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FIRST BATTLE IN OPEN WON BY BELGIANS

Conduct of the Troops in That Fight is Good Augury For Future

TEN THOUSAND MEN ENGAGED

Were Entirely Successful—Belgian Situation Otherwise Unchanged

Brussels, Aug. 13.—The first battle in the open country was reported in the following official communication: "After having passed the night of Tuesday in the position they had reached after their retreat, the Germans this morning advanced in force towards the point of our position which they thought was not strongly held.

"Our staff, however, was on the alert and informed by cavalry reconnaissances, were able to give the necessary orders and their advance was checked.

"An engagement took place in which our troops were successful. Ten thousand men took part in the fight.

"This was the first action of our troops in the open country, and their conduct is a good augury for the future.

"Apart from this action the situation to all appearances has undergone no change. As regards our allies the plan formulated before hand is being followed out exactly according to programme.

CRUISER WATCHES NEW YORK HARBOR

The British Cruiser Suffolk Keeps Close Tab On Shipping

New York, Aug. 12.—Quarantine reports that the British cruiser Suffolk is still prowling off the entrance to New York harbor to-day. It was reported at intervals from ten o'clock last night until four o'clock this morning that she was patrolling the entrance to Ambrose Channel.

Several of the Sandy Hook pilots saw the cruiser.

GERMANS BLOW UP A MILITARY ROAD

Paris, Aug. 12.—The French War Office announced today that German troops in Belgium had blown up the road from Liege to Louvain.

The Belgian army is mobilizing at Louvain.

WAR RELIEF FUND TOTALS \$4,000,000

London, Aug. 12.—The Prince of Wales Fund for the relief of the families of the war victims passed the \$4,000,000 mark today.

WILL PROTECT ALL GERMANS

Living in the United States And in the Dominion of Canada

Washington, Aug. 12.—German citizens in Canada will receive the same protection at the hands of the State Department as British subjects.

Germany has asked the U. S. to assume responsibility for the welfare of these citizens, the State Department sent instructions to all U. S. Consular officers in Canada to look after German and Austrian interests, precisely as it sent similar instructions to the Embassies in London, Paris and St. Petersburg.

EXPRESS ARRIVES

The express arrived at 2.30 p.m.

U.S. CITIZENS COME AND GO AS THEY LIKE

Order in Council Prohibiting Landing of Aliens in Britain Does Not Apply to Americans—Only to Britain's Enemies

London, Aug. 12.—It was officially declared here to-day that the only citizens who have been taken by the British Government to prevent landing foreigners in the British Isles are those provided by the sections of the Aliens Restriction Act, the object of which is to safeguard the country against aliens from countries with which Great Britain was at war.

This declaration was made after a report was received here that Secretary Bryan had cabled the American Ambassador to investigate the reports from the American Consular officers on the continent that the British Government had issued strict orders forbidding the landing of foreigners on British shores until further notice during the present war crisis.

An Order in Council, signed by the King, was published in the Gazette on August 5th, limiting the entry of aliens to certain ports so that they could be subjected to examination.

This order was not intended in the least to keep out Americans and had no effect on the landing of Americans here.

It is pointed out that in the few instances when Americans had been referred to the authorities the required permission to enter was always granted.

ST. PIERRE TRADE BADLY CRIPPLED BY THE BIG WAR

Almost Entire French Fleet Has Returned Home

BANKS ARE CAUTIOUS

Steam Trawler off for France With the Garrison

St. Pierre, Miq., Aug. 12. (Delayed in transmission)—The outbreak of the European war has occasioned the withdrawal from this island of nearly the entire French fishing fleet, and many steam trawlers have returned to Havre and Brest.

Business is badly crippled. The banks refused to cash drafts and checks on France upon receipt of official advices that hostilities had begun.

The Colonial Government sent two steam trawlers to the fishing fleet on the Banks to order the vessels to proceed to France immediately.

Others which were brought back here to reef have been sailing for Brest every few days.

One trawler left yesterday with two officers and 32 soldiers who had been stationed here.

