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GALLANT BELGIAN SOLDIERS THROUGH THE GERMAN FORCES

Soon Forced to Retreat

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which had lost themselves in the regimental number. country between Waremme and the Belgian line, were being chivied Great indignation was expressed by from pillar to post by Belgian scouts, the soldiers, who took part in toprisoners. Some of the captives, all practiced by the Germans in their of whom were suffering from acute attempt to surprise the Belgian posi- ty. hunger had not the slightest idea of tion. I myself did not actually see their whereabouts. Many indeed any Germans dressed in the Belgian were under the impression that they gendarmes uniform, but I am assured had reached France.

to be wholly unprovided with com- the advance guard of the Germans that it was making its way back to the military decoys were taken pristured bays. The convergence of affairs to aid Mr. Asstarted two days before. The horses been within their rights in ordering of these men were thoroughly extheir summary execution. hausted.

A great deal of desultory fighting took place along the northern portions of the line on Sunday. There to the Seventeenth Hussars. All lyzed. was an engagement in the country consisting of Uhlans and Hussars. with a mounted machine gun section, the strength of which I estimated to knew nothing. be from 1000 to 1200 men, came from the direction of St. Trond with the surprise. I am informed that they have recourse to a ruse of war, which, Gendarmes. It is supposed these uniforms were taken from Gendarmes who were made prisoners at Liege, when the Germans entered the city. The Germans were consequently able to approach close to the Belgian line without exciting suspicion.

Germans Opened Fire

A number of the inhabitants of the district had joined the Belgian soldiers and several parties were picknicking in the woods close to the outposts. Suddenly a terrific fire was opened by the Germans, who were advancing under the guise of friends.

The dismounted Belgian cavalry were thrown into momentary confusion by the suddenness of the attack. They rallied at once, however, and with drawn sabres charged the enemy without a moment's hesitation. The pseudo gendarmes turned tail and fled, leaving the brunt of the charge to be borne by the German dragoons and Hussars, the latter belonging to the Seventeenth Regiment.

Cut Their Way Through

The gallant little Belgians literally cut their way through to the German mass, piercing the cavalry line until they came under the machine gun fire of the enemy. This ploughed many gaps in the ranks of the Belgians, but quite undismayed, they reformed and wheeling about, dashed afresh into the German cavalry, battering them right and left.

It might have gone hard with the Belgian horsemen, but at the psychological moment a battery of artillery came into action in support of the 40 WORKMEN cavalry. The guns fired on the Germans, who being absolutely without cover were in a few minutes thrown into complete disorder and retreated pell mell. The Belgian squadrons thirsting for a fresh rush at the British and American workmen yes relied on for aid, in marshalling her enemy, could not be restrained, and terday were killed in the collapse land and sea forces and when she followed up their earlier brilliant of the new concrete Custom House strikes, as strike she surely must, it charge by sabreing the near ranks of at Ceiba Honduras, according to will not be on the side of the "opthe Germans.

Made Prisoners of Hussars In this last dash, the Belgians cut

Wearing Belgium Uniforms, of the Hussars, who apparently had the Germans Made a Sur- had enough of the encounter, and finding themselves cut off, raised their prise Attack But Were carbines uppermost in token of sur-

Several young women of the district were involuntary witnesses of the light. One girl, who had been picked up two German bullets which had fallen close where she was sit-Were Badly Treated by Ger- ting. She displayed extraordinary man Machine Guns But coolness and pluck during the en-Fought on Entirely Undis- gagement, and when the first prisoner, a German Hussar, was led in she asked for one of the Tueton's shoulder straps as a souvenir of an Brussels, Aug. 17.-I have just re- interesting Sunday afternoon. The turned from an automobile tour in Belgian troops, who had charge of Eastern Belgium, where I had found the prisoner, immediately complied the popular game of Uhlan hunting with the request of the Belgian girl. who is now the possessor of a strap Stray parties of German cavalry of grey cloth bearing the German

The Belgians Indignant

The reconnoitering forces seemed at the beginning of the fight, that forts. One German patrol, which was unquestionably composed of men ran into the Belgian outposts was in Belgian uniforms. Everybody exquite convinced until it was fired on, pressed profound regret that none of

Tired of the War

One prisoner, a corporal admitted In the South, where the Germans his place and said to the Government: meantime they had existed on what little food they could pick up on their wanderings. Their horses, too, had little rest, and were on their last legs. Neither men nor horses were able to withstand the shock of the Belgian charge.

