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GREAT NAVAL BATTLE REPORTED TO BE NOW RAGING IN THE NORTH SEA

100,000 Canadians Have Voluntarily Offered Their Services To Great Britain; Great Powers Are Rallying To The Aid Of Belgium Against German Forces Germany Presses Italy To Take The Field Against The Triple Entente

Belgians Inflict Several Severe Defeats on Troops Of the German Army

Completely Repulsed the Invaders in Their Attempted Advance on the City of Liege—Destroy Two Regiments of the Famous Ulan Cavalry of Germany—Platoon of Prussian Cavalry Almost Annihilated

BRITISH TROOPS ARE BEING SENT TO HELP OUT PLUCKY KINGDOM

Belgians Are Making So Hot and Effective a Resistance That the Germans Have Been Unable to Get an Army Across the River Meuse—Thousands of Men Killed and Wounded

Brussels, Aug. 5.—The newspaper La Peuple asserts that fighting has taken place between German and Belgians near Vise, and that a platoon of Prussian cavalry were almost annihilated by the inflating fire of the Belgians from a building on the bank of the river.

The Prussians, the newspaper adds, fired on civilians at Flemalle. Near Argenteau, a Belgian force surprised a body of Prussians and killed seven out of ten officers and eighty men. The Belgian losses were two officers killed and ten wounded. French troops are reported to have entered the Province of Haiaut, the frontier Province of Belgium, and have joined the Belgian army.

The Belgian war office announced to-night that fierce fighting had occurred in the environs of Liege and that so far as the Belgians are concerned, the situation was excellent.

"The Germans," said the announcement, "were driven back by an heroic attack made by a Belgian mixed brigade which already had earned for itself honors." The German troops have lost heavily in to-day's fighting with the Belgian forces.

MORE GERMANS ENTER BELGIUM

And German Artillery Is Bombarding Forts in the Neighborhood

Brussels, Aug. 5.—The Belgian official Gazette says that the entire 7th and 10th German army corps have invaded the Belgian Province of Liege, and have reached the vicinity of Herve and Remouchamps.

German artillery bombarded some forts during their advance.

GERMAN TROOPS MEET A REPULSE FROM BELGIANS

Brussels, Aug. 5.—The Germans have been completely repulsed and have been unable to renew their attack on Liege.

We note by the Dartmouth Patriot that Mrs. (Dr.) Lehr is visiting that city.

Amsterdam, Aug. 5.—A despatch from Maastricht, says: "Sharp fighting on the Belgian frontier continues. The sound of heavy guns is distinctly heard here, and the smoke of battle is visible from the church steeples."

A number of aeroplanes and a dirigible balloon flew over Maastricht this morning. German horses, which evidently had been stampeded, galloped into the town during the night.

BELGIANS ROUT GERMAN FORCES

Paris, Aug. 5.—Two regiments of German Uhlans have been destroyed by the Belgian army, according to an official announcement given out by the French war office this morning.

BELGIUM TROOPS HOLD ENEMY BACK

Hinder Main German forces From Entering Their Country—Great Work

Amsterdam, Aug. 5.—All efforts of the German invading army to repair the bridges over the River Meuse which were destroyed by the Belgians in order to impede their advances, have so far failed.

The resistance of the Belgian troops has been so hot and effective that the Germans have been unable to get across the River or capture any of the Belgian fortresses. The losses of the Germans are unknown, but they are very great. Considerable numbers of wounded Germans are being transported in autos to hospitals at Maastricht, a town of about 35,000 inhabitants in the South-east of Holland, about ten miles north of Vise.

The Belgian artillery along the line of the Meuse kept up a heavy fire on the German position throughout last night and this morning.

BRITISH TROOPS FOR BELGIUM

Brussels, Aug. 5.—The early landing of British troops in Belgium is expected.

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BELGIUM ASKS THE ALLIES FOR CO-OPERATION

In Her Fight For Existence Against the Forces of Germany

London, Aug. 6.—Premier Asquith in the House of Commons yesterday, after giving a summary of the war news already published said the Belgian Government had invited the co-operation of French troops with the Belgian. Provincial Governors will not regard the movements of French troops as a violation of the frontier.

GERMANS NOW INVADE SWISS TERRITORIES

Paris, Aug. 5.—The Foreign Office to-day confirmed the invasion of Switzerland by German troops. This is a violation of Swiss neutrality.

KITCHENER GETS APPOINTMENT OF SECRETY OF WAR

London, Aug. 5.—Lord Kitchener has been appointed Secretary of State for War.

Earl Beauchamp has been appointed to succeed Viscount Morley as President Council, and to-day Walter Runciman will take the place of John Burns as President of the local Government Board.

ALLIED FLEET GETS ANOTHER GERMAN SHIP

London, Aug. 5.—The French Embassy here has been officially notified that a German cruiser has been captured by the French fleet. This ship is believed to be in addition to the two German cruisers which were reported off the Algerian coast.

TOLD TO PREPARE TO HELP WOUNDED

Newcastle, Aug. 5.—It is reported that officials here and at South Shields have been instructed to prepare for the reception of wounded men.

CAPTURE 3 SHIPS

Blythe, England, Aug. 5.—Three German steamers, the Germano, Prussen and Hansato, have been seized by the authorities here.

SEIZED A BARQUE

Dover, Aug. 5.—A British warship seized the German barque Perkeo.

100,000 CANADIANS VOLUNTEER

Ottawa, Aug. 5.—Col. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, announces that Canada is raising a contingent of twenty thousand men for service abroad.

