ARMY OF 800,000 GERMANS MARCHING ON BELGIUM

CROWN PRINCE HAS AN ARMY OF EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND

Invading Force is at Verviers, Having Crossed the Meuse South of Vise on Newly-Built Bridges, Undeterred by the Fire From the Belgian Guns.

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LONDON, Aug. 7.—Hugh Martin, The Daily News correspondent, wired from Rotterdam Thursday night:

"Speaking to Dutch across the frontier at Ryen this afternoon, Germans declared that the crown prince with 800,000 men is at Verviers. Six pontoon bridges were thrown across the Meuse south of Vise yesterday, and by 5 o'clock this morning a large German force had crossed to the left bank undeterred by the fire of the Belgian guns. The army then began to move south on both sides of the river, blowing up a number of steam tramway bridges on the Tongeren-Bilzen Line. An eye-witness described to me as a mighty spectacle the orderly advance of the German army, which rolled slowly down the slope towards the river, bringing a host of machine guns and motor wagons, cavalry riding thru growing corn. On the Lancers' flags appeared the date 1871. Troops are in gray-green uniforms, magnificently equipped. But a pitiful spectacle was provided by fifteen prisoners, apparently farmers, marching with bowed heads and hands bound behind their backs.

"Suddenly an aeroplane swooped from the clouds, flying low, and sped away in the direction of Liege. For three hours troops passed west and south as far as the eye could see. They conversed laughingly with Dutchmen on the other side of the frontier, and asked for newspapers, which were given them, but the moment a Dutchman stepped over the frontier a gun was pointed at him and he sprang back to safety.

"During Meuse fighting one German regiment fired on the rear of another, killing 13 and wounding 20."

Bazaar at Grimsby

Mrs. Burkholder of Hamilton has announced that a bazaar will be held at Grimsby in aid of the hospital-ship fund.

RAISE COMPANY OF ELECTRICIANS

Canadian General Electric Company Makes Patriotic Offer to Government.

The board of directors of the Canadian General Electric Company have offered to raise, equip and pay the salaries of a company of twenty-five skilled electrical and mechanical operatives who would be available for service in any part of the Dominion, and be under the control of the minister of militia as part of the Canadian forces. Probably their services could best be utilized in the erection, repair and maintenance of wireless telegraph stations, cable stations, bridges, transport vehicles, artillery, etc.

In response to President F. Nicholls' telegram with this offer the premier sent the following reply:

"Frederic Nicholls,
President, Canadian General Electric Company,
Toronto, Ontario.

The Government of Canada warmly appreciate patriotic offer of Canadian General Electric Company embodied in your telegram just received, and send their sincere thanks. Your telegram has been submitted to minister of militia who will communicate with you thereon.

R. L. BORDEN."

MAHARAJAH OF NEPAL OFFERS AID TO BRITAIN

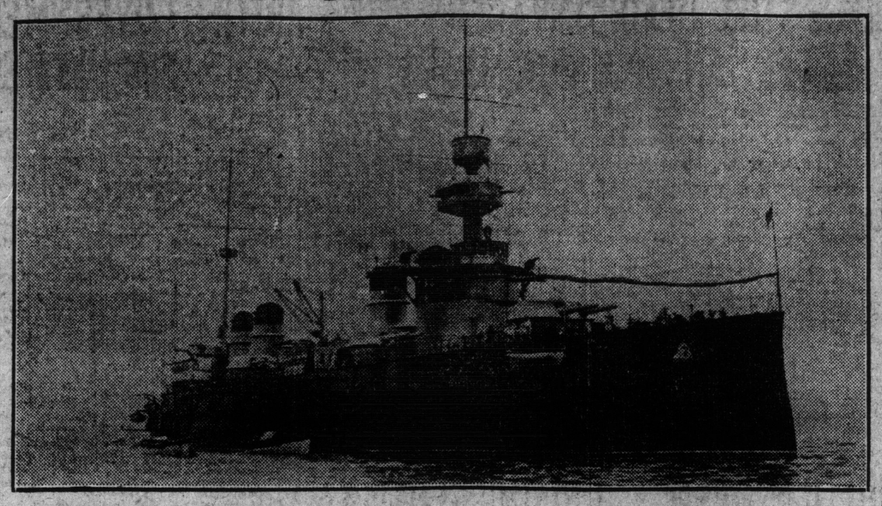
LONDON, Aug. 7.—The war office announces that the Maharajah of Nepal has offered the entire military resources of his independent kingdom to the British Government. Other Indian independent kingdoms are making similar offers.

