

BRITAIN IS NOW READY TO STRIKE AT AUSTRIA

and Zeilhem had been cleared of German troops, save the dead and wounded, many of whom lay within the firing zone. The bodies of over 200 German soldiers were found lying in a space 50 yards square.

A message confirming the victory of the Belgian troops says that the Germans lost three-fifths of their soldiers, these being killed or wounded, while the Belgian loss was comparatively small.

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SEVEN MILLION RUSSIANS.

ROME.—From a reliable source in St. Petersburg comes the announcement that Russia has mobilized an army of 2,000,000 men on the German frontier, a similar number of men on the Austrian frontier, and an army of a half a million on the Turkish boundary and the Rumanian frontier, respectively, while holding 3,000,000 additional men in reserve.

The newspaper Messagero publishes a despatch under a Trieste, Austria, date, declaring that the declaration of war last night at midnight by Great Britain against Austria-Hungary has produced a profound sensation throughout the country.

The blockade of Montenegro by the Austrian fleet has been abandoned.

LIEGE BOMBARDMENT RESUMED.

AMSTERDAM.—Heavy and continuous cannonading was heard today at Ruremonde, which is in the Province of Limburg. Inhabitants of Ruremonde are convinced that the cannonading means that the Germans have resumed the bombardment of Liege. As Ruremonde is over thirty-five miles from Liege, the assumption is that the Germans are now using their new great 40-ton siege guns.

BRITISH STEAMER NILE CHASED.

TOKIO.—The British steamship Nile, from Honolulu, which arrived here today nine hours before she was due, was chased by unidentified ships, according to the reports of her passengers.

They said they were ordered to remain below decks soon after leaving Honolulu. That evening the vessel was plunged in darkness and sped forward under forced draught. She finally outdistanced two pursuers, apparently war craft.

DAWSON CITY SENDS BIG SUM TO HELP EQUIP HOSPITAL SHIP

Duchess of Connaught Congratulates Executive on Splendid Work They Are Doing—Collectors Will Be Out This Morning at Six o'Clock—Give, Give, Give.

Great encouragement was given the women who are working on the hospital ship by a telegram received at headquarters yesterday from H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught, in which she complimented them and expressed her pleasure at the splendid work accomplished in behalf of this fund.

At the central committee rooms, Nos. 45 and 46 of the Sun Life Building, corner Adelaide and Victoria, all was animation and enthusiasm in preparation for the eventful day. Hundreds of boxes were being tied with red ribbons to make them uniform and pretty. Big cards were being scribbled out and carried away prior to taking their places in different conspicuous windows, to help in the publicity of the campaign. Women were cutting and arranging the red, white and blue badges that are today adorning the arms of the captains of the different collecting companies. Still others were busily taking the names and addresses of those who volunteered their motors or personal service for Hospital Ship Day. Accompanying all this was the hum and bustle of tongues, but with all the work went well.

At Eight o'Clock.

This morning at 8 o'clock the cars and the ladies apportioned to the various stations throughout the city began work. Two or three of the most enterprising were to be on the road and meet the street cars from 6 o'clock and on. It is the intention to carry out the program outlined even if rain intervenes.

Generous Dawson.

Large sums were coming in yesterday to the central office, amongst them being the handsome sum of \$6000 from Dawson. Offers of rooms and service were also generous. Mr. Walter Sterling, city auditor, was kind enough to promise to assist the treasurer, Mrs. Bruce, by auditing the Toronto funds.

Miss Percy Haswell arranged to spare some hours from the arduous work of her calling and take her place among the ship workers for today. The Ritchie-Trimble, Ltd., Cochrane Building, have placed their office at the disposal of the ladies during the collecting campaign.

At a late hour everything was trim and taut, and with the goodwill and financial assistance of the Toronto public success is assured. Everyone contributing will receive a miniature Union Jack as a testimony and credential that he had been a contributor to the fund.

COTTON GROWERS HOPE TO EXPORT

Cheering Assurances Given at Conference of Planters of Southern States.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Several hundred delegates, representing cotton interests in the south, met here today in the Southern Cotton Congress, with congressmen from the cotton states to consider measures to meet the emergency confronting the south by the closing of European cotton markets by the war.

Senator Hoke Smith told the meeting that a thorough investigation had developed that about three-fourths of the usual crop would be used in English mills and in the United States and Canada. He said that the government was making every effort to secure available ships to carry the export trade, and predicted that within 30 days after the final passage of the shipping law amendment to bring foreign ships under the American register, 50 vessels would be ready for export commerce.

Plans for financing the crop were discussed.

BAND CONCERT TONIGHT.

The Governor-General's Body Guard, under the leadership of Bandmaster J. M. Dawson, will give a band concert in Allan Gardens this evening. Popular patriotic music will be rendered.

