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Disaster For Germany Presaged In Early and Indefinite Dispatches

Allies Draw First Blood In Conflict In Mediterranean

Confirmed Dispatches Indicate Destruction and Capture of German Cruisers Goeben, Breslau and Panther.

[Canadian Press.]

Algiers, via London, Aug. 5.—Noon.—Authentic confirmation of the report of the destruction of the German cruiser Panther, and of the capture of the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau reached here today.

THREE GERMAN CRUISERS CAUGHT BY BRITISH AND FRENCH WARSHIPS

[Canadian Press.]

London, Aug. 5.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Paris says, that after bombarding the Algerian town of Bona, the German cruisers Goeben, Breslau and Panther were caught by British and French squadrons, which had been awaiting them. The French warships captured the Goeben and Breslau and sunk the Panther.

FRENCH TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYERS CAPTURED GERMAN SHIPS

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Aug. 5.—It is officially confirmed today that the German cruiser Breslau bombarded Bona, a fortified seaport town in Algeria. The cruiser fired sixty shots, to which the port batteries replied. Details of the fight are lacking. Later the Breslau sailed in the direction of Gibraltar, and is supposed to have been captured by the British fleet, which is guarding the Straits.

It is reported from Calais that French torpedo boat destroyers captured two large German sailing ships.

SIXTH FIELD BATTERY VOLUNTEERS FOR SERVICE

Men's Services, If Required, Accepted by Hon. Sam. Hughes and Incident Comes to Happy Conclusion.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Aug. 5.—No further action will be taken in connection with the Sixth Battery of London incident at Petawawa, over which an inquiry was held by a board of officers. The question of the presence of liquor in the camp of the battery has to all intents and purposes been closed.

Last night Col. Hughes, minister of militia, remarked: "I wonder if Major Leonard and the London battery will be among those to volunteer. It would be a graceful way of closing the recent unpleasant incident if we accepted the service of that battery."

Someone remarked that he and the battery were not among those who had volunteered their service. Just then Col. Morrison, director of artillery, entered the room and announced that a telegram had just been received from Major Leonard, volunteering the services of himself, his officers and men for active service. It was generally considered that all forgiveness would gladly be extended.

Major Leonard today confirmed the dispatch of the telegram mentioned and stated that when wanted he and his battery would be ready.

PRESIDENT WILSON READY TO DO ALL IN HIS POWER FOR SAKE OF PEACE

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, D. C., Aug. 5.—President Wilson has offered his good offices to all the European powers involved in the war.

The President has sent the following message to King George, Emperor William, Emperor Nicholas, Emperor Francis Joseph, and President Poincare:

"As offical head of one of the powers signatory to The Hague Convention, I feel it to be my privilege and my duty, under Article 3 of that convention, to say to you, in a spirit of most earnest friendship, that I should welcome an opportunity to act in the interest of European peace, either now or any other time, that might be thought more suitable, as an occasion to serve you and all concerned in a way that would afford me lasting cause for graititude and happiness.

"WOODROW WILSON."

Secretary Bryan has called a conference of all representatives of the European powers for late today, when it is believed messages will be delivered supplementary to those of President Wilson,, urging an acceptance of the tender of good offices.

Most of the diplomats are away at summer embassies, but are all expected back soon. Mr. Bryan sent out his invitation, however, as some are in Washington and others are expected to return in response to the call.

RUSSIAN COMMANDER.

Nikolai Nikolayewitch

Grand Duke Nikolai Nikolarewitch is the chief of the first conscription of the Russioan army.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL THANKS THE KING

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Aug. 5.—"In the name of the Dominion of Canada I humbly thank your majesty for your gracious message of approval. Canada stands united from the Pacific to the Atlantic in her determination to uphold the honor and tradition of our empire.

(Sgd.) "ARTHUR."

The above message was dispatched to London as Canada's answer to the King's message thanking Canada for assurance of loyal co-operation.

BANK OF ENGLAND TO REDUCE RATES

Will Go Back to Six Per Cent Either Thursday or Friday, Says Chancellor.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Aug. 5.—Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George announced in the House of Commons today that the Bank of England rate was to be reduced to 6 per cent. either tomorrow or Friday. The Government, he said, had not yet decided to suspend specie payments.

