

BRITAIN PLEDGED TO AVENGE TO FULL WRONGS OF BELGIUM

GERMAN LINER SUNK BY BRITISH WARSHIP OFF AFRICAN COAST

Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, Equipped as Armed Merchant Cruiser, Sent to Bottom by H.M.S. High Flyer—Survivors Were Picked Up.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Aug. 27.—Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, announced in the house of commons today the sinking of the Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse. He said: "The admiralty has just received intelligence that the German armed merchant cruiser, Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, of 14,000 tons and armed with ten four-inch guns, has been sunk by the H.M.S. High Flyer off the west coast of Africa. "This is the vessel which has been interfering with traffic between this country and the cape, and is one of the very few German armed merchant cruisers which succeeded in getting to sea. The survivors were landed by the H.M.S. High Flyer and were picked up. "The official war information bureau announced this afternoon that the following message had been sent by the admiralty to the captain of the High Flyer: "Bravo! You have rendered a service not only to Great Britain but to the peaceful commerce of the world. The German officers and men appear to have carried out their duties with humanity and restraint, and therefore are worthy of seamanlike consideration."

Twenty Million Men Available for Russia

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UNBEATEN BRITISH FORCED TO RETIRE

Utmost Gallantry Was Displayed by Troops—No Details of Losses.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, August 27.—Regarding the reverse reported in France, where the falling back of the French forces also compelled the British to retire, also accounted for the British army behaved with the utmost gallantry. They were unbeaten when the general situation necessitated the order of retirement, and along the line of retreat, the British troops showed the greatest loss in one battle since the Crimea. The list of casualties has not been received, but it is published that the British troops are distressed and worrying. If anything England's enthusiasm for war has been stimulated by the British casualty list, depicting and when the casualty list is published it is likely to have the effect of fully arousing the British lion. "Brisk Recruiting. Lord Kitchener's new army of 100,000 men has practically been recruited, but thousands of men are still needed, and a vigorous campaign to obtain recruits is being instituted. The latest device is putting flaming posters on hundreds of taxicabs, saying: "A call to arms. Enlist for the war only." Taxicabs prove splendid advertising mediums. "The British press is vehement in its protest against the Belgian official report of German atrocities. The Zepellins' exploit at Antwerp arouses tremendous indignation."

ITALY IS AGAINST WAR

TRIPLE ALLIANCE GONE

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, August 27.—A Times despatch from Rome declares that great pressure is being brought to bear on Italy by Germany and Austria to join in the war with both countries, making her alluring promises, but without effect. "The Italian people are against Austria," says the despatch, "and any decision by the government to join in the conflict by the side of Germany and Austria would mean a revolution. The triple alliance, the Times correspondent adds, is a thing of the past."

AMERICAN BATTERY

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Aug. 27.—The first Canadian automobile machine gun battery is being formed at Llandow Park. There are 50 men in it, all expert chauffeurs from Toronto. Two hundred offered their services and fifty of the most efficient were selected. Captain J. W. Sifton has charge of raising the Corps, and they remain here for a few days before proceeding to Valcartier.

H. R. H. INTERESTED IN RED CROSS WORK

Duke of Connaught Gave Impetus to Organization of Society.

AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS

To Open Hospital for Convalescents—Make Society Dominion-Wide.

The Duke of Connaught showed himself to be much interested in the work of the Red Cross Society at its meeting in Ottawa, of which a branch was organized there. With the organization of the branch in the capital city, it was the object of the meeting to send broadcast thru Canada the expression of their hope that similar movements would be taken in all parts of the country. The governor-general in his speech said there was one thing worse than war—it was dishonor. It was to avoid the latter that Great Britain entered upon the present war. "I have often talked to Canadian audiences," said his royal highness, "and I flatter myself that I have never talked to deaf ears, but I hope my words to-night urging your support for the Red Cross movement may prove an added incentive to you to give your support to this worthy object."

Money is needed. Colonel Byers, the president of the Red Cross Society of Canada, asked Canadians to support a movement which was inaugurated by Florence Nightingale, and which was intended to brighten the days of the wounded soldier, and bring him back to convalescence. Funds were needed to carry on this work, as supplies in England were not to be devoted to the needs of the Canadian soldiers only; they would be added to the funds of the other countries to provide alike for the soldiers of the entire allied armies. The Red Cross Society also wished to establish a hospital of one hundred or more beds where the soldiers could go during convalescence, and where they would be able to do this without depending on the amount of money raised.

HOWITZERS WERE USED AT NAMUR

Nineteen Houses Left at Herve Out of Five Hundred.

Canadian Press Despatch. BERLIN, August 26.—The Tageblatt's correspondent writes that Namur was bombarded with howitzers of thirty-one centimetres, by mortars and by one forty-two centimetre howitzer. He says he could plainly hear the shells striking the forts, and that everyone was assured at the precipitation of the German guns. "The Tageblatt's correspondent describes the desolation that reigns in the villages and small towns between Liege and Namur. At the town of Liege, only nineteen houses remain standing out of five hundred. Those remaining carry placards expressing sympathy with the German soldiers, and asking that they be not fired upon. The success of the German arms in Belgium, says the Tageblatt, is attributed by military experts to the swiftness with which the German operations were carried out, and also to the delay of assistance promised by the French, who arrived too late both at Liege and Namur."

GERMANS REPORT LOSS OF CRUISER

Magdeburg Blown Up—Tentative General Commands Turkish Army.

PRIESTS RETURN FROM PALESTINE

Frenchmen Join Colors From All Parts of the World.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Aug. 27.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Paris states that Prince Louis Antoine d'Orleans and Braganza, who resigned his commission in the Austro-Hungarian army at the outbreak of the war, has been authorized by King George to serve in the British army. He has left for the front to join the staff.

