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Greatest Battle In History of The World Now Impending

GREAT BATTLE VERY SOON, IS BELIEF OF MILITARY EXPERTS

General Staff of French Army Confident of Fighting Under Favorable Auspices

Antwerp Strongly Fortified and Will Put Up a Determined Resistance to German Advance

The most formidable shock in history, will occur on Belgian soil, according to French military experts...

LIBAU, THE RUSSIAN BALTIC SEAPORT, WAS BADLY DAMAGED DURING ITS TWO HOUR BOMBARDMENT BY A GERMAN FLEET...

JAPAN PREPARING FOR WAR Japan is making active preparations in view of the approaching expiration of the time limit on Sunday...

ANGLO-AMERICAN ROUGH RIDERS TO THE FRONT Paris, Aug. 21.—The military war has definitely accepted the services of the Anglo-American rough riders...

GREEKS READY TO HELP FRANCE Paris, Aug. 20, 5:28 p. m.—Grecian subjects to the number of 280, all of whom fought in the recent Italian war...

ENTERING BRUSSELS TODAY London, Aug. 21.—A telegram from Ostend, Belgium, to the Daily Mail, last night said the main body of the German army around Brussels camped for the night just outside the city...

MUST DIAMANTE WIRELESS London, Aug. 20, 9:45 p. m.—The submarine port has sent a warning to the representatives of shipping companies...

NEW INTO GERMAN TERRITORY London, Aug. 20 (11:40 p. m.)—Adolph Pegout, the noted French aviator, has returned to Paris from the war zone...

PHILIP AND PHERDINAND WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries...

English Damage Forts London, Aug. 21 (7:30 a. m.)—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Cattaro, under yesterday's date...

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PITIFUL STATE OF THE REFUGEES

Brussels Filled With People Who Have Lost All GERMAN CRUELTY

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London, Aug. 21.—(8:30 a. m.)—Brussels is filled with refugees from the surrounding towns, despite the large numbers who left the city for Ghent and Ostend during the past few days...

"The plight of most of the refugees is pitiable," the correspondent adds. "Many are camped in the public square whose homes in the suburbs have been fired by the Prussians..."

"Military men characterize the German force which is moving across Belgium as overwhelming, because it consists of at least two or three army corps. The advance of this huge force is covered over the entire thirty mile front by a screen of cavalry..."

GERMAN GUARANTEES FOR THE APPROACHING CONCLAVE ARE ASSURED Paris, Aug. 21 (2 a. m.)—A despatch to the Havas agency from Rome says that the Italian foreign minister has telegraphed to the diplomatic corps of Italy...

WORKERS APPEAL TO PARLIAMENT Ottawa, Aug. 20.—"What about the common people?" is a leading question in an appeal sent by the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress to every member of parliament, issued tonight...

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London, Aug. 21.—Telegraphic communication between England and Brussels was entirely interrupted today, and no despatches were accepted for any place in the Belgian provinces of Limbourg, Liege, Namur, Luxembourg, Brabant or Antwerp...

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Washington, Aug. 21.—More than one million bushels of American wheat are on the way to Switzerland in American bottoms, the shipment of three cargoes having been arranged by Dr. Charles Paul Hubscher, in charge of the legation here...

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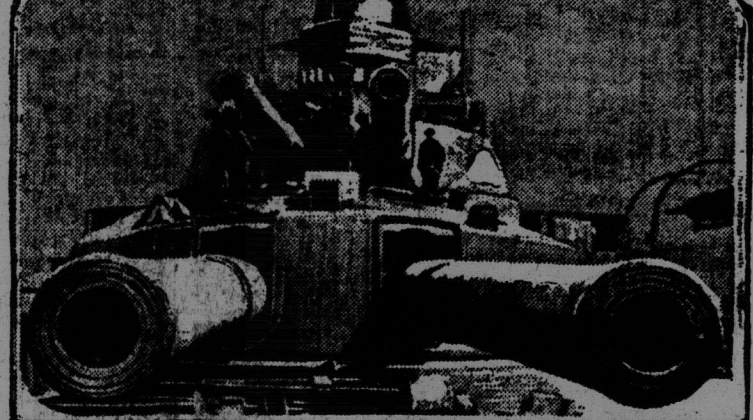
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BRITAIN'S MIGHT AT SEA



Big Guns of the Conqueror and the Iron Duke, England's Greatest Dreadnought.

Will Defend Antwerp To Last Gasp

London, Aug. 21.—The correspondent of the Times at The Hague telegraphing today 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..."

