

SPECTATOR TELLS OF HARROWING SCENES IN BELGIUM TOWNS

People Know They Are in a Life and Death Struggle, But Have Confidence in God—German Soldiers Under An Illusion.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser, by Alan Wilson, of the International News Service and the London Times.]

BRUSSELS, Aug. 12.—Brussels tonight is in a state of the most acute tension. Just as ninety-nine years ago it awaited the issue of the mighty combat at Waterloo to the death, the city sleeps, but it is the sleep of men whose courage alone prevents them from giving way. Destruction and death threaten fearfully on this still summer night under the crescent moon. The situation is critical beyond the possibility of exaggeration. Forty miles away, along the banks of the Meuse, the mighty hosts of the Kaiser, under the forts of Liege, lie massed for a great wide-ranging attack on the Belgian positions.

ILLUSION IS IMPOSSIBLE

The troops of Belgium, to whom joined their allies, the French, await the terrible onslaught. Along the line from Liege to Namur apparently a pitched battle is imminent. The atmosphere of the place is compelling beyond words. One is instantly held by it, and held bound by it. Illusion is impossible. Here is a people in the throes of a life and death struggle. Every man, every woman, every child, even, knows it. The thought of failure, even temporary failure, is too horrible to contemplate. As one soldier, to whom I spoke tonight, declared:

"We have confidence because we cannot believe that such agony is in store for us. God will not desert us."

FOR HOME AND FAITH

This, then, is a war for home and for faith—in the truest sense, a holy war. It has united all classes. It has made the nation one man. Workmen lay telegraph wires, handle trains, perform all manner of services, in many cases without reward. In the country villages peasant women bring bread and beer for the soldiers, giving of their best freely. They scorn payment.

Belgium believes she will win. She believes that the men who on Thursday sent spies with loaded revolvers to assassinate her gallant King, and who have filled her country with the plague of espionage, threatening her security in unmanly and cowardly ways, are not the men to force their yoke upon a land of the free. As she saw them swept from the slopes of the forts of Liege, so she believes she will yet see them rent asunder under the valley of the Meuse, driven back in rout from her wasted fields. She awaits the issue in splendid faith.

BATTLE LINE OF THIRTY MILES

Along the banks of the River Meuse, in a battle line extending 30 miles, massed troops are ready to be hurled at the enemy. Under cover of tremendous clouds of smoke one must discern vast bodies of cavalry awaiting those splendid charges which remain the great spectacles of war. Germany has tens of thousands to cast into the flames from the forts of Liege.

Meanwhile, comes reassuring news. "The German fire has had little effect upon these Frenchmen, who have replaced the defenders of these forts in some instances to allow the weary Belgian soldiers a respite. The manoeuvre was carried out under the very eyes of the enemy. The cannon have not ceased to thunder their challenge to the enemy to pass if he dare upon the great made leading to the interior."

HAVE TAKEN VINE

If Germany elects to fight in the neighborhood of Tournai, Liege will be upon her flanks. The movement of the Belgian army from Louvain southward to link with the French, has been proceeding steadily. The Germans have made an effort to prevent the junction, skirting invincible forts to the northward. German horsemen have taken Vine after a bitter struggle. The famous Uhlans and the no less famous Death Hussars, are the chief actors in this movement.

One next hears of a morning reconnaissance at Tongres, situated a few miles west of Vine, near the line of march, between Louvain and the French position at Tongres, occupied by the Germans Sunday morning.

A TERRIBLE MOMENT

It was a terrible moment for the inhabitants when, at 10 o'clock, they saw a detachment of cavalry marching in good order up the main streets. In an instant the dreadful uniforms were recognized, and the scene of peace became a spectacle of panic. The cry: "The Germans are upon us!" rang through the town. Windows were closed and barred, shutters were up, and doors were locked. Within a few moments the streets were empty and deserted. Tongres was a place of the dead.

REFUSED TO LOWER FLAG

Refugees have described the scene. Soldiers took the town hall, ordered the mayor to produce his money chest and to lower the Belgian flag. To the first request he refused, to the second he refused. Thereupon the Germans, with considerable good humor, took the flag down themselves.

At the postoffice, 10,000 francs were seized, and demands were then made for food for the hungry troops. This was procured and paid for out of the plunder, and the Germans feasted in the market place. The inhabitants had by this time got over their first fear and began to gather round their foes.

