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GERMAN SEA DOG BOASTS CAN CLEAN OCEAN

OUTRAGES CHARGED BY THE BELGIANS

FIELDS SOWN WITH KAISER'S DEAD

VAN HORNE SAYS WAR IS GOOD FOR CANADA

BRITAIN AND AUSTRIA NOW ARE ENEMIES

Official Announcement Dates
Beginning of State of War
From Midnight.

EXPLANATION IS GIVEN

Austria-Hungary's Attitude
Towards France Cause of
Declaration.

FRANCE DECLARED FIRST

Britain, Taking French State-
ment of Rupture as True,
Follows Suit.

FRENCH DECLARATION.
PARIS, Aug. 13.—The of-
ficial declaration of war by
France on Austria-Hungary was
made public here today.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Aug. 13.—It is officially
announced that a state of war has
existed between Great Britain and Austria-
Hungary since midnight.

The British foreign office later issued
the following statement:
Diplomatic relations between France
and Austria-Hungary being broken off,
the French Government has requested his
majesty's Government to communicate
to the Austro-Hungarian ambassador in
London the following declaration:

The French Cause.
"Having declared war on Serbia, and
thus taken the initiative in hostilities in
Europe, the Austro-Hungarian Govern-
ment, by its attitude towards France,
has placed itself without any pro-
vocation from France in a state of war
with France, and after Germany had
successively declared war against Rus-
sia and France, Austria-Hungary has
interfered in the conflict by declaring
war on Russia, who already was fighting
on the side of France.

Troops a Menace.
"According to information worthy of
belief, Austria-Hungary has sent troops
over the German frontier in such a man-
ner as to constitute a direct menace
against France. In face of these facts
the French Government finds itself
obliged to declare to the Austro-Hungarian
Government that it will take all
measures permitted to it to reply to
these acts and menaces."

Britain Joins In.
In communicating this declaration ac-
cording to the Austro-Hungarian am-
bassador in London, his Britannic ma-
jesty's Government has declared to his
excellency that, the rupture with France
having been brought about in this way,
it feels itself obliged to announce that
a state of war exists between Great
Britain and Austria-Hungary as from
midnight.

GERMAN SPY CAUGHT NEAR BELGIAN KING

[Canadian Press.]
London, Aug. 13.—A dispatch to
the Daily Mail from Brussels says
that a German spy was caught in
close proximity to King Albert,
who is at Louvain.

BRITISH STEAMER EVADED PURSUERS

Ran From Honolulu to Tokio
Nine Hours Under Schedule
—Vicious Dispatches
Enter Japan.

[Canadian Press.]
Tokyo, Aug. 13.—9:45 a.m.—Passengers
arriving today on the British steamer
Nile from Honolulu, nine hours ahead of
the schedule, told of being chased by un-
known ships. The ship finally outdis-
tanced two pursuers, apparently war
craft.

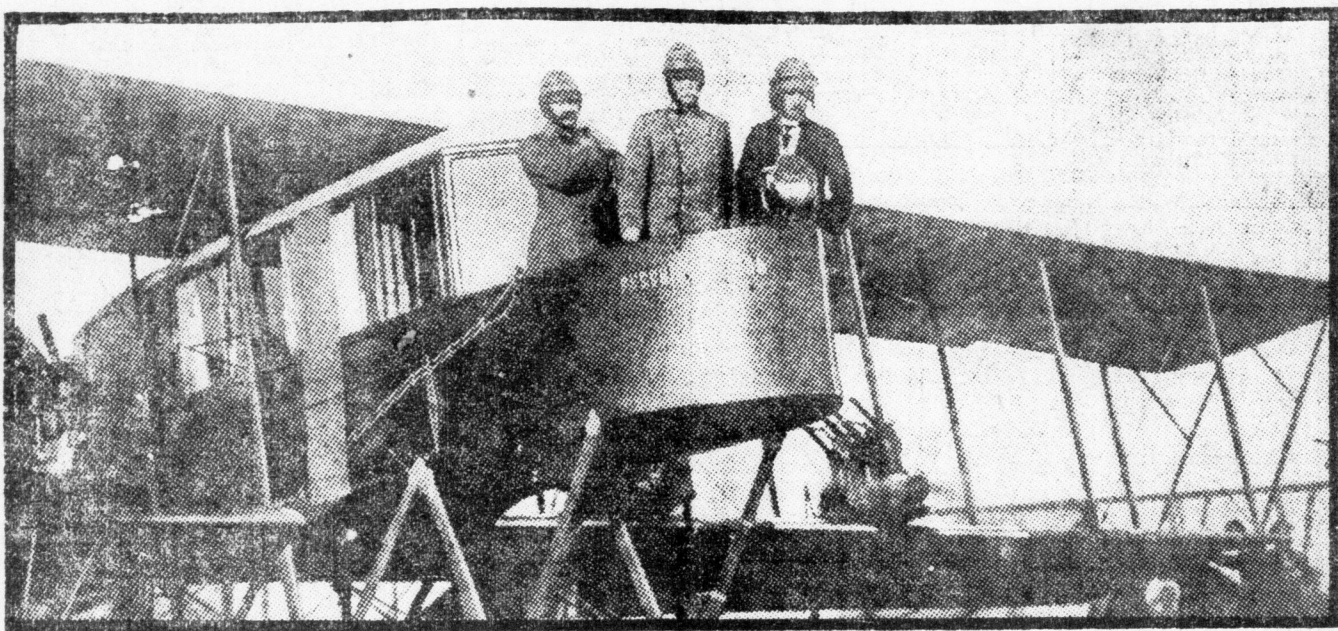
The American embassy has published
a denial of reports that Ambassador
Guthrie had inquired what was the Ja-
panese program in connection with the
European war, or presented any com-
munication from Washington on the
subject.