Wounded Well Cared For

The wounded are well cared for and the prisoners, whether injured or whole, are humanely treated by

One of the Germans who was taken said that he had been told that the Belgians killed every prisoner they captured. His astonishmen may be imagined when learning that no harm would befall him by the Belgian hands. The same prisoner asserted that the German cavalry had been assured by their officers that the Belgians would never make a stand, and would run away at the first appearance of the

NOVA SCOTIA OFFERS BRITAIN 100,000 TONS COAL

Halifax, Aug. 20.—The Nova Sco tia Provincial Government has offered the Imperial authorites hundred thousand tons of coal as a war contribution. The offer has been gratefully accepted.

LOST LIVES WHEN

Washington, Aug. 21.-Forty scribes it. Italy, which Germany has a despatch to the State Depart- pressor of Europe."

off and made prisoners of a number READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE us, seem to be the vital facts.

SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL SITUATION, SHOWS BOTH THE FLEET AND THE ARMY HAVE ACTED IN EFFECTIVE FASHION

Seas Have Been Swept Clean by the British Navy and all the Expeditionary Force Were Safely Landed in France and Belgium on the Eighteenth-Fleet Safeguards the Trade Routes on the High Seas

talking with some soldier friends, OUTSIDE THE WATERS OF THE BALTIC THE GERMAN SHIPS ARE BOTTLED UP

> British Commerce is Now Almost Normal While the Ger- BAYONET EMPLOYED man Commerce is Completely Paralysed-On the Land Continual Minor Successes Have Been Gained by In Taking One Suburb-Forces of the Allies

> New York, Aug. 20.—The Bri- From these facts so briefly recalled tish Embassy here, today, has re- to the memory of our readers, and Paris, Aug. 20 .- The re-occupa-

lantic and elsewhere in safeguar J- East, as Foreign Secretary of As- is unchanged. ing the Trades routes is best ex-quith's government. by several officers who were present emplified by the fact that at Lloyds Without a murmur, two strong men tends from north of Saarburg, pass yesterday, the war risk fell to forty of Asquith's government, Lord Morley ing Morhange to Dalmeney, shillings per cent., for almost any and John Burns, were let go. voyages of Britsh vessels, whereas The opposition rallied to the support Luxemburg and Belgium is unthe rate to insure freight on cor. of the government of the day. Lord changed.

> The German fleet, outside the quith and his Cabinet. Baltic, is confined to harbors. British commerce is almost normal,

that the German's supplies were are apparently on the defensive, "Take every regiment out of Ireintention, apparently, of effecting a short, food was scarce, and the sol- the French are advancing in a long land. The Protestants will defend the diers were consequently on short ra- line into Alsace and Lorraine, a north, the Catholics its South," thus

The Big Conflict

Europe has been at war for over a fortnight; in a conflict which began with appalling suddenness, as far as the civilian world was concerned, with preparedness of high effectiveness in these great empires.

Austria and Servia were at war in common cause. the last week of July. Germany, the ally of Austria, professed herself agof Belgium, a country the territories of the Empire without paying, go freeof which she and the other powers ly on their lawful ways. had five several and distinct times and its declaration against Russia. ed France, violating the neutrality of there were no men of war. Luxemburg and Belgium. Across

these little states she unquestionably the French. The unexpected happened. Belgium resisted not only the bribes of Germany but its arms. The first atresses of the Belgian system of defence. That fortress still holds out, France has penetrated and still holds a part of Alsace. French soldiers who ready several million men in arms, being, as the Spartans at Thermopy- GERMANS MOVE and these are bearing down on the lae BUILDING FELL German frontier like a "huge and ponderous steam roller," as one writer de-

> Such, from the thousands of lines of censored cables which have come to

portant topics. Since the declaration of war the The Spirit of the Empire—The Bri hausen was preceded by a severe fleet has been responsible for the tish Government exhausted every battle. French troops took one of safety of the Expeditionary force, means to preserve peace. Sir Edward the suburbs at the point of the which completed its disembarka- Grey continued, until hostilities broke bayonet, and also took, as a rewho took a considerable number of day's engagement at the deception tion in France on August 18th, in out, his mediation with the powers in sult of the victory, six German canperfect order, and without casual- the nterest of peace; with all the pres- non and ammuniton waggons. tige gained by his great success in The official note says that the