NO SPIES HAVE BEEN EXECUTED IN BRITAIN

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, August 27.—Home Secretary McKenna stated this afternoon that no spies had been shot in England. There have been rumors that many persons in the secret employ of Germany have been executed.

Guidance, Comfort, Strength

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, August 27.—The British nation at heart is still profoundly religious. The naval and military missions are distributing individual pocket Bibles to every man in the army and fleet. Each bears this inscription for every sailor and soldier, written by Lord Roberts, "Fighting Bob," the idol of the British army: "I ask you to put your trust in God. He will watch over you and strengthen you. You will find in this little book guidance when you are in health, comfort when you are in sickness and strength when you are in adversity. "Roberts, F. M."

SHOULD HAVE MORE NEWS FROM FRONT

British Papers Present Argument in Favor of More Information.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, August 27.—The military correspondent of The Times comments on the extreme secrecy with which the board of the war office is shrouding the movements of the British army. He contrasts this attitude with the frankness of the French authorities in issuing periodic summaries of the movements of their army and says that it is to be feared the present policy is having an ill effect upon recruiting. He adds that the nation does not yet realize the stupendous nature of the task to which it is committed. Touching on the same subject The Times says editorially: "The British press has no desire to print information which might assist the enemy. If it asks for better news and more skillful censorship it does so in the public interest."

TRAIN SERVICE IS DISORGANIZED

Everything in France Must Give Way to Moving of Troops.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Aug. 27.—The Daily Mail's correspondent says that the events of the past few days have again disorganized the Paris train service and that everything must give way to the necessities for the transportation of troops, the removal of wounded and the clearing of the civilian population from the firing lines.

TORONTO TOURISTS HOMEWARD BOUND

Royal Edward Left Bristol Yesterday With Full Passenger List.

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STORM CREATED BY KEIR HARDIE

Socialist M.P. Hinted That Britain Might Have Avoided War.

WAS SHOUTED DOWN

Sir Edward Grey Said Former German Ambassador Was Powerless.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Aug. 27.—In the house of commons today the foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, paid tribute to Prince Charles Max Liechowsky, the former German ambassador to Great Britain, saying that the diplomat had worked to the end for peace, but the real authority at Berlin did not rest with him or those like him. Sir Edward reiterated that the government decided on Aug. 2 the only condition under which Great Britain could remain neutral. This was German respect for the neutrality of Belgium. Ambassador Liechowsky had strongly urged the British Government to alter their decision, but the foreign secretary said that would have been without effect, and had become a consenting party to the violation of a treaty and subsequently to German invasion of Belgium. He added that personal suggestions made by the German ambassador were quite distinct from the communications which the ambassador made on behalf of his government. His suggestions would have been accepted, but real authority did not rest with him and that was why the efforts for peace failed.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS DOING SPLENDIDLY

Adequate Equipment Given Each Man—Spirit Dauntless.

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BRITAIN WILL STAND BY BELGIUM TO END

Solemn Pledge Given by Commons That Germany Will Pay Dearly for Invasion—Premier Asquith, Bonar Law and John Redmond Express Like Sentiment

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Aug. 27.—On Premier Asquith's motion the house adopted an address to King George, praying his majesty to convey to the King of Belgium an expression of admiration of parliament of Belgium's heroic resistance to the German invasion. Premier Asquith and Andrew Bonar Law, the Unionist leader, each in turn paid high tribute to Belgian bravery, and the house then adopted the motion with enthusiasm. Moving in the house of lords the same address of sympathy to Belgium that was adopted in the commons, the Marquis of Crewe, lord privy seal, declared: "Acts have been committed on the Belgians contrary to all the laws and usages of war. Sooner or later the Germans will have to pay for their brutal methods to the utmost farthing."

Decision Not Repented. In moving this address in the house, Premier Asquith said: "We do not regret our decision in engaging in this war. The issue was one which no great nation, without undying shame, could have declined. "Never has the duty of preserving her national independence been more bravely acknowledged, and never has it been more strenuously and heroically discharged than during the last week by the Belgian King and his people," said Premier Asquith. "They have faced without flinching and against almost incalculable odds, the horrors of devastation, spoliation and outrage. They have won for themselves immortal glory. We are proud of their alliance, and in the name of the United Kingdom and of the whole empire, we assure them that they may count to the end on our whole-hearted and unflinching support."

Obligations Plain. "We were bound by obligations plain and paramount to assert and maintain the threatened independence of a small and useful state. Belgium had no interests of her own to serve, and she was engaged in the supreme and over-riding interest of every state, great or little, which is worthy of the name—the preservation of her integrity. History tells us that the duty of asserting and maintaining that great principle, which is, after all, the wellspring of civilization, has again and again, at most critical periods in the past, fallen upon states relatively small in area and in population, but great in courage and resolution."

Britain's Sailor Soldiers For Service in Belgium

Churchill Announced in House of Commons Yesterday That a Large Expeditionary Force of Marines Was at Ostend—Airship Raids Feared.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Aug. 27.—England has stripped the reserve ships of the North Sea fleet of marines to aid in the fighting in Belgium. Because of alarm over the danger of airship raids, which would be exposed should the Germans establish a permanent base in Ostend, the British "sailor soldiers" have been sent to reinforce the Belgians now there. In the house of commons this afternoon, First Lord of the Admiralty, Winston Churchill, announced that marines were now at Ostend. He said that the expeditionary force was a large one, but did not give any figures.

British Troops Held Off Superior German Force

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Aug. 27.—Premier Asquith announced in the house of commons today that Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British expeditionary force, had reported that he was yesterday engaged against superior German forces. The British troops fought splendidly, and General French's report was of the most encouraging nature. Premier Asquith added: "General French speaks in high terms of the quality and efficiency of the French regular troops and their officers."

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