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GERMAN TROOPS GAINING GROUND IN THEIR ADVANCE INTO TERRITORY OF THE BELGIANS

FRENCH RALLIED TO STRAINS OF THE MARSEILLAISE AND TURNED DEFEAT INTO VICTORY AT DINANT

GERMANY'S CAVALRY IS HEARING BRUSSELS; SEAT OF GOV'T. MOVED TO ANTWERP

Outnumbered Four to One, They Were Being Driven Back With Great Loss—Sound of National Air Revived Courage and They Renewed Fight, Routing Germans—Advance Into Alsace Continues With Success.

Special Cable to The Standard Through International News Service.

New York, Aug. 17.—It is officially confirmed that the French advance in Alsace continues with success. Their troops have occupied Schirmeck capturing there one thousand prisoners, twelve field guns and eight rapid fire guns, and their cavalry are now pushing on toward Straßburg. The German cavalry renewed their attack on the Belgian front today but were reported checked at Wavre, fifteen miles southeast of Brussels. The defeat of the German force at Dinant is confirmed. Outnumbered four to one, the French were being driven back here with great loss when they rallied to the strains of the "Marseillaise," reformed and routed the enemy. The French war office declared this the greatest victory of the war thus far. The fact that the Germans should have gotten so far south as Dinant which is within ten miles of the French border despite the continued reports of their reverses should be accepted as significant.

The French warships have sunk four Austrian men of war, among them the Zrinyi of 14,000 tons, according to a Rome despatch. A Paris official despatch says another small Austrian cruiser has been sunk off Port Antivari, Montenegro, and that French and British ships have cleared the Adriatic of the enemies' ships from Cattaro to Pola, the Austrian naval base. Following Japan's ultimatum to Germany, China began moving troops toward the German province of Kiau Chau, apparently determining to take them for herself.

From Athens came the news of the Grecian ultimatum to Turkey for an explanation of her troops crossing into Greece. The whole Ottoman army is being mobilized it is reported, either because of the Russian intention of taking the fleet through the Dardanelles despite Turkey's refusal and permission.

The biggest battle of the war so far as the Austro-Serbia combat is concerned is taking place near Belgrade, according to a despatch from Nish. Fifty thousand Austrians yesterday attacked four Serbian army corps and the battle is still raging at a late hour today. The Serbians claim the advantage, while admitting severe losses on both sides. Belgrade is still under bombardment. A large portion of the city is in ruins.

Paris, Aug. 17.—The war office this afternoon announced the French advance through the Vosges mountains as being pressed with success. Those forces operating through Cirey made another attack on the Bavarian regiments on the German frontier and forced these to retreat on their reserves. The French forces report they are meeting with determined resistance and that a general engagement seems to be developing. Until now most of the fighting is admitted to have been outpost work.

London, Aug. 17.—A despatch from Paris says: It is announced that the Russian troops have occupied Marggrabowa, advancing northeast through Prussia and driving the Germans back before them.

An Exchange Paris despatch says: A German aviator flew over Givet today from Rechemore. The French fired, destroying the aviator's machine.

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BANK ROBBERS POPE PIUS FIRE ON POLICE FOLLOWS WAR AND ESCAPE NEWS CLOSELY

Constables Pursue Burglars Fleeing in Automobile and Are Maimed by Bullets.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 17.—Two men entered the Homestead National Bank today, covered pistols and revolvers, took all available cash and fled, escaping in an automobile.

The robbers were overtaken in Pittsburg township by Constables Smith and Dixon. The constables opened fire on the robbers as the latter were abandoning the stolen automobile and getting into a high-powered machine, apparently in waiting, with a chauffeur. The robbers returned the fire, dropping Smith with a bullet in the leg and Dixon with a shot in the shoulder.

MAY SOLVE THE POLISH QUESTION

London, Aug. 17.—The political move made by Russia in appealing to all Poles to join in regaining the autonomy of Poland is likely to result in the settlement of the Polish situation after the war, says the Westminster Gazette. The Westminster Gazette expresses the opinion that the Czar's proclamations should awake an echo in Britain, and remind us

Rome, via Paris, Aug. 17.—7.25 p.m.—Notwithstanding his weakness, the Pope has insisted upon receiving from the Papal secretary of state, Cardinal Merry Del Val, a complete report on the war situation the latest developments. The Pontiff has expressed his most ardent desire to know anything to do in his power to check the war.

SIXTY RESERVISTS LEAVE WINNIPEG TO FIGHT FOR ENGLAND

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 17.—Pathetic scenes marked the departure this afternoon of sixty British reservists who left for the east on their journey to England at 5.45 o'clock. Practically every member of the Hiltz company had one or two members of his family at the depot as they farewelled and in two instances the wives had infants in their arms.