TERRIFIC FIRING HEARD IN HOLLAND

London, Aug. 12.—A Dutch despatch says that terrific cannonading was reported this morning from the direction of Tongres, North of Liege.

Yesterday it was reported that two divisions of German artillery had arrived there.

Scene of Fighting.

Belgium today is against the scene of outpost fighting between the Belgians and French and the Germans.

The German commander at Liege denies the reports of the loss of 20,000 men in the efforts to take the Liege forts, and says they will be taken without the loss of a man as soon as the German heavy artillery arrives.

Emperor Stopped It.

He asserts that the artillery of the fort "is numerically superior to ours," and intimates that the assault was stopped by the Emperor's orders to avoid needless sacrifice of life.

Speaking on the subject of Liege

U. S. A. CITIZEN WAS ARRESTED AS GERMAN SPY

Plans of Halifax Hr Were Found In His Possession

AFTERWARD RELEASED

When Found He Was An Employee of the Government

Halifax, Aug. 12.—John L. Ferguson, an American citizen arrested at Mahone, N.S., yesterday, and suspected of espionage when plans of Halifax Harbor were found in his possession has been released.

Later it was shown that Ferguson, a student of Dartmouth College, was employed making maps of Nova Scotia for the Government.

"Fear Little Fellows On Pacific are Gone"

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—"The Rainbow is safe, but we are afraid the little fellows, the Algerine and Shearwater, are gone," was the statement made by naval officials to-day when shown the Canadian press despatches from San Francisco telling of the sighting of two German cruisers near there.

U.S. WARSHIPS COMING NORTH

Washington, Aug. 12.—All big ships of the U. S. Atlantic battle fleet will be withdrawn from Vera Cruz and brought north on September 1st.

Austrians Checked By the Russians

Paris, Aug. 13.—A despatch to The Matin from St. Petersburg says that the Austrians have suffered a check at the Dniester River, when four regiments of Austrian Infantry and eight regiments of Uhlans were routed.

The approaching big battle will probably be a decisive one.

German Cruiser Coals At San Francisco

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 13.—The German cruiser Leipzig steamed into this port last evening for coal.

German Troopers' Brutal Conduct

Paris, Aug. 13.—The following official statement has been issued: "A wounded French cavalryman, Meizerez, declares he saw German cavalrymen shoot wounded Frenchmen. He says he heard five or six other shots and saved himself by feigning death.

The Germans were wearing uniforms taken from Belgians killed."

H.M.C.S. RAINBOW REPORTED SAFE

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—The Naval Service Department has received word officially of the safe return of the Rainbow from San Francisco.

CHESS CONTESTS

Canadian Winner of Three Games

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 12.—J. S. Morrison, Toronto, Ont., and W. L. Moorman, Lynchburg, Va., had the highest scores at the end of last night's play in the championship tournament of the Western Chess Association.

Each had then won three games.

the French Foreign Minister declares that all the surrounding forts are intact and only a small force of Germans entered the town itself under the cover of darkness.

ENGLAND AT WAR WITH AUSTRIA.

London, Aug. 12.—The Foreign Office announces that a State of War exists between Austria and England, as from midnight, and official arrangements have been made for the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and staff to leave London tomorrow.

MORE WATCHERS SENT OUT ON ATLANTIC

Admiralty Sends Out Cruisers to Protect the British Shipping

WILL KEEP UP HUNT FOR GERMAN CRUISERS

Fast Liners Also Equipped To Play on the German Commerce

London, Aug. 13.—The Admiralty has sent out cruisers which will ply the Atlantic for the purpose of protecting the trade routes.

The French Government also has sent out warships to search for the German cruisers known to be in Atlantic.

The enemy's ships, says the official Admiralty report, will be hunted continually—and although some time may elapse before they are run down they will be kept too busy to do much mischief.

A number of fast merchant vessels have been fitted and armed at the British arsenals and also are patrolling trade routes and keeping them clear of German commerce raiders.

