

French Soldiers on the Firing Line---A Battle Scene Picture From Alsace, Where the French for a Time Had the Germans Beaten



Illustrational News Service

Germans Still Fall Back Before Advance of Allies

While the latest official statements give few details of the great battle which is being waged in France and in which three million men are engaged, it seems apparent that the German forces are still falling back, from the announcement that the Allies have gained about thirty-seven miles of territory in their advance, an increase of twelve in the operations during the past twenty-four hours.

Both British and French troops have crossed the River Marne, the British capturing men and guns. The action of greatest severity is being fought between Mailly and Vitry Le Francois.

In an engagement between British and Germans in Nyssaland, British Central Africa, the Germans, according to the British official press bureau, were driven back to the river Songwe, which is part of the frontier between the British and German protectorates.

Prince Oachim Albrecht, of Prussia, son of the late Prince Frederick Albert, Regent of Brunswick, and a second cousin of the German emperor, has been wounded in battle.

BRITISH WIN IMPORTANT SUCCESSES.

Paris, Sept. 10--11.22 p. m.—The following official communication was issued tonight:

"On the left wing the British and French troops have crossed the Marne, between La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre, Charly and Chateau Thierry, pursuing the enemy who is in retreat. During the course of their advance, the British forces took a number of prisoners and captured Mitrailleses.

"During the four days' battle the allied armies have, in that section of the theatre of operations, gained more than sixty kilometres. "Between Chateau Thierry and Vitry Le Francois the Prussian guard has been thrown back.

"The action continues with great severity in the region between Camp De Mailly and Vitry Le Francois.

"In the center and on the right wing there is no change in the situation.

"In the Ornaix and in the Argonne districts the two opposing forces are maintaining their positions. In the region of Nancy the enemy has made slight progress on the Chateau Salins road. On the other hand, we have gained ground in the forest of Champenoux.

"The losses have been considerable on both sides, but the morale and health of our troops remain excellent.

"There is no confirmation of the news published in the German newspapers of the fall of Maubeuge."

GERMAN RAGE AGAINST ENGLISH, FRENCH AND RUSSIANS

(Associated Press Correspondence)

Berlin, Aug. 21—One of the accompaniments of the European war which would, under less serious conditions, be a fair subject for amused comment, is the sudden rage that has manifested itself against everything English, French and Russian. This feeling has reached such a pitch that French and English pictures have been withdrawn from public view at the Berlin museums. In the Kaiser Friedrich Museum, priceless old books with wood engravings by Gustave Dore have been withdrawn.

On the days following the declaration of war by Great Britain, groups paraded the main streets and made demonstrations before shops with offending signs. Many American firms, which advertised branches in Paris and London, suffered. At the corner of Leipziger and Friedrich streets stands the Equitable Life Insurance Company's building. Its first two floors sheltered the Equitable Cafe, but this became the "Zielka Cafe" on August 6.

The Berlin Messenger-Boy Company, whose English name had long given offense to sturdy patriots, is now the "Berliner Boten-Junge Gesellschaft," and the messengers have been equipped with new headgear to replace the tiny Tommy Atkins hat which they formerly wore on the side of their head.

The movement is being carried to such ridiculous lengths that prominent newspapers are now declaring the Germans should stop saying "adieu" upon parting.

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STOOD TERRIBLE ORDEAL AT NAMUR

Belgians Lost Some 14,000 Men There

BATTERED BY GERMANS

Ten Hours of Bombardment With Great Siege Guns—Cutting Way Through the Foe But at Terrible Cost

Ostend, Belgium, via London, Sept. 11.—The remnant of the Namur garrison has arrived here, bringing a story which explains to some extent why a stronghold so nearly impregnable fell.

Of 36,000 men in the forts in the environs of Namur, 12,000 escaped, making the Belgian loss at Namur in killed, wounded and missing, 14,000.

It seems that under cover of the fog, the Germans finally got their new siege guns into position from which they could concentrate their fire on a single point of the Namur defences of three miles between the Belgian trenches and consequently outflank the guns.

"Without troubling about the fog," said one of the survivors, "the Germans first centered their rain of steel upon our entrenchments. For ten hours our brave young fellows stood the terrible ordeal, unable to fire a shot in return.

Any man rising his head above the fire-swept ramparts had it blown off. Lying flat on our stomachs all we could do was to wait for the firing to end. Whole regiments were being decimated. The loss among our officers was terrible.

"Meanwhile many German guns had been turned on the forts, especially Maizeret and Marchevotte. The men in them, armed with guns of much smaller caliber than the Germans, could offer but feeble resistance. Maizeret, in fact, fired only about ten shots while receiving no fewer than 1,200 shells at the rate of twenty a minute.

"At Marchevotte seventy-five men perished at the batteries and both forts soon surrendered. The other works, however, were still holding out when the army left town. So much confidence had been placed in Gen. Michel and his staff's ability to hold the fortress that the eventual retirement of the forces from it had in no way been provided for and as a result the greatest confusion ensued.

"No provision had been made for the destruction of the stores, and all of them, together with the fortress artillery and most of the field artillery fell into the hands of the enemy. At the Cadet School alone was a store of 8,000,000 rations.

"The Ambulance Corps was a heavy sufferer through lack of organization, losing 150 out of 600 men. Many of our sick and wounded were left behind in Namur, but such as could be moved were got through to the French lines and eventually were transferred to French hospitals.

