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WARRING NATIONS OF EUROPE DECLINE MEDIATION BY UNITED STATES; IT WILL BE A FIGHT TO A FINISH

RUSSIAN FLEET WANTS TO GET OUT OF BLACK SEA; DEMAND MADE

Requires Turkey to Give Passage of Dardanelles--Unconfirmed Reports of Defeats of Austrian Navy by English and French

London, Aug. 17--(6.40 a. m.)--A despatch from Copenhagen says the Politiken publishes a telegram from Constantinople stating that Russia has demanded from Turkey permission for the unrestricted passage of the Russian Black Sea fleet through the Dardanelles.

The Russian fleet in the Black Sea since the beginning of warlike operations, has captured 100 German and Austrian merchant vessels trading in those waters, many of them were tank steamers conveying oil.

AUSTRIANS WHIPPED IN ADRIATIC? London, Aug. 17--(6.40 a. m.)--A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Nish, Serbia, under date of Sunday, says: "A naval battle between French and Austrian warships began off Budua, Austria, in the Adriatic, at one o'clock this morning. The French squadron coming from the southwest, attacked the Austrian warships. Two Austrian ironclads were sunk, one was set on fire and a fourth fled northwards, towards Cattaro. The fight lasted over an hour."

BRITISH BATTLESHIPS CHASE AUSTRIANS London, Aug. 17--(12.15 p. m.)--A despatch from Rome to the Exchange Telegraph Company says it is reported from Ancona, that four British battleships chased the Austrian cruisers Aurora and Salgetvas, which were blockading Antivari. The Austrian vessels were pursued until they took refuge in the naval station at Pola.

CRIPPLED GERMAN CRUISER London, Aug. 17--(12.15 p. m.)--A despatch from Amsterdam to the Central News says the captain of the Dutch steamer Epilon, on his arrival at Yumuden today, reported seeing a German Drednought in the harbor at Trondhjem, which had been put out of action. Her funnels were smashed and on one side she was scarred with holes from shell fire. Reached the official news bureau here. No confirmation of the report has been received.

GERMAN CRUISER AT SAN FRANCISCO. San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 17--The German cruiser Leipzig which, stripped of action, has been patrolling the coast of this harbor for the last week, entered San Francisco bay early today and anchored just inside the Golden Gate. The vessel sent word ashore that it desired to communicate with the German consul.

Austrian Captured. Alexandria, Egypt via London, Aug. 17--The big new Austrian Lloyd liner Martenland was captured on Saturday by British warships near here, while on the voyage from Bombay to Trieste. She was brought into port.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 17--The British sloop-of-war Albatross, which had an exciting trip up the California coast, dodging the German cruiser Leipzig, is now safe in Esquimalt Harbor.

May Have New Brunswick's Cavalry In First Contingent. Suggestions Made by Lord Roberts of Great Interest Here--Waiting For Further Word--Local Troops Being Rapidly Prepared For Service Either at Home or Abroad

Members of all units in the city are now actively engaged in drilling, preparatory either to leaving for the overseas service or to aid, if necessary, in the defence of Canada, with headquarters at the Lower Cove Armoury, which is crowded with untrained men. The infantry volunteers recruited by the 69th regiment officers are up to the required quota for the European service, but more are each day being added for the home defence. With the artillery, more men are needed for both the home and foreign service, and recruiting is being steadily advanced.

It is not definitely known as yet just when the local units will leave for Quebec prior to sailing for the old country, but the probability is that it will be at least a week. The infantry and signalers will very likely leave first, while orders to Col. B. R. Armstrong, commanding the 8th Regiment Canadian Artillery are that that body will continue to fit themselves for service in St. John. Their departure therefore, will be somewhat later than that of the infantry. Lt. Colonel J. P. McArthur, O. C. of the 69th regiment, in a wired that his men would be ready for service at Quebec by Sunday next.

There is a possibility that some of the cavalry of New Brunswick, made up of the ranks, just a seasoned squadron, but it is rumoured in militia circles that Lord Roberts has suggested the advisability of mobilizing three brigades of mounted men in Canada for foreign service. Should this be later confirmed, and the advice acted upon, the 28th New Brunswick Dragoons, Col. H. H. McLean, O. C., and the 8th Princess Louise Hussars, Col. McDougall, O. C., will undoubtedly have their quota of men. Whether they or any other cavalry regiment would go from Canada as a unit cannot be said, but this is the desire fostered by many of the officers and men. Col. McLean said this morning that he had no advice on this matter, having received no further instructions as to what his regiment was to be used for than those at first given. He will leave tonight for Ottawa, and while away will have a conference with the militia authorities on the local situation.