TERMINAL ELEVATORS ON LAKES ARE GUARDED

Ninety-Sixth Regiment Called Out in Case of Attempt to Destroy.

[Canadian Press.]

Fort William, Ont., Aug. 5.—Fearing that attempts will be made by German agents to hamper Canadian shipping by blowing up the big terminal elevators at the head of the lakes, Col Laurie has ordered stationed at all grain storage houses detachments of the Ninty-Sixth Regiment. It is understood that Col. Laurie acted on instructions received this morning from Ottawa. Scores of civilians applied to the officers of the Ninety-Sixth today with a view of enlisting.

Halifax's First Prisoner of War

[Canadian Press.]

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 5.—The first prisoner of war to be taken in Halifax was an Austrian named John Martin, who was seized by the military authorities this morning, and handed over to Capt. Rudland, assistant provost marshal, and locked up in the police station.

He is said to have stated that he wanted to fight for Canada.

Germans Repulsed By French

Minister of War Tells of Defeats of the Kaiser's Cavalry

SWARM OVER THE BORDER

Horse Regiments Seem to Find French Troops Prepared

DUMONT TO VOLUNTEER

Famous Aviator and One-Armed General Offer Services

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Aug. 5, via London.—The French minister of war today issued a communication stating that German cavalry and infantry were crossing the French frontier everywhere in reconnoitering parties. He adds:

"A squadron of German dragoons bore down on Villers-la-Montague, in the Department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, but were repulsed by French riflemen.

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

"The French mobilization is proceeding with the greatest order. Most of the reservists already have joined.

"An excellent spirit prevails in Alsace."

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

The one-armed French general, Paul Pau, who fought in the war of 1870, has been placed in command of one of the French armies.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 80; lowest, 45.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 68, lowest, 46.

TOMORROW — FINE AND WARMER.

Toronto, Aug. 5—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Moderate southeasterly winds: fine and warmer today and on Thursday; Thunder showers in a very few localities.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	64	50	Clear
Calgary	70	40	Clear
Winnipeg	94	60	Clear
Port Arthur	70	58	Cloudy
Parry Sound	78	50	Clear
Toronto	74	52	Clear
Ottawa	72	48	Clear
Montreal	74	58	Clear
Quebec	82	50	Clear
Father Point	70	52	Clear

Weather Notes.

The pressure distribution over the continent is very much as it was yesterday, except that the western low area is a little further east than it was.

FRENCH COMMANDER

Gen. J.J.C. Joffre

Gen. J. J. C. Joffre is the supreme commander of the army of France.

PRICES JUMP FOR FLOUR, OATS, SUGAR

European War Causes Higher Cost of These Commodities to Local Buyers.

50-CENT JUMP IN FLOUR

Increases Per Barrel Vary From That to 30 Cents — Imported Goods to Soar.

An advance in the prices of flour, rolled oats and sugar as a result of the war situation in Europe already has made the cost of living somewhat higher in London as well as in other parts of Canada and, if the struggle is prolonged, a general increase in the prices of those food-stuffs imported from Europe, or imported by Europe from those countries which also supply Canada, is likely according to local wholesalers.

Flour prices are reported by Hunt Bros. to have gone up 50 cents a barrel yesterday; the Lake of the Woods Milling Company reports the advance to be 30 cents a barrel, while the manager of the T. B. Scott Company says the increase was 15 cents a hundred pounds. All the dealers declare that the increase is the natural result of the demand for wheat in Europe. Farmers, they say, are not delivering freely and are getting quite a premium when they do deliver as a result.

Other commodities which have advanced up to now are rolled oats by 10 cents a bag, and sugar, by 10 cents a hundred pounds. The advance in sugar prices, the wholesalers say, is caused by the demand for supplies by European nations from Cuba and the West Indies, which supply Canada also

WATCH THE ADVERTISER BULLETINS

A complete bulletin service on the events of the European war will be given by The Advertiser throughout the entire progress of the campaigns. The latest dispatches from the front will be bulletined as soon as received in this office. Extra editions will be issued from time to time as the news warrants.