Help With Refreshments

Because a number of ladies have offered to assist in the whirlwind campaign today by way of providing refreshments for those in the cars, it has been decided by the executive committee to ask them to make themselves acquainted with those in the cars, and extend the invitation in that way.

Empire Club's Strong Resolution

In a resolution, a copy of which has been sent to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the Empire Club of Canada has pledged itself on record to being entirely in sympathy with the cause of Great Britain in the present crisis.

Besides pledging an initial amount of \$500.00 for the funds of the Canadian Red Cross Society, the Empire Club stands ready to place at the disposal of the Canadian and British governments, until the present alarming menace is wholly removed.

The mover of the resolution was Hon Justice Craig, the seconder being Richard A. Staples. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught is honorary president of the club.

ALL-DAY BATTLE AT HAELEN RESULTED IN GERMAN DEFEAT

Five Thousand of Kaiser's Troops Engaged Belgians and Were Forced to Retire After Losing Heavily—Dead and Wounded Thickly Strewn on Field.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 13.—The fighting yesterday between the Belgian and German armies in the vicinity of Diest lasted the entire day and constituted the first considerable battle of the war. It will be known as the Battle of Haelen. Shells were still falling at 7.30 in the evening on the roads around Diest.

The battle centred around Haelen, in the Belgian province of Limburg, extending to Diest in the north of the province of Brabant after passing round Zeilhem.

At 7 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 around the fire zone.

Upwards of 500 dead German soldiers were counted in a space of fifty yards square.

A church, a brewery and some houses in Haelen were set afire and two bridges over the Demer were destroyed by Belgian 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 5000 men.

Operations Well Cleared.

The Belgian authorities are preserving well the secret of the operations of the military. A member of

the chamber of deputies said yesterday that even he and his colleagues were ignorant of such matters as the whereabouts of army headquarters.

King Albert passed thru Louvain yesterday afternoon in a travel-stained automobile. He was dressed in a general's uniform and almost escaped recognition, as he was without escort. Harrowing stories continue to be told of alleged German brutalities. They are accused of burning and pillaging villages and of shooting villagers without provocation. It is alleged that whenever German cavalry enter a town they make first for the municipal treasury and then for the bank, taking whatever cash they can find.

Another Victory.

Yesterday at Tirlemont the Belgian Lancers lost twenty-five killed, including Captain Knappen and Lieut. Count Von Der Burck while fighting against 2000 German Uhlans. The latter lost 250 killed. The Lancers were checked by machine guns, but the Belgian infantry stopped the Germans.

It is announced that the 1914 class of reservists will soon be called to the colours.

The minister of war states that there has been an engagement in Limburg province, in which the Germans were driven back.

No news has been received since Aug. 4 of Baron DeLeyssere, the president of the Belgian Red Cross, who was held by the Germans in the south of Liege province on that date.

SMALL BRITISH WARSHIP IN DUEL WITH CRUISER KARLSRUHE

Details of Minor Naval Encounter off Bermuda Reported on Arrival of Cruiser Suffolk at Halifax—Bristol Made Ineffectual Effort to Stop German Warship.

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away, we could see the Karlsruhe and the Kron Prinz Wilhelm. The Karlsruhe had her boats out, coaling from the north-west. She was being hurried down toward her it was in the hope she had run short of bunkers we could catch her.

"As soon as the Germans sighted us they took to their heels. The Karlsruhe did not even stop to pick up her boats. Her men clambered aboard as best they could, and she hurried away to the northward, while the Kronprinz Wilhelm steered off to the east. We knew, of course, that the Karlsruhe had the heels of us. Our only hope was that she was short of fuel and could not keep up her steam, but this hope was fruitless.

Wireless From Bristol.

"Nineteen thousand yards was the closest we got to our quarry. The Bristol went to the north of us and the Karlsruhe to the south. We called both of them up by wireless, and ordered them to aid in the chase. The Karlsruhe tried to cut off the Kronprinz Wilhelm while the Bristol took a position to intercept the Karlsruhe. All afternoon we raced after the feeling German ships. Five o'clock had come and disappeared, and then all our hopes centred in the Bristol picking her up. At nine o'clock that night the Karlsruhe was sighted by us from the Bristol. 'Enemy in sight.' A few minutes later came the message 'We are engaging the enemy.' 'Altho we must have been fully a hundred miles astern then we raced on for all our fear of the result. We had no doubt of the result. If the German stood up to the Bristol for we were all sure that our fellows could whip the Karlsruhe easily at close quarters, but we wanted to be in at the finish ourselves.

Broadside to Broadside.