Irish Difficulty

Ireland was on the Verge of civil The prisoners whom I saw belonged whilst German commerce is para- war. The closest observers saw no way out of the difficulty, which was seemed to be very glad to find them- The only casualty is the loss of most real. When the history of this southwest of Louvain. I arrived at selves safe in the Belgian lines. They the cruiser Amphion, which was century comes to be written, we bethe spot in time to witness the end ate ravenously of the food offered blown up by a mine after having lieve no scene in the British House of of an encounter of which the cavalry, them. All told the same old story sunk the German mine-layer Koen- Commons will stand more vividly of being utterly sick of the war, the igen Luise. One German subma-marked than that in which John Redwhy and wherefore of which they rine has been sunk in the North mond, veteran leader of the Nationalists, stalwart and reticent stood up in

a unit in coming to the support of the tories and reverses. Empire. "Britons all". The end of France will be finally the victor. some cases for the fighting forces of the labours of the Dominion born to- writer, who concedes success to the day, send their sons to fight in the side which can hold out the long-

The Preparedness of the Empire. grieved at the partial mobilization of British army and navy. To-day those belongs to the most tenaceous." French and Russian armies, gave each within the four seas who have paid for ultimatums, the shortest time for a them, the Briton overseas who gets the reply, and began war by the invasion full benefit of the land and sea forces

Today a battleship and seven cruispledged themselves to hold inviolate, ers protect the American shores of the Atlantic and its commerce in waters On August 1st German forces enter- where, at the beginning of the war,

The Mediterranean, highway of the world's commerce from the most anexpected to march in triumph against cient times, has on its waters no German armed ship.

cooped up behind forts, and its isolattack was on Liege, one of the fort- ed ships are fleeing from our cruisers and those of our allies.

Our army has landed troops to resist the German attack on our allies. Splendidly have the French and Belhave sung "How long, how long, O gians done. France's attitude is typi- Paris, Aug. 20.—A communication Lord!" are again on that soil as fied by its airman Garros who on the given out by the French War Depart- to be coming to obtain coal. The withdrawal of the German warships dear to every French heart. English first night of war hurled his frail aero- ment this morning is one of the brieftroops have landed on French soil- plane into the Zeppelin and with her est for some days. It announced only to give aid to the enemy even un-Sir John French leading them. The destroyed, sank down to victory. Her the bare facts of important develop- der a threat of the bombardment of Strictest prohibition has been placed German fleets are bottled up so that soldiers hold their own the soil of Alments now in progress in Belgium, the city. the war office has announced that the sace. Serious, the French nation fights and added there is nothing new along seas are clear for British commerce. against aggression, Belgium, not con- the front in Alsace and Lorraine. Russia, supposedly unprepared, has al- cerned in the war, fights for her own

WEATHER REPORT

variable winds; fair and

ers, but partly fair.

warm. Saturday, local show-

ALSATIAN TOWN OF MUELHAUSEN IN FRENCH HANDS

Its Recapture Was Preceded by a Very Sever Fight

Much Ammunition Captured

ceived a summary of the naval and others, certain inferences which seem tion of Muelhausen, in Alsace, by miltary situation to date. It is as sound are to be drawn on various im- French troops is officially announced here. The re-capture of Muel

The work of the Navy on the At- dealing with the problems of the Near situation in the Vosges Mountains In Lorraine the French line ex-

The situation in the Duchy of

LONG AND HARD SAY THE FRENCH

Side That Can Fight Long-

ENORMOUS LOSSES

But France is Confident She Will Eventually Win

Overseas-The Dominions have been will involve enormous loss with vic the Rhine.

the Earth, its fertile spaces won by the Temps also quotes General island born in the past, developing by von Bernhardi, German military

The following expression of opin ion is given by General Langlois, There has been many cries of the "The war will be long and victory

RUSSIANS TAKE E. PRUSSIAN TOWN

Capturing 12 German Guns And Large Number of Prisoners

St. Petersburg, Aug. 20.-Russian troops have occupied Gumbuinnen twenty miles from the Russian frontier of East Prussia, capturing twelve The main German armed fleets are German guns and a large number of prisoners.

> WAR OFFICE REPORT BRIEF

TOWARD ANTWERP

backward movement in that direction sion." may therefore be explained as strategical movements which point to the ARRIVED ARRIVED Early discomfiture of the army."

THE CITY OF BRUSSELS; BELGIANS NOW FALL BACK

But Only Detachments of CAPTURE OF CITY Cavalry Have Entered the Belgian Capital So Far, Says Report

BELGIANS RETIRE TOWARD ANTWERP

Have Done Their Work of IT WAS NO SURPRISE Holding the Germans in Check and it is Now the To the Allies, Who Have Allies' Turn

London, Aug. 21.—The Germans have taken Brussels.

German victory of Brussels did "A great battle is preparing. Belgium not mention the casualties of eith- is to be the theatre of most formidaer side. French official advices ble shock in history, the duration or state that Muelhausen, in Alsace, which escapes prophesy." has been recaptured by the French Repulsed in the south at Dinant by from Germans, who were said to the French, the Germans have been be retreating on the Rhine, but in making, since Tuesday, vigorous offen Lorraine it was admitted the Ger- sive movement towards the North, mans had forced French to fall which on Wednesday forced the Belback on their base.

