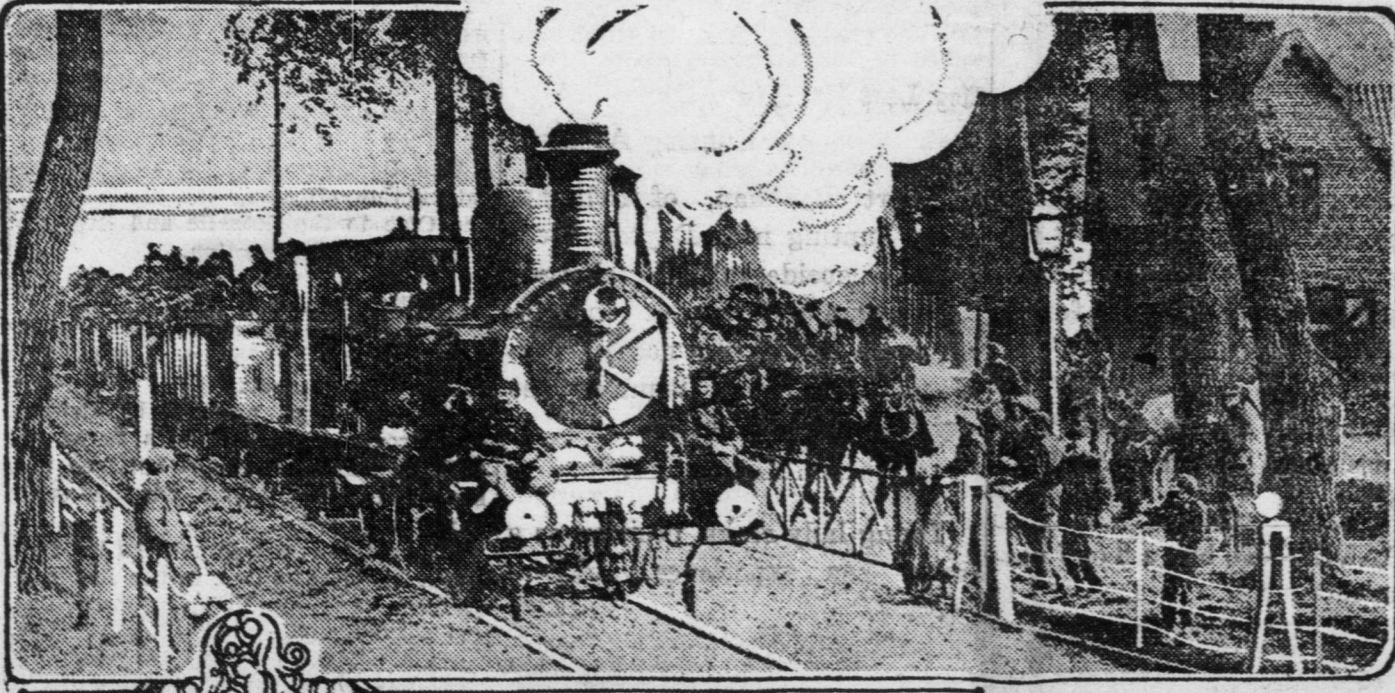
**Irreverent Youth.**  
Her Father—Young man, young man, would you take my daughter from me? You don't know a father's feelings at such a time! I must suppress them.  
Her Lover—Oh, that's all right. If you want to give three cheers, go ahead.—Topeka Journal.

**Compensation.**  
Dentist (telling story)—I tell you, when I got to that point of danger I lost my nerve. Patient—Well, you've got mine, haven't you?—Baltimore American.

### DROPPING BOMBS FROM AEROPLANE.



## BELGIAN SOLDIERS LEAVING ANTWERP.



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When the city was abandoned to the Germans the troops utilized all possible means of transportation to move toward Ostend.

## POLICE OF RUSSIA

### The Trick They Work to Gather In Political Suspects.

### CAUGHT IN THE MOUSETRAP.

When, After a Secret Arrest, the Snare Is Set It Holds All Who Enter, Regardless of Nationality, Dress, Social Position or Official Rank.

Although the peculiar form of police ambuscade known as a mousetrap has had its highest development and its widest application in Russia, writes George Kennan in the Century, it did not originate in that country, nor did it receive there its strikingly appropriate appellation.

It was imported from France a century or more ago, and the name that it bears was given to it by Alexandre Dumas in 1829. The distinguished French story teller described it in "The Three Musketeers" as follows:

"The invention of the mousetrap does not date from our days. As soon as societies in process of formation created police the police in their turn invented mousetraps. As our readers may not be familiar with the slang of the Rue de Jerusalem and as it is fifteen years since we applied this term for the first time to the thing, we may be allowed perhaps to explain to them what a mousetrap is.

"When in a house of any kind a person suspected of crime is arrested the arrest is kept secret, four or five men are placed in ambuscade in the first apartment, the door is opened to all who knock, it is then closed after them, and they are arrested so that at the end of two or three days the police have in their power all the persons who are accustomed to visit the place. And that is a mousetrap."

Dumas does not explain that the trap is set and the first arrest made at a late hour of the night, generally between 1 and 3 o'clock a. m., so that the mice will not become aware of it and avoid the dangerous locality. You may call upon a "politically untrustworthy" friend in the evening, drink tea with him, discuss the state of the country and go home at midnight without having seen or heard anything to excite suspicion or suggest peril, but if you return to the same house or apartment early the next morning you are liable to fall into a mousetrap.