A mass of dispatches are pouring into
Tokyo from many points in the Orient,
denying seemingly to create the im-
pression that the United States is in-
terfering in the war situation.

GERMANS BEGINNING ANOTHER BOMBARDMENT

[Canadian Press.]
PARIS, Aug. 12.—11:50 p.m.—The
bombardment by the Germans of Pons-
moussin, in the department of Meurthe
and Moselle, about 20 miles northwest
of Nancy, commenced yesterday morn-
ing. A hundred shells of large calibre
fell in the town, killing or wounding a
number of the inhabitants and de-
molishing buildings.

THE GREAT RUSSIAN WARPLANE



This giant biplane has a carrying capacity of six men, and is considered the last word in aerial weapons.

BRITAIN URGES TRADERS TO SHIP WITH ALL CONFIDENCE

Only North Sea at All Dangerous to British or Neutral Ships
—Bulk of French Fleet in Mediterranean,
Keeping It Safe.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Aug. 13.—The war between
the nations of Europe today became
further regularized with the formal
declaration of war on Austria-Hungary
by Great Britain.

The strength of the British fleet in
the Mediterranean is unknown, as no
movements of warships have been made
public since the first outbreak of
hostilities. It is known, however, that
France has the bulk of her fleet in the
Mediterranean, so that no apprehen-
sion exists as to the safety of trade
routes through that sea now that it is
ascertained that the German cruisers
Goeben and Breslau are out of action.

North Sea Unsafe.
The official press bureau here, de-
scribing today the disposition of British
cruisers in the Atlantic and else-
where, expressly urges traders of all
nations doing business with Great
Britain to send their cargoes confident-
ly and boldly to sea in British or neu-
tral ships in all directions except the
North Sea, where, owing to mines and
the probability of the operations, no
guarantee can yet be given, although,
as announced yesterday, passenger ser-
vices are again running.

LIEGE PREPARED TO RESIST ALL ATTACKS

[Canadian Press.]
London, Aug. 13.—The French minister of war says of-
ficially: "The Belgian army and the forts around Liege are
intact and are prepared to resist all attacks."

"There has been no important change in Lorraine, and
there is no truth in the report that the Sixteenth Regiment of
French infantry was taken prisoner by the Germans at Briey,
in the department of Meurthe-Moselle."

At the end of his communication the French minister
says: "France is gratified by the attitude of America."

RAINBOW AND SLOOP ARRIVE AT ESQUIMALT

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Aug. 13.—The cruiser Rainbow and the sloop-of-
war Shearwater, are at Esquimalt. The naval department re-
ceived a report from them this morning.

So far nothing has been heard from the little Algerien, the
third British boat on the Pacific. However, it is expected that
she will turn up safely somewhere soon.

