

GREAT BATTLE ON SWISS BORDER IS IMMINENT FRENCH AND BELGIANS TO TAKE THE OFFENSIVE

were minus a vital part of the mechanism and, useless to the Belgian soldiers, they have been burned.

The Brussels Derniere Heure states that a Berlin telegram received at the Belgian capital declares that the outcome of Belgium's persistence in her present attitude will prove to be the worst possible thing for Belgium.

CANADIAN CRUISERS TO PROTECT COMMERCE.

The British war office announces that the government has accepted Canada's offer of the cruisers Niobe and Rainbow, and that the vessels will be used to assist in the work of protecting the commerce of the empire. It is further officially announced that the British Government gratefully accepts Canada's offer to send an expeditionary force of 20,000 men to the United Kingdom, and also Canada's gift of 98,000,000 pounds of flour.

A despatch from Sydney, New South Wales, to The Central News, states that an Australian expeditionary force is sailing for England immediately, and it is officially reported from Nairobi, British East Africa, that a British cruiser has destroyed the German wireless station at Darassalam.

THE LION, THE EAGLE AND THE BEAR

An ultimatum from Germany may be expected by the United States just as soon as the kaiser hears of the flagrant violation of the neutrality laws committed when Canada was allowed to purchase two submarines in Seattle.

That was a fine line of talk Germany sent to Belgium yesterday. The gallant little state was warned by the kaiser that if it persisted in its obstinacy the result would be disastrous to it. And Belgium does not appear to mind a boot.

All the same, none of us should run away with the idea that the war is nearly over. The matter the kaiser is, the longer and the more fiercely will he fight. That he is insane, appears to be a reasonable deduction from his ultimatum to Italy. It is not an unusual thing to see a man in the fighting stage of intoxication challenging everybody in sight. The kaiser wants to know if there is anyone left that wants a licking, as he is prepared to administer it.

There are two things that may stop the war rapidly. One of them is a revolution in Germany itself among the level-headed people of the fatherland, who must be wondering why they are fighting all the world, and what about. If the southern Germans of Saxony and Bavaria get it into their honest heads that they are being used as cats' paws to further the follies of the Hohenzollerns they may decide to quit. Austria is already sorry for the part she has been called upon to play, and declines to go to war with England, altho she is in alliance with Germany. If Italy refuses also to fight and is compelled by Germany to align herself with Britain, France and Russia, the southern Germans will have more light shed upon the situation for them.

One other possibility of a quick end to the war appeals more to the imagination than to the sober reason. It is the suggestion that arises out of the successful check by Belgium of the German advance, and the consequent demoralization of the whole German plan of campaign. If the Germans have to concentrate in Belgium and can do no better with the British, French and Belgian troops than they have done with the Belgians alone, and if the German navy remains cooped up until it is ordered out, as the Russian fleet was ordered out of the Baltic to be slaughtered by Togo, the next move may be a speedy advance on Berlin and the dictation of peace in the Prussian capital.

In this connection the calling for a million men in England is significant. Lord Kitchener evidently either does not anticipate an early close of the campaign, or else he sees a way to close it up quickly with a superior force.

Whatever may be said of Germany strategy, it is clear that the German tactics are about forty years out of date. Since the Boer war no general in his senses, who has had any training or experience worth consideration, would dream of sending his men in close formation against modern weapons. The fearful losses at Liege indicate that the Germans learned nothing from the Boer war or any of the subsequent campaigns in other parts of the world. Napoleon and Wellington would have to revise their tactics with the new rifles and artillery.

Sermons in three heads and an exordium on the horrors of war and the blessings of peace were probably preached by thousands yesterday, as they were printed last week. Charles Kingsley preached a series of sermons to soldiers once: "True Words for Brave Men"—and there is not much left to be said from that point of view. But it is a little late to be preaching peace after the guns begin to shoot. The crying of Peace, Peace, where there was indubitably no peace, has been frightfully overdone. The result is that to a large number of people the present war seems to be something of an entirely phenomenal and unaccountable character. The cause of the war, as it is the cause of ninety-nine per cent. of all human misery, is greed. Greed is not a popular or moving subject for sermons, especially in personal applications.

