

Graves, Made in a Hurry, May Be Seen For Miles Across The Battlefields

The Horses, With Gaping Wounds, Spread the Reek of Death on Each Side of the Carriage Roads

TERRIFYING ASPECTS OF MODERN WAR

Shells Have Ploughed Up the Asphalt of the Streets of Liege Like a Cornfield

Brussels, Aug. 16.—The toll and the ministry and the pregnant feeling they engender resemble the forced inaction which a heavy fog at sea imposes on blue jackets with a thirst for heroic endeavor. The tension is becoming painful, despite the occasional diversions like the recent actions at Hoelen, Diest and Eghezoo, which rebound to the credit of the Belgian nation, but settle nothing.

For these are but improvised asides in the awful drama which will presently engulf all interests. Yet even those desultory engagements are worth studying, for they throw light upon the impending combat and reveal the specific military worth of the enemy's forces, their physical and moral staying powers and their steadfast or wavering faith in their own cause.

All Crimes Permitted.

Soldiers pillage, burn, kill and break faith without qualms or wrath, as though all crimes were permitted those who wear the Kaiser's coat. Germany is running amuck in Europe and will not leave her neighbors in peace until she

achieves her end or is made powerless forever. In Liege the tension is incomparably greater than elsewhere. Some 30,000 inhabitants have fled from the place in terror, when the enemy's guns began to shower shells upon it. The city bears the marks of havoc everywhere. Gaping bridges, half demolished houses, many without doors, which have been taken off their hinges and cast into the court yard or roadside—fallen roofs and smouldering ruins, tell their dismal tale.

There is not a street in which shells have not fallen. The asphalt has been ploughed up in places like a cornfield. Hurriedly made graves with their soft mounds protrude in unexpected places. The Germans are everywhere. They patrol the principal thoroughfares, stand at barricades which they have raised at all the approaches to the town or creep up towards the forts with remarkable recklessness. Nine of them on bicycles rode to within 300 meters of the forts yesterday. Eight returned unharmed, only one paying for the adventure with his life.

Ghastly Realities.

At Haelen and Diest, the scenes of Wednesday's engagement, one draws nearer to the ghastly realities of war, for here the struggle waxed desperate. Man meeting man, thrusting and wrestling in a struggle for life or death. Here the once peaceful countryside, is utterly transformed. In the background are heaps of ruins that so lately were farm-houses, and still amid pungent smoke. Barricades hastily erected of dead horses, their terrible wounds gaping, are spreading the mephitic reek of

MILITARY UNITS OF THE ARMIES

In order to inform the ordinary reader of war news about the size of the various subdivisions of foreign armies, such as corps, divisions, brigades, regiments, battalions, we present herewith a table which gives as accurately as possible the number of men and the composition in such divisions:

Germany
Army Corps—Its staff, 2 infantry divisions, 2 regiments of field artillery, 3 squadrons of cavalry, a company of pioneers, a bridge train, field bakeries, telegraph troops, field hospital, etc., one or two batteries of heavy field howitzers or mortars and a machine gun group. Total, 40,000 men.
Infantry Division—Two brigades. Total, 12,000 men.
Brigade—Two regiments. Total, 6,000 men.
Regiment—Three battalions of 4 companies each. Total, 3,000 men.
Battalion—Four companies of 250 men each. Total, 1,000 men.
Regiment of Field Artillery—Nine batteries of field guns and 3 of field howitzers; 72 pieces.
Battery—Six Guns.
Brigade of Cavalry—Two and occasionally three regiments. Total, 1,600 to 2,400 men.
Regiment of Cavalry—Four squadrons of 200 men each. Total, 800 men.

France
Army Corps—Two infantry divisions, 1 brigade of cavalry, 1 brigade of horse and foot artillery, 1 engineers' battalion, 1 squadron of train. Total, 40,000 men.
Infantry Division—Two brigades of infantry, 1 squadron of cavalry, 12 batteries. Total, 12,000 men and 48 guns.
Brigade—Two regiments of 3 battalions each. Total, 6,000 men.
Regiment—Three battalions of 4 companies each. Total, 3,000 men.
Battalion—Four companies of 250 men each. Total, 1,000 men.
Cavalry Division—Two and sometimes three brigades; 3,200-4,800 men.
Brigade of Cavalry—Two regiments of 8 squadrons, with 2 batteries of artillery.
Regiment of Cavalry—Four squadrons; 800 men.
Squadron of Cavalry—Two hundred men.
Battery of Artillery—Six guns.

Great Britain
Brigade of Infantry—Four battalions and administrative and medical units. Total, 4,000 men.
Cavalry Brigade—Two regiments of 4 squadrons each. Total, 800 men.
Brigade of Artillery—Three batteries, 18 guns; heavy artillery, 12 guns; field howitzers, 2 batteries; horse artillery, 2 batteries.
Battery—Six guns.
Division—Forty-four guns, 12 howitzers and 4 heavy field guns; 15,000 combatants.

Russia
Battalion of Infantry—Eight hundred men.
Squadron of Cavalry—One hundred and twenty-five men.
Battery of Artillery—Eight guns.

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At Haelen, the silence is soul curdling, yet the hearts of the inhabitants beat quicker and louder when that silence is broken by the heavy tread of the Prussian, or the thunder of the heavy guns.

Loathsome War Squalor Everywhere In Evidence At The Scene of Hostilities

Two Hours Motor Ride From Brussels is a Ruined Countryside Over Which the Deadly Breath of War Has Passed

HORRIBLE EFFECTS OF MODERN ARMS

Prussians Break All War Regulations by Looting Private Funds From the Banks

Brussels, Aug. 16.—Two hours' motor ride from Belgium's capital takes one to a world of grim realities and sinister contrasts. Over the country between Tirlemont and Saint Trond, but yesterday rich in corn fields, and carefully tended gardens, the withering breath of war has passed.

Approaching the village of Oranval, unmistakable tokens of desolation meet the view. Shattered windows and domestic utensils flung among the cabbages in the gardens, or before the wretched doors.

Here, a couple of children prattling in subdued tones. There a mother leading three orphaned little girls from the still smoking ruins of their home. Everywhere is the loathsome squalor of war.

Inhuman hate appears to possess these Prussian invaders. Belgians who dealt with them at close quarters at Dormael declare that the Uhlans fought with the bitterness of personal fury. Many corpses have their hands raised on their elbows on a level with their shoulders.

Horrible wounds were inflicted with weapons fired at a distance of a couple of inches from the mouth or breast.

The Uhlans seized 200,000 francs belonging to the National Bank of Belgium at Hazzelt. The bank being a private concern, this act of piracy constitutes a violation of the 53rd article of the laws of customs and welfare drawn up in 1870.

Frederick, afterwards Emperor, forbade seizure of specie of the Bank of France on condition that it be not employed to sustain resistance to the German arms. Similar funds of the Bank of France Strassburg at first requested by the Germans, were restored as private property.

Today the Prussian will is the sole law in Belgium.

Night Brings No Rest.

Night brings no rest. One could see moving masses of our soldiers a vision of hell, which only Dante could describe. The bullets were whistling through the trenches, cracking in the trees or clattering with a muffled thud in the earth.

The Belgian provision for the wounded was efficient and adequate. So far the maimed warriors homeless families, destitute women and orphaned children, who are receiving attention, remind one only of the harvest of misery yet to be garnered.

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