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MODEST GERMAN CAPTAIN SAYS HE COULD "LICK" EIGHT OF ENEMY'S SHIPS

[Canadian Press.]
San Francisco, Aug. 13.—According
to the captain of the German
cruiser Leipzig, now off this port,
eight war vessels flying the flags of
belligerent nations are on the Pa-
cific coast, each daily expecting a
conflict with one or more of its ad-
versaries. That he is optimistic con-
cerning the outcome of engagements
in which his command may be in-
volved may be shown by his remark
to Baron Von Schaak, acting consul
for Germany, who visited the Leip-
zig yesterday, accompanied by news-
papermen.

Such a Modest Man.
"It would not take us long," he
said, "I believe we could dispose of
them at the rate of one a day."
Baron Von Schaak and the news-
papermen were received aboard the
Leipzig by Capt. Huan and arrange-
ments were made for the landing of
two sick sailors. Capt. Huan an-
nounced his intention of entering
the port on the 15th, and said his
duties might keep him in this vicin-
ity for some time. He also said that
he is in constant communication
with the German cruiser Nürnberg,
which is hovering outside the port.
When asked whether he would seize
Americans if being transported in
British vessels, he answered:
"I cannot do that."

Sailor Operated On.
After a consultation between
Baron Von Schaak and the officers
of the cruiser, a hasty return to

land was made. One of the sick sail-
ors, who was suffering from ap-
pendicitis, was operated on success-
fully at a hospital. The other, suf-
fering from blood poisoning, is in no
danger, it was said.

Tells of Gunners' Ability.
The German Leipzig, now off this
port is stripped for action, all deck
work having been jettisoned.
"We had many fine boats," Lieut.
Standke said to newspapermen who
visited the vessel. "They included a
beautiful steam launch and a motor
launch, the Leipzig's pride. But we
decided that nothing should be left
to encumber us when we engaged
the enemy. We took all our boats
and towed them out from the ship.
We then loaded our four-inchers. It
was splendid target practice. Every
shot took effect and our boats dis-
appeared."

The Boats He Would Sink.
Among the eight hostile craft
which the officers of the Leipzig
boasted they would sink one day,
the following were given: The Cana-
dian cruiser Rainbow and sloop-of-
war Algerien, both of which are
believed to be sailing in the
direction of San Francisco. The
Nouveau is an armed cruiser of
8,247 tons, carrying two 7.5-inch
guns, four 4.7-inch guns, six machine
guns and two torpedo tubes.

GOVERNMENT MAY CONTROL FOOD SUPPLY

Authority To Be Asked of Par-
liament as Soon as the
Session Opens.

NECESSITIES GOING UP

Dealers in Some Places Are
Already Taking Advantage
of Purchasers.

LAW COURT TO BE USED

Judges Will Be Required To
Pass Upon Complaints
Made.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Aug. 13.—Control of food
prices will be asked of Parliament by
the Government as soon as the session
opens. Hon. Thomas Crothers is hav-
ing a bill drafted along the lines of
the British act. It is held that there
is no justification to be found in pre-
sent conditions for some of the ad-
vances that have been made in the
prices of food and other necessities.

Not everywhere, but in many places,
dealers have taken advantage of the
demand which the war alarm created
to raise the prices of flour, sugar,
meats, hay and many other things
which are essential for daily needs.
The indications received by the Gov-
ernment are that this movement up-
ward of prices has just begun, and that
if it were allowed to develop great
distress might result. Therefore, the
Government proposes to take control
of prices.

Hear Every Complaint.
While a plan has not yet been fully
worked out, it is understood that if
Parliament gives the Government the
power asked for, and it undoubtedly
will, the Government will have in-
quiry made into every complaint that
prices have been unduly elevated. Where ad-
justment is necessary, the Government
will have cases passed upon by a judge,
or in some cases by a board of judges,
and either their finding will automati-
cally fix the prices of necessities or the
report of the judges will be made ef-
fective by an order of the Government.

It is not proposed that dealers, either
wholesale or retail, shall be allowed to
take advantage of the war to squeeze
the people.

Financial Legislation.
Financial legislation is being pre-
pared for the session. The details have
not been worked out, but there has to
be some additional machinery placed in
the hands of Hon. Mr. White to enable
him to raise money. The revenue of
the Government from customs has fallen
greatly, and it is necessary to ille-
minate in the London market. There-
fore it is expected that the Govern-
ment will have to ask for authority
to impose a war tax.

There will be some amendment to
the criminal code, giving authority to
more effectively deal with persons
suspected of or charged with disloyalty
or designs against the safety of the
country. This legislation will be in-
troduced by the Minister of Justice.