On Partridge Island. A separate battery of artillery is being made from the members of the 8th Regt. C. A. on Partridge Island, those volunteering for the foreign section being segregated from the local defence. The men who have successfully passed the medical examination are reporting each day for duty, and are being taken on the battery strength from the time of their reporting at the island. While at the armory, tents are being used to house the men, buildings are being used for this purpose on the island, the home service volunteers in one, and the foreign battery members in another.

Wanted Army. Many people took advantage of the fine weather on Sunday afternoon stroll to the vicinity of the armory and see the soldiers stationed there preparing for the word to march. Off to the War. William Hudson, an English reservist, who has been residing in St. John, has (Continued on page 3, third column).



These British tars are seen working one of the deck guns of a cruiser. Note the hood protecting the gun crew and the mechanism of the breech.

BRITAIN LOSES NOTED GENERAL. Whole Day of Fighting At Dinant; London Times Man on Ground Tells of It

Chiefly Artillery Engagements and Likely Many Killed and Wounded--French

London, Aug. 17--The French embassy issued a statement this afternoon saying that the battle of Dinant was the most successful in which the French have engaged in the present war.

London, Aug. 17--(6.40 a. m.)--The Times' correspondent at Namur, Belgium, who witnessed the fighting at Dinant on Saturday, says: "The battle occupied a whole day, but was made up of two actions. The first continued from morning until two o'clock in the afternoon. The second occupied the remainder of the afternoon."

The French infantry advanced at the same time from the river. The artillery then took charge of the battle. At the same moment a French infantry regiment advancing along the Meuse on the right bank, struck the Germans in the town, and, aided by artillery, drove them off. They were then engaged in an artillery duel across the town. It was always the Germans who were retiring, and always French who moved forward and their batteries little by little. Gradually the French drove the Germans southward, probably along the road to Han-sur-Lesse, pursuing all the time with artillery and chasseurs.

"To all appearances the French artillery made better practice than the Germans. The number of killed and wounded must have been heavy. Several attempts have been made by the Germans to destroy the town by means of attack with aeroplane bombs within the past few days. On Friday an aviator dropped three bombs during a light fight across the city. One of these fell on the sidewalk of the bridge D'Omalous, injuring five men. The aviator dropped three bombs during a light fight across the city. One of these fell on the sidewalk of the bridge D'Omalous, injuring five men. The aviator dropped three bombs during a light fight across the city. One of these fell on the sidewalk of the bridge D'Omalous, injuring five men.

Belgians Capture Standard of Crack Regiment. Brussels, Aug. 17--(Via Paris 5.08 a.m.)--The standard of the famous German regiment, of the death head Hussars, which was formerly commanded by Crown Prince Frederick William, was captured by the Belgians in the battle at Haalen, and is now at a town hall at Diest.

The newspapers are permitted now to appear in the evening only. Crowds, eager for news, gather at the railway stations, watching for travelers.

TURKEY AND GREECE GET NEAR TO STATE OF WAR. London, Aug. 17--Official despatches say Greece has received information that Turkish troops are crossing Bulgarian territory and marching in the direction of Greece.

The Hellenic government, in consequence of these reports, has notified Turkey that if this news should be confirmed, corresponding military and naval measures will be taken immediately by Greece.

RESERVISTS IN CAPITAL CALLED ON BY BRITAIN. Scott Act Fine in Fredericton--Bride and Groom to British Columbia. Fredericton, Aug. 17--English reservists living in this vicinity have been ordered to join the colors.

The proprietor of Long's Hotel was convicted of a first offence under the Scott Act this morning and fined \$50. In George Street Baptist church this morning, Miss Ella B. Clark, only daughter of John T. Clark, was united in marriage to C. O. Wells of Salmon Arm, B. C., formerly of Bay Verte. Rev. A. F. Newcomb performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Dr. MacDonald of St. John. The bride's father gave her in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Wells left by train for Bay Verte to spend a few days before proceeding to their future home in the west.

A WANDERER. About ten o'clock last night Policeman Dykeman found a horse wandering about in Prince William street. It was a resolution requesting the Dominion government to regulate and control the price of wheat.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE, THE KAISER AND AUSTRIA, ALL DECLINE WILSON'S OFFER

Official British Report Tells of French Advance--Allies' Artillery Fire Deadly--Captured Eagle Over The French War Office Door

Washington, Aug. 17--Great Britain, France and Austria decline President Wilson's offer of mediation. Germany also declines American offers of mediation.