"The Karlsruhe had the heels of the Bristol too. They were in action for just about half an hour. For a few minutes the German stood up and the ships fought broadside to broadside, the Bristol using her two six-inchers and the five four-inchers on her broadside against the Karlsruhe's five four-point ones. After a few minutes, however, the Karlsruhe turned and ran. The Bristol chased her, firing her forward six-inchers. It was difficult to

make anything like good practice. It was pitch dark and the sea was heavy. Not one of the German shells landed anywhere near the Bristol, but our chaps think they got some shots aboard the Karlsruhe. However, in long range fighting over those odds the members of the crew made trouble. The Karlsruhe's speed saved her again.

"The Suffolk, Berwick and Bristol cruised together for several days but could get no trace of the Karlsruhe or her consort, and finally we heard that she had been sighted by the Bristol.

Captured Oil Tanker.

"We got a prize Saturday morning. The Leda is a fine oil tanker, and was captured by the Bristol. She was carrying a cargo of oil and was very much surprised when we ordered her to stop with a blank shot across her bows. However, they took their capture with very good grace. We put a prize crew aboard and conveyed her to Bermuda, where we turned her over to the examination service and continued our voyage north."

The Suffolk reached port about noon today. Soon after her arrival it became known that her men would greatly appreciate a short rest after sleeping practically no sleep for the last ten days, and a detail of 200 men of the 63rd Rifles coaled the ship all afternoon to the music of the ship's band while the tars stood by and watched in huge delight.

Seven Canadian midshipmen, who have been doing duty on various craft in the 4th Cruiser Squadron in the West Indies and in the Mediterranean.

THIEF OF CHEQUE CHARGED.

James R. Cameron, 205 Simcoe street, was arrested by Acting Detective George Munda charged with the theft of a \$250 cheque from James M. Youell, 860 Carlaw avenue.

WORTHLESS CHEQUE.

Charged with obtaining \$210 from S. Fitzgerald, 41 Vaughan road, by means of a worthless cheque, Alton Orr, 59 Hardy avenue, was arrested by Detective Taylor last evening.

GENEROUS DAWSON LEADS THE WAY

Dawson, York Territory, August 12.

Mrs. Mary R. Gooderham, Deaneport, Toronto; Mrs. Harriet Osborne and Miss Lilly Thompson, treasurers, sending you, thru Canadian Bank of Commerce, toward hospital ship fund, six thousand dollars, of which three thousand five hundred dollars is general public subscriptions, collected by the "Dr. George H. Dawson" and "Inspector F. T. Fitzgerald" chapters here, and two thousand five hundred dollars donated thru same agency by Canadian Klondike Mining Company, Limited. Small additional amount follows Monday. Yukoners enthusiastic and loyal in support of empire. Greetings and best wishes for success of their patriotic project.

Mrs. George Black.

BATTERY ORDERED OUT IN HAMILTON

Men in Readiness to Start for Valcartier at Any Hour.

GO AT FULL STRENGTH

Precautions Are Being Taken Against Attempts at Outrage by Enemy.

HAMILTON, Aug. 13.—The first Hamilton unit to leave town for the front will be the Fourth Field Battery, under Major Orsullivan. Instructions were received this morning from the Canadian authorities at Ottawa to mobilize the battery and stand in readiness to entrain for Valcartier at any moment. The battery will leave here at full strength, under the command of the following officers: Major Orsullivan, Capt. W. Field, Lieut. G. V. Taylor, Lieut. H. D. G. Greer and Lieut. W. I. Hendrie. Third Howitzer Canadian Field Battery and the Army Service corps are expected at any time.

Not for Infantry.

When it became known that cavalry would not be required for the first Canadian contingent local members of the Dragoons refused to enlist for active service as infantrymen.

To Prevent Outrage.

Many precautions are being taken locally against any outbreak or attempt to derail trains or blow up the tunnel. It was rumored by farmers residing in the vicinity of the east tunnel that it is pretty difficult to do much to poison the wells by two foreigners. When they were notified by the farmers they left the place and have not since been noticed.

The T. H. and B. Railway officials are taking special precautions against the possibility of trains being wrecked or the tunnel being blown up. Armed men are stationed along the tracks at intervals at each end of the tunnel. They have been given instructions to shoot any person attempting to make trouble.

Two armed men have also been placed at the piers at Burlington Beach canal, under instructions from the government.

All dynamite houses owned by the city and quarry companies are being carefully guarded, as it is feared that an attempt will be made to secure some of the explosive.

To Give \$100,000.

The one big question at the city hall at present is the scheme to donate \$100,000 toward the defence of the British Empire. The matter was dealt with by the board of control this morning, but there was a difference of opinion as to how the money would be used. Some of the members favored purchasing equipment as did Ottawa, while the mayor and council in aid of the needy families of the volunteers. Another question that arose was how the money should be raised. It was finally decided to lay the matter over until the next meeting and in the meanwhile the members will make the most of the money available for the raising and disposition of the money.

