

War News

Russia Will Free Poland—Japan to Take a Hand—Westerners for the Front

Reliable news from the scene of war is extremely meagre, the authorities in all the countries engaged having adopted a policy of the utmost secrecy with the object of preventing the enemy learning the position, equipment or strength of the troops. Belgium, however, is still the chief battlefield, and the gallant defenders of Liege were still holding their forts on Sunday. Having failed to force a way to Paris, the Germans now appear to be marching on Brussels, the Belgian capital, and it is announced that the forces are lining up for a great battle in which over a million troops will be engaged on either side, with a battle front 250 miles long. French, Belgian and British troops are believed to be co-operating in this battle. It is known that several shiploads of British soldiers have been landed on the continent, and there is no doubt that they have been engaged with the enemy, but so close is the secrecy of the war office and so rigid the censorship of press and private cables, that not a single name of any killed or wounded man on the British side has been published, and the public do not even know what regiments have been sent abroad, much less where they are at present located. Reports of a number of frontier engagements and outpost skirmishes, in some of which several thousand troops have been engaged, have been issued by the French government, and in almost every case it is stated that the French were successful. Details, however, are entirely lacking. The same mysterious silence is observed regarding the activities of the British and German navies in the North Sea. It has been announced, however, that both the North Sea and the Atlantic Ocean are safe for passenger and mercantile shipping, except for floating mines in the North Sea, which are being removed by small vessels, and it is assumed that the German fleet has been bottled up in its own harbors. As a result shipping between Great Britain and non-combatant countries all over the world has been resumed, and the regular supplies of butter, eggs, bacon and other foods are again being received in England from Scandinavian ports unmolested.

Poland Promised Freedom

Perhaps the most important news since the war began was the statement issued from St. Petersburg on Saturday, that the Russian emperor had addressed a proclamation to the entire

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The Guide has pleasure in announcing that Arch. Dale, the Scotch cartoonist, after a three years' absence, is again a member of the staff. Mr. Dale has recently been engaged as illustrator for some of the leading British publications. Henceforth his cartoons will appear in The Guide every week.



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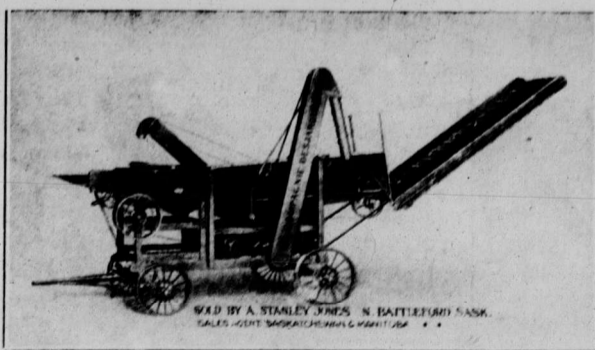
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