London, Aug. 21.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Chronicle telegraphing yesterday said that Antwerp was being put in a state of defence and being provided for a siege. He adds that it was stated at the office of the general staff, Thursday, that all foreign correspondents found in Belgium after last night would be shot.

A Thousand Children in Parade Through Principal Streets of City

Today is Children's Day in the city and the large number of bright-faced and neatly dressed youngsters—more than a thousand—who paraded from King street east to the Shamrock grounds for the formal closing of the city playgrounds, made one which he were back to childhood days again...

The parade was marshalled by C. D. Howard, superintendent of playgrounds, and the children, many of them in costume and their property, hid themselves in an attempt to escape the attention of the police. The French directed a violent rifle and artillery fire on their assailants, and are expected to reach Belfort tomorrow, together with 60 prisoners.

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TERRIFIC BATTLE IS PREPARING IN BELGIUM

Little Country To Be Theatre of Most Formidable Shock in History, Duration of Which Escapes Prophecy, Says Paris Journal Today

Paris, Aug. 21.—4:15 a. m.—The Petit Parisien's review of the war situation today 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."

WARM GREETING GIVEN TO MEXICO'S NEW PRESIDENT Carranza Addresses Crews, Promising Them a New Era of Real Constitutional Government

Mexico City, Aug. 20.—It is estimated that more than 150,000 persons crowded the line of march of the new president and his followers, which extended a distance of sixty miles. When the procession reached the National Theatre it lasted, in order that the chief executive might receive from the hands of a delegation of workmen the flag which President Madero dropped at that very spot on the fatal Ninth of February, 1913, the date of the Huerta-Dias uprising.

A few moments after he had entered the National Palace, President Carranza appeared on the balcony and addressed the crowds, promising them a new era of real constitutional government.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 21.—Oats advanced \$8 a ton in the local market in the last few days, the result of heavy buying by the English government, and a further advance is predicted as not enough of the cereal now is in stock to meet the demand.

Spokane dealers are quoting \$85 a ton for consignments for inland empire points to Winnipeg, where grain and hay for use of the English military forces are being assembled in large quantities, but farmers are reported not selling freely.

Rome, Aug. 21.—A strong earthquake shock was felt at Como today and caused great alarm. The people of the city fled to the streets. The inmates of San Donato prison had a bad scare as they believed that the building might collapse.

London, Aug. 21.—The Inter-Parliamentary Congress at Stockholm, at which Hon. G. H. Perley and Hon. Dr. Beland were appointed delegates, and due to open yesterday, has been cancelled. No news has been received of Dr. Beland, who was last heard of in Belgium after his marriage.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Wheat opened unchanged today, advanced 1 1/2 to 2 cents and then dropped back 1 cent. The fluctuations were due apparently to sentiment rather than to anything in the news and the volume of trade was small. Liverpool was lower and a private estimate made the Canadian crop 46,000,000 bushels under last year.

In a few days an up-to-date telephone service will be installed in the I. C. R. depot. There will be both a private branch exchange and an intercommunicating system. The service should be greatly improved in this way, with connection established through a central office with all departments.

PROGRAMME ENJOYED. The ladies of the Home for Aged Females were delightfully entertained on Thursday evening when several pupils of Leinster street Baptist Sunday school went with their superintendent, J. L. Collins, to the old ladies' home and a pleasant evening was spent by all. Mr. Collins took charge of the evening and an entertaining programme was carried out. Refreshments were served.

PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE IN RATES OF DUTY AND EXCISE ON ITEMS IN WAR BUDGET

Ottawa, Aug. 20.—The percentage of increase in rates of duty and excise on the principal items in the war budget are as follows:— Raw sugar, 147 per cent. Refined sugar, 88 per cent. Canned fruits, 25 per cent. Condensed milk, 15 1/2 per cent. Desiccated coconut, 12 1/2 per cent. Bottled beer, 87 1/2 per cent. Beer in casks, 75 per cent. Spirits, 25 per cent. Manufactured tobacco, 20 per cent. Cigars and cigarettes 16 2/3 per cent. Excise on domestic products:— Spirits, 25 per cent. Beer, cigars, tobacco 50 per cent. The percentage customs increase on imports exclusive of raw sugar is reckoned on the intermediate tariff in view of the fact that the increases will be in present juncture affect principally imports from the United States under the intermediate tariff. In the case of raw sugar which comes from the British West Indies the increase is reckoned on the British preferential rate.