

Germans Made Fatal Mistake And Fired On Their Own Men; Then Blamed The Belgians

German Army Corps Was Withdrawing in Disorder to Louvain When Their Own Men, Mistaking Them For the Enemy, Fired on Them—Placed Onus of the Mistake on Belgians and Burned Down the City

London, Aug. 29.—The War Information Bureau announces the following:

"The Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs reports that on Tuesday a German army corps, after receiving a check, withdrew in disorder to the city of Louvain. The Germans on guard at the entrance of the city, mistaking the nature of this incursion, fired upon their countrymen, whom they mistook for Belgians.

"In spite of all the denials from the authorities, the Germans, in order to cover their mistake, pretended that it was the inhabitants who fired on them, whereas the inhabitants, including the police, all had been disarmed more than a week before.

"Without inquiry and without listening to any protest, the German commander announced that the town would be destroyed immediately. The inhabitants were ordered to leave their dwellings and some were made prisoners. The women and children were placed on trains, the destinations of which are not known, and soldiers furnished with bombs set fire to all parts of the city. The splendid church of St. Peter, the university buildings, the library and scientific establishments were destroyed by the flames.

"Several notable citizens were shot. The city, which had a population of 45,000 and was the intellectual metropolis of the low countries, is now nothing more than a heap of ashes."

S.S. Francis, which left Manuels last Thursday for Philadelphia, took a full cargo of pebbles, 15.30 tons.

C. OF E. EXPRESSES DEEP SYMPATHY WITH R.C. CHURCH

We clip the following from Church Life, the popular C. E. Weekly of Toronto:

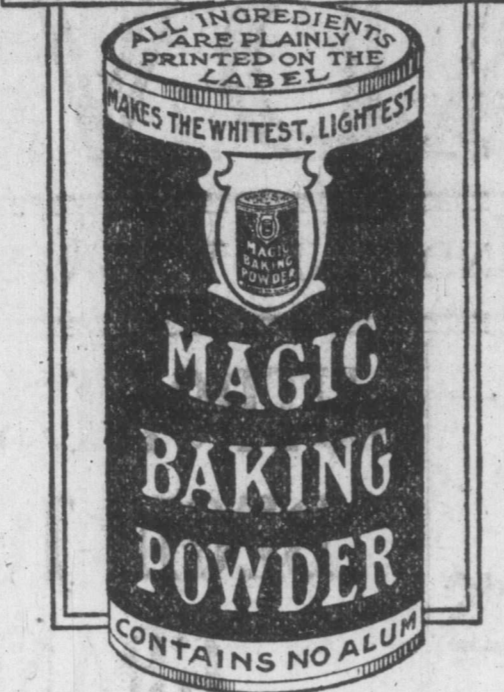
We sympathize deeply with our Roman Catholic fellow citizens in the loss that is theirs in the death of His Holiness Pope Pius. While they lost the temporal head of their Church the world has lost a high minded man of God, who, in his exalted position used every effort we firmly believe to make more real to the peoples of all lands, the obligations of Christian duty, and in particular did he endeavor to promote peace among the nations. That he, like others high in place and high in purpose, failed in this and could not restrain the fierce outburst of organized militarism in the present terrible war, proved too much for the venerable Pontiff, and he who so dearly loved and prayed for peace passed to his rest amidst the clamour of war he so much dreaded.

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STAR SOCIETY CONTRIBUTE TO PATRIOTIC FUND

The Star Society met Monday night when President Jackman delivered a lengthy address on the war, and the Rev. Spiritual Director spoke of the death of His Holiness Pope Pius the Tenth, and the officers were authorized to convey to His Grace the Archbishop an expression of the Society's condolence to the Church in the loss of her great Pontiff.

