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FIRST BATTLE ON FRENCH SOIL IN PRESENT WAR SEES DEFEAT OF THE KAISER'S FORCE

Tear Down Crepe; Put Bright Flowers in Place

Paris, Aug. 11.—(Via London, Aug. 11)—The crepe festoons which for forty years have hung from the monument of the City of Strasbourg, capital of Alsace-Lorraine, which stands in the Place De La Concorde were torn down today and replaced with flowers and palm branches, while a tri-colored sash was draped about the figure.

HERE IS FIRST NEWS FROM BRITISH WAR OFFICE AND ADMIRALTY

London, Aug. 11.—(12:33 p.m.)—The admiralty and war office information bureau established by the British government started work this morning. Its first announcement was as follows: "About two cavalry divisions are in the neighborhood of Tongres to the north of Liege. Three German army corps are still opposite Liege and other German troops are reported to be entrenched along the line of the River Aisne."

ALL SILENT YET AS TO THE GERMAN AND BRITISH FLEETS

London, Aug. 11 (8:40 a. m.)—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Copenhagen telegraphs under yesterday's date that the export route for provision steamers from Denmark to England has been re-opened. The steamer Konstantin, from Grimsby, and the steamer Express from Newcastle, arrived at Esbjerg. Both captains said that they had sighted no warships in the North Sea.

Birmingham, England, Aug. 11.—The Admiralty has informed the mayor of Birmingham that the cruiser Birmingham sank the first German submarine of the war, the U-15.

London, Aug. 11.—(4:55 a. m.)—A dispatch from Lisbon says that the Hamburg-American liner Caportegal, captured by a British warship off Oporto on Sunday night carried \$8,000,000 in specie, the sailed from Buenos Ayres for Southampton on July 16.

Rome Via London, Aug. 11.—An unconfirmed rumor says that British and French warships have captured the German cruiser Goeben. Correspondents at Athens, however, report that the Goeben and the German cruiser Breslau were seen early today rounding Cape Matapan, the southern extremity of Greece.

Montreal, Aug. 11.—It is announced from Ottawa that members of the Edinburgh University Club of America, have offered to raise and equip a medical detachment or detachments for service with the Canadian contingent.

Brussels, Aug. 11 (via Paris and London, 11:45 a. m.)—An official statement issued today says that at Houffalize in Belgium, a French patrol attacked a squad of German cavalry, saved them and took several prisoners.

Montreal, Aug. 11.—The Canada steamship lines announce that the schedules for their vessels had not been interfered with, despite orders from Ottawa affecting the shipping from the ports along the St. Lawrence. The steamers of this line will continue to visit their ports of call without interruption or delay.

Montreal, Aug. 11.—The port remains quiet here. The steamer Cassandra from Glasgow with passengers and freight, will arrive this afternoon.

Liege Forts Still Hold Out

Terrible Scenes of Bloodshed and Great Acts of Heroism

Prince and Son Reported Killed in One Desperate Assault in Which 800 Germans Fell—Kaiser's Men Occupy Town 10 Miles Away

London, Aug. 11.—(4:55 a. m.)—Despatches to the 'Times' from The Hague and to the 'Telegraph' from Maastricht, sent under yesterday's date, agree that the struggle for possession of the forts at Liege was going on continuously and giving rise to terrible scenes of bloodshed and great acts of heroism.

MORE THAN HALF MILLION OF BRITISH TROOPS NOW UNDER ARMS NOT COUNTING THE RESERVES

London, Aug. 11.—According to today's 'Times', Great Britain is now well on with her mobilization, and has between 500,000 and 600,000 men under arms.

Local Volunteers Will Likely Be Drilling in St. John in Few Days

It is believed among local militia officers that active drill for the volunteers of the New Brunswick militia will take place in St. John within the next week.

LOCAL PRICES

No further changes were recorded today in the local wholesale grocery markets, following the advances of yesterday when sugar took a jump of eighty cents a hundredweight, making an increase of \$1.40 since the declaration of hostilities.

THE STEAMERS

White Star Liner Megantic arrived at Liverpool at eleven o'clock on Sunday morning.