Already offers from over one hundred thousand men as volunteers have been received.

BATTLE RAGING IN NORTH SEA

London, Aug. 5.—A naval battle in the North Sea, about thirty miles east of Hull, is reported to have occurred last night. A despatch from Grimsby says the firing of heavy guns could be heard and the flash of searchlights were seen trailing the sky.

HEAVY FIRING IS HEARD OFF THE COAST OF MAINE; ENGLISH AND FRENCH LIKELY IN BATTLE WITH GERMANS

Portland, Aug. 5.—Firing of heavy guns off the Maine coast was heard early to-day, eight or ten shots within two minutes were heard shortly before seven o'clock by the keeper of the Portland Observatory.

This firing may have marked the first engagement between either the German and British or German and French ships.

Eight cruisers are known to be in North Atlantic waters, three German, the Dresden, Strassburg and Karlsruhe, three British, the Essex, Berwick and Lancaster, and two French, the Conde and Descartes.

ASSURED OF BRITISH AID. FRENCH HURL HUGE ARMY OF ONE MILLION SOLDIERS ON THE GERMAN FRONTIER

Paris, Aug. 5.—Assured of England's support and protection of the French coast from German attack, France to-day hurled more than 1,000,000 men toward the frontiers of Germany and Belgium.

Those advancing on Germany will not stop at the border, but those advancing on Belgium will be held there unless King Albert appeals for help.

General Joffe, the Commander-in-Chief, took control of the troops on the German border in person to-day, superseding General Lunier who will command the Northern division.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT BUY TWO TURKISH BATTLESHIPS FOR TWENTY-FIVE MILLIONS AND NAME ONE THE ERIN

London, Aug. 5.—The British Government will pay in the neighborhood of \$25,000,000 for two Turkish battleship now being constructed in English yards and which have been taken over.

One which has been renamed the Agincourt, is completed, the other the Osman, and which will be known in the British Navy as the Erin, is nearly completed.

They are first class battleships.

NEUTRAL SHIPS WILL CARRY MAIL OF THE U. S. A.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The Postmaster-General announced to-day that because of the entrance of Great Britain into a general European war, American mails were being transferred to ships of Sweden and other nations not involved.

GERMAN FLEET OF 19 SHIPS IS SIGHTED

London, Aug. 5.—A German fleet of nineteen ships were signalled yesterday in the Baltic, sailing from Memel in the direction of Libau.

GERMANY VERY ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE ITALIANS JOIN FORCES WITH HER

Has Demanded that she Join With Germany and Austria Now that England Has Declared War—Britain Acquires Foreign Warships—German Troops Fire Belgian Cities—Great Britain Agitated by Many Rumors

London, Aug. 6.—First day war for Britain has been a day of suspense. There were rumors every half hour and fresh "extras" were shouted the streets with some startling news.

The sum total of the rumors was that cannonading had been heard off all the coasts of Europe. The nation's mind and heart are with the fleet and also it is proud in its confidence.

Everyone awaits a bulletin of a great battle. As first fruits of the war, several German vessels were brought into harbor by the British cruisers, and others were impounded in port. This was the day's only news so far as British naval and military operations were concerned.

A vote of \$500,000,000 for war purposes, and the appointment of Field Marshall, Earl Kitchener, as Secretary for War, were the two Government measures of greatest importance.

London, Aug. 5.—All the five great powers are at war, and a million men on land and sea are ready to strike. Developments of prime importance may be expected in a few days.

Germany has demanded of Italy that she live up to her treaty obligations under the triple alliance agreement and join the fray, now that Great Britain has declared war against Germany. The Italian Cabinet is in session considering the request.

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A squadron of German raiders bore down on the town of Villers La Montagne in the Department of Meurthe et Moselle, but was repulsed by French riflemen.

A regiment of German cavalry advanced as far as Monfortine in the same department, but fell back before a body of French infantry.

French mobilization is proceeding with the greatest order, and most of the reservists already have joined. An excellent spirit prevails in Alsace.

Santos Dumont, the famous aviator, has offered his services to the French Government.

A one-armed man, General Paul Pau, who fought in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870, has been placed in command of one of the French armies.

Belgium has appealed for aid from French and British troops. France has rushed an army corps to the border, and England will

send troops across the North Sea to Belgium's assistance. Orders have been issued by the Belgian War Minister to permit the passage of English troops through Belgium.

Reports Untrue. Reports of a naval engagement off the Scottish coast are declared to be untrue by the British Government.

The preparations of the British Navy were completed to-day, and it is announced that the Government will acquire all foreign warships under construction in Great Britain.

The German Ambassador has not yet left London. Russian warships have captured a number of German merchant vessels in the Black Sea, which are now isolated owing to the closing of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus by Turkey.

German troops have crossed the River Meuse into Dutch territory and the towns of Viscount and Argenteau situated in the northern part of the Belgian province of Liege are in flames.

KAISER WILHELM OPENS PRISONS. Berlin, Aug. 5.—The Kaiser to-day pardoned all prisoners in German jails except those held for felony, and ordered their immediate release to feed the women and children whose husbands and fathers have enlisted in the army. The Federal Council to-day appropriated \$150,000,000 for war purposes.

BELGIANS WIPE OUT 2 REGIMENTS OF THE GERMANS. London, Aug. 5.—Premier Asquith to-day announced that the British Government would ask for another credit of \$500,000,000 to-morrow.