DYNAMITE FOUND IN GERMAN'S HOUSE

Detective Taylor Locates Ninety-Six Sticks in Kingston Road Residence.

SUSPECT UNDER ARREST

Henry Geercke, Kaiser's Champion, May Have Had Sinister Motives.

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In the cellar and found newly turned earth. A few inches down were the ninety-six sticks of dynamite. Protesting that he had found the explosive on the Kingston road, Geercke was placed under arrest on the serious charge and hustled to No. 1 police station. Nothing further was found on him. The German is about thirty years of age and says he is a general merchant. He speaks English fairly well but with a pronounced German accent. His postoffice address is Scarborough Junction.
Will Be Remanded.
Geercke will appear in the police court probably today and will be remanded pending more investigations. Meanwhile the county police in Scarborough are making an exhaustive search

FIRE RIFLE SHOT AT EXPRESS TRAIN

Foreigner Said to Have Made Attack on Passengers Near Sudbury.

NORTH BAY, Aug. 9.—As No. 2 Limited Express from Vancouver was leaving Sudbury at 6 o'clock this evening, some unknown person fired a rifle shot through the rear end of the observation car, which was crowded at the time with passengers. The bullet penetrated the heavy plate glass, leaving in its trail a shower of splinters. Consternation reigned for a while until it was found no one was investigating the matter. There were a large number of British officers and men on board returning to the old country.

Sudbury at this time contains a large number of foreigners, among whom are Austrians.

German Steamers Seized.
PARIS, (via London).—Two German steamers, the Neptune and Adriana, have been seized at Rouen. Their officers and crews of thirty men were imprisoned.

TORONTO NURSES WHO WILL GO TO THE WAR



Fifteen members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Nursing Sisters, who have volunteered for active service.

Allied Troops Effect Junction Across Line of German March Barring Way Into Belgium

British, French and Belgian Troops to Act Together in Future Operations — Belgians at Liege, During Lull in Fighting, Strengthen Defences by Lines of Earthworks—Prussian Troops Held in Reserve

Canadian Press Despatch.
BRUSSELS, Aug. 9.—Belgian official reports received by the war office record the important fact that a junction had been effected by Belgian, British and French troops across the line of the German advance through Belgium. The location of the troops of the three armies was not revealed, but in any future operations it is understood that they will act together.
At Liege, where the Belgian garrison has presented such a stubborn front to the German attackers, fighting has ceased since early yesterday morning, and the Belgian troops and citizens have taken advantage of the lull to strengthen the defences of the city. Between the forts lines of earthworks have been thrown up by the men of the city, who have worked without cessation night and day.
Reports reached here by way of London that, according to announcements made public in Berlin, Liege had fallen into the hands of the German troops.
Germans Reconnoitering.
The sighting of a German cavalry

patrol to the south of Namur today was evidence of the activity of the German forces in Luxembourg, showing that they were reconnoitering to discover the position of the defending armies.
The retirement of the German troops out of range of the guns of the forts of Liege was supposed to indicate that they were concentrating and waiting for reinforcements to renew the attack.
In the meantime the French troops who have crossed the frontiers of Belgium continued to advance methodically, and their approach strengthens the position of the Belgian army from hour to hour. A French officer arrived at Namur in an automobile today and the populace hoisted him on their shoulders and carried him thru the streets of the city.
Luxemburg Cleared?
It was reported today that the greater part of Luxemburg which had been occupied by the Germans had been cleared by the Germans had advanced of the French army.

In the Belgian capital patriotic sentiment increases daily, and men of all classes are volunteering for service in the army.
A number of troop trains filled with French soldiers passed round Brussels during the night on their way to the front.
Two Belgian officers charged with important missions passed thru the advanced lines of the Germans unharmed altho they drew the fire of the German troops.
Aviator Arrested.
The Belgian aviator, Alfred Lanzer, was today arrested on suspicion of being a spy.
In Flanders groups of women gather all day in front of the chapels praying for the success of the allies.
It was reported here today that the German commanders hitherto have pushed to the front the regiments from Hanover and Mecklenburg, keeping the Prussian regiments in reserve, as they did in the war of 1870.
At Antwerp four German officers wearing Belgian uniforms were arrested today.

