

LOYAL TALK FIRED SOLDIERS AT BERLIN, ONT.

is, Coupled With Recitation
of German Outrages By A
Reporter, Caused Riots

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—General Sir Sam
thes read to the House of Commons
night the following memorandum
arding disturbances at Berlin, Ont., on
eday night, as the result of an oral
rt received from the officer command-

Citizens Exasperated.

For some time feelings of loyal and
abiding citizens of both British and
man extraction in Berlin and Water-
and adjoining localities have been
e or less exasperated by the lan-
ge and action of a Lutheran clergy-
n, an American citizen named Cap-
t, and by a German-born Canadian
lect named Amussen, who whether
n good or bad intent have been semi-
logists for German atrocities and
erism. It was asserted that one of
e men recently stated that the con-
t of the British in the war has been
t as bad as the conduct of the Ger-
s." It has not been specifically
rged that these utterances have been
e with disloyal intent, but merely as-
ting not to justify German brutality
uch as to condone it. These utter-
e, coupled with the general tension
ind throughout the country over the
t, gradually wrought up a number of
le to a high pitch of feeling.

The feeling already highly strung on
part of many, found vent on Tuesday
ing, when fifteen or twenty young
ers heard that German flags were
ayed in a hall in Berlin. They quiet-
sembled near the place about 9
ck in the evening, and in the course
a few minutes had torn the German
s to pieces, while a bust of the former
er William was carried along the
et. There were five policemen within
y call on the street, but the affair
e to have been over so quickly that
y did not have time to interfere.

Colonel Lohead, on receiving a tele-
ne message at the barracks, imme-
ely repaired to the locality, when
er was promptly restored.

Inquiry Being Held.

An inquiry is being held. The civil
orties are also acting in the pre-
e.

The authorities have been fully in-
ned that soldiers in uniform lose none
their rights or responsibilities as citi-
s, and therefore, are entitled to all
privileges of the law, but are subject
to penalties."

General Hughes added, "on the other
t it will be observed that alien
s have been treated by the Can-
a government in the most tolerant
ndest manner, but utterances and
ct that even, indirectly encourage
tion, treason, or disloyalty will not
tolerated."