The first news of the declaration of war on Great Britain by Germany, was given to London in an Advertiser extra issued shortly after 7 o'clock last night. A dispatch from the Reuter Agency, the reliability of which service guaranteed the authenticity of the report, was the first word received in the city of the declaration of war.

CANADA TO VOTE FIFTY MILLIONS TO FINANCE WAR

Government Greatly Concerned Over Defence of Coasts---No Call for Valunteers Until Word From War Office

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 5.—When Parliament meets in special session on August 18, it will, it is understood, be a very short session. The chief business will be to vote $50,000,000 for war purposes.

The Government is most concerned about the protection of Canadian coasts and the safeguarding of public property. All the fortresses along both seaboards are being strengthened, and arrangements for protecting coal mines and cable stations are practically complete.

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CANADIAN GOVERNMENT BUYS TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYERS

Two, Just Constructed in Seattle For Chile, Have Been Taken To Esquimalt For the Dominion.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Aug. 5.—The Canadian Government has purchased two torpedo-boat destroyers. The vessels are new, having just been completed at Seattle for the Government of Chile. They were bought by Canada from the Chile Government, and taken to Esquimault, where they now are.

Arrangements are being made to provide them with crews of British naval reserves, large numbers of whom are in British Columbia.

PREMIER ASQUITH ASKS ANOTHER HALF BILLION

London, Aug. 5.—Premier Asquith today announced that the British Government would ask for another credit of $500,000,000 tomorrow.

It was officially stated that Viscount Morley and John Burns had resigned from the cabinet.

GERMANS ATTACK BELGIAN TOWNS; USE TORCH AND SLAY ALL WHO RESIST PROGRESS

Vise Reported Captured and in Flames, as is Argonteau—Marching on Liege.

[Canadian Press.]

Liege, Belgium, Aug. 5.—The capture of the frontier Belgian town of Vise was effected by German troops, after an engagement lasting several hours. It is stated that the victors set fire to the town, killing those of the population who resisted them.

Brussels, Aug. 5.—The Government states that the German troops, continuing their march were today in the neighborhood of Fleron, near Liege. They were out of range of the forts, and evidently wishing to reach the French department of Meuse, by following the course of the River Meuse.

INVASION IS BEING COMBATTED.

Brussels, via London, Aug. 5.—The Belgian minister of war, in an official statement today, said:

"The Belgians are successfully combatting the German invasion. The Belgian losses are trifling compared with those of the Germans."

MORE WAR NEWS ON PAGES 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12

All the Tremendous Facts and Figures You Want to Know About Europe's Great War

TRIPLE ENTENTE.	Population.	Area (Square Miles.)	National Debt.	Active Army.	Reserves.	Dreadnoughts.	Other Battleships.	Tonnage	Aircraft.
GREAT BRITAIN	*45,000,000	121,391	$ 3,485,818,000	430,806	641,809	29	18	2,052,771	130
RUSSIAN EMPIRE	166,250,000	8,647,657	4,553,488,000	1,284,000	3,478,300	9	12	343,000	380
FRANCE	39,601,509	207,054	6,283,675,000	792,423	3,075,577	2	27	645,891	750
BALKAN STATES	21,600,000	171,045	741,324,000	1,349,000	**. . .	1	3	60,000	. . . .
TOTALS	272,451,509	9,147,147	$15,064,304,000	3,856,229	7,195,686	41	90	3,101,662	1,260

*England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland only; British Empire, 435,000,000.

**Reserves now active.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE.	Population.	Area. (Square Miles.)	National Debt.	Active Army	Reserves.	Dreadnoughts.	Other Battleships.	Tonnage.	Aircraft.
GERMANY	64,925,993	208,780	$ 1,177,418,000	768,540	6,000,000	17	30	943,338	500
AUSTRO-HUNGARY	51,340,378	261,029	1,051,346,000	1,360,000	2,960,000	2	11	198,351	150
ITALY	34,700,000	110,623	2,706,609,000	250,000	850,000	4	11	259,136	200
TOTALS	149,968,371	580,432	$ 4,935,373,000	2,378,540	9,810,000	23	52	1,400,825	850