"You are Uhlans?" someone asked.

"Yes, from Eastern Prussia," was the reply. "For my own part, I am a Dantziger man. They fetched us here in special trains without telling us where we were going. My comrades come, many of them, from Lubek, in Schleswig-Holstein."

ATTEMPTS TO REACH CAPITAL

When a bold questioner ventured to suggest that the invasion had been the German object from the first, the Prussian addressed stared. He was amazed. "The invasion of Belgium?" But we have come to liberate Belgium from the French invasion.

The same soldier declared he had been assured that France was in the throes of revolution, that Serbia was beaten, that the Russians and Japanese were once more at each other's throats, hence that, not a man of the Czar's army would ever cross the German frontier. When the truth was made known, he seemed staggered.

ABOUT 3 O'CLOCK

About 3 o'clock, the main body of Uhlans left Tongres for Saint Trond, almost in the line of the Belgian advance. Their movements since are uncertain. A strong feeling prevailed in high quarters in Brussels that an attempt was about to be made to enter the capital, and precautions were actually taken.

Some French cavalry repulsed Uhlans coming from Tongres. Liege is now occupied by the enemy. The mayor was forced to issue a proclamation ordering the citizens to abstain from all warlike acts on pain of death. The railway station is closed, and only a single locomotive remains. All official means of communication have been cut. Many citizens escaped on bicycles and afoot.

GERMAN MAYOR NAMED

At Verviers, a small place to the north, a German mayor has been appointed. At hands, in the hands of the mayor, were put to death for resisting the troops. Such actions fill all Belgium with hate and horror.

These occupations of small places by troops have no real significance. The main fact is that the Belgian army, formed at Louvain, has been able to pass southward from there to the French. It is a significant feature of the situation that in the capital one heard the sound of cannon, very distant, but quite clear. All Brussels heard, and with bated breath all Brussels waits and waits.

AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR HAS TO LEAVE ENGLAND: A FRIEND OF ROYALTY.

LONDON, August 12.—11.45 p.m.—Arrangements have been made for the departure tomorrow of the Austrian Ambassador, Count A. M. de Salm-Reifferscheidt, who has been in England for eighteen years as secretary, minister and ambassador, respectively, and who is one of the most intimate friends of the British Royal Family.

Ontario To Follow Lead Of Alberta With Gift

[Special to The Advertiser.]

TORONTO, August 12.—Ontario is planning to do something for the British government along the lines adopted by the province of Alberta, in offering 500,000 bushels of oats. Just what form the Ontario contribution will take is not disclosed. There was an extensive Cabinet meeting at the Parliament buildings today, and at its conclusion, Hon. R. A. Fyne, who presided, said, "the matter is being considered."

The Advertiser understands that the necessary arrangements have been placed in charge of Hon. Jas. S. Duff, minister of agriculture, and as soon as the details are completed an announcement will be made.

BELGIANS TAKE LOST TERRITORY

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Aug. 13.—Via London, 7:30 a.m.—An official communication states that the forts at Liege are still holding out and that the Belgian troops to the west of the city resumed the offensive, and after a lively struggle drove the Germans back and recaptured ground that had been lost.

The Belgians have blown up a number of bridges on the railway lines in the German rear in the Landen district, thus cutting them off from their base of supplies.

BELGIANS AT DISADVANTAGE BECAUSE OF BRIGHT UNIFORM

Are More Easily Seen Than Germans, Who Wore Grey to Blend With Country Shades — Big Battle On.

[Canadian Press.]

Brussels, Aug. 12.—Via London 4:30 a.m.—Though there is a general idea that a big battle has begun, the only official news that came to hand late last night was that the bodies of cavalry awaiting those splendid charges which remain the great spectacles of war, Germany has tens of thousands to cast into the flames from the forts of Liege.

Yesterday for the first time German prisoners were seen here. They were young officers with spiked helmets covered with brown holland cloth to render them less conspicuous. The Belgians fight at a disadvantage, as they are compelled to expose themselves in their ordinary uniforms, some of which, especially those of the cavalry, are brilliantly colored, while the Germans of all ranks wear a gray field uniform, which easily melts into the grays and browns of roads and stubblefields.

Operations Kept Secret

The Belgian authorities are preserving well the secret of the operations of the military. A member of the Chamber of Deputies said yesterday that even he and his colleagues were ignorant of the details of the operations of the army headquarters.

