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Use of railway wagons, tramlines, flagstones and anything else on which they can lay hands, large crowds have, from early this morning, been erecting barricades beyond Var and other hills of Buda. Their intention appears to be to prevent Russian reinforcements entering the town from the south west, one direction from which they might be expected to come.

2. Heavy fire has continued throughout the day in Gellert hill region, and there have been occasional sharp bursts of fire in many other localities. Heavy mortar and tank fire is in progress now on eastern outskirts of Pest and fighting has also spread to new areas in Buda, notably that west of Var.

3. Unconfirmed reports continue to reach me that units of Hungarian Army are [grp undec ?attempting] to enter Budapest to assist the people. True or not, it is obvious that the people could not have resisted so long and so successfully without help from the Hungarian Army and access to its equipment. All bridges over the Danube except that at the north end of Margaret Island are blocked by Russian tanks and, as my Military Attaché is reporting to War Office, large numbers of Russian fighting vehicles bearing numbers hitherto not noted in Hungary have appeared.

4. Such news as I have from the country is confined to wireless broadcasts which will already be available in London. I am told that Miskolc wireless station is in the hands of the

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