The Maharajah of Nepal is a major-general in the British army by virtue of an honorary commission. His regular army numbers 30,000 men, with an artillery force of 250 modern guns. The majority of his troops are of the Gurkha tribe, the most famous soldiers in India.

Heavy Firing Heard.

ROME. — A Messina despatch to The Tribune says that soon after the German cruisers Boeben and Breslau left the harbor on the demand of the Italian Government, heavy firing was heard at sea. It is assumed the two cruisers have been engaged by the English fleet which was awaiting them outside the neutral zone.

TYPE OF FRENCH BATTLESHIP



The Leon Gambetta, which paid a visit to Dover recently. She is one of the most powerful ships in the French navy.

I.O.D.E. HAS LAUNCHED CAMPAIGN TO RAISE A HOSPITAL SHIP FUND

REGENT ISSUES PERSONAL APPEAL

Call Has Come to Canadian Women to Do Duty as Urgently as Soldiers and Sailors of Far-flung Empire—Percy Haswell Benefit Tuesday.

Mrs. A. E. Gooderham and her executive of the I.O.D.E. had a busy day yesterday working on the details of their campaign for the hospital ship fund. At the close of the afternoon session the following was given to the press:

In connection with the Canadian women's hospital ship, the regent of the Municipal Chapter would like to meet every member of the Imperial Order of the Empire in Toronto at the residence of the president, "Deancroft," Rosedale, on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, to make arrangements for the collecting of the $100,000 required for the work.

Also the following personal message was sent broadcast thruout the Dominion:

"To the I.O.D.E.: I would like to remind every member of the privilege and obligation enjoined upon them at this time of imperial crisis. The call has come to us to do our duty as urgently as to the soldiers and sailors of the empire. The Daughters of the Empire ask the co-operation of the women of Canada to give this tangible expression of their sentiment in the service of King and country in providing a hospital ship to be placed at the disposal of the British admiralty." This message bore the signature Mary R. Gooderham.

Money Coming in.

It is urgently hoped that contributions will be sent in to Mrs. John Bruce, 238 East Bloor street, Toronto. The I.O.D.E. of Brantford are already to the fore with their contribution of $100, also Mrs. Thos. Jenkins and her two little daughters, who have subscribed $120. Smaller amounts have also been received.

One of the suggestions which will be in all probability carried out in Toronto is to have a motor system of collection. Commencing in all likelihood on Monday, decorated with flags, motors and placards announcing that funds are being received for the hospital ship by the women occupants of the motors, will be placed at the corners of the streets. Other plans are in contemplation.

Percy Haswell Benefit.

Every effort is being set forth to make the Percy Haswell benefit for the Canadian women's hospital ship fund a glorious success. At the matinee on Tuesday afternoon, when the play, "Jane Eyre," will be given, patriotic numbers will be sung between the acts, and it is hoped that many uniformed men may be among the audience. The boy scouts have promised their services and will sell programs and make themselves generally useful. Mrs. A. E. Gooderham is taking a great interest in the "benefit" and will be present with a large house party. Every society and every man and woman is asked to assist by buying tickets and being present at the performance. The plan is now open at the Princess. See that every seat is taken and that the women are aided by a handsome sum towards their humane movement—the purchase of an hospital ship.

ITALY WILL REMAIN NEUTRAL GERMANY'S THREAT IS IGNORED

Kaiser Makes Futile Appeal Directly to King Victor Emmanuel—Spontaneous Outbursts of Enthusiasm for France Are Frequent in Rome.

Canadian Press Despatch.

ROME, via Paris, Aug. 7, 2.40 p.m.—The German Government is using its utmost efforts to bring about a change in Italy's attitude in the present European situation. Direct appeals have even been made to King Victor Emanuel, but all in vain. It is asserted that Italy, having declared her neutrality, intends to maintain it.

Italy's position as a member of the Triple Alliance, and therefore an ally of Germany under certain conditions, has been discussed in every phase, and the general consensus of opinion seems to be that the Italian people would never permit an act of hostility against France and Great Britain.