King Albert passed through Louvain yesterday afternoon in a travel-stained automobile. He was dressed in a general's uniform, and almost escaped recognition, as he was without escort.

German Brutalities

Harrowing stories continue to be told of alleged German brutalities. They are accused of burning and pillaging villages and of shooting villagers without provocation. It is alleged that whenever German cavalrymen enter a town they make first for the municipal treasury and then for the banks, taking whatever cash they can find.

KING OFFERS BALMORAL CASTLE.

LONDON, August 12.—2.55 a.m.—King George has offered Balmoral Castle as a hospital for wounded soldiers.

RUSSIANS BUSY MINING HARBOR OF VLADIVOSTOK

Report of Germans Arriving in Korea—German Reservists and Non-Combatants Leave the City.

[Canadian Press.]

SEUL, Korea, Aug. 12.—Germans arriving here from Vladivostok report that several Russian cruisers, ten torpedo boats and eight submarines are engaged in mining the harbor of Vladivostok.

They say also that 150 German reservists and 100 non-combatants have left the city, but that 350 other Germans, mostly women and children, still remain there by permission of the authorities.

RESERVISTS FROM U.S.A. DISCOURAGED

Warring Nations Not Anxious For Them, Unless Paying Own Passage.

ONE SHIP KEPT IN PORT

Germany and France Not Anxious For Services of Former Soldiers.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, August 13.—The indefinite postponement yesterday of the sailing of the French liner Bochum-beau, the posting of notices in the French consulate that hereafter reservists anxious to join their colors should make application by mail, and the fact that the German consulate is sending over only those reservists who can pay their own passage appeared to indicate today that the warring powers are anxious for assistance from their reservists in this country.

It also became known today that the German consulate is sending back to various cities all reservists who have come here without funds. Two hundred Germans have obtained passage on the Italian liner Caserta, which leaves tomorrow. They paid their own passage.

The Belgian bureau announced last night that Belgium did not want any more reservists, principally because of the risk of getting them over.

AMERICA STARTS EXPORTING OF COAL

Thirteen Vessels Chartered for Cargoes to Foreign Ports.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, August 13.—Announcement was made today that the initial movement in the expected heavy chartering of vessels to be used for carrying American coal to foreign ports has begun. Ten ships have been engaged to carry cargoes of coal from Virginia to Las Palmas, Canary Islands. Their aggregate capacity is 100,000 tons. Two other vessels were chartered for South America. A third will carry a cargo of coal to Christiania. It is believed that in ten days a big fleet will be engaged in the coal trade.

BIG SHIPMENT OF EGGS FROM AMERICA

New York, August 13.—In the refrigerators of the American liner, New York, when she sails for London tomorrow, will be 25,000 dozen of eggs, the first American eggs for English markets since the beginning of the European war. These eggs cost here twenty-five cents a dozen.

CONFISCATING WIRELESS

Montreal, August 13.—A number of wireless installations were yesterday confiscated by the police on orders from the Dominion Marine Department.

CHICAGO MURDER FOLLOWS STRUGGLE

Attorney Found Dead in Office Which Was Spattered With Blood — Clerk Held For Inquiry.

[Canadian Press.]

Chicago, Aug. 13.—The mysterious murder of Edward P. Amory, patent attorney and secretary of the Western Railroad Association, who was found choked and beaten to death in his office yesterday, was still unsolved when the police took up the investigation today. Amory was killed in the morning and the body left locked in the office of the association. His woman stenographer vainly tried to get in, and at length went home, leaving a note pushed under the door. The body was discovered by Allan M. Thompson, Amory's clerk, who was having a day off, he said, but looked in at the office late in the afternoon. The police held Thompson to investigate his story.

A Desperate Struggle.

Amory was killed after a desperate struggle. He had three cuts on his head, bruises on his throat and the whole office was spattered with blood. Thompson had several slight scratches on his neck, which he said he had got while playing with a dog. One lens of his eyeglasses was broken. Thumb prints found on chairs in Amory's office, were to be compared with Thompson's today.

Thompson declared that he had been given a day off to go to the dentist. The association of which Amory was secretary was formed to protect western railroads against infringement of patents, and the police thought the murder might have been committed by some person with a fancied injury in connection with patent litigation. Amory's desk was open and its contents scattered.

