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Maneuvering Over a Line Sixty-Five Miles Long-French Still Holding on in Alsace, But Expect to Have to Fight Austrians-Some Minor Engagements-Rainbow Escaped German Cruisers.

GERMANY'S VERSION OF THE SIEGE OF LIEGE

GERMAN MAIN ADVANCE HAS BEGUN. BRUSSELS, August 12.—The German army is being detached from its position before Liege and is advancing through the heart of Belgium.

BIG BATTLE EXPECTED IN A FEW HOURS. LONDON, August 12.—A despatch from Brussels says, confirming the news of the German army's advance, the allied forces to-day blew up bridges which lie in the line of the German advance.

GERMANS WERE DRIVEN BACK. PARIS, August 12.—The French war office officially announced to-day that the troops of the Republic had been victorious in an engagement with the Germans in Alsace.

AUSTRIANS ATTACK THE FRENCH. PARIS, August 12.—It is expected that the French army that invaded Alsace capturing Altkirch, and Muelhausen will be engaged in battle with Austrian soldiers.

TRYING TO OUTFLANK THE FRENCH. PARIS, August 12.—The French are in contact with German troops all along the frontier. Despatches from the front say there is a heavy body of German soldiers maneuvering over a line about sixty-five miles in length between Chamblay and Messampre.

TWO FRENCH SUCCESSES. PARIS, August 12.—At Manginnes, North Verdun, a sharp engagement took place in which the French claim to have repulsed the Germans with heavy losses.

RAINBOW CAME THROUGH SAFELY. OTTAWA, ONT., August 12.—The Rainbow, is safe, but we are afraid the little fellows, the Algrine and Shearwater are gone, was the statement of Naval Officials to-day when shown the Canadian despatches from San Francisco.

ANOTHER GERMAN REPULSE. BRUSSELS, August 12.—The war office reports a strong German force was repulsed at Manginnes, near Verdun with heavy loss.

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THREE GREAT LAND BATTLES IMMINENT.

LONDON, August 12.—Two great land battles seem imminent, one between the combined Belgian and French forces and the German army of the Meuse near Liege and the other between the French and German army of the Moselles, south of Spincourt, while a third great battle is possible in Alsace.

GERMANY'S VERSION OF THE SIEGE. LONDON August 12.—The correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company at Rome says that a despatch from Berlin gives an official statement by Gen. Von Stein regarding the siege of Liege.

FRENCH FRONTIER ONE BATTLE LINE. LONDON, August 12.—The French frontier from Switzerland to Holland two hundred miles or more in extent, is practically one battle-line to-day and engagements are reported along the whole frontier from Belfort, in France, to Belgium.

MUELHAUSEN EVACUATED. PARIS, August 11.—The War Office this afternoon issued an official statement announcing that the French have been compelled to evacuate Muelhausen, Alsace.

SWISS AND GERMANS CLOSE TOGETHER. LONDON, August 11.—The Daily Mail's advices from Basel Switzerland, state that the Swiss and German troops are close to the frontier and within a few yards of each other near Basel.

THE GOEBEN CAPTURED. ROME, August 11.—There is an unconfirmed rumor that British and French warships have captured the German cruiser Goeben.

FIRST BATTLE IN FRANCE. LONDON, August 11.—A Paris despatch says French troops have defeated the Germans in a battle at Spincourt in the department of the Meuse.

SIX CAR LOADS OF PRISONERS. ST. PETERSBURG, August 11.—A telegram from Vilna says six-car loads of German prisoners passed through that city this morning on their way to the interior of Russia.

CENSORED WAR NEWS

British War Office Issues First Grist of Bulletins. LONDON, Aug. 12.—The Admiralty and War Office Information Bureau gave out the following last night.

There is good reason to believe that the German cruisers Breslau and Goeben have taken refuge in the Dardanelles, and will be dealt with according to international usage.

'T WAS BRITISH MAN O' WAR

Order Closing the Atlantic Ports is Promptly Revoked.

OTTAWA, Aug. 12.—The identity of the mysterious cruiser in the St. Lawrence Gulf having been established as British, the St. Lawrence has again been opened to shipping.

LARGE FORCE UNDER ARMS

Times Says Five or Six Hundred Thousand Britons are Enlisted.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The national relief fund for the families of soldiers and sailors killed or wounded in the war, which was started under the supervision of the Prince of Wales and Queen Mother Alexandra, amounted yesterday morning to \$3,240,000.

WOMEN USE HOT WATER. Employees in Belgian Factory Drove Invaders From Village.

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GERMANS REPULSED; ALL EFFORTS TO DISLodge JOFFRE NEAR MUELHAUSEN FAIL

PARIS, Aug. 12.—(Via London.)—According to late advices the Germans made a determined attempt to take the positions occupied by the French outside Muelhausen, but failed.

The War Office announces that the French and German troops are in contact for twenty miles along the frontier, and that engagements are taking place at Longwy, Longuon and Marville, in France, and at Virton, in Belgium.

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Later a supplementary bulletin was issued by the War Office, in which it was stated that the French troops whom Gen. Joffre had placed in occupation of the city of Muelhausen had been withdrawn to high ground to the south of that place, and that they had there made a stand against the German army, which was attacking in force, and had repulsed every attempt to dislodge them.

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BIG FORCE ON THE MOVE; GERMAN MAIN ADVANCE IS SIXTY MILES WIDE

PARIS, Aug. 12.—The French troops along the entire front are in contact with the Germans.

The village of Lesardes, in German territory, was taken by the French at the point of the bayonet.

German forces appeared at Longwy and demanded the surrender of the town, which was refused.

The German advance is moving toward Stenay, where an attempt will be made to cross the Meuse river.

The War Office admitted this last night. It is stated that frontier engagements were in progress at Longwy and Montmedy, where French forts are located.

The fighting is believed here to indicate that the German mass movement to force an entrance into France across the Meuse is being pushed.

German Plans Upset. BRUSSELS, Aug. 12.—Moving toward historic Waterloo and Brussels, the army of the Kaiser approaches, but as yet has not passed over into Belgian territory west of Tongres.

are operating. Plans of the war campaign taken from captured Ulan officers indicate strongly that this is the main army of the German invasion of Belgium.

The French artillery is hurrying on to the front through Brussels at the present writing and as they march, the populace is greeting them with wild acclaim.

According to official announcement the German loss in Belgium was two thousand dead, twenty thousand wounded and nine thousand seven hundred prisoners.

A number of daring and brilliant sorties have been made by the garrisons of the Liege forts attacking German commands, apart from the main army.

The Government of the Netherlands is preparing to make a peremptory demand that Germany withdraw her troops from the Dutch frontier.

Statue Concealed Wireless. BRUSSELS, Aug. 12.—A secret wireless apparatus was discovered concealed behind a statue on the roof of a German store in this city.

A detachment of 20 English nurses arrived here yesterday to assist in nursing the wounded.

MOBILISATION COMPLETED.

LONDON, August 11.—According to to-day's Times, Great Britain is now finished with their mobilisation and has between 500,000 and 600,000 under arms not counting the National Reservists.