The trap, moreover, catches and holds every person who enters it regardless of nationality, dress, social position or official rank. Russian revolutionists are accustomed to assume all sorts of disguises, from the blue frock coat and wrinkled top boots of the gendarmierie to the sword, epaulets and golden cords of the general staff, and if the czar himself in the uniform of the Preobrazhenki guards should visit incognito a house in which a trap had been set he would be arrested promptly and sent to the nearest precinct station house for identification.

No discretionary power of any kind is given to the police officers in charge. The mice caught may not look at all like the mice for which the trap was set, but even if they appear to be ermine or lizards or small, blind kittens they must go to the station house for examination and judgment.

In every large Russian city the police Cynical Critic.

Teacher—And Nathan Hale said "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country." Wasn't that noble? Bright Boy—Oh, I dunno! Most anybody that's going to be hung would sooner have a few more lives!—Judge.

**Cheerful.**  
A certain philosopher used to thank his lucky stars when he had the gout that it was not the toothache, and when he had the toothache he gave thanks because he had not both complaints at once.

**Successful.**  
"I started out on the theory that the world had an opening for me, and I went to find it."  
"Did you find it?"  
"Oh, yes; I'm in a hole."—Baltimore American.

**MODERATE ABILITY.**  
The art of being able to make a good use of moderate abilities is its esteem and often confers more reputation than greater real merit.—La Rochefoucauld.

**A Hard One.**  
"When," he demanded, "will you pay this bill?"  
Smiling, we waved him toward our confere.

"You must ask," we said, "the puzzle editor."—Exchange.

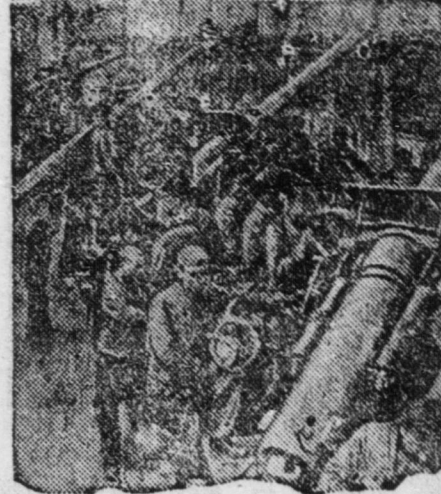
**Finesse.**  
"What did you tell your wife when you got home from the club last night?"  
"I told her she was the sweetest woman in the world."—Spokane Spokesman Review.

**To Set Colors.**  
In washing anything blue put a handful of salt into the water; green, a lump of alum; gray or brown, a little ox gall; tan or linen goods, a little hay water; reds and pinks, use a little vinegar.—National Magazine.

**Take to the Woods.**  
Mrs. Bacon—This paper says that the forests of the United States cover 50,000,000 acres.

Mrs. Egbert—No wonder it's difficult to find a man during housecleaning.

## Owner of Krupp Gun Works and Factory Scene



This is a view of the great Krupp gun factory and its owner, Frau Gustav von Bohlen und Halbach, who was formerly Miss Bertha Krupp, daughter of the founder. The largest guns ever manufactured are being made in this plant for the German army. It employs usually about 70,000 men, but the force has been doubled since the outbreak of the war.

sacrifice speed to certainty, and that the world need not expect Russia to fall into a German trap by invading Silesia before the north and south flanks are entirely safeguarded.

The correspondent asserts that it will be weeks before Russia can attempt an invasion of Silesia. When

**Fiction and Fact.**  
In the novels the husband strolls into the conservatory for a little smoke before dinner. In real life he strolls into the kitchen and raises blue blazes with the light of his life because dinner isn't ready.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**An Important Advantage.**  
"Do you think a college education affords a man an important advantage in life?"

"Oh, yes! One has to have it in order to get into a university club."—Chicago Herald.

**Snow Blankets.**  
The earth under a thick coat of snow is about 10 degrees warmer than the air immediately above the snow.

### WE MAY SELL TO EUROPE.

No Violation of Neutrality to Furnish War Material.

In response to inquiries Robert Lansing, acting secretary of state, has given out a statement containing the administration's interpretation of the law regarding the shipment of contraband articles from the United States to countries now at war in Europe. The statement says:

"It should be understood that, generally speaking, a citizen of the United States can sell to a belligerent government or its agent any article of commerce which he pleases. He is not prohibited from doing this by any rule of international law, by any treaty provision or by any statute of the United States. It makes no difference whether the articles sold are exclusively for war purposes, such as firearms, explosives, etc., or are foodstuffs, clothing, horses, etc., for the use of the army or navy of the belligerent.

"Furthermore a neutral government is not compelled by international law, by treaty or by statute to prevent these sales to a belligerent. Such sales, therefore, by American citizens do not in the least affect the neutrality of the United States.

"It is true that such articles as those mentioned are considered contraband and are, outside the territorial jurisdiction of a neutral nation, subject to seizure by an enemy of the purchasing government, but it is the enemy's duty to prevent the articles reaching their destination, not the duty of the nation whose citizens have sold them."

### 69 PER CENT OF ALL EUROPE AT WAR.

Sixty-nine per cent of the total population of Europe, according to a press estimate, is now at war. Taking the Balkan war as a basis for calculation, the casualties in the present war will approximate 650,000 killed and 2,300,000 wounded.

**Watered Stock.**  
"Pa, what do they put water in stocks for?" "To soak investors with, my son."—Boston Transcript.  
**Why He Loved Spain.**  
Gloachino Rossini, who was a great jester, was once seen embracing a Spaniard with great effusion. Asked the reason, he replied, "Because without Spain we would be the last nation."