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SIEGE GUNS MAY CROSS RIVER MEUSE

"Beat It" Is Mauretania's Message to Mount Royal

C.P.R. Liner Immediately Rushed Towards Montreal and Docks Safely—Thinks Cruiser Was After Cunarder.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Aug. 12.—"Beat It" was the terse advice given to the C. P. R. steamer Mount Royal from Antwerp for Montreal by the Cunarder Mauretania, when she was about 100 miles east of Cape Race. The Mount Royal reached here this morning.

The operator on the Mount Royal, Walter Condon, received a message from an unknown vessel, asking the whereabouts of the Mauretania. He now thinks the question was asked by the German battleship Karlsruhe, because a moment or two after the Mauretania called the Mount Royal and flashed its message to Condon. The Mount Royal was then rushed towards port, and her officers think they missed the German cruiser owing to the fog.

SERVIANS ATTACK BOSNIA, BELGRADE IS HOLDING OUT

[Canadian Press.]
Nish, Servia, Aug. 12.—The Serbian and Montenegrin armies, which had effected a junction on the border of Herzegovina, are now operating together. Serbian artillery is engaged in the bombardment of Grahovo on the River Drina, 20 miles to the southeast of Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital. Serbian troops already had captured the Bosnian town of Vardishta at the junction of the Rivers Drina and Lim.

Some important outpost encounters are reported on the Serbian frontier at different points on the River Save and Danube.

The bombardment of Belgrade, the Serbian capital, by the Austrian artillery continued today, when heavy material damage was inflicted on the city.

The War Situation

A Dutch dispatch says a terrific cannonading was heard this morning from the direction of Tongres, north of Liege. It was yesterday reported that two divisions of German cavalry with artillery had arrived there.

Belgium was today again the scene of outpost fighting between Belgians, French and Germans.

The German commander at Liege denies the loss of 20,000 in his effort to take the town there. He says they will be taken without the loss of a man as soon as German heavy artillery arrives. He asserts that "the Belgian force is numerically superior to ours." He intimates that the assaults were stopped by the Emperor's orders, to avoid needless sacrifice of life.

On the subject of Liege, the French Foreign Minister declares all the surrounding forts intact and that only a small force of Germans entered the town itself under cover of darkness. It had been pointed out previously that the defect of the Liege forts was the inability to see one fort from the next, although the fire of their guns crosses.

A Brussels dispatch says the bulk of the German army is leaving Liege and advancing toward the French frontier through the heart of Belgium.

The French Foreign Minister described the French position in Alsace as good, as the troops occupy the crests and passes of the Vosges Mountains.

Sveaborg, the great Russian fortress in Finland, awaits a bombardment or a battle, as the commander has ordered all civilians to leave there and also Helsinki.

Paris reports Montenegrin troops occupying Tarabosch, overlooking Scutari, Albania, where severe fighting between Montenegrin soldiers and Turks occurred during the Balkan war.

Considerable sums of English gold are to be deposited in Ottawa, Canada, to facilitate payments without running the risk of shipping money across the Atlantic.

RAINBOW SAFE; BRITISH BOATS MAY BE SUNK

Naval Officer at Ottawa Has Fears for Safety of Algerine and Sheerwater in Pacific Waters.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, Aug. 12.—"The Rainbow is safe, but we are afraid the little fellows, Algerine, small cruiser, and Sheerwater, war sloop, are gone," was the statement of a naval official today, when shown the Canadian Press dispatches from San Francisco, telling of the sighting of the two German cruisers near there.

GERMANS LEAVING LIEGE TO ADVANCE THROUGH BELGIUM

[Canadian Press.]
Brussels, Aug. 12.—Via London, 11:20 a.m.—The German army is being detached from its position before Liege and is advancing through the heart of Belgium. The main body of the German cavalry is engaged in a forward movement all along the front of the allied armies.

GENERAL BLAMES WOMEN FOR THE REPULSE AT LIEGE

That Emperor Did Not Wish to Sacrifice Life Unnecessarily Is Another Explanation by Gen. Von Stein.

[Canadian Press.]
London, August 12.—9:10 a. m.—The correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company at Rome says that a dispatch from Berlin gives an official statement by General Von Stein regarding the siege of Liege. The German commander denies the loss of 20,000 men about them and further because the population of the town, including the women, shot at the German troops from behind, firing indiscriminately, hitting the surgeons and the wounded. The German commander concludes with the remark that "it must not be forgotten that the Belgian force is numerically superior to ours."

