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## SECOND CANADIAN OVERSEAS FORCE IS SOON TO BE ORGANIZED

### WAR'S EVIL IMAGE ALWAYS ON MY NATIVE LAND, SAYS MRS. BEATTIE, BORN IN BELGIUM

Honored Nonagenarian Certain That Kaiser Will Rue the Day He Began War.

**CALLS HIM A FIREBRAND**  
Believes Russian Invasion Will Be Telling Factor in Fight of Allies.

**RECALLS HER CHILDHOOD**

Told by Mother of Devastating Horrors That Have Beset Country.

No general in the present European war follows the movements of the various armies with greater interest than Mrs. John Beattie, Wortley road, London South, and none hopes for the speedy defeat of the Germans more than Mrs. Beattie. With a good memory to recall the past, a clear vision to penetrate the future and an enthusiasm to resent the wrongs being done to Belgium, Mrs. Beattie displays an amazing interest in the war for one who has reached the advanced age of 89 years.

"The territory occupied by my native country may well be called 'The Cockpit of Europe,'" said Mrs. Beattie as she mentally turned back the pages of that country's war-scarred history. "It may safely be said that no part of Europe has had so many political changes as the present territory of Belgium and to me now come back those tales of wars and sieges that I've heard so often told in my childhood home—incidents in which my father and grandfather and other members of our family were both participants and witnesses. Now to think that they are all happening again—it is terrible," she said with evident feeling.

Europe's War Stage.  
Recalling the changing fortunes of the gallant Belgium, the Kaiser's eye to its acquisition in event of his being successful in his war with England, France and Russia. Its possession would give him the port he has long sought on the North Sea—and probably Antwerp is the coveted possession that has caused this tyrant to forget the solemn guarantee given in 1837 to maintain the neutrality of my country, such an easy matter," she continued.

"That he is anxious to obtain a port on the North Sea is certain, because he was in negotiation with Holland for one, before the outbreak of the present hostilities. It did not suit him at all, therefore, that the Belgians should, in reality, remain neutral, so he deliberately broke that neutrality, and I think he's been surprised to find the resistance my people have offered him as he invaded their neighborhoods on the pretext of its accessibility for his invasion of France," Mrs. Beattie said with evident pride.

The Allies' Advantage.  
When she read of the news that Japan had declared war on Germany she continued on Page Three.)

### THE WEATHER

#### THE LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 74; lowest, 57.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 57; lowest, 42.

#### TOMORROW—FINE AND COOL.

Moderate north to northwest winds, fine and cool today and on Wednesday.

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

| Stations.    | High. | Low. | Weather. |
|--------------|-------|------|----------|
| Victoria     | 62    | 42   | Clear    |
| Canary       | 62    | 42   | Cloudy   |
| Port Arthur  | 62    | 42   | Cloudy   |
| Perry Sound  | 62    | 42   | Clear    |
| Toronto      | 70    | 50   | Clear    |
| Ottawa       | 62    | 44   | Cloudy   |
| Montreal     | 64    | 48   | Clear    |
| Quebec       | 62    | 42   | Cloudy   |
| Father Point | 56    | 42   | Clear    |

Weather Notes.  
The weather has been showery in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, elsewhere fair and everywhere quite cool.

### HER HEART IS WITH FIGHTING COUNTRYMEN



MRS. JOHN BEATTIE, born near Trier, who cheers on her plucky brother Belgians and pictures terrible events in war-scarred land.

### LONDON MEMBERS OF P. O. CORPS LEAVE

Four Go To Valenciennes Via C. P. R.—Corps Commander Goes Later.

Four men of the London division of the Canadian Postal Corps left the Canadian Pacific Railway station at 1:30 this afternoon for Valenciennes, where they, with the companies from Montreal, Quebec, Toronto and Ottawa, will establish a field postoffice. The corps commander, Lieut. K. A. Murray, a London mail clerk, did not travel with his men. He has several matters of business to attend to here, but will leave at the end of the week. No demonstration marked the departure of the company. The men, all but one of whom were in uniform, proceeded to the station individually, and the only send-off there was a hand-shake all round from some half-dozen fellow postoffice employees, who went down to bid God speed to their chums.

Good-byes were said in the post-office and the postoffice inspectors will be close up to the firing line, with the base, probably in London, England. All letters from men at the front with the Canadian force will be sorted at the base, franked with a special field post-office stamp and forwarded to the front where they will be delivered.

The special frank bears the impression: Canadian Field Post Office, Overseas Expeditionary Force.