FUND FOR FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS PROPOSED

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—The following official announcement was made this afternoon:

"His Royal Highness the Governor-General proposes that a Canadian national fund should be established to make provision for the families and dependents of those in the Canadian forces on active service, whether at home or abroad. A meeting in furtherance of this object will be announced at an early date."

GERMAN CRUISER COALS AT FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—The German cruiser Leipzig steamed into this port this evening for coal.

Seventeen British vessels, two Frenchmen and five Germans are tied up in the harbor. Four of them are laden and two have taken out their clearance papers, but do not dare move out of the uncertainty outside. Among them is the Union Line Maana, bound for Australasia, due to sail tomorrow.

Vacation Trunks, Special, \$5.95.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM

Leather Club Bags, \$4.49

New Imported Coatings Are Here



Correctly Featuring the Early Autumn Styles

The door of autumn is ajar, and this first exhibit of early autumn coatings is causing eager comment. The early delivery of these goods is of more than usual significance this year, and if for no other reason than the advantage of having your autumn coat made up early, and obtaining the benefit of a full season's wear, we invite you to see these, while the choicest ranges are complete.

The few descriptions following are given as a practical help in the consideration of the new coating materials exhibited in dress goods section on the main floor this week. Handsome materials for the new combination cape coats.

WHETHER You Are There--Or Whether You Are Starting or Returning, the Things You Want Are Here, and Our Quick Service at Your Disposal.

From the handbag to the wardrobe trunk; from a handkerchief to a hat; from a new sweater to a new evening gown. "These liberal stocks offer ready and rapid selection. Those who are on vacation and require articles which local resources cannot satisfactorily supply, need only write or phone and the next mail or parcel post collection will take the goods on their way to you. We always aim to have our service ever ready for all requirements—emergency or otherwise."

Newest Parisian Novelties Ladies' Watch Fobs and Velvet Neck Bands With Jeweled Pendants.

You don't need a watch to wear a fob now. This is the latest Paris fad. Heavy corded silk ribbon with sterling silver buckles studded with brilliants, worn at belt with or without a watch. Special 75c. \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.

Also see the new velvet neckbands with dainty pendant and clasp of sterling silver with brilliant and pearl settings. Just in from Paris 75c to \$2.00. Also choice bands up to \$12.00.

—At Jewelry Counter—

Block Checked Coatings, \$2.00

This is a new design in black and white square check, soft thick, but not heavy weight, in black and white, also check, also black and white overchecked with royal blue, mauve and tan. Excellent coating for motoring or travelling—no lining needed. 52 inch width \$2.00 yard.

Chinchilla Coating, \$2.00

In bright colors, very new effect. Emerald royal and tango, superior quality. 54 inch. \$2.00 yard.

Heavy Tweed Coating, \$1.75

Beautiful tweed effects in dark color combinations. Soft heavy quality no lining required. 54 inch, \$1.75 yard.

Check Coating, \$1.75

Stylish effects in blue and green, also small dark green plaid. One of the newest styles for the coming season. 54 inch, \$1.75 yard.

Plaid Coatings, \$2.50

New designs that are very smart for the new cape coats. Heavy soft material for autumn and winter wear. Very stylish. 52 inch, \$2.50 yard. Also dark check and stripe patterns, superior quality and very smart for the cape style. 54 inch, \$2.75 yard.

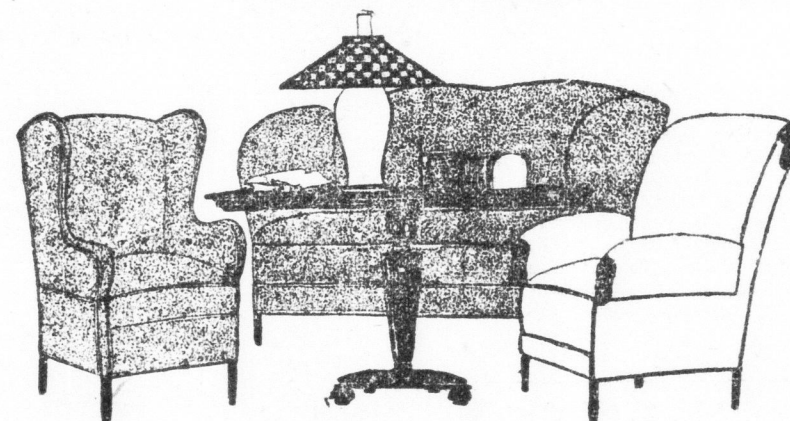
Also fancy tweed coatings in light color combinations. Very handsome for autumn or winter wear. 54 inch, \$2.50 yard.

