

OTTAWA IN DARKNESS AWAITS AEROPLANE RAID FRENCH LOSE STRONG POINT ON MOSELLE

SEVERAL AEROPLANES MAKE A RAID INTO THE DOMINION OF CANADA

Entire City of Ottawa in Darkness, Fearing Bomb-droppers

Machines Crossed St. Lawrence River, Passing Over Brockville—Two Over Gananoque—Seen by Many Citizens, Heading for the Capital—One Was Equipped With Powerful Searchlights—Fire Balls Dropped

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 15, 2 a.m.—(Special.)—Up to 2 a.m. no further reports of aeroplanes had been received, but precautions were still being continued, no lights being shown on Parliament Hill.

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—Sir Robert Borden received a telegram from Brockville to-night at 10.30 stating that three aeroplanes had passed over Brockville proceeding in the direction of Ottawa. Col. Sherwood, Chief of the **Dominion Police**, was summoned, and at 11.15 ordered all lights out on Parliament Hill, and at 11.20 the city lights were also turned out.

There is considerable excitement among the members of Parliament, and while some are inclined to doubt the possibility of raiders, it is believed by others that the Government is in possession of information which has led it to take extraordinary precautions.

DROPPED "LIGHT BALLS" ON CANADIAN SIDE.

In an interview, Col. Sherwood stated that he had received an official communication from the Chief of Police at Brockville, stating that three or four aeroplanes had crossed the St. Lawrence River from New York State near Morristown about 10 o'clock to-night, and had dropped several "light balls" on the Canadian side of the river. They then headed in the direction of the capital at Ottawa.

Col. Sherwood stated that the measures taken were precautionary, and was not disposed to be unduly apprehensive.

THE MINT IN DARKNESS.

Lights were also turned out at Rideau Hall, the residence of the Governor-General, and at the Royal Mint, where the gold of the Dominion is minted. This is the first night in its history that the mint has been in darkness.

The Duke of Connaught is away on a trip to Winnipeg to inspect the troops of the garrison there, but the Duchess and Princess Patricia are in the capital.

OTHER PLACES WARNED.

Notice has been sent to Perth, Smith's Falls, Kemptville and other intermediate places on the supposed route of the aeroplanes to keep a sharp lookout.

SUBJECTED TO GUN FIRE.

A few months ago a Government order was issued to the effect that aeroplanes flying over Canadian territory without authority would be subject to attack from the guns of officers and troops.