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# BRUSSELS IS TAKEN BY GERMANS

## WHEN THEY CLASH A TERRIFIC IMPACT WILL MAKE HISTORY

Summary of War News Today Shows That Two Great Armies of Immense Strength Now Face Each Other—Brussels Taken by Enemy.

[By Special Wire to The Courier.]  
 "The most formidable shock in history" will occur on Belgian soil, according to French military experts, when the great armies of Germans and Austrians on the one side and the allied troops of Belgium, France and Britain on the other come into close contact. No definite information is permitted to get past the censor as to the place where the decisive encounter is to occur, but the general staff of the French army declares itself confident of fighting under the best auspices for its own forces.

Not a shot was fired by the Belgians when entry into Brussels was made yesterday by an advance guard of German cavalry, who, it was reported, were to be followed to-day by a strong column of German troops encamped in the vicinity. After the departure of the Belgian troops from the capital communication was cut off between that city and other parts of Belgium and abroad. The temporary capital of the country, Antwerp, whither the Belgians have retired, is understood to be very strongly fortified, and military correspondents declare preparations for its defence extend over an enormous area, while it has been provisioned for a long siege.

British and French warships bombarded and greatly damaged Ostend, an Austrian seaport, on Wednesday.

Libau, the Russian Baltic seaport, was badly damaged during its two-hour bombardment by a German fleet, according to the captain of a Swedish steamer. The inhabitants were panic-stricken.

German warships are reported to have destroyed the harbor works at Hangö, Finland.

Japan is making active preparations in view of the approaching expiration of the time limit on Sunday of her ultimatum to Germany. It is expected she will at once move on Kiao-Chow, the German protectorate in China.

A final call for arms affecting all the world's nations 20 to 42 years old has been issued by the Austrian Government.

An Anglo-American rough-riders' corps has been formed in Paris and its services accepted by the French Ministry of War.

**IS HARD HIT**

Hoboken, N.J., Has Many Ocean Steamers Tied Up Indefinitely.

[By Special Wire to The Courier.]  
 NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—No other section of the New York harbor, district, according to shipping men has been so hard hit by the war as Hoboken, N.J., across the North River from this city, where eleven steamships of the North German Lloyd and the Hamburg-American lines are tied up at their piers. A large part of the population of Hoboken depend upon the shipping for a livelihood and unless peace comes within a few weeks, it was announced to-day relief measures would have to be taken by the authorities.

The enclosures in front of the piers are empty save for one or two gatekeepers and customs officials, and on most of the piers there is very little activity.

The crews of the eleven liners at the wharves, several thousand men in all are kept on board the vessels. They get shore leave every other night; but it is said that since the war started their wages are small. So they are not heavy spenders on their night ashore.

The Holland-American and Scandinavian lines are still running but the volume of their business is small compared with that of the two big German lines.

**DID GOOD WORK**

**MOOSEJAW, Sask., Aug. 21.**—The Daughters of the Empire collected \$400 in the city yesterday for the hospital ship.

## CHRISTIAN WORK IS DEMORALIZED

Leaders in All Branches Leave to Take Part in the War.

[By Special Wire to The Courier.]  
 NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—That war had demoralized the world's Christian Association with headquarters in Geneva, was the information contained in advices to-day to the International Young Men's Christian Association in this city. Three of them, leaders, heretofore working together in the association work, have left the headquarters to fight for their respective countries. One secretary has been ordered to take a command of a Swiss regiment, while a French and German secretary have left to join the ranks in their respective countries.

Twenty other welfare secretaries are ready to go, according to information received here and the Canadian Association will send as many men as the government will permit.

Throughout the British service, the soldiers' Christian Association is well organized in every regiment, even in India and South Africa.

Salvation Army headquarters in this city learned yesterday that General Bramwell Booth offered the Fortmouth and other army shelters in England to the government, and that they were accepted. Salvation Army men are enlisting in the British service and women are going to the front as nurses.