Women in battle
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A Few More Excuses
He says that only a small number of German troops were engaged in order to mask the movements of the bulk of the army. The enemy's advance attacking force, he says, was completely annihilated, and while admitting that the forts remain intact, explains this by

FUGITIVE GERMANS TELL OF LIEGE CARNAGE

The Czar Blesses His Cossacks Before They Start To The Front



CZAR NICHOLAS OF RUSSIA BLESSING HIS SOLDIERS AS THEY BOW ON BENDED KNEES BEFORE HIM.

GERMAN INVASION OF BRITAIN WOULD BE FOLLY, SAYS EXPERT

Kaiser's Navy Would First Have to Win Fight in North Sea—Only Small Army Could Be Placed on Transports.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Aug. 12.—In a cable from London the New York World quotes Archibald H. Hurd, a naval expert, writing for the Daily Telegraph, as follows: "Whatever change has occurred in the last few days in the naval and military situation certainly does not weaken the arguments as to the impossibility of an invasion of England."

"An invasion across the North Sea must be preceded by a battle in the North Sea and a German victory. Only a sailor can appreciate the obstacles in the way of such an adventure, carried out in the face of a superior naval force. It involves the enemy handiapping his fleet with large numbers of transports, crowded with soldiers."

TRANSPORTS MUST BE SMALL.
"If small and of light draught, the transports could approach fairly close to the point of disembarkation; but small vessels can carry only a few men. Should large transports be employed large numbers of troops can be carried, but these vessels must keep well off shore during the progress of disembarkation, owing to the depth of water they would draw."

"With every port on the English coast guarded by land and sea, it is difficult to picture what object could be served by landing a few thousand German troops in a country which has over half a million men under arms."

ONLY LOCAL PANIC.
"Such an adventure would not cause more than a temporary panic in the district directly affected, and this speedily would give place to a feeling of confidence that in a very short time the invaders would be shot down or captured."

"Nevertheless, it is possible that such raids might be attempted, because many Germans believe that if one or more of them were successful, carried out and troops landed on the British coast a feeling of panic would be thereby created in this country, which would have an appreciable effect here and on the continent."

BLACK KNIGHTS CELEBRATING HERE

2,500 Strong They Come From Western Ontario for Londenry Anniversary.

BIG TORONTO DELEGATION Well Over 800 From Queen City in Line, With Five Bands.

Fully 2,500 Black Knights of Ireland from every part of Western Ontario were in London today for the annual demonstration by the Grand Black Chapter of Ontario West in commemoration of the relief of Derry in 1688.

Toronto had by far the largest representation of any single city or town, the contingent from the Queen City numbering well over eight hundred, and including five bands. They came in on a special train over the Grand Trunk Railway shortly before noon, and marched to the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets, where they separated, going to various hotels for lunch.

The bands with the Toronto preceptories were the Rising Star, the Klites, the Riverdale Bugle Band, Sir Edward Carson's Drum and Fife Band, and the West Toronto Drum and Fife Band.

The St. Mary's Knights were the first to arrive, coming in at about ten o'clock with a detachment eighty strong. They were followed about 10:30 by the Wallaceburg and Windsor preceptories, numbering fifty or more.

St. Thomas Men in Uniform.
A special Pere Marquette train brought more than thirty from St. Thomas, their white uniforms appearing to great advantage. The St. Thomas drum and fife band accompanied the contingent, the march up-town being led by the eight-year-old son of J. C. Clark. The youngster's uniform was an exact replica on a small scale of his dad's, and he carried at his side a sword and scabbard of shining silver.

It was just outside the station precincts that, in drawing his sword to salute, the lad broke the handle from the blade. For a moment it looked as though he was about to cry, but he gave way to their feelings, and he bit his lip and managed to keep back the tears. Later on, when his dad heard of the accident, he gladdened the boy's heart with the promise that a new sword should be purchased at the first opportunity.

Met By Local Committee.
As each party of delegates to the (Continued on Page Three.)

THE WEATHER
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 9 o'clock last night: Highest, 78; lowest, 57.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 61; lowest, 40.

TOMORROW—FAIR.
Toronto, Aug. 12.—8 a.m.
Today—Moderate winds, fine and cool.
Thursday—Fair.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Victoria 65
Calgary 74
Winnipeg 72
Fort Arthur 50
Fort Snodgrass 40
Toronto 75
Ottawa 72
Montreal 78

Notes.
Cool weather now prevails throughout Canada, and since yesterday morning showers have occurred in Quebec and more locally in the Maritime and Western Provinces.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE A BANK TRUSTEE
Simple Arrangement Between Ottawa and Bank of England to Help Shippers.
WILL HELP FINANCING
Products Have Been Accumulating at Montreal on Account of Exchange.
PAY IN GOLD AT OTTAWA
American Bankers Can Liquidate Liabilities Without Sending Money by Sea.

