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February 25 quotes a letter from a socialist to his wife, written after the battle in the night from 18-19 January on the Bessarabian frontier. "... The earth was like a volcano. The shrapnel bursting in mid-air, the grenades, the exploding gas bombs; add to this the whistling of the rifles, the rattle of the machine guns, the unceasing explosions of the hand grenades and mines, and most terrible of all, the moaning of the wounded, and the heaped up corpses: this was a picture, which would have sufficed to cause instant end to be put to this terrible world-drama had one of those who holds the reins of power amongst our enemies, been condemned to live through it if only for a quarter of an hour."



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