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A few things about the war

Sea battle in the Finnish Bay

Last Friday the news from Stockholm via London by Aftonbladet's reporter was that a sea battle had taken place in the Finnish Bay close to Porkala. One cruiser was sunk and another one badly injured. It was also reported that one Zeppelin had caused a large fire and caused a lot of damage to the Finnish coast. Porkala is a peninsula approximately 200 km southwest of Helsingfors and 2000 km west of Petrograd. This is the furthest north battles have taken place so far in this war.

Protest from Sweden

It is reported from London that the Swedish government has requested their minister in London to submit a protest to the English government based on that the Swedish neutrality has been compromised due to presence of English submarines in the Baltic Sea. English submarines have also sunk two German steamers in Swedish waters.

German bribes

It was of great importance for Germany that Bulgaria would join the unified side (Germany and Austria).

A correspondent at *Morning Post* in London says he has knowledge that Germany now tries to draw in Spain and as compensation they will get Gibraltar and Morocco. An invitation to Sweden is strengthened with a promise to get Finland. These promises, if they really are given, presumes knowledge that Germany will win because Gibraltar is an English possession and Finland Russian.

The French Secretary of State resigns

Theophile Delcasse, the French Foreign Minister, has resigned as a result of the crisis in the Balkan states. The Prime minister, M. Vivian, has recently visited London to negotiate with Sir Grey about the situation in the Balkan states. It is the first time a French Prime minister has had discussions with an English prime minister about state affairs, but Bulgaria joining the unified side is causing a lot of worries among the allies.