6TH BATTERY ORDERED TO BEGIN ENLISTING

Commanding Officer Instructed to Take All Men Who Volunteered.

CORPS TO GO EN BLOC

Entire Command To Be in Canadian Overseas Contingent.

PURCHASE HORSES HERE

Major Wood Leonard Ordered to Confer With Sir Adam Beck Re Mounts.

Major Wood Leonard, in command of the Sixth (London) Field Battery, received a telegram from Ottawa today instructing him to enlist for service in the Canadian overseas contingent all the men whose names were forwarded on the list of those volunteering for active service.

Officers To Retain Ratings.

So far the officers of the battery have not received any notification as to whether their offers of service will be accepted or not. They cannot be enlisted, but must be given commissions from Ottawa, but while this has not been done as yet, the fact that the rank and file of the corps is ordered enlisted en bloc, and that the commanding officer has been ordered to make arrangements for mounts, is an indication that the individuality of the unit is to be preserved, in which case in all probability all the officers will go with their present ratings.

Equipment of the Best.

The Sixth Battery is a highly efficient and splendidly equipped corps. Its four guns are of the very latest type, and are similar to those used by the horse artillery of the Imperial service. These are considered the most effective weapons of their kind in the world.

The receipt of the two telegrams from headquarters is believed to be an indication that the battery will be called upon to train for Valcartier, Que., where mobilization is to take place, almost immediately, and no time will be lost in making preparations to leave at a moment's notice.

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HAMILTON TO GIVE BOTH MEN AND MONEY

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[Canadian Press.]

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THE IRONY OF FATE

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[Canadian Press.]

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OUR MEN WILL BE THERE

The Advertiser has already made arrangements for representation with the Canadian contingent in the event it is ordered to the scene of hostilities. This newspaper will be represented with the London boys at the front, and in addition will have the services of an experienced staff military man and writer for the Canadians. Passports and transportation have already been secured for the latter in conjunction with the Toronto Star.

SERVIANS IN BELGRADE STILL HOLD OUT

GERMAN RETIREMENT FROM BELGIUM NOW BECOMING GENERAL

[Canadian Press.]
Brussels, Aug. 12.—Via London—4:15 p.m.—It was officially announced here today that the German retirement reported yesterday is becoming more marked. No other news from the front has been made public.

Terrific Artillery Firing Heard in Tongres District

[Canadian Press.]
Brussels—Via London, 2:20 p.m.—August 12.—A dispatch from Maastricht to the Telegraaf says terrific artillery firing was heard throughout the morning, coming from the direction of Tongres, to the north of Liege. The concussion was felt in Maastricht.

AUSTRIANS HAVE BLOCKADED THE COASTS OF MONTENEGRO

[Canadian Press.]
Vienna, Via London, Aug. 12.—2:25 p.m.—An effective blockade of the Montenegrin coast has been established since yesterday by the Austro-Hungarian fleet, according to an official announcement here today.

FEARFUL SLAUGHTER BEFORE FORTS OF LIEGE DESCRIBED BY GERMAN WHO ESCAPED

Regiment After Regiment Was Forced On by Officers as Soldiers Were Mown Down—Survivors Escaped Into Holland.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Aug. 12.—The New York Tribune publishes the following cable from the Maastricht correspondent of the London Standard:

"Fugitives from the German army operating against Liege have given me details of the advance into Belgium and the attack on Liege from the invaders' point of view. They belonged to a detachment which was overpowered by Belgian cavalry, and fled into Holland to escape capture."

"They were disarmed by the Dutch soon after they crossed the frontier, and I understand they intend to emigrate to America. They have had enough of campaigning and a country in which militarism is rampant. Here is the story of the march on Liege as related to me by the most intelligent one:

"We went by train to Herbesthal, the last German town, the outskirts of which touch the frontier. We traveled in open goods trucks, and the journey was like a triumphal progress, everywhere acclaimed by the people. Old men came out to bless us, and women and girls passed alongside the train in stations, encouraging us with kind words and more substantial gifts of food and drink."

"Took Road at Herbesthal.
At Herbesthal we took to the road and advanced into Belgian territory. On the frontier itself there was absolutely no resistance, though I believe a few stray shots were taken at our cavalry scouts, who preceded the main body."

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