Canadian Division.  
A blank space between the first and second lines is for the date.

The personnel of the postal corps is as follows:

Lieut. Kenneth A. Murray, mail clerk, London.  
Sergeant Arthur A. Cooper, postoffice department, Quebec.  
Corp. George S. Wallis, mail clerk, Toronto.  
Corp. George W. Rose, rural mail branch, Ottawa.  
Corp. D. V. McPherson, mail clerk, London.  
Corp. Fred A. Taggart, postoffice department, London.  
Pte. William A. Boyd, office chief postoffice superintendent, Toronto.  
Pte. George K. Baldeck, postoffice department, Toronto.  
Pte. Benj. J. Terry, postoffice department, Toronto.  
Pte. Hugh W. Livingstone, mail clerk, London.  
Pte. Walter Bowler, postoffice inspector's office, London.  
Pte. Ledman Edwards, mail clerk, Ottawa.  
Pte. Henri Bourgoin, postoffice department, Montreal.  
Pte. Thomas H. Murray, postoffice inspector's office, London.  
Pte. Fred H. Chagnon, postoffice department, Montreal.

### CHILD'S BODY THROWN FROM G. T. R. TRAIN

[Canadian Press.]  
Toronto, Aug. 25.—The body of a three-week-old female infant was found in a suit case near Scarborough Junction on the G. T. R. yesterday. It had evidently been thrown from a train. A handkerchief had been forced into the mouth and throat. Dr. Courts, of Agincourt, will hold an inquest.

## TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND GERMANS SURROUNDED BY ALLIES' TROOPS

(Canadian Press.)

London, Aug. 25.—3:15 a.m.—A dispatch to the Express from Ostend says: "A great battle has been in progress in the province of Hainault, on the southern frontier of Belgium, since Friday evening. French and British troops have been engaged in desperate conflicts north of Charleroi and Fleurus, with Germans who crossed the Meuse at Huy."

"Saturday French troops, which had spread from Lille, met the German right in East Flanders."

"Desperate fighting between outposts took place at Oudenarde and Renaix. The losses were heavy on both sides Monday. Twenty-five thousand Germans have been surrounded between Courtrai and Anseghem, a town six miles west of Oudenarde. Fighting was progressing Sunday at Perennes, between Mona and Binche, and between Wateghem and Oudenarde."

"The Handelsblad" says that since Monday no Germans have been in Brussels. Arrivals from Liege state that many houses there were burned last week. German soldiers have inscribed on the walls of the city, "William II, Emperor of Europe."

## Allies in North Check Germans

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Aug. 25.—3:05 p.m.—The following official announcement was made here today: "The German offensive movement in the north, which was stopped yesterday, appears today to have been resumed."

"The enemy is, however, being held back by a French army, acting in conjunction with an English army and a Belgian army."

"The armies of the allies surprised the enemy and drove back their advance detachments. The allies have gone beyond Malines."

"The Belgian army came from Antwerp."

"In Lorraine, after the counter attacks of yesterday, the right of the French forces withdrew to the River Mortagne, which is a continuation of the Meurthe, from Lunville to Nancy."

"In Alsace French troops repulsed a number of German attacks directed against Colmar."

"The report of the recapture of Muelhausen by the Germans is without foundation. Moreover, the theatre of operations in Alsace is becoming of secondary importance."

## ALL GERMAN ARMY IS TO BE HEADED TOWARD PARIS

### Germans Tell Story of Breaking Up of General Joffre's Great Army.

(Canadian Press.)

Washington, August 25.—According to a wireless dispatch to the German embassy from its foreign office, received today, via Sayville, Long Island, the German troops facing the French troops defeated them in battle from August 17 to 21. Numerous ensigns, more than 150 guns and 10,000 prisoners have been captured.

Lunville has been taken, and the army of General Joffre, broken up, is no more capable of action. The German Crown Prince's army has chased the French west of Longwy. The army of the Duke of Wuertemberg, marching through Belgium, has crossed the River Semois, completely crushing the advancing French army. Numerous guns, ensigns, prisoners and several generals were captured.

The German troops advancing west of the River Meuse towards Maubeuge defeated an English cavalry brigade. The River Semois, Longwy and the greater part of the Belgo-French frontier are in German hands. A concentric advance of all the German army toward Paris is probable.

## Canadian Contingent To Be On Atlantic By September 15

Formal Order For Enlistment of Second Fighting Force Expected Within Next Few Days Because of Volunteers' Eagerness.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Aug. 25.—Another expeditionary force is being organized by the Canadian military authorities. The first army division of 22,000 men will be on troop ships crossing the Atlantic by the middle of next month.