Confirmation was received last back on Antwerp. William has ordered resistance to triumph whereas, from a strategical any Japanes effort to seize Kiao point of view, the movement was of

Cavalry Outposts.

cavalry have occupied Brussels. certain that our General Staff is far This official announcement was from being taken unprapared by our made last night. Strong columns adversaries tactics. The Staff had are following up this movement. long foreseen them and is prepared to The Belgian army is retiring to Ant deal with them under the best auswerp without having been engaged pices. by the Germans.

Along with the announcement of GERMANS BURN the fall of Brussels, the official And Victory Will Go To the statement says: "Our troops have hands many prisoners and 24 guns vance.

if true, is worthy of punishment. The which fought on Sunday, had been cupy, after driving back, in several in a way infinitely nobler than in the possible length of the war, The They were forced by a counter at- ed in Berlin. advance guard of the party were absent from its supply base for over engagements, the opposing Ger- sense they were first spoken, that Times says it may be taken for tack to fall back in a body, which The correspondent adds that the wearing the uniforms of Belgian two days and had been considerably man troops.

Wearing the uniforms of Belgian two days and had been considerably man troops. the bitter end, long and hard and and along the Canal from Marne to Prince Frederick William, of Lippe,

ENTIRELY WITHOUT STRATEGICAL VALUE

No Advantage to the Allies in Putting up Fight There

Made Plans to Engage Germans

Paris, Aug. 21.—The Petit Parisian The official announcement of the in a review of the war situation says

gians, after a fine resistance, to fall

night of the report that Emperor The Berlin Government will claim a

mediocre importance. The French armies have also taken Paris, Aug. 21.—The German up their respective positions and it is

MANY VILLAGES

met with brilliant success in Al- London, Aug. 21.-A despatch to sace, especially between Muelhau- the Central News from Brussels sen and Altkirch. The Germans, says that one long line of burning retreating on the Rhine, left in our villages marked the German ad-

six of which were captured after Telegraphing from Copenhagen, a sharp struggle by our infantry. the correspondent of the Daily "In Lorraine the day was less Mail says that a third list of Gerfortunate for us. Our advance man casualties, aggregating about troops found themselves faced by 1,000 men killed or wounded, maintions. He told me that the regiment great extent of which they now oc- making true, unless all signs fail, that Paris, Aug. 21.—Discussing the exceptionally strong positions. ly infantry men, has been publish-

was killed before Liege.

VANCOUVER MAY BE BOMBARDED BY ONE OF THE GERMAN CRUISERS

Canadian Minister of Marine SURRENDERED Notifies the People That a Hostile Warship is Approaching Their Port

WILL TRY TO GET

And Vancouver Is Told To JAPAN READY Refuse It Even If They Threaten To Lay the City In Ruins

Vancouver, Aug. 21.—The follow ing despatch arrived from Prince Rupert, B.C., late yesterday:

Hon . J. G. Hazen, Canadian Min- preparing for eventualities following ister of Marine, of the near ap- the expiration, next Sunday, of her proach of a German warship stated ultimatum to Germany, demanding the authorites have been notified not from the Orient and the evacuation

ANTWERP READY TO REPEL ATTACK closely watched.

ent of the Times at the Hague tele- where, according to current reports, London, Aug. 20.—The Brussels cor- graphs: "Preparations for the defence the fortifications are formidable. respondent of the Daily Telegraph, of Antwerp extend over an enormous Since the outbreak of the European telegraphing Tuesday night, says "the area. All classes in the city are join- War, thousands of Chinese Coolies Germans seem to be moving in the ing in the work day and night but have been employed in strengthening direction of Antwerp and any Belgian there is no sign of panic or confu- the defences.

> Prospero left Trinity at 9.40 a.m. and is due here at 3.30 this afternoon.

WITHOUT A SHOT

London, Aug. 21.—The Ghent correspondence to the Chronicle telegraphs "Brussels is now occupied by the enemy having been surrendered to SUPPLY OF COAL the Germans without the firing of a

FIGHT GERMANY

Will Back Up Ultimatum With Force of Arms, if Necessary

All banks have been notified by Tokio, Aug. 21.—Japan is quietly

on the publication of any information concerning the movements of Japanese ships and troops. All correspondence is censored and the newspapers are,

The War and Navy Departments are London, Aug. 21.—The correspond- preparing for a move on Kiau Chan

Portia left Placentia at 12.20 a.m.

Fogota left Fogo at 10.45 a.m.