BELGIANS CHARGE GERMAN OUTRAGES

Claims Made to Neutral Nations That Wounded Were
Slain, White Flag Ignored and Civilians Killed.

[Canadian Press.]
Brussels, Aug. 13.—1:25 p.m.—
It is stated here today that the inter-
vention of the neutral powers is to be
asked for by the Belgian Foreign Min-
ister through their diplomatic representa-
tives in the Belgian capital, in refer-
ence to alleged reported violations by
the German troops in Belgium of the
Geneva and Hague conventions.

Mr. Davignon, the Belgian foreign min-
ister, has drawn up a long list of cases
declared to be fully attested of the
killing of the wounded, the abuse of the
white flag, the killing of civilians, and
the seizure of private and public funds.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF BANK OF ENGLAND

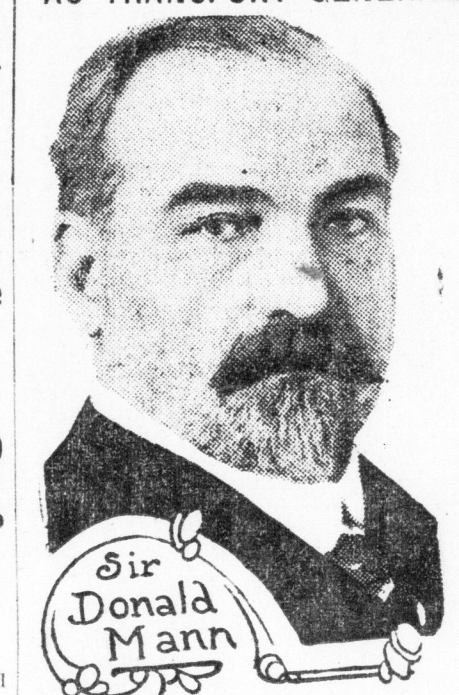
London, August 13.—The weekly state-
ment of the Bank of England shows
the following changes:
Total reserve, increased ... £ 5,565,000
Circulation, decreased ... 171,000
Bullion, increased ... 5,322,500
Public deposits, decreased ... 5,435,000
Other deposits, decreased ... 2,619,000
Notes, reserve, increased ... 6,372,000
Govt. securities, increased ... 12,000,000
The proportion of the bank's assets
to liability this week was 17.00. Rate
of discount, five per cent.

NO CONFIRMATION OF PURCHASE OF CRUISERS

London, Aug. 13.—2:15 p.m.—Neither
the British Foreign Office nor the Tur-
kish embassy has received any dispatch
confirming the reported purchase by
Turkey of the German cruisers Goeben
and Breslau.

THREE-FIFTHS OF GERMAN TROOPS IN FIRST GREAT BATTLE KILLED

OFFERS TO SERVE AS TRANSPORT GENERAL



The C. N. R. magnate has volunteered to superintend the transportation of Canada's troops and their equipment.

HALIFAX CITIZENS SHOVEL COAL TO GIVE CREW REST

Turn Out To Let the Men of
H. M. S. Suffolk Off Work,
Which Is Very Heavy.

[Canadian Press.]
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 13.—Halifax
citizens of all classes are showing
their patriotism today by voluntarily
shoveling H. M. S. Suffolk, flagship of
the fourth cruiser squadron, which ar-
rived in port early this forenoon. It
is estimated that it will take ten hours
to coal the Suffolk. The crew of the
Mauritania, 290 men from the Sixty-
Third Regiment and hundreds of citi-
zens have volunteered for the job. The
crew of the cruiser will consequently
be able to enjoy a much needed rest.

WOMEN OF WINNIPEG OVERSUBSCRIBED FUND

\$7,000 Wired to Toronto for Canadian
Hospital Ship.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 13.—A fund of
\$7,000, raised by Winnipeg women to-
wards the Canadian hospital ship for
the war, was oversubscribed, and the
amount wired to Toronto today.

JAPAN IS CUT OFF FROM EUROPE BY WIRE

TOKIO, August 13.—Telegraphic
communication between Japan and
Europe is interrupted.

Belgians Triumphant Over Enemy In All-Day Fight, To Be Known as Battle of Haelen--Several Buildings Destroyed.

[Canadian Press.]
Brussels, via London, Aug. 13.—3:05 p.m.—An
official "communiqué" issued today confirms yester-
day's success of the Belgian troops over the Germans
at Haelen. It says the German casualties were very
heavy, three-fifths of their troops engaged in the en-
counter being killed or wounded, while the Belgian
casualties are reported as relatively small.

