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STORIES OF THE FIGHTING COME THROUGH CENSORS
Town of Lille Not Occupied but Situation is Changed Almost Every Hour Says War Correspondent.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—4.03 a.m. —The correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing from Tourcoing, says: "I visited Lille to-day, Wednesday. I expected to find it occupied by the Germans, as it was made an open town and abandoned by the mayor and the local guards two days ago. Not so, however, I found the mayor and the local guards had returned and the trains and business had been resumed and that the authorities were awaiting the arrival of the allied troops, whom they expected shortly.

"What the meaning of this is is hard to say from here, unless it indicates that the allied armies have again moved forward victoriously. But this belief is difficult in view of the reports of hard fighting at Pont-a-Marq, Marchiennes and Cysoing, which would seem to indicate that the Germans have advanced.
"The town of Tourcoing is quiet and peaceful, although Sunday it was very near the centre of a storm. The same may be said of the other peaceful places through which I passed to-day, such as Courtrai and Roubaix.
"It is hard to realize how rapidly the situation changes, how quickly this vast business moves and how swiftly the tide of war ebbs and flows.

Here on the French frontier the landlady of a little French inn told me placidly as she served lunch, they killed four Germans just over there yesterday, and she jerked her thumb in the direction and passed over the incident as if it was an everyday occurrence. She was not much impressed with the fighting which had been going on all about her, but was eager to know how the Russians were getting on in their march toward Berlin.
"Everybody in this country is becoming accustomed to the sight of wandering bands of Uhlans, some of whom are very polite and kind, and others rude and rough. These wandering patrols of Uhlans are a puzzle even to them. Presently they do there, not know where they are, but they pushed on with an apparent aimlessness."

GERMAN'S ADVANCE
LONDON, Aug. 28.—4.30 a.m. A despatch to The Express from Lille announces that the advance guard of Germans is now at Pont-a-Marq and Marchiennes.
"This represents" says the Lille correspondent in his despatch, "a slight further advance movement from Cysoing, where they were reported on Monday.
"Here was heavy fighting at Marchiennes Thursday morning when the Germans broke through the French line. The allies acquitted themselves well however, and succeeded in pushing the German advance forces back on their main body. The German advance forces were also repulsed at Pont-a-Marq.

"There was also fighting at Tournai where the Germans were repulsed. It is believed here that the Germans have occupied Valenciennes but the British are reported to have driven back the enemy near Mons.
"Here is nothing to indicate that the allies' line from Mons to Conde has been seriously turned.
"French industrial centres such as Roubaix and Tourcoing, are frequently visited by German cavalry and are occupied and evacuated every day."

FIGHT AT CHARLEROI
LONDON, Aug. 28.—A Reuter despatch from Paris says a French Zouave officer, who has returned wounded from the front, describes some of his impressions:
"My regiment," he said, "took part in the fighting around Charleroi, where the imperial guard suffered severely. I was surprised at the lack of effectiveness of the German artillery. Their shells when they burst produced a series of terrific explosions but did comparatively little damage. The soldiers quickly perceiving that the chief characteristic of the shells was noise, soon got accustomed to them. One man who was struck in the back by a splinter from a shell, was merely bruised. On the other hand, the French artillery fire had a deadly effect and its accuracy was little short of marvellous. For instance, I saw a German battery appearing in the distance, but even before it could unlimber, it was destroyed by the French fire.

"The ravages caused by the French artillery were enormous. Whole ranks of infantrymen were mowed down by shrapnel. Some of those shot dead remained standing, owing to the number of bodies that had accumulated around them."
Asked as to his opinion of the value of the German troops, the officer said:
"Their bravery is wonderful, especially that of the imperial guard, which did not flinch before the most murderous fire. On the other hand the morale of the French troops is splendid. They are not in the least disheartened by the temporary check.

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MONTREAL, Aug. 28.—Preparations were completed to-day on the White Star liner Megantic for the accommodation of the 1,140 men who constitute Princess Patricia's Light Horse, and who will sail on this ship for England at daybreak to-morrow. The advance guard of the regiment reached here last night.

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