Before it lands in Europe the mobilization of another force will be almost completed. The thing is being practically forced on the Canadian military authorities by the development of military spirit in Canada. When the call for men first went out there appeared to be reluctance at some points in the response. However, by the time the troop trains began moving desire to enlist had almost become epidemic. Men climbed on the troop trains and refused to be put off. As a result there will be about thirty thousand infantry in camp at Valenciennes, instead of the twenty thousand which were sought.

The unusual rush of infantry has interfered somewhat with the movement of artillery to Valenciennes. The foot soldiers have spread over most of the ground, which has been prepared for all of the force. As a result the artillery units will continue to drill at battery and brigade headquarters until Friday and Saturday of this week, when they will go on to camp. The arrangements suit them perfectly, as they will be able to complete at home all the preparations which they have to make before taking the field.

Second Call Soon.  
The formal order-in-council for the enlistment of a second fighting force is expected to be made within a few days. The raising of the second force will be child's play compared with the first, at least as far as infantry is concerned. A foot and horse force could be raised in no time. With artillery there might be a little more time required, as the artillery arm is an expert force which requires considerable training to be given officers, gunners and drivers.

ALL ACQUITTED.  
[Canadian Press.]  
Denver, Col., Aug. 25.—Findings of the courts-martial which tried 22 officers and men of the National Guard of Colorado on charges growing out of the Ludlow battle of April 29, were made public today. All the defendants were acquitted.

## JAPANESE CRUISER HELPS TO GUARD CANADIAN COAST

[Canadian Press.]  
San Francisco, Aug. 25.—The marine correspondent at Tatosch, Washington, of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, telegraphs that the Japanese cruiser Idzumo, which left here last Saturday, passed into the Straits of Juan de Fuca early today, apparently bound for the Canadian naval base at Esquimaut. The appearance of Idzumo in northern waters was a surprise, and not even speculative explanations were forthcoming.

It had been supposed that the Idzumo would convey the Japanese steamships Shinryo Maru, which sailed yesterday for Japan. A report that the two vessels joined company last night is now shown to have been an error.

Apparently the Idzumo will use Esquimaut for a base, and will continue to operate on the Canadian and American Pacific coasts, as a protection for British, Japanese and French shipping.

## BELGIUM WILL NOT STOOP TO UNFAIR MEANS

German Imputations Emphatically Denied in Minister's Official Statement.

**CIVILIANS ALL WARNED**  
To Scrupulously Abstain From Hostile Acts Toward Invading Force.

## ATROCITIES OF GERMANS

Strong Protest Against the Crimes Against Old Men, Women and Children.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Aug. 25.—3:20 p.m.—The following announcement was given out today by the official information bureau:

"The Belgian minister in London has made the following statement:

"In spite of solemn assurances of good will and the obligations of long standing, Germany has made a savage and utterly warranted attack on Belgium. However soon pressed we may be, Belgium will never fight unfairly; she never will stoop to infringe the laws and customs of legitimate warfare. She is putting up a brave fight against overwhelming odds. She may be beaten, she may be crushed, but to quote the words of our noble King, she never will be enslaved."

Public Warned.  
"When German troops invaded our country the Belgian Government issued a public statement which was placarded in every town, village and hamlet, warning all civilians to abstain scrupulously from hostile acts against the troops of the enemy, and the Belgian press has daily published similar notices broadcast through the land. Threats Not Availing.

"Nevertheless, the German authorities have issued statements lately containing grave imputations against the attitude of the Belgian civilian population, and threatening us at the same time with dire reprisals. These imputations are contrary to the real facts, and as to threats of future vengeance, no menace of reprisals on the part of the German troops will deter the Belgian Government from protesting before the civilized world against the fearful and atrocious crimes committed wilfully and deliberately by the invading hosts against helpless non-combatants, old men, old women and children."

## LONDONERS WHO ENLISTED IN WEST



PTE. GEORGE LIEUT. GIL MUNNOCHE, Nine-BERT CHISHOLM, 11th Winnipeg Royal Irish Rifles, Rifles.

Among the Londoners who have enlisted in the various militia units of the west for active service in the present European war are George Munnoch, of Winnipeg, and Gilbert Chisholm, of Vancouver.  
Mrs. John Munnoch, 105 Waterloo street, has received a letter from her son George, in Winnipeg, stating that he had volunteered for active service with the Ninetieth Winnipeg Rifles, and would leave for the front immediately. As the Winnipeg contingent left on Sunday for Valenciennes it is likely that he is now at the mobilization camp.