Because Italy is neutral, all manifestations for or against the belligerents are being rigorously repressed. Yet everywhere spontaneous outbursts of enthusiasm for France have occurred. In Rome there have been frequent cries of "Long Live France, Long Live our Latin Brothers," and the Marseillaise is being sung in the streets.

The French embassy here and the French consulate in other cities of Italy are daily receiving offers from men who wish to joins the French forces.

SEVEN LINERS SAIL FOR BRITAIN TODAY

Several More Vessels to Join Flotilla at Quebec Under Convoy.

Canadian Press Despatch.

MONTREAL, Aug. 7.—Seven ocean liners are due to sail from Montreal tomorrow morning, having taken out clearance papers for Saturday, Aug. 8, and if they all go it will be one of the biggest parades of steamships down the St. Lawrence seen in many a day. Following are the vessels and the ports to which they are bound: Scandinavian, Glasgow; Canada, Liverpool; Manxman, Bristol; Monmouth, London; Tyrolia, London; Letitia, Glasgow, and Alaunia, Glasgow. They will go as far as Quebec. Whether they will continue out to sea will depend upon war developments.

When these seven liners join the Victorian, the Empress of Britain, Alsatian and smaller vessels already waiting at Quebec, there will be gathered at the ancient capital one of the largest fleets in the history of Canadian merchant marine. The ocean liners which are to sail from Montreal carry wheat and other food stuffs for England.

STEAMSHIP SAILINGS ARE BEING RESUMED

Special to The Toronto World.

BOSTON, August 8. — John H. Thomas, local manager of the International Mercantile Marine, received orders today to sail the Arabic, of the White Star Line, and the Canadian of the Leyland Line, next Saturday, for Manchester.

The Cambrain, of Wilson and Furness, Leyland Line, will sail Friday for London.

The Franconia of the Cunard Line, has steam up and a full cargo. Over one hundred of her delayed passengers will sail aboard her at 6 p.m. tomorrow for Liverpool.

RED CROSS SOCIETY TO COLLECT FUNDS

Meeting of Local Executive Committee Held at Government House.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Canadian Red Cross Society was held at Government House yesterday afternoon. Those were: Col. G. S. Ryerson, president; His Honor Sir John Gibson, past president; Noel Marshall, chairman of the executive committee; Col. G. A. Sweny, Mr. R. S. Hudson, Mrs. A. E. Gooderham; Mr. William Low, secretary. Mr. Marshall occupied the chair. It was decided to begin the collection of funds for aid to the sick and wounded in the war. The society will devote its efforts principally to aid for the Canadian troops and to British troops generally. The office of the society is at 56 East King street, where subscriptions may be sent, members enrolled and any information given.

KING OF BELGIUM IS OFF TO FIRING LINE

Canadian Press Despatch.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 7.—Before departing for the front, King Albert addressed a proclamation to the Belgian army, saying:

"Without the least provocation on our part, our neighbor, proud of its force, has torn up treaties bearing its signature, and has broken in upon the territory of our fathers because we refused to forfeit our honor.

"An attack has been made upon us, and the world marvels at our loyal attitude.

"Be comforted by our independence.

"Our menaced nation shudders, and its children have bounded to the frontier.

"Brave soldiers, I salute you in the name of Belgium. You will triumph because your strength has been put to the service of the right.

"Glory to you soldiers and defenders of the liberty of our menaced fatherland."

BRITISH BANKS REOPEN DOORS

No Panicky Conditions Prevailed, Tho Gold Was Greatly in Demand.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The financial district of London almost resumed its normal aspect today with the reopening of the banks. Interest centred around the Bank of England where a gradually extending line of people gathered anxious to exchange paper money for gold. There was no great rush till noon.

In strong contrast with the customary noise in the bullion department of the Bank of England, where a large staff is usually employed weighing bullion the whole day, not a person was to be seen there today. At other banks business was quite moderate. Cheques in most cases were paid in notes.

Reports from the provinces indicate that the British public is not losing its head, as withdrawals have been small.

Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, daughter of the United States secretary of state and wife of Captain Reginald A. Owen of the Royal Engineers, today issued an appeal for the assistance of the American press in collecting contributions in aid of British subjects suffering privations thru the war. Subscriptions, she says, will be applied without delay to organized relief.