The following resolutions were passed:

WHEREAS—Great Britain is engaged in war, unprecedented in the annals of history;

AND WHEREAS—The forces arrayed against her make it necessary to call upon every resource of the Empire, in men and money;

BE IT RESOLVED—That in the opinion of this Society it is the solemn duty of every man to rally to the aid of the Motherland as far as his means will allow. And if family and other circumstances will permit, he should enlist either for foreign service or home defence if necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED—That we offer to the Patriotic Committee the free use of the basement

ENTRENCHED ALLIES ARE AS ANVIL TO THE HAMMER OF THE MUSCOVITES

And if They Can But Maintain a Successful Defence, the German Forces Are Bound To Be Beaten

London, Aug. 29.—"The allies in their present entrenched positions are as the anvil to the Muscovite hammer," declares the Daily Graphic's military correspondent.

"It is good news," he continues, "that the concentration of the allies on entrenched lines within the French frontier is complete and that the positions thus held are little less than impregnable. The Germans will find that their next move against the allies will be much more difficult than that which confronted them a week ago.

"Gen. Joffre's troops will now be devoting all their energy to a stubborn defensive. They are the anvil. The Muscovite hammer is gathering all its immense force for a crushing blow. Hence it is most important that the allies' forces should stand firm.

"The hammer is doing excellently, also preliminary work is necessarily slow on account of the Russians' lack of facilities for mobilization. Nevertheless the progress thus far made by Russia has exceeded the most optimistic expectations, and the Germans are likely to pay dearly for their undervaluation of the Russian efforts.

"The outstanding fact is that the hammer is well poised for action. If the anvil only stands firm the enemy must be speedily crushed between them.

"At present East Prussia is in process of being cleared of German troops, while on Posen a Russian army is moving almost unopposed, and will soon be within 150 miles of Berlin. Meanwhile in Galicia the Austrian troops are not putting up an effective resistance."

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Toronto City Raised \$882,000 For The Patriotic Fund Uses In Short Time of Three Days

Money Will Be Used Making Provision For the Dependents of Men Who Go to the Front—American Citizens Guarantee Sum of \$100,000 Additional.

Toronto, Aug. 28.—At the final meeting of the workers of the Toronto and York County Patriotic Fund, held at headquarters tonight, when the announcement was made that the fund has now reached the total of \$882,000, enthusiasm rose to a high pitch, and fairly boiled over, when the president Sir William Mulock, rose to make the announcement that the American Aid Society had pledged itself to raise \$100,000 towards the support of the wives and families of Canadians who had volunteered for active service.

The president of the American Aid Society, Carlos Warfield, said: "The people of the United States are with you in the fight. We can only pledge ourselves to collect \$100,000, but I assure you that behind that we have a million dollars worth of sentiment to offer; this is a worthy cause and we American citizens, resident in Toronto are proud to take part in this business and share up for the privileges we have of living among you."

It was suggested and the suggestion will doubtless be acted upon, that the surplus \$132,000 over the association's objective \$750,000, be donated to the unemployment fund which will be raised in October.

Remarkable enthusiasm was witnessed in Massey Hall, where a patriotic concert was held. Sir William Mulock read a cable from King George:

"Delighted to hear of Toronto's generosity to this noble undertaking."
(signed) "GEORGE."

There is an excellent sign of codfish at Manuels. Because of the Bell Island mines closing down, a large number of fishermen are engaged at the industry, and all are doing well only 1,800 returned.

KAISER'S NEPHEW TAKEN PRISONER

Was in Command of Uhlans Who Were Surrounded by French Chasseurs

FRENCH TO ANNUL
GERMAN PATENTS

Strassburg Garrison Was Practically Annihilated By the French

Paris, Aug. 29.—A despatch to The Excelsior from Courtrai says that the Emperor's nephew, Count Von Schwérin, has been taken prisoner. He was in command of a detachment of Uhlans who reached Harlebeke, French Chasseurs being informed of the presence of the Germans, arrived on the scene and killed one, wounded five and made prisoners of the others.

According to The 'Matin' the Ministry of Commerce is considering the best means of annulling German patents and trade marks in France, following the similar practice adopted in England.

A despatch from Geneva says that a business man who has just returned from Strassburg gives his impressions which are printed in The Tribune. He says that the garrison of Strassburg was practically annihilated in the battle of Schirmeck. Of 5,500 men who went into the fight only 1,800 returned.

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