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THE WAR NEWS

Keen disappointment was felt when news came that the German army had occupied Liege, which had been so gallantly defended by the Belgians. It does not appear, however, that the forts at Liege have been captured, and if it be true that there has been a junction of Belgian, British and French troops in Belgium the occupation of the city will not prove of very great importance to the Germans. They have at least been held in check during previous days in which they had hoped to press on through Belgium to the French front.

would be able to give the Austrians a deal of hard fighting. The news that comes from Tokio indicates that the Japanese are growing restive, and it would not be surprising if the Japanese fleet were ordered to take a hand in the struggle in eastern waters. The German war lord finds himself practically without a friend. It is certain that in a large section of Austria itself the people have no heart in a war which lines them up against the Serbians, who sprang from the same racial stock as themselves.

The world still waits for news from the North Sea. Apparently the German fleet is not eager to try conclusions with the English. We hear of an attack by German submarines on a British cruiser squadron, and of the sinking of one of the attacking vessels, while the British cruisers escaped without damage. British cruisers continue to capture German merchant vessels, but we are still without news of the whereabouts of the great fleets which it had been thought would have engaged in battle during the last week. If the Kaiser decides to play a waiting game so far as his fleet is concerned, the British Admiralty will at all events see to it that his ships do not interfere with the navigation of the channel, and will be able at the same time to keep up an effective blockade of German ports, so far as the commerce of that country is concerned.

In the meantime the combined armies of France, Belgium, Britain and Russia will draw the cordon around Germany, and it is only a question of time when the Kaiser will be compelled to sue for peace. Before that time comes, however, there must inevitably be an awful sacrifice of life on both sides, and such a sacrifice and destruction as Europe has not seen since the Napoleonic wars.

In an extraordinary proclamation Emperor William describes Germany as the victim of international jealousies and the subject of "latent hostility on the east and on the west and beyond the sea." The phrase "beyond the sea," is interpreted by some as a reference to the United States. In the same proclamation he says the enemies of Germany will not suffer her to maintain fidelity to Austria, "with whose humiliation our power and honor would be equally lost." This remark does not come with a very good grace from the representative of a nation which in 1896 defeated Austria, supplanted it in its leadership of the Germanic states, and finally kicked it out of the German confederation. The truth is that Germany now supports Austria because Austria appears to be willing to play Germany's game.

Today's news says that French forces have gained some advantage in Luxembourg, near the Belgian border. It will be remembered that the Germans violated the neutrality of Luxembourg in the hope of gaining an entry into France by that route before the French were in a position to defend their borders. In Luxembourg, as well as in Belgium, therefore, the Germans have been checked.

Today's cables also tell of the advance of a French army toward Sarburg, which is across the German border in Alsace, and several towns in Alsace are now occupied by French forces, while the Germans are hurrying up reinforcements. Emperor William himself has set out for the Alsatian frontier. So far as the invasion of France is concerned the German plans thus far have completely miscarried.

An interesting development is the reported advance of an Austrian army into Switzerland to aid the Germans against France. Apparently Austria has a little regard for the laws of neutrality as Germany. The Austrians, however, are still unable to gain any successes against the Serbians, who will evidently play an important part in the war so far as Austria is concerned, and who are now reported to have invaded Bosnia.

The action to be taken by Italy is the subject of universal interest. Italy was offered Algeria and the Belgian Congo as the price of an alliance with Germany and Austria, but she has refused. If it be true that they have sent Italy an ultimatum, the next few days may see that country also lined up against the German-Austrian alliance. If this should happen the Italian fleet would patrol the Adriatic, while her army

is as willing to sacrifice them in every battle as she seems to have been in the attack on Liege more than another million will be needed. Even if it be true that Germany has been laying in enormous supplies of food in preparation for this war it cannot be long until the problem of feeding her armies becomes a very serious one. She has no colonies from which she can receive fresh supplies.

French and English in Canada were never drawn into such close and hearty sympathy as at the present time. The province of Quebec stands ready to send a large contingent to the European battlefield, and there is no dissenting voice.

The Montreal Financial Times says: "The war crisis has brought out a number of fine examples of Canadian patriotism. Hamilton Gault has offered to raise a regiment of infantry to the extent of 1,000 men, all of whom have seen active service previously. This regiment will likely be known as Gault's Light Infantry, just as at the time of the Boer war another regiment was known as Strathcona Horse. D. Lorne McGibbon, who is an honorary lieutenant-colonel of the 6th Brigade Canadian Field Artillery, has more than risen to the occasion. He has made an offer to care for the families of all the men of the brigade who are called to war."

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