NO BRITISH UNIFORM IN KAISER'S WARDROBE

LONDON, August 7.—"Never again will I disgrace myself by wearing a British uniform," was Kaiser Wilhelm's last message to England. Just before the British Ambassador left Berlin after receiving his passports he was handed a letter from the kaiser resigning all of his British military commissions. The letter ended with the above quotation. A copy of it has been wired by the British Ambassador, who is now on neutral soil.

KAISER'S WINNIPEG AGENT EXPECTS TO STAY HERE

BERLIN, Ont., Aug. 7.—Jacob Hespeler of the German consulate, Winnipeg, was in the city on a short visit to relatives. He was on his way home, as he said urgent business called him there. There are a great many Germans and Austrians in the west, and he feared that trouble might arise. As Mr. Hespeler is a Canadian by birth, it is not likely that he will be ordered out of Canada. Two trained nurses have volunteered for service in the present war.

Dunning's Today

In the mood for a good dinner come to Dunning's. Specials: Home-made Corned Beef and Cabbage, Sweetbread Pique Virginienne. Music. 27-31 West King street, 28 Melinda street.

DESTINIES OF EUROPE MAY BE DECIDED IN BELGIAN TERRITORY

Canadian Press Despatch.

BRUSSELS, via Paris, August 7.—Many of the people of Liege have made their way out of the city, fearing an epidemic more than the bombardment.

German prisoners, whom a correspondent questioned, acknowledged freely the courage and tenacity of the Belgian troops who are now opposing the German advance. The prisoners were treated with consideration and on the way to Brussels were supplied at the stations with beer and bread.

The excitement in Brussels, since the arrival of the wounded, has increased, if such is possible. There is much optimism, however, concerning the military situation. The events before Liege are considered as merely the raising of the curtain, and that Belgium may once more be the country where the destinies of Europe will be decided.

TO DISMANTLE ALL WIRELESS PLANTS

Police Action Follows Local German Resident's Aero Endeavors.

TO PREVENT LEAKAGE

Supervision Will Also Be Exercised Over All Lake Steamers.

All Toronto wireless plants will be dismantled by the police, following the discovery by the militia authorities that a German was operating a private plant in the northeast section of the city and had picked up messages from as far east as the Atlantic coast. It was impossible to state to what use these messages might be put, Chief Grasett stated, but in order that no chances might be risked he was given authority to dismantle all wireless plants in the city. Hundreds of amateurs in Toronto have set up wireless apparatus on their housetops, and some of them have picked up messages from as far east as the Atlantic sea coast, and there was a chance that important government information might leak out.

The mayor was interviewed by Chief Grasett before the latter would take any action. Mayor Hocken authorized him to go ahead and take any precautions he thought necessary. As a result of the conference all the amateur wireless plants will be dismantled for the present. There is a plant at the T. Eaton Co. store, and its keys have already been handed over.

The chief stated: "Anyone who has no ulterior motive will be pleased to comply with any scheme which is calculated to strengthen the position of the empire, and will dismantle their plants before being asked to do so."

The police do not know how many wireless machines there are in the city. Each police inspector will now send out his men with instructions to locate all these which are in the city. They do not think that this will be a very difficult task, as the aerials will be easily distinguished on the housetops. It is understood that supervision will be exercised over all the lake steamers which are equipped with wireless in order that no government messages will be intercepted.

Prevention Work.

With regard to the action taken by the police, Mayor Hocken said: "We merely mean to prevent them from doing any work while the war is going on. We don't want foes of the empire to be doing anything in our own city."

The name of the German who was found to have intercepted government messages could not be learned from the police. They stated that they intended to keep that secret. All that they could promise was that no more messages would be received by the man in question. There are many wireless machines outside of the city, and it is likely that the provincial police will be communicated with to the end that they take the same action.

GERMANS PROTECTED BY FRENCH OFFICERS

Canadian Press Despatch.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—It appears that few newspapers are being published in the towns of France outside Paris, and that the people in these towns have no means of obtaining news except from posters with summaries of events telegraphed from Paris to the local officials.

The United States embassy has issued certificates to about 400 Germans. Those of them who are absolutely without means are being given a daily allowance from a fund which the German ambassador left for this purpose before his departure. The Germans here are really regarded as prisoners by the French authorities. On each of the passenger trains going south or west is a so-called German car, set apart for Germans who are ordered to a district where they will be kept under surveillance. The car is under military guard, but the guard is more for the protection of Germans from possible insults than to restrain them of their liberty.