With every day that passes the British control of the trade routes especially of those on the Atlantic becomes stronger. In the North Sea, where the Germans have scattered mines indiscriminately, and where the most formidable operations of naval war are proceeding, the Admiralty can give no assurance.

FRENCH HURL BACK GERMANS FROM ALSACE

Paris Officially Announces Enemy are in Full Retreat

FRENCH ARE ACTIVE

And Are Getting Forces Up Point of Action in Belgium

Paris, Aug. 13.—It is officially announced that the German cavalry who have reached a point near Tongres, Belgium, have been hurled back by the French cavalry and are in full retreat.

As Tongres is about 52 miles from the nearest point on the French frontier, this despatch indicates that the French army has moved more rapidly than is supposed.

Are Retreating.

Brussels, Aug. 12.—The Belgian War Office announces this afternoon that the German forces are retreating.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Moderate northerly winds, fair and cool to-day and on Friday.

GERMANY WANTS MUTUAL LIBERATION OF MERCHANTMEN

Requests U.S. to Fix Time at Which Ships Must Leave Ports

THE BRITISH REPLY

No Settlement Yet But Matter is Still Under Negotiation

London, Aug. 12.—A despatch from Berlin received here yesterday says the German and British Governments had requested the United States Embassy at Berlin to intervene for the purpose of fixing the time at which the merchantmen of the two countries must quit the ports of the enemy.

From matter published in The Gazette it appears that Germany on August fourth proposed to the British Government the mutual liberation of interned ships. A reply to the proposal within forty-eight hours was requested.

Apparently no reply was made to the German communication but the British Government through Ambassador Page made known to Germany the decision of this Government regarding the treatment of enemy's ships and asking whether this would meet the views of Germany.

Negotiations were continued through the intermediary of American Ambassadors at Berlin and Stockholm, but no communication was received from Berlin and the British Government has no knowledge of the treatment accorded British ships and cargoes in German ports.

CANADA EAGER TO HELP EMPIRE

Three Times as Many Volunteers Than Were Asked for—Must Pick Them

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—Canadians have responded magnificently to the call for volunteers.

The close of the enlisting period last night finds the volume of offers so great that the Militia Department is confronted with the embarrassing problem of making selections.

The Minister of Militia estimates the number of names registered with the various recruiting officers at approximately three times the requirement.

This means that two-thirds of those qualifying will have to be left out when the final selections are made.

The watchword of the department has been and will be "Fitness."

U. S. OFFICERS GET PERMISSION TO GO TO FRONT

Great Britain Will Allow Them to Accompany Her Army as Observers

Washington, Aug. 12.—To date Great Britain is the only country that has responded to United States Government inquiries addressed to all the powers involved in the European war as to whether American army officers would be allowed to be present during the campaign as military observers.

England replied that she would be glad to permit two American officers to go to the front with the British troops.

MONTENEGRINS WON ALL RIGHT

London, Aug. 12.—The Times publishes a despatch from Paris which says that the report that the Montenegrins have occupied Mount Taraboschi, dominating Scutari, is confirmed.

Barq. Gaspe, Capt. Connors, left Barbados yesterday for St. John's.

CHARTER SHIPS BRING CITIZENS OF THE U.S. HOME

European Embassies Authorized to do This—Thousand Americans on Board three Italian Ships Now at Naples

New York, Aug. 12.—The Italian steamers San Giovanni, San Glogio & San Guilelmo have been placed at the disposal of American tourists in Italy and will sail from Naples, each with 1,000 American aboard on Aug. 15, 18 and 19 respectively. All three ships are now at Naples.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Authority today was given the American Embassies and Legations throughout Europe to charter ships in which to bring home Americans.

Empire at Stake Says Sir R. Haggard

No Sacrifice Too Great To Prevent the Germans From Winning

St. John, Aug. 13.—A most solemn warning as to the gravity of the situation in which the British Empire stands at this hour, was uttered last night by Sir. H. Rider Haggard at a dinner given to the members of the Dominions Royal Commission by Mayor Frink at the City Union Club.