WAR SUMMARY

Canada
King George gratefully accepts offer of 1,000,000 bags of flour, worth \$2,800,000, as gift from Canada.
H.M.S. Essex reported by wireless to be bound for Bermuda with a prize.
Protest against alleged breach of neutrality of U. S. by G.T.R. in shipping coal to Canada said to have been lodged with President Wilson.
Government may take over whole harvest to keep prices from undue inflation.
Hon. Sam Hughes and staff inspect mobilization center at Valcartier, Que., where hundreds of men are digging trenches and laying railway sidings.
Men are not expected to muster at Valcartier for two weeks.

Britain
Recruiting officers throut Britain are deluged with applications for enlistment.
Prince of Wales relief fund now exceeds \$2,000,000.
Admiralty announces that German submarine boat was sunk by cruiser squadron on Saturday.
Belgium
Reports received by war office say junction has been effected by Belgian, British and French troops across the line of the German advance thru Belgium.
Citizens of Liege work without cessation to strengthen the defences of the city and a formidable line of breastworks has been erected.
Belgians refuse to grant German request for an armistice at Liege.
Situation at all points was described yesterday as highly favorable to the allies.
Hundred thousands rifles of the latest pattern fall into Belgian hands at Liege.
Five thousand Germans were killed at Liege, including one general, and probably four times that number wounded. The Belgians captured 24 field guns.
Statement issued by general staff on Sunday says the position of German troops is practically unchanged, but that their advance detachments are retreating before the French troops who are clearing all the country south of the Meuse of German troops. French

and Belgian troops will take the offensive simultaneously.
King Albert has received congratulations from the Emperor of Russia.
A Brussels report says that Germany has been ordered to purchase of two German dragons pursued fleeing Germans after fall of Aitkirch inflicting severe losses.
Gen. Joffres, commander-in-chief, issues proclamation to Alsace saying that French soldiers are first workers in a great task of revenge.
Governments of France and Belgium have issued detailed orders making the industrial resources of the two countries common property while the arms factories are working in cooperation.
Governor-general of French West Africa says the French forces there in cooperation with a British warship have occupied the German colony of Togoland.
Former Premier Caillaux has been attached to the treasury department as inspector of finance.

Germany
Report current in Rome that Emperor William has left Berlin in a motor car for the Asiatic frontier.
Negotiations for the purchase of Argentine battleships under construction in the United States take two days' rest while awaiting reinforcements.
Reports sent out from Berlin that Liege had fallen and that several thousand Belgian prisoners were en route to Germany.
Invading force in Belgium said to be suffering acutely from lack of provisions.
Austria
Forty thousand Austrians reported massed near Basle, Switzerland. Germans and French are in force on

Franco-Swiss border and big battle seems imminent.
Cholera reported to have broken out among Austrian and Servian troops.
Switzerland
Officially announced that state of siege proclaimed.
Turkey
Large Turkish forces have concentrated on Bulgarian territory and are moving in the direction of the frontiers of Thrace and Bulgaria by agreement with Bulgaria.
Bulgaria
Communication between Bulgaria and Turkey will be interrupted owing to the war between the Turks, according to a semi-official statement issued at Sofia.

United States
Wheat advanced at Chicago on rumor from Winnipeg that Canadian Government would take off wheat duties on foreign wheat from the United States to enter in bond to be made into flour for export to Britain and allied countries.
Reservists of different countries will be allowed to sail from New Orleans. Government said to have promised to take measures to prevent conversion of German liners New York and America into armored cruisers, in response to protests from Britain and France.
Senate will deal this week with bill designed to aid commerce by permitting foreign vessels to register in the United States and fly the Stars and Stripes.
Twenty-thousand Germans assembled at Buffalo passed resolution condemning alleged anti-German coloring of published war news and suggesting boycott of local papers.
Thirteen millions in gold and silver taken from Kronprinzessin Cecilie at Bar Harbor, Maine, and put on a train for New York.
German cruiser Leipzig sighted off Golden Gate.