## CANADA'S MONEY AS WELL AS MEN IS GIVEN TO AID BRITAIN IN THE STRUGGLE

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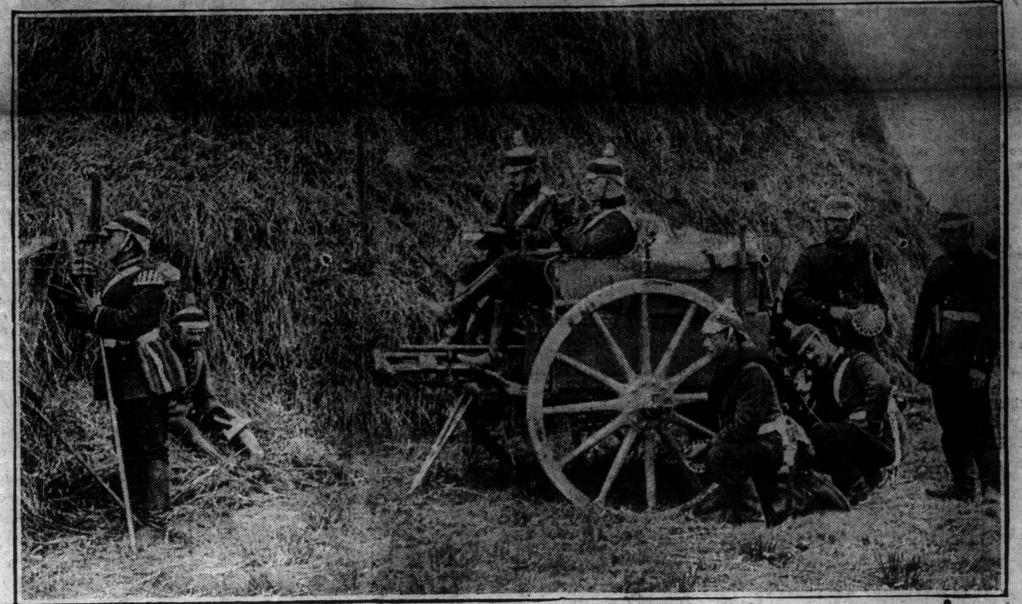
From these special war taxes it is estimated that the country will derive an additional revenue of about \$7,000,000 during the remainder of the fiscal year. This will go towards meeting a situation in which the Government finds itself compelled to face a capital and special war expenditure of about \$60,000,000, to meet ordinary expenditure with revenues decreased by some \$10,000,000 as the result of the present unprecedented circumstances. [Where a revenue of \$145,000,000 had been looked for before the outbreak of war, the view is now held that revenue from present sources will reach from \$130,000,000 to \$135,000,000. By an avoidance of new expenditures it is hoped to meet ordinary running expenditure with this amount.]

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## RECEIVING MESSAGES FROM GERMAN BRIGADE COMMANDER IN THE FIELD



This photograph shows a German brigade commander's messages being received by telephone. The range finder is seen in the use on the left. The German artillery remains are massed by brigades. The superior artillery officer usually remains with the divisional general officers or is connected with the latter by means of telegraph or telephone. He is also connected with his brigade commanders by telephone, and batteries are massed whenever the terrain makes it practicable to do so.

## NOT ONE SHOT WAS FIRED

Brussels, Fine Capital City in Hands of Enemy.

## Strategical Move by Allies Which May Mean Much

[By Special Wire to The Courier.]  
**GHEENT, Belgium, via Paris, Aug. 21, 3.50 a.m.**—German Hussars and Uhlands arrived this morning (probably Thursday), on the shooting grounds at the gates of Brussels whither the burgomaster went to parley with them. In the afternoon German officers occupying an automobile recrossed Grand Place (the market place), going to the city hall, while detachments of Germans went to various parts of the city. The telegraph office and railway station were closed for the greater part of the day. Many of the inhabitants of Brussels are leaving for Ghent and Ostend.

The general opinion is that the Germans will only pass through the city or at the most make a very short stay there. The only signs of animation in the place are caused by the arrival of peasants who are abandoning the surrounding villages. The German troops have established themselves on the shooting ground. They are understood to have said that they had been cut off from the rest of the army.

**NOT SHOT FIRED.**  
**LONDON, Aug. 21, 2.50 a.m.**—The Ghent correspondent of The Chronicle telegraphs "Brussels is now occupied by the enemy having been surrendered to the Germans without the firing of a single shot."

**CROSS THE MEUSE.**  
**PARIS, Aug. 21, 2.55 p.m.**—Official news made public in Paris to-day says that the German forces continue to pass the Meuse in the vicinity of Huy and that an important concentration is being carried out in Belgium this (Friday) morning.

No French territory is occupied by the enemy except a piece of enclosed land at Auden-le-Rolan in the department of Muerthe-et-Moselle.