Sir Rider referred to such preparation for war as he had casually observed here, and said it seemed to be carried on in a sort of holiday spirit. He then asked all present if they understood where we were standing.

If Germany and Austria won that would be the end of England and Empire, Canada and civilization as we now have it for a long time to come.

In a few terse sentences which held the dinner party breathless he indicated the magnitude and crucial gravity of the conflict and Canada's vital interests in it.

No risk of defeat could be justified no matter what sacrifices were necessary was the lesson he emphasized.

WIRELESS SAID TO SHIP "BEAT IT"

Montreal, Aug. 12.—"Beat it." That was the wireless message sent the C.P.R. steamer Mount Royal by the wireless operator on the Mauritania when the Mount Royal was 100 miles east of Cape Race.

The Mount Royal arrived from Antwerp safe this morning, and tells a strange tale of escape from the German cruiser Kharlsruhe.

The steamer was approaching Cape Race when Walter Condon, the young wireless operator, picked up the German cruiser, which asked the position of the Mauritania, and the Mount Royal innocently started to reply.

At that moment, he says, he heard Cape Race asking the position of the Mauritania as well. As that ship was strangely silent, though known to be a gossiper by wireless, Condon became suspicious and sent a message warning the Mauritania whose operator was a friend of his.

The only reply was the terse "beat it," which came through the air to him.

Not only did the Mount Royal follow the advice, but also the Calgarian and Royal Edward who were in the vicinity.

The German cruiser was not sighted, but Condon declares only the fog which came up hid her from the fleeing liner.

GERMAN AIRMEN MADE RISKY TRIP

Brussels, Aug. 11, 10 p.m. (via London, Aug. 12, 6.50 a.m.)—A German aeroplane flew over Brussels at a height of 200 feet.

Guards fired at the ship, but failed to do any damage.

RUMORS OF FALL OF LIEGE FORTS ENTIRELY FALSE

All the Encircling Forts, Twelve in Number Are Still Intact

FRENCH SECURE IN THEIR POSITIONS

French Cavalry Show Great Superiority Over the German Mounted Men

London, Aug. 13.—The Military position at Liege, Belgium, and along the Franco-German frontier, where the severe engagements between the French invading force and the German defenders recently were fought, is explained by a despatch from the French Foreign Minister received here this morning.

Rumors Are False.

It says that the rumors regarding the loss of the forts of Liege, Belgium, are entirely false. Only small groups of German soldiers entered their own itself under the cover of darkness.

All the encircling forts, twelve in number, are intact.

Small unimportant engagements occurred along the whole line where the French and German armies are facing each other, from BelFORT, opposite the southernmost part of Alsace to Liege in Belgium. In these encounters the French cavalry always maintained their superiority over the German mounted troops, while our artillery has been splendidly served.

Keep the Crest.

Our troops kept the crests and passes of the Vosges Mountains and they dominate the heights of Alsace, along a line between Thann 22 miles southwest of Kolmar, Alsace and Altrich, the first position occupied by the French army after the invasion of Alsace.

This line runs slightly to the rear of Muelhausen.

The French Government indignantly denies that there was any violation of German territory by the French army before the declaration of war.

GERMANS MOVE NORTH OF LIEGE

From the Direction of Tongres North of Liege in Belgium

Brussels, Aug. 13.—The German army moved North of Liege and is advancing into the heart of Belgium. It is difficult to determine their objective in this.

There is a screen of cavalry in extraordinary force along the whole front of the allied armies.

A new army corps is investing Liege.

The French cavalry is actively engaged in sharp fighting with whole front of their allied armies.

Rome, Aug. 12.—Italy has cancelled its arranged participation in the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco in 1915, on account of the gravity of the European situation.

WARSHIP SEEN EAST OF FOGO ISLANDS.

Joe Batt's Arm, Aug. 13. One or two large ships supposed to be warships have been sighted daily during the past week, manoeuvring in the waters to the eastward of Fogo Islands.