AUSTRIAN ENVOY LEAVES LONDON

Austrian Fleet Prepares for Action Against British and French Squadrons.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—The Austrian ambassador, Count Mensdorff-Pouilly-Dietrichstein, received his passports at 11 o'clock this morning. Shortly after a despatch from Rome announced the Austrian fleet had been sighted cleared for action about 150 miles from Pola, the Austrian naval base. As the English and French Mediterranean fleets had been instructed to engage the Austrians, it is expected that some action will soon occur, if it has not already begun.

YOUNG TRUMPETER MAY GO TO FRONT

Harold Hamilton, Fifteen Years, to Leave for Valcartier With R. C. D.

Probably the youngest soldier to go to the front is Harold Hamilton, son of Captain Harold Hamilton, Earlscourt. He is exactly fifteen years old and is enlisted in the Royal Canadian Dragoons as trumpeter and despatch carrier. He is a first-class horseman and was taught from an early age to ride.

In his short career he has been in the school cadets and in the Mississauga Horse and 48th Highlanders as trumpeter and bugler, and finally enlisting last week in his present regiment. He leaves for the front tomorrow with the contingent.

MAY HEAR THREE ELECTION PROTESTS

Aftermath of Recent Provincial Election to Come Before Courts.

All defeated candidates in the recent provincial election, who purposed entering protests concerning the outcome of the election, have been yesterday. It was the last day, according to statute, on which the ordinary election protest could be submitted to the court. It is also possible that J. B. Martin, a majority of four on the last count. It is also possible that J. B. Martin, a majority of four on the last count. It is also possible that J. B. Martin, a majority of four on the last count.

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EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD WILL AID HOSPITAL SHIP FUND

Collection Starts Today and Everyone Should Contribute Towards Fund to Be Used for the Boys Who Will Venture Their Lives for King and Country.

"Help! Help for the Hospital Ship."

This will be the slogan that will be heard throughout the length and breadth of the city today. Before you read this, no matter how early your eyes rest upon this page, women and girls from every ward will have been astir and are far advanced in preparation for the great campaign.

Canadian women in every part of the Dominion have pledged themselves to gather one hundred thousand dollars for the purchase and equipment of a hospital ship, and the women of Toronto are determined not to lag in the endeavor. For a week past hundreds have been busy arranging and engineering for the work of their collection. Today is Hospital Ship Day. That is today, Friday, Aug. 14, will go down to history as that on which Canadian women came out in companies, in corps, in cohorts, until their ranks covered the land and their extended hands passed none by, because they were asking, not for themselves, but for their husbands, brothers, fathers, who might later require their aid.

Up to the Public.

It now rests with the public to do its part. That is not difficult. Nothing impossible or even hard is expected, and nothing is demanded. All the women expect is that every man, woman and child will give what they can afford.

Give, Give, Give!

You who can afford it should put in the outstretched box of the girl pleader your check for a handsome amount, too great for the many for whom this is impossible, there is the opportunity to contribute your ten, five or one dollar, and your contribution will be as much as the child's money box will be among the things welcomed.

Shoulder to shoulder, everyone lending a hand, none thinking himself exempt from adding his quota to the gathering in of the amount that will place Toronto foremost in the ranks of generosity—this is what the women of Toronto ask of their friends today. Nor will they be disappointed. On this occasion, as in the past, the Queen City will show itself second to none in patriotism, chivalry and generosity.

ROAR OF CANNON ALONG LENGTH OF SINUOUS LINE

Allies Reported to Have Hurled Germans Back With Heavy Losses—Invaders Fought With Desperate Courage.

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BRUSSELS, Aug. 13.—With the whole eastern half of Belgium one big battlefield and with the rear of the line along almost the entire length of a sinuous line of three hundred miles, the reports from the war office indicate a triumph for the allies. In the fierce fighting around Diest and Haelen the war office reports that the allies hurled the Germans back with a loss of three-fifths of the troops engaged, while the Belgian losses were "relatively small."

GERMAN DRAGOONS WERE ANNIHILATED

U.S. AMBASSADOR HAS LEFT BERLIN

Forward Movement Arrested—Men and Officers Taken Prisoners.

PARIS, Aug. 13.—It is officially reported that during an engagement along the River Oise, which began last Tuesday and lasted until Wednesday, a French battery surprised the Twenty-first Dragoons of the German army and annihilated them.

The German forward movement in the region of the River Oise has now been arrested. In the fighting preceding the annihilation of the Twenty-first Dragoons nine German officers and a thousand German soldiers were wounded and taken prisoners.

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In the house of the late Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, the king of the Belgians is also informed of the diplomatic intervention of Belgium in the war.

An answer was given by Sir Edward Grey to the king of the Belgians, who had asked for an assurance of the British government's support of Belgium.

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