—Main Floor—

SAMPLES MAILED TO OUT-OF-TOWN CUSTOMERS ON REQUEST.

Friday Specials in the August Furniture Sale

THIS IS THE STORE—AND THIS THE ORIGINAL FURNITURE STORE.



Today, tomorrow and every day brings something new in this sale. The prices advertised for today are at half-price and for tomorrow some great reductions have been made in easy chairs and davenport. Perhaps you would prefer to have such exceptional opportunities in October, but that would be impossible, for the very foundation of this sale is the fact of it being between the spring and autumn seasons, and the almost equally important fact that we could not give the same concentrated effort to a furniture sale when the natural demand for merchandise is heaviest in all departments. Please remember that every piece of furniture on the floor is reduced from 10 to 50 per cent, and every reduction, whether 10 or 50 per cent is an actual saving. Also that every piece is of our regular standard, and would be desirable and salable in the autumn at standard year-around prices.

English Chesterfield

Kidney Shaped, best quality construction. Covered with high-grade tapestry. Regular \$75.00 AUGUST FURNITURE SALE\$55.00

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MONTREAL SHIPPING CONDITIONS IMPROVE

Record Amount of Grain Loaded On Seven Ships in Half Day.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Aug. 13.—The condition of shipping in the port of Montreal is much improved, particularly as regards the grain fleet. A total of 470,000 bushels of grain was loaded in the afternoon on seven ships, the Hesperian, Cassandra, Devon, Laurence, Rhosona, Manchester, and Beaver. The grain was loaded in half a day. The feeling among shipping men was more optimistic today, although the banks still refuse to handle the exchange until they can be sure importers in Britain will meet their drafts.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGES COMMERCE

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Aug. 13.—2.55 a.m.—To encourage commerce during the war, the French Government, it is announced, will cover war risks on importations and exports of goods. Vessels under the exportations will be covered to 80 per cent of their value, while the total value of cargoes under the French flag or of cargoes under neutral states will be covered in consideration of a premium.

U. S. A. MUST RAISE EXTRA \$100,000,000

How To Offset Loss On Import Duties Problem For the Experts To Solve.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, Aug. 13.—The question of ways and means for raising about \$100,000,000 to offset the loss to the United States in import duties, expected to result from the European war was up for discussion at a conference here today between Secretary of the Treasury, McAdoo and Chairman Underwood of the House Ways and Means Committee. Treasury experts had prepared a statement showing imports from the warring countries and figures indicating what might be raised by increased taxes on liquors and by adding to the income tax.

Other Countries May Help.

Normal revenue on imports from the war zone totals about \$116,000,000 annually. Many of the articles exported by Germany, experts say, may be provided by England and other countries. Japan might increase its exports of things which Germany normally supplies. Pottery, lacas and embroideries, toys, dyes, etc., will constitute the principal loss.

Tobacco and Beer in Danger.

Plans being informally discussed include one to change the internal revenue tax on cigars and tobacco to make it an ad valorem tax instead of a flat tax on amounts, it being esti-

SIMILAR NAMES ARE UNFORTUNATE

Mistaken Identity Almost Proves William Parker's Undoing in Court.

"Things looked black for William Parker in police court today, and all because some other William Parker has been making his name familiar with the court register. William was charged with being drunk."

"When were you here last?" asked the court.

"Not for some time," was the reply. Sergt. Birrell thought it was more recent. The register was consulted. There it was found that early in April William Parker had appeared. The Parker in court stated that on his last visit the fine had been two dollars. The Parker on the book was taxed three dollars and sundries. Therefore they were two different Parkers. Dismissed.

Martin Burke, arraigned for being drunk in a tresspass on the Grand Trunk was remanded a week for sentence.

Several first-time drunks and several others who had not been seen around the precincts of the police for some time were allowed to go.

GERMAN WARSHIP OFF NORTH CAROLINA COAST

Beaufort, N. C., Aug. 12.—A German warship has been cruising off the North Carolina coast, about forty miles to sea, for the last three days, according to

the commander of the United States fish commission steamer, Fish Hawk, which has been operating off Beaufort bar.

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