**GERMANS TRY** 

TO CLEAR ROADS

Make a Desperate Attack on

a Little

Allies Who Give Ground

Paris, Aug. 31.—Declaring that the

left wing of the army had been forced

again to fall back before German

pressure, the French War Office

statement issued this afternoon con-

firmed the belief that the Germans

are making another desperate at

The official report says: "On our

favor of the Germans and the Anglo-

French forces have been forced to

nate checks and successes a general

"On our right, in Lorraine, we have

taken the offensive and the enemy

has been driven back. The morale

of our force is excellent, n spite of

the losses which are being filled from

Small Force of Belgians De-

fied Whole German Army

At Liege

And They Just Kept on Fight

ing Until Provisions Gave

Out

London, Ang. 29.—The Morning

Post has received from its Antwerp

cape from Liege of a force of 500

Belgian soldiers. They arrived at

Namur Saturday afternoon after

three weeks of almost continuous

The small body of troops were sta-

ioned at the beginning of the war petween the Chaudfontaine and Em-

ourg forts at Liege. Although or-

ers were sent to them on Wednes-

day night to evacuate their position,

the orders did not reach them and

Gallant Stand

Although the Germans knew they

were there, they did not know how

small the force was. The Belgians

entrenched themselves and held out

for eight days of constant attack by

the ermans, after the main force of

German lines, and after several en-

counters, in which several of the

small band were wounded, they reach-

ed Seraing and proceeded to Huy,

where they arrived on Sunday (Aug.

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#### ROAD SO JAMMED WITH DEAD THAT KILLED REMAINED UPRIGHT

Terrible German Losses at Charleroi-Of Thousand Men Only One Hundred Returned Unscathed-City -Lithered With Dead-Quick-Fire Guns On Steeples.

London, Aug. 31.—Returning from and the lather of soap dry upon the the front, a Times correspondent face. He had been shot while in the act of washing. Another officer lay writes under Paris date line:

"Near Charleroi I heard some stories across a table, his hand holding aloft of the bravery of the French soldiers. a coffee cup which he was raising to The Germans were bombarding the his lips when death found him. In city. The French troops made what every part of the city houses were in amounted to a medieval sortie, but flames or smoldering. Every cellar finding the enemy in much greater was occupied by terror-stricken inhabi force than was expected, were com- tants." pelled to withdraw. The bombardment continued relentlessly, whereupon the French Turcos picked troops from Algeria, debouched from the town and with a gallantry which must surely live in history, charged the German battery, bayonetting all the German gunners. Their losses it is said exceeded those of the Light Brigade at Balavlava. Of a battalion (1000) only 100 men, it is reported, returnedu nscathed. Their bravery

Carnage Was Indescyribable. "There in the narrow streets the infantryman told me that the roads become so jammed with dead that the killed remained standing up where they had been shot,, supported by their dead comrades. Last stand of French was made before the railway station in front of which passes the canal. Here the Germans fought for two hours to take the bridge. After they had captured the station with

Charleroi a Stricken Town. . The Paris correspondent of th

Late on Sunday the French artilgagements had poured their shells ipon the upper part of the town.

The French now emptied their hail of shells upon the other section of the town and under a supporting fire from their artillery the French infantry, ad vanced slowly in the face of a stub-ORDERS DIDN'T born resistance upon the town they had just evacuated, retaining several south-west of Charleroi) and Metax. At six in the evening the fighting ceased, both sides being thoroughly worn out. On the next morning before dawn the French artillery again bombarded Charleroi and once more the indefatigable troops of France swarm-Chatelet, Bouffioulx, Marchienne, and Couillet. The fighting at this stage of the engagement was attended by

Charleroi, which was in the centre district, and in the slag heaps of the surrounding country the French found admirable vantage ground, while as in Upper Alsace the Germans mountmitrailleuses in every steeple of

City Littered With Dead.

from the German mitrailleuses, the town of Charleroi, and after furious fighting drove the Germans in confusion across the Sambre River. The French entered a city littered with dead, battered by shell fire, and de vastated by every instrument of mod-

"Outside a dilapidated inn could be seen the figure of a German officer, the head bowed over a basin of water,

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#### **HUNGRY GERMANS** NO MATCH FOR BRITISH

In a Surprise Clash Between Two Cavalry Outposts in Belgian Town

HUSSARS FINISHED THE WHOLE BUNCH

Killing the Majority and Taking Captive All the Others

FRENCH RAILWAY STATION. Aug. 29.—The British troops came nto action in Belgium for the first time on last Friday and Saturday. The affair was one of scouting and outpost skirmishes only, but it was interesting because of the light, thrown on the exhausted condition of the German advance guard.

A troop train has just drawn up at the far end of this isolated platform and from it have disembarked wounded British Hussars and captive German Cuirassiers, The station is crowded, as a Paris train just in disgorged on the platform hungry and sleepy English and American tourists from Switzerland and Northern Italy. Nevertheless the detraining of the Britsh troopers and their captives escaped notice for just long enough to allow of smuggling the big, blue cloaked Germans out of the station without creating a disturbance

Looked for a Station Fight One of the wounded English troopers expressed relief at this. "Thank 'even,' he said fervently, "after the bother we've had with 'em all along the line. I thought there would certainly be a free fight when we had

to take them out of the carriages." Then he told me how, at many of the stations on the way from-, people hearing that the German prisoners were on the train had flung stones through the windows, thrust WHEN TO RETIRE sticks and umbrellas into the cariages, and shrieked curses at the Prussians until the train moved out. As if to confirm what he said an excited little brown-faced French women came up to us and broke into a torrent of shrill recrimination. 'Mais c'est un Alemand," she cried, pointing to the woollen cap the

> I explained he was English and asked him why/he was not wearing the usual cap.

"I lost it in a charge on Saturday," he said. "That's when I got this." He showed a bandaged wrist pierced by a German sabre. Then he told me the story of Friday's fighting Cavalry Charge

"We came plump on them around corner in a little village," he said. 'It was an absolute surprise for both of us. Before you could wink your eye we were plying at one another as hard as our horses could go. The villagers were yelling and scrambling into the houses on either side

"There was no firing. It was an absolutely proper cavalry charge like you see in pictures-horses going hell for leather, every man siting hunched up under number one guard, hoping he wouldn't get his knees crushed by the fellows on each side of him." Lighter though they were, the Hussars went a pace that more than

compensated for their inferior weight. The Cuirasiers, in full stride on fresh horses, might have overridden them, but they were slower at the takeoff and, as it subsequently proved, were mounted on horses already ridgave out, and they broke through the den to death. They were taken at a tremendous disadvantage. Twentyseven of them were killed and twelve

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horse flesh and dry oats." I asked him how he got his wound. "I dunno," he said, wearily. "The give reasons for his prosperity. Most bow and his through my wrist, but essential to any success is a careful he had not cut my tendons."

He added, proudly: "I'll be out in two or three days. The other chap's arm was paralyzed. He couldn't ual filing systems are an absolute ne- even move his fingers."

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