BAND CONCERTS

Weather permitting, the Carleton Cornet Band will play a concert this evening in King Square.

WENT UP RIVER

Visiting members of St. Omer's Commandery, Knights Templars, from Dorchester, went up river this morning to Fredericton.

WEATHER AGAINST IT

On account of the damp weather the N. B. Tennis Association tournament was not opened this morning, but will be commenced as soon as the weather is suitable.

ATLANTIC IS IN CONTROL OF BRITAIN

British Merchant Shipping Suffers Little

GERMAN LOSS IS HEAVY

English Cruiser in Lower Gulf of St. Lawrence—The Port of Halifax Opened at Today Noon

New York, Aug. 11.—According to the Tribune, British shipping, which has practically the freedom of the Atlantic, is not losing a great deal by the European war. The Vaterland, which cost the Hamburg-American line \$10,000,000, is lying at her pier in Hoboken, with no prospect of leaving port.

WAR NOTES

The militant suffragettes of England yesterday announced that they would be most active in the relief of women and children victims of the war.

REVOLVER SHOT IN POND ST. CASE

Louis Jones, colored, was the central figure in a breezy case in the police court this morning, following his arrest last night on a charge of breaking windows in the house of Burrell Green, in Pond street.

Important British Capture

London, Aug. 11 (2:30 a. m.)—With the British capture of Togoland, a German colonial possession in Western Africa, one of the largest wireless stations in the world was acquired.

Recruiting in London

London, Aug. 11.—Larger crowds than ever surrounded the London recruiting offices. Six hundred members of the Cambridge University officers' training corps have applied for commissions in the special reserve and territorial forces.

Supreme Court Chambers

In the case of John J. McNulty vs. Eleanor Lawlor, Mr. Justice Crockett granted an order for directions. This is applied for enrollment in the foreign legation. They include several foreign noblemen.

Back to France

Montreal, Aug. 11.—Nearly 200 French revolutionists embarked on the Royal Edward last night on their way back to 20th inst.

FRENCH DEFEAT OF GERMANS IN FIRST FIGHT ON FRENCH SOIL

Paris Sends Report of Battle at Spin Court—Six Carloads of German Prisoners in Russia--Recruiting in London

Paris, Aug. 11.—French troops have defeated the Germans in a battle at Spincourt in the department of the Meuse. This is the first battle on French territory.

ITALY AND AUSTRIA NEARER BREAK

London, Aug. 11.—According to the Morning Post correspondent at Rome, the relations between Italy and Austria are becoming more strained.

GERMAN PRISONERS IN RUSSIA

St. Petersburg, Aug. 11.—(Via London, 11:15 a.m.)—A telegram received here today from Vilna says six carloads of German prisoners passed through that city this morning on their way to the interior of Russia.

GERMANS REPULSED

Paris, Aug. 11 (via London, 10:15 a. m.)—A large force of Germans on Sunday night attacked the French advance guard which had pushed forward on Germany from Muehlenhausen.

GERMANS SEIZE \$25,000,000

London, Aug. 11.—(11:15 a.m.)—A Central News despatch from Berlin dated Monday says the Russian funds seized by the German government in Berlin amount to \$25,000,000.

KEEPING UP COURAGE

Paris, Aug. 11.—Berlin newspapers are circulating stories to the effect that Paris is in a complete state of anarchy, and that France is having a hard time mobilizing her troops.

THEY FELL SHORT

Brussels, Aug. 11.—(Via Paris and London)—One of the spies arrested by the Belgians in Ostend had in his possession plans indicating the halting points of the German army on the march to Paris.

Many Offer in Toronto

Toronto, Aug. 11.—Recruiting by the Toronto regiments is proceeding steadily to their strength and the Grenadiers and Queen's Own Rifles are practically up to war strength, with probably something over.

IN THE COURTS

Frederick Rose was this morning tried before Judge Forbes under the Speedy Trials Act, convicted of breaking and entering Lilly's warehouse in Elm street and sentenced to serve six months in jail with hard labor.

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