**ANTWERP PREPARES**  
**LONDON, Aug. 21, 9.20 a.m.**—The correspondent of The Times at The Hague telegraphing to-day says:

The preparations for the defence of Antwerp extend over an enormous area. All classes in the city are joining in the work day and night, but there is no sign of panic or confusion.

"The gates driven through the walls by a peace-loving people are closed while this work of preparation goes doggedly forward. Antwerp itself offers a strange contrast. At almost every window appear English, Belgian and French flags, giving a festive air to the city which is preparing to resist to the last gasp."

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**This Accounts For News Scarcity**

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**LONDON, Aug. 21.**—Telegraphic communication between England and Brussels was entirely interrupted to-day, and no despatches were accepted for any place in the Belgian provinces of Limbourg, Liege, Namur, Luxembourg, Brabant or Antwerp, except for the city of Antwerp.

## LIKE DEMONS IN A BATTLE THAT BECAME BUTCHERY

Both Sides Desperate in Aerschot Engagement—Each Lost Very Heavily.

**LONDON, Aug. 21.**—A dispatch to Reuter's News Agency from Ghent, Belgium, says: "Yesterday's fighting at Aerschot was extremely hot. The appearance of two German aviators was the first intimation that the Germans, who had been repulsed on the previous evening, intended to renew the attack.

"Flying low the German aviators surveyed the position, and then returned and reported.

"Soon afterwards the German infantry, supported by machine guns, and artillery, opened a fierce attack.

"The Belgians were outnumbered, but put up a desperate resistance.

"The troops on both sides fought like demons. The battle soon became a veritable butchery.

**Held Invaders Two Hours**

"Two Belgian regiments which already had distinguished themselves in the forts of Liege, held the invaders in check for two hours.

"Both sides were losing heavily when the retreat was sounded.

"Major Gilson, whose nose had been broken by a bullet, took charge of the Belgian rear guard, which fought so stubbornly that only seven out of his force of 288 men returned.

"When Major Gilson reached Ghent a friend suggested telegraphing to his father. At first he refused, remarking that his father would learn about his wound from the newspapers. Finally he consented, saying: "I am at Ghent. No need to worry. Will quickly rejoin my regiment."

## VOLUNTEERS TO FIGHT SIDE BY SIDE WITH BRITISH VETS

Various Canadian Regiments to be Absorbed Into the British Army on Arrival.

**OTTAWA, Aug. 21.**—It is understood that there is to be no commander of the Canadian expeditionary force, but that the regiments which are now being assembled at Val Cartier will be absorbed into the British army.

The regiments are all brigaded with British regiments, and it is reported that the executive of the army council has come to the conclusion that the most effective work can be done by associating the British line regiments and the overseas regiments in the campaign.

While there has not yet been a final decision and disposition of the Canadian force is being most seriously considered.

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## ONTARIO GIVES GIFT OF \$500,000 TO WAR OFFICE

OTTAWA, August 21.—Three more gifts have been added to the long list of such donations by provinces and citizens of Canada in the present crisis in which the Dominion finds itself. One is from the Ontario Government, which has given \$500,000 to be tendered through the Dominion to the Imperial Government, to be used in accordance with the wishes of the latter.

Another gift is from Mr. John C. Eaton, of Toronto, who has offered to the Minister of Militia the sum of \$100,000 with which to purchase and maintain a battery of quick-firing machine guns, mounted upon armoured trucks, his large steam yacht, the Florence, the largest boat of its kind on the Great Lakes, and the use of his Marconi station at Toronto.

Last of all has come the offer of 100,000 tons of coal for the use of the British Admiralty. It is made by the Province of Nova Scotia.

## GETTING READY FOR A SHOCK IN HISTORY

[By Special Wire to The Courier.]  
**PARIS, Aug. 21, 5.45 a.m.**—Petit Parisien's review of the war situation to-day says:

"A great battle is preparing. Belgium is to be the theatre of the most formidable shock in history, the duration of which escapes prophecy.

"Repulsed in the south at Dinant by the French, the Germans have been making since Tuesday, a vigorous offensive movement towards the north which on Wednesday forced the Belgians after a fine resistance to fall back on Antwerp. The Berlin government will claim a triumph whereas from a strategical point of view the movement was of mediocre importance.

"The French armies also have taken up their respective positions and it is certain that our general staff is far from being taken unprepared by our adversaries' tactics. The staff had long foreseen them and is prepared to deal with them under the best auspices."