Mr. Munnoch left this city eleven months ago as the western representative of Lawson & Jones, this city. His position will be retained for him by the firm during the time he is at the front.  
Mrs. A. G. Chisholm, 202 St. James street, was also notified yesterday that her son Gilbert was on the way to the front with the Royal Irish Rifles. As the Rifles passed through Winnipeg Mr. Chisholm, who holds a lieutenant's commission in the corps, notified his mother by wire.

## Prisoners of War in London



Austrian reservists from the border being escorted to Kingston Penitentiary under armed guard from the Seventh Fusiliers of this city, snapped by an advertiser staff photographer as they transferred from one train to another at the Grand Trunk depot this morning. Under Regimental Sergeant-Major Pritchard, the special guard from the regiment, consisting of Color Sergeant Joe Pritchard, Sgt. Joe Bell and Privates Westimoon, Brown and Reading, went to Sarnia last night to bring the reservists through to Kingston.

## FALL OF NAMUR SEEMS INEXPLICABLE EVENT

Fortress One of Great Strength, Which Was Expected to Hold Out for Months if Necessary—News Undoubtedly Bad.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Aug. 25.—3:52 a.m.—The official war information bureau says: "It is announced that Namur has fallen."

The above dispatch as indicated was received in London about 3:52 p.m. Monday and received in New York at 6:10 o'clock this (Tuesday) morning. Its transmission was probably delayed by the censor.

INEXPLICABLE INCIDENT.  
London, Aug. 25.—5:15 a.m.—Commenting on the fall of Namur before the Germans, the Times says it is one of those inexplicable events which make war the gamble that it is. That Namur should have fallen in two days will require a deal of explanation, the Times adds.

BOTH TOWN AND FORTS?  
London, Aug. 25.—7:50 a.m.—Beyond the bare statement made late yesterday afternoon that it was announced that Namur had fallen, the official war information bureau has issued nothing on the subject. It is not yet known definitely here whether the fall refers to the town or the forts or to both.

ATTACKING MALINES.  
London, Aug. 25.—4:45 a.m.—A dispatch to the Times from Ostend, sent today, says that 50,000 Germans are attacking Malines, a Belgian city thirty miles southeast of Antwerp. Skirmishing is general in northwest Flanders.

Five Forts Taken.  
Berlin, Aug. 25 (by wireless telegraph).—Public here today says that the city of Namur and five of its forts have been captured by the Germans. The Associated Press, by way of Nuremberg, Germany, and Sayville, Long Island, has also received the news. (Continued on Page Three.)

## Russia Has 8,000,000 Men Ready To Strike Kaiser

Rome, Aug. 25.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of Messagero, the first line of the Russian army, now moving in force against the entire German-Austrian frontier, numbers 4,000,000 men. He declares that a second army almost as great will move behind the first to reinforce it when needed.

The correspondent adds that the Czar is now at the front with the general staff.

## BELGIAN LOSS ESTIMATED AT FORTY THOUSAND KILLED

Appalling Property Loss in Little Kingdom—Economic Situation Disastrous in the Extreme, and Dire Distress and Want Universal.

(Canadian Press.)

LONDON, Aug. 25.—3:59 a.m.—The Ostend correspondent of the Chronicle says that Belgium's losses so far are estimated at 40,000 killed. No estimate of the appalling property loss has been hazarded by the officials.

The economic situation throughout Belgium is disastrous, says the correspondent. Industry everywhere is at a standstill. Not a single factory or coal pit in the country has been operated in three weeks and not a single penny in wages has been received by the men engaged in the staple activities of the nation since Aug. 1.

There is nothing but dire poverty, distress and stagnation even in the areas untouched by the fighting. Provision for the feeding, housing and other care of refugees is being pushed feverishly. More than 4,000 refugees are herded in bathing cabins along the beach and in various small public buildings at Ostend.

## ALLIED FLEET DESTROYS CATARRO FORTIFICATIONS

(Canadian Press.)

Milan, Via Paris, Aug. 25.—5:10 a.m.—A news dispatch from Catarro says that all of the fortifications there have been destroyed by the allied fleet. The Austrians did not have time before the attack to mine the Gulf of Catarro.

Surrender Near.  
Rome, Aug. 25.—Via London, 3:10 p.m.—The Austrian commander is now parleying for terms of surrender. A dispatch to the Corriere d'Italia from Antivari, Montenegro, adds that the Austrian commander is now parleying for terms of surrender.