That we, too, should use all our efforts to get our internal questions settled, and thus be absolutely united in waging war. If we are to do justice to ourselves, we must not dally with the idea, damping Ireland by postponing home rule, but we must do our utmost to procure a wise and fair settlement before parliament re-assembles.

CANADIANS POSED AS AMERICANS TO ESCAPE FROM GERMAN CAPITAL

London, Aug. 17.—Hon. G. H. Perley stated, in an interview today, that he has entrusted a considerable sum of money for the relief of Canadians stranded in Austria to Count Medeff, the Austrian ambassador, who left London at midnight sailing today from Plymouth for General by a special steamer placed at his disposal by the British government. Count Medeff, who is well liked here willingly accepted the trust and accounts of the disbursement of the fund will be forwarded through Swiss or Italian intermediaries.

WEALTHY FRENCHWOMAN TELLS OF BRUTAL TREATMENT BY GERMANS

London, Aug. 15, (1 a.m.)—A Reuters despatch from Bennes, France, says: "Mrs. Guillon, a wealthy resident of Combourg, a town a short distance southeast of St. Malo, has arrived here and told her husband and baby were killed by angry mobs in Hanover, Germany. The woman who was terribly grief-stricken, said she was expelled on August 2nd from Kolburg, a town of Prussia in Pomerania, and tried to reach France through Switzerland, but we were turned back before we reached the German frontier and compelled to retrace our steps and go by way of Holland."

CITY OF BELGRADE SILENT AND DESERTED; PEOPLE LIVING IN CELLARS

London, Aug. 18.—1.10 a.m.—A despatch to the Reitor Telegraph Company from Milan says the Corriere della Sera has received an account of the conditions in Belgrade in consequence of the bombardment of that city by the Austrians on the opposite banks of the Danube.

JAPANESE CRUISER ON LEIPZIG'S TRAIL

San Diego, Calif., Aug. 17.—The Japanese cruiser Idzumo sailed north from here at 5.30 tonight, supposedly trailing the German cruiser Leipzig now coaling in San Francisco bay. The Idzumo cannot reach San Francisco under twenty-four hours, however, and even if the Leipzig does not sail until one o'clock tomorrow morning, the link of her twenty-four hour stay, she will have left the harbor some sixteen hours before the Idzumo's arrival.

PARLIAMENT OPENS TODAY FOR SPECIAL WAR SESSION

Ottawa, Aug. 17.—At the opening of the special session of parliament tomorrow afternoon the speech from the throne will be delivered by the Duke of Connaught and the government will bring over all the correspondence and information available so that the members may be able to discuss the more intelligently everything in connection with the war situation. The debate on the address in reply will not begin until Wednesday afternoon, when Messrs. Donald Sutherland and D. O. Laparance will move and second the address and will be followed by Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance, will present the war budget later

MILITIA DEP'T ISSUES WARNING TO CITIZENS

Should Obey Orders of Sentries on Guard at Ordnance Stores or Other Public Buildings and Avoid Risks.

Ottawa, Aug. 17.—The Minister of Militia has issued a statement calling public attention to the fact that at present it is urgent and necessary for strictly guarding all stores of arms, ammunition and other munitions of war, and that therefore due recognition should be given to the fact that no one should approach such places without permission of the sentries on guard. These sentries have been instructed to use every care not to injure any person, who may through inadvertence disregard the regulation, but at the same time, in order to avoid all risks the public should remember that summary action might be taken when orders are disobeyed and other fatalities may occur in addition to those already recorded.

ALLIES AND GERMANS MAY BE FIGHTING

London, Aug. 18, 3.30 a.m.—The Daily Express says: "There is little doubt that a great battle is now occurring in Belgium between the Germans and the Belgian and French allies."

C.N.R. TO HAVE CENTRAL DEPOT AT OTTAWA

Montreal, Aug. 17.—The Canadian Northern Railway Company will now have a central station in Ottawa for its trains from Toronto, an agreement having been entered into today between the Grand Trunk Railway Company and the C. N. R. for the use by the latter of the G. T. R. tracks into the capital and the use of the central station as a terminal for the C. N. R. Information as to this was given out this evening by Mr. D. B. Bana, vice-president of the C. N. R.

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in the week. There has been much speculation as to the amount of money to be voted and how it will be raised, but no information has been made public by the government as yet on either matter. The sum required will undoubtedly be large, but whatever means are adopted by the government for obtaining the money there is no doubt it will have the full backing of the country. Thousands of Canadians who cannot take up arms and who are by the government as yet on other matters, are glad to contribute their share towards the funds necessary to protect the empire and its interests.

