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War News

Great Battle in Belgium—Naval Movements a Mystery

Great Britain and Germany declared war upon each other on Tuesday, Aug. 4, and the whole British Empire is now solidly behind the Motherland in her determination to put an end to German aggression and tyranny. The declaration of war between Britain and Germany came after the Kaiser's troops had violated international treaties by

invading the neutral territory of Belgium. Britain, having guaranteed the neutrality and independence of Belgium demanded that Germany withdraw her troops from that country, but the Germans refused to comply with this demand and both countries issued a declaration of war.

Germany's reason for invading Belgium was the desire to advance upon Paris without encountering the forts of the Franco-German frontier. Belgium, however, incensed at Germany's unjustifiable intrusion, engaged the Kaiser's army and, in the face of tremendous odds, made a magnificent stand at Liege, beating off the assaults of an army 120,

000 strong and decimating whole regiments of the enemy.

German Loss 25,000

On Friday it was reported that the Germans had asked for an armistice of 24 hours in order to bury their dead, which was granted. The German loss up to that time was estimated at 25,000 killed and wounded. It was expected that the Germans would eventually subdue Liege, but meanwhile the French have been able to fortify their borders, and on Friday night Britain commenced to ship troops to their aid. The invasion of Russia by Germany, and of Germany by France is also reported,

but the first great land battle will, no doubt take place between Liege and Paris within the next few days.

What is happening in the North Sea is a mystery. The British and German fleets have been within a few hours' steaming of each other ever since the declaration of war, and the newspapers have been full of rumors of great sea battles, the Germans in all reports having been badly defeated. The only official news received up to Saturday morning, however, is that a German mine-laying ship, the Koenigen Luise, was sunk near the English coast by the British torpedo boat destroyer Lance, while the British cruiser Amphion has been sunk with a loss of 131 lives, thru colliding with one of the mines spread broadcast over the North Sea by the Germans. Reports of big naval engagements are constantly being received, but Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, stated in the House of Commons on Friday that as far as the Admiralty was aware no engagement had taken place except the above.

All wireless and cable despatches are being rigorously censored by the government, and news from the scene of action is extremely meagre.

John Burns and Lord Morley have resigned from the British Cabinet, owing to their disapproval of the war policy, and their places have been filled by Rt. Hon. W. Runciman and Earl Beauchamp.

In Canada active preparations go on for the mobilization of the first contingent. The men will report at Quebec inside of a week and will go direct to the scene of conflict in Europe.

All Canadian ports are being garrisoned by the militia and regulars, and preparations are being made for their defence if necessary.

Italy Neutral

German diplomats have been using their utmost efforts to win Italy to the German side, by negotiations and a direct appeal to King Victor Emmanuel, but without success. The Italian ambassador at London, in thanking a great assembly, including several peers and members of parliament, which gathered in front of the embassy, said that Italy had declared her neutrality and would adhere to it.

Belgrade Still Holds Out

Every bit as gallant as the defence of Liege is the heroic fight put up by the Servians at Belgrade. The Austrians continue to bombard the little capital, but their huge army is at a standstill.

In the meantime the Russian forces are on the move. The czar has sent a personal message to the commander-in-chief of the French army, stating that the Russian, British and French flags will be carried at the front of the army thruout the campaign.

Montenegro has joined with Servia and has declared war on Austria.

Japan Actively Preparing

Japan is actively preparing for war and may have already joined forces with the British in the far east.

A Brussels dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company gives an unofficial report that a Bavarian corps has been defeated by the French at Marrehan, north of Luxemburg. Many prisoners are said to have been taken.

Lord Kitchener has been appointed Minister of War in the British Cabinet. His appointment is immensely popular and his request for volunteers has brought hundreds of thousands of young men flocking to the recruiting offices.

Canadian Army Division

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 7.—The Canadian army division will consist of three brigades, four battalions each. There will be 12,000 infantry. The artillery will consist of seventy two guns, field, horse and heavy, with 3,000 artillerymen. Five hundred cavalry will probably be included, and the remainder will be made up of army service and army medical men numbering nearly 1,000, engineers, guides, signallers, etc., while there will be a number allowed for "wastage."

It is expected that the Canadian troops will go, not for garrison duty, but to assist Great Britain's expeditionary force on the continent in the forefront of the battle.