Brussels, Aug. 13.—Via London, 11:45 a.m.—The fighting
yesterday between the Belgian and German armies in the vicin-
ity of Diest lasted the entire day, and constituted the first con-
siderable battle of the war.

It will be known as the battle of Haelen. Shells were still
falling at half-past seven in the evening on the roads around
Diest.

IN PROVINCE OF LIMBURG.
The battle centered around Haelen, in the Belgian province
of Limburg, extending to Diest in the north of the province
of Brabant, after passing round Zeelhem.

At seven o'clock last evening, all the country between the
three towns mentioned had been cleared of German troops
except the dead and wounded who were thickly strewn about
the fire zone.

Upwards of 200 dead German soldiers were counted in a
space of 50 yards square.

BUILDINGS ARE SET AFIRE.
A church, a brewery and some houses in Haelen were set
afire and two bridges over the Demer were destroyed by Bel-
gian engineers.

Great quantities of booty were collected on the battlefield,
and this has been stacked in front of the town hall of Diest.
Many horses also were captured.

The strength of the German column was about 5,000 men.
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HEAVY FIRING IS HEARD AT DOVER

[Canadian Press.]
Dover, via London, Aug. 13.—2:20 p.m.—Heavy cannon-
ading was heard here early this morning, the reports coming
from the northeast. The firing lasted an hour.

ALL FRENCH TROOPS DRIVEN FROM GERMANY ACCORDING TO WIRELESS FROM BERLIN

[Canadian Press.]
Berlin, Aug. 13.—By Direct wireless from Nauen, Germany, to the Gold-
schmidt Wireless Company's station at Tuckerton, N. J.—The German troops
took 120 French officers and 1,110 French soldiers prisoners in the fighting at
Muelhausen, Alsace. They also captured four French cannons.
Another 1,000 French officers and men were taken prisoners by the Germans
in the fight near Longwy.

German soil is now practically clear of French troops.

LONGER WAR LASTS BETTER FOR CANADA

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Aug. 13.—Sir William C.
Van Horne, ex-president of the Cana-
dian Pacific Railway, on being asked
what he thought of the war, made the
following statement:

"I do not imagine any harm can come
to Canada, and the longer it lasts the
better it will be for the Dominion and
the United States. Our crops of wheat,
oats and coarse grains will obtain
prices that will more than recoup
Canada for any outlay she may decide
to make on behalf of our Empire."

SPY BLAMED FOR ELEVATOR BURNING

Building at St. John Supposed to Be
Guarded.

St. John, N.B., Aug. 13.—The police
began today an investigation of the
fire in the L. C. R. grain elevator, which
is believed to have been started by
spies. The loss on the building and
in grain is estimated at \$1,000,000. The
elevator was worked for the first time
yesterday since spring, when grain was
placed on board the Rappahannock,
bound for England. Over 350,000 bushels
of wheat were in the elevator.

The elevator was supposed to be un-
der police guard.

Here's British Marksmanship

Shanghai, Aug. 13.—The Japanese steamer Shikoku Maru was
seriously damaged today and one of her crew killed by a cannon shot
from the British fort at Hong Kong while the vessel was entering the
harbor.

The Shikoku Maru paid no heed to the harbor regulations. Two
warning shots were fired over her bows, but she did not stop and a third
shell then struck her amidships.
A Government tug afterward assisted the steamer to her berth.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEM-
PERATURES.
The following were
the highest and
lowest tempera-
tures recorded in
London during the
24 hours previous
to 8 o'clock last
night: Highest,
77; lowest, 48.

The official tem-
peratures for the 12
hours previous to 8
a.m. today were:
Highest, 61; lowest,
49.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

Today—Moderate southerly and south-
westerly winds, fair and a little higher
temperature today; some local showers
at night.

Friday—Fair.
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria 78. 58. Clear.
Calgary 68. 44. Clear.
Winnipeg 76. 48. Clear.
Port Arthur 64. 52. Clear.
Dartmouth 72. 48. Cloudy.
Toronto 70. 52. Clear.
Ottawa 70. 52. Clear.
Montreal 70. 54. Cloudy.
Quebec 70. 52. Clear.
Father Point 64. 44. Cloudy.

Weather Notes.
A few showers are occurring this
morning in the Lake Superior district,
but otherwise fair weather prevails
throughout Canada.