EFFECTIVE WORK BY ALLIES' ARTILLERY. London, Aug. 17--The official press bureau of the war office and admiralty has issued a statement saying that French troops in the course of a rapid advance along the valley of the Scheldt have taken a thousand prisoners.

The some of the fighting of the last few days, the official announcement continues, shows the great destruction effect of the fire of the allies' artillery. The trenches occupied by the enemy are filled with killed and wounded. A despatch from Paris to the Havas agency says French troops have occupied the town of Schreck, seven and one-half miles beyond Saales in Alsace. They took twelve field guns, twelve cannons, and eight rapid fire guns. The French cavalry then pushed on to Mulbach and Letzelhausen.

Paris, Aug. 17--(11.05 a. m.)--An official announcement today by the French war office, says: "The advance of the French armies continues to develop. Our troops have taken the heights to the north of the Alsatian frontier in German territory, and the French line now passes through Abrechtville, Lorquin, Aoudouange and Marsal.

"In the Don or Rougemont region we have occupied Schreck eight miles from Saales in Alsace and we have captured twelve German field guns, eight machine guns, and twelve gun carriages with ammunition. "Our cavalry has penetrated as far as Letzelhausen and Mulbach or Rosheim.

"Farther to the south we occupy Ville, east of Durbeis on the road to Schiestadt and Saint Croix-Aux-Mines, and some heavy field artillery has been captured by the French troops. "In Alsace we have a strongly supporting line from Thann through Colmar to Bannermatt."

Captured Prussian Eagle. Paris, Aug. 17--The first Prussian Eagle captured by the French during the present war today above the entrance to the French office in Paris. It is the red and black flag bearing a Prussian eagle in the center, which was borne into battle by the first lower Alsatian infantry regiment, No. 182, of the German army, when it came into action at Sainte Blaise, also known as Sainte Marie Aux Mines and Markirch. The regiment came from the German fortress of Strassburg.

The flag was taken by the 10th battalion of French rifles, and was brought to Paris last night by Colonel Marcel Serret, formerly French military attaché at Berlin.

Crowds of Parisians stood hour after hour, this morning staring at the captured standard.

Auto Proving Its Worth. Paris, Aug. 17--For the first time in history, the automobile is proving its worth in war. General Joffre, the French army commander, is enabled by its use to cover miles along the front and has inspired his men by his presence. The French general uses a racing automobile, and his chauffeur is Georges Bellot, a three times winner of the Grand Prix. He was an army reservist, and when he answered the call to the colors, asked for an assignment which fitted his vocation.

Different Than in 1870. London, Aug. 17--Reports from Belgium say the German prisoners have no regimental insignia on their uniforms, and have been instructed to refuse information as to what regiments they are attached to. In 1870, the English newspapers gave full account of the German and French regiments, where they were and what regiments composed each army.

Over all these details, the armies engaged in the war in Western Europe, except perhaps the Belgians, have folded a shroud of mystery concerning the men who play the greatest parts in the drama about beginning.

Stimulating the Russians. London, Aug. 17--The Standard's St. Petersburg correspondent says the Russian authorities are using two mighty forces to stimulate the zeal for war among the people--religious fervor and racial solidarity.

The marching Russian troops are preceded by a bearded and robed priest of the Orthodox church, carrying a cross. Bands play alternately religious music and barbaric airs. "It is not merely war," added the correspondent, "it is a holy crusade and also a crusade in accordance with the pan-Slavonic ideal."

Marconi Ready. Rome, Aug. 17--William Marconi, inventor of wireless telegraphy, has written to friends in Rome, saying that he will return to Italy to offer to his own country all the assistance he can in case of need, his scientific knowledge or his arm, which ever may be most useful.

Fears for Austrians in Canada. Montreal, Aug. 17--Hans Von Hanzenheim, late Austrian consul general to Canada, left Montreal last night for New York. He expressed fear that, owing to the feeling against the Austrians in this country, many hundreds of them day afternoon service at 1 o'clock.

WEATHER BULLETIN. Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis--Since Saturday showers have occurred in many portions of the western provinces, also over the greater portion of Ontario.

Fair and Warm. Maritime--Moderate west to south winds, fair and warm Tuesday, with scattered showers, but mostly fair and warm.

New England Forecasts--Unsettled tonight and Tuesday, probably occasional showers, gentle to moderate shifting winds.