The measures to be submitted by the

Measures For Defense of City Being Hastened

—French Casualties At Namur and Dinant Were Heavy—Austria Lost Four of Her Warships In Fight In Adriatic—Japan's Activities To Be Confined to China Seas—Montenegrins Engage With Austrian Troops

That the Germans are forcing their way through Belgium is indicated by the British report that German cavalry is approaching the Belgian capital; that measures for the defense of Brussels are being hastened, and that the seat of government has been removed to Antwerp.

The British official press bureau announced that any action which Japan may take against Germany will not extend beyond the China seas, except for the protection of Japanese shipping.

The Dutch war council has decided to exclude correspondents from the forces in the field, and it is announced that the French war department intends to take the same action, and that probably war correspondents in Belgium will be ordered out of the state.

The German Emperor, the crown prince, and two other imperial princes are now at the great fortress of Mainz. The Emperor's departure from Berlin for the front has evoked enthusiasm in the German capital.

The Brazilian government has instructed its minister at Berlin to ask for explanations and the punishment of

BRITAIN'S WARSHIPS STANDING GUARD ON ATLANTIC COAST

Cruisers Drake and Goodhope Reach This Side—Big Battleship Crossing Atlantic, But Destination Not Known—Stories Told by Steamers Going Into New York—Tell of Meetings With England's Sentinels of the Sea.

New York, Aug. 17.—The British cruisers Drake and Goodhope are now on duty off the coast according to an announcement by the British consulate here tonight. It was stated that word had been received from Admiral Cradock, in charge of the British fleet in these waters, to the effect that these cruisers had arrived since Saturday.

The Drake, it was said, will remain on patrol during the next week between Bermuda and the West Indies, ready here. The Goodhope will go directly to Halifax to await further orders.

It is understood at the consulate that an unidentified British battleship, first to be in these waters since war broke out, is on its way here, and will arrive during the week. The battleship's destination is unknown, it was said.

BRITISH SEA VICTORY OFF THE CANARY ISLANDS REPORTED

London, Aug. 18.—A Paris despatch to the Daily Telegraph says: "It is reported here that an engagement between a British and a German warship has occurred off the Canary Islands. It is stated that a German cruiser has been sunk, and also that a British cruiser has captured a German ship containing munitions of war."

The British official news bureau has no information concerning these reports. The admiralty in response to shipping says all voyages may be safely undertaken except to ports in Holland, Denmark, Germany, Russian Baltic ports, Adriatic or Pacific coast ports of north and central America. As the projected European loan of

of those guilty of the alleged attack by German soldiers on M. Campos, ex-president of the State of Sao Paulo, and his wife, who are reported to have been beaten and forced across the Swiss frontier.

Several Austrian army corps according to advices from Vienna, have invaded Russia, and the Russian advance in Galicia has been checked.

Brussels admits that the French casualties in the fighting between Namur and Dinant were heavy, as the Germans were strongly entrenched and their artillery played great havoc.

The British Official News Bureau says that the French fleet in the Mediterranean has made a sweep up the Adriatic as far as Catard.

Four Austrian warships are reported to have been sunk.

The British military and naval movements are still shrouded in mystery.

Montenegro troops have crossed the Bosnian frontier and occupied the town of Rehalnitza after a fierce battle. They are also credited with capturing eight Austrian blockhouses and several villages.

who were temporarily marooned abroad on account of the war.

When the steamer was 170 miles east of Nantucket Lightship at 6.30 o'clock last night two shots were fired across her bows by the British cruiser Essex. It was stated. The cruiser came alongside and after an exchange of courtesies allowed the steamer to proceed.

The Niouw Amsterdam also encountered British torpedo boat destroyers on four different occasions when in the English Channel. Twice the warships spoke the passenger boat and twice shots were fired which brought the steamer to a standstill. After the identity of the Niouw Amsterdam and first to be in these waters since war broke out, is on its way here, and will arrive during the week. The battleship's destination is unknown, it was said.

The steamer Niouw Amsterdam, of the Holland-America Line, arrived at quarantine this evening from Rotterdam and Plymouth. The liner has on board more than 2,000 Americans

200,000,000 pounds sterling to the Brazilian government has been abandoned owing to the war. It is understood that the thirty days moratorium try to raise international loans of 19,000,000, two-thirds of which would be applied to satisfy foreign creditors and the balance to assist the general financial position of Brazil.

Montreal, Aug. 17.—A local firm of brokers has submitted an offer for the placing of the civic loan of \$7,000,000 in New York at what is regarded by Mayor Martin and the controllers as a very advantageous figure, 96 net, and there is little doubt of the loan being effected.