TRADE RECOVERY LOOKED FOR SOON

First Week of War Injurious to Business in Many Lines.

Special to The Toronto World.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—R. G. Dun & Co. will say tomorrow: Despatches from leading trade centres of the Dominion of Canada indicate that the excitement incident to the declaration of war by Great Britain has occupied the public mind to the exclusion of business. Montreal reports that developments have been checked by the war, and it is impossible to foresee at present how trade will be affected. Exports have entirely ceased, but this is thought to be only temporary, and a renewal of shipments to Great Britain is looked for in the near future. The banks are in good shape and are prepared to extend reasonable support to their customers.

Toronto Trade Quiet.

Business at Toronto was exceedingly quiet, owing to the excitement caused by the war, and its effect on the money markets. The future, however, is regarded with confidence, and a revival in activity is looked for before very long.

The feeling is conservative at Hamilton, and trade is more or less quiet, but the markets are well supplied, and the effect of the war has been very slight. All mercantile lines in the far west and northwest are inclined to quietness, altho the grain trade is about the only industry feeling the disturbance of the war to any extent. Winnipeg reports that only the grain trade seems to be affected by the troubles in Europe, and the volume of business in most departments is not much below that of a year ago. An optimistic feeling prevails at Regina, where several new industries have recently been started. Edmonton reports conditions very favorable, as, owing to the excellent crop conditions, commodities are beginning to move more freely.

No Improvement at Calgary.

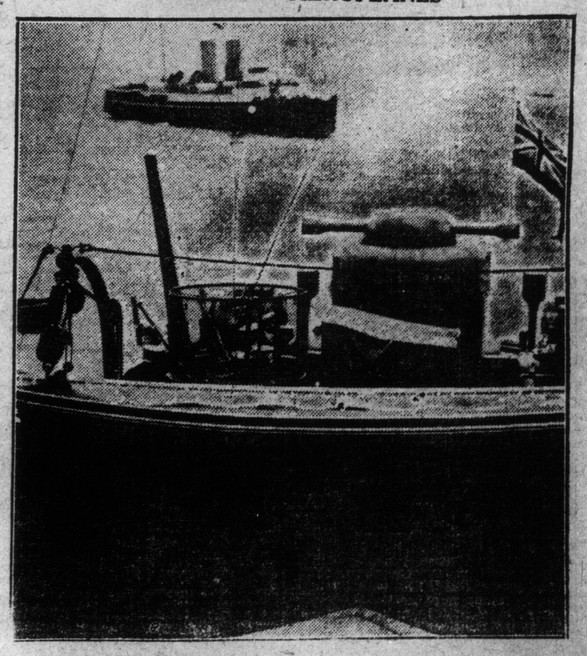
No improvement has appeared at Calgary, the war scare having an unsettling effect, and business in about all lines is moderate in volume.

Gross earnings of all Canadian railroads reporting to date for July show a decrease of 12.2 per cent. as compared with the earnings of the same roads for the corresponding period a year ago. Commercial failures in the Dominion of Canada this week numbered 57, as against 42 last week and 31 the same week last year.

Serious Effect of War.

Bradstreet's will say tomorrow: Trade and financial matters in Canada are seriously affected by the European war, and shipping at the port of Montreal is at a complete standstill. It is hoped that Great Britain will be able to ensure safe transit for seagoing vessels, but at the moment the elevators are full of grain. Under the circumstances, money is tight. However, the Canadian banks have taken steps to conserve their gold by issuing notes. The grocery trade is especially active, families having bought supplies, fearing future shortages, and prices are higher all around. The wheat crop in the northwest will be light, drought having reduced the yield. Harvesting has started and will be general in a week or so, and the banks have made preparations to handle the crop. Bank clearings at sixteen cities for the week ending with Thursday, $155,598,000, reflect a drop of 2.7 per cent. from last week and of 2.6 per cent. from the corresponding week in 1913. Business failures for the week ending Thursday, 49 in number, in contrast with 61 last week and 41 in the same week of last year.

CAN FIGHT AEROPLANES



Twelve-pounder gun of the "Iron Duke" on high angle mountings for use against air craft.

COMMANDING BRITAIN'S FLEET

ADMIRAL SIR JOHN JELLICOE