Tennessee Heard From.
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Moving at a slow speed, the United States cruiser Tennessee was reported going steadily toward the British coast. Wireless despatches to the state department announced that the vessel expected to touch at Falmouth next Saturday. It is believed the cruiser North Carolina will have overtaken the Tennessee by that time and the two cruisers will then engage in the relief work under plans to be drafted by the war department.

TORONTO WILL BE WELL REPRESENTED

Every Local Corps to Send Men and Officers to Front.

ROUND UP ALL GERMANS

Rigid Measures Taken to Prevent Spies Getting Information.

Word has been received in Toronto to the effect that 21,000 soldiers are to be sent to England from Canada and that the number of soldiers to be massed at Valcartier, Que., is 25,000.
In the contingent from Canada to the front there will be the Q. O. R. Grenadiers, 48th Highlanders, 12th York Rangers, 86th Peel, Army Medical Corps, 8th Missisquoi Horse, and the Canadian Field Artillery from Toronto.
The 86th Peel Regiment, which will go to the front, was reorganized only this spring. It took over the old 86th Peel, which was reorganized from Peel County, and had its territory enlarged. It now takes in part of Peel County and Toronto west of Bathurst street for its recruiting grounds.
Orders have also been issued to round up all the Germans and Austrians in Canada. This is a preventive against any uprising or spying in Canada, and as an added protection from spies, the Toronto authorities are guarded by armed men. The men carry loaded rifles and have orders to shoot if necessary.

FOUR LOCK GATES OF CANAL BROKEN

Accident Will Hold Traffic Up Two Days in Welland Waterway.

Special to The Toronto World.
ST. CATHARINES, Ont., August 9.—Another serious accident on the Welland Canal, and one that will probably tie up navigation for two days, occurred here this afternoon when the steamer Windsor of the Montreal Transportation Company crashed into the head gates at Lock twelve, carrying away all four gates.
The vessel was bound up light from Montreal to Port Colborne with a cargo of grain and had safely entered the locks with all lines secured. The gates men misunderstood their signals and allowed the water to enter the canal before the foot gates were mitred, forcing the steamer forward with a bound. The force of the impact carried the forward locks away, allowing the water in the higher level to enter the lock and carrying with it the lower gates. Fortunately the level above lock twelve is a short one and very little damage was done to the surrounding land, tho had it occurred at any other part of the canal the accident would have been a serious one. The vessel which was in charge of Captain Doyle, was very little damaged. No one was hurt, but the vessel was seriously injured.
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ALL CARRIED CARGOES

One Ship Reported Seeing U. S. Cruiser Tennessee on Voyage.

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INVOKED BLESSING ON ALLIED ARMIES

Russians Gather for Prayer in Cathedral at New York.

AMBASSADOR PRESENT

Archbishop Said That Even Priests Would Fight if Necessary.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Prayers for the triumph of Russian arms and the success of each and all of her allies in the big European war were offered at a monster gathering of the New York subjects of the czar in the St. Nicholas Cathedral in Alexander Nevsky street today. Archbishop Alexander Neofokov of the Orthodox Russian Church conducted the service, and the Russian ruler, as head of the organization, was represented by Mr. G. Sakmetiev, ambassador, who came from Newport with his wife and his staff for the occasion. About fifteen Slavonic societies of different kinds were represented in the congregation, which crowded the cathedral.
Prayers For Allies.
In his opening prayer the archbishop invoked divine blessings on the czar and his army and all the crowned heads who were aiding him in this great war of humanity.
"It is not against the teachings of Christ that the Russians have taken up their arms and their sabres against the common foe," he said. "The Saviour's life for armed men. He was Blessed by the time when the czar threw to Austria to rescue the Russian country so long in the jails of that country."
U. S. Russians Ready.
In his sermon the archbishop declared that the Russians in the United States stand ready to man to take up the sword for their country, and were only waiting for the official call to enlist for the war. Even the priests, he said, were ready to "follow the cross on the battle field." A Russian ambassador wore the uniform of a Russian admiral, and was seated at the church with impressive ceremony.

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