"On the retreat the narrow road was choked with men, horses and vehicles. Of our enormous park of motor cars only two were saved, for the Germans entered the town close on our heels.

"Doomed to Disappointment."

"We were doomed to disappointment after disappointment. The French had been obliged to fall back and could only send us two regiments. These bravely fought their way to us, joining us in greatly reduced numbers not far from Namur. Our generals had believed that the destruction of the bridge at Jambes would cover our retreat, but the Germans, moving more rapidly, cut our retreat near Bois de Villers, six miles from Namur, where their machine guns made a clean sweep of several motors filled with Belgian officers. At last we

cut our way through, but at a terrible loss.

"Here the 8th and 18th Regiments especially distinguished themselves. They lost nearly all of their officers. One of our commissariat trains fell into the hands of the enemy.

"Our troops continued their retreat, ever pursued, ever harassed. Moreover, we tumbled right into the path of the French retreat from Chalons, and it was not until we got to Philippville that our troops were pulled together again and reformed.

"The next day and thereafter our retreat was executed in good order. Everywhere we were received with open arms, the inhabitants of towns vying with one another to give us shelter."

PARISIANS HONOR BRAVE BELGIAN KING

(Associated Press Correspondence)

Paris, Aug. 23.—A drawing of Alsace, a handsome maiden, flying joyfully into the arms of a French soldier, is the most popular drawing of the war so far and it is being reproduced in all sizes, including postcards. The war seems to have paralyzed the artists. There are many indecipherable coarse postal cards, picturing the German Emperor as a pig or sausage or worse. King Albert is the hero of the war up to date and his photographs are for sale everywhere.

Flags are worn on lapels, borne on taxicabs, and displayed over the door of almost every home and shop. There are many more British flags in Paris than there are French flags in London.

All Paris newspapers are printed on one sheet only. The supply of paper is limited, most of the staffs have gone to the front and nobody cares for anything but war news. The police have forbidden vendors to cry out anything but the names of papers so there are no shouts about big battles and big losses.

One of the notable aspects of the war is the paralysis of the commercial life of Paris. The detestable "Wish a guide, mister?" is no longer poured into the ears of the pedestrians in the Place de l'Opera. The tables in front of the boulevard restaurants are but sparsely surrounded. Even the better cafes are two-thirds closed and the few remaining waiters are sorry that they are too old to be with the troops.

A white marble monument, a full size figure of Christ, has been erected in Aldershot Military Cemetery in memory of Colonel S. F. Cody, the aviator and inventor, who was killed while flying over Laffan's Plain in August, 1913.

SAGE AND SULPHUR DARKENS GRAY HAIR

It's Grandmother's Recipe to Restore Color, Gloss and Thickness

Hair that loses its color and lustre, or when it fades, turns gray, dull and lifeless, is caused by a lack of sulphur in the hair. Our grandmother made up a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur to keep her locks dark and beautiful, and thousands of women and men who value that even color, that beautiful dark sheen of hair which is so attractive, use only this old-time recipe.

Nowadays we get this famous mixture by asking at any drug store for a 50-cent bottle of Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound, which darkens the hair so naturally, so evenly, that nobody can possibly tell it has been applied. Besides, it takes off dandruff, stops scalp itching and falling hair. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking only one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also brings back the gloss and lustre and gives it an appearance of abundance.

PAYING THE TOLL OF WAR

(Associated Press Correspondence)

Paris, Aug. 26.—Already women and children in black are growing more and more numerous on the streets of Paris. Today the official communique declares that "while our losses (in a certain engagement) were heavy those of the enemy were far greater." The inevitable toll of the war is being paid.

A tear-stained, trembling mignonette told today how she heard of the death of her only brother yesterday. He had sent her no word since he went north with his regiment on the second day of mobilization. There are no official lists of the killed and wounded. For five days she went to the ministry of war, seeking news. On Friday they seemed to be preparing for the worst. "Come tomorrow and we will have news of your brother. On the morrow she was told simply "He is dead." All further inquiries were in vain. Where and how he died she could not learn or whether his body

would be brought home. Simply "Il est mort."

THIS HOTEL MAN MAKES A CUT IN THE RATES

Calgary, Alta. Sept. 10.—Instead of advancing rates in conformity with increasing prices for foodstuffs, the proprietor of one of the largest hotels in Calgary announces a reduction, notwithstanding that the service will be fully up to the standard. Believing it to be the duty of all citizens to do their share towards meeting the unprecedented conditions brought about by the European struggle, the management has cut the cost of living of its guests and will be satisfied with a smaller profit until peace is declared.

CHANGES IN QUEEN'S STAFF

Kingston, Sept. 11.—Two changes in the staff of Queen's University are announced. T. J. Hedman, of Chicago, has been appointed lecturer in German. He is a native of Sweden, Arthur J. Mann, a graduate of Oxford University, has been appointed a lecturer in French.

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WILD WAR STORIES PUT IN CIRCULATION

(Associated Press Correspondence)

The Hague, Aug. 21.—It is learned on good authority that the publication of sensational stories which appeared in German newspapers during the first days of the war, such as the report of a French physician trying to infect a well in Alsace with typhoid bacilli, were secured by the German army officials with a view of bestirring the people to watchfulness.

Stories like that of the infected well were widely published. Lakes all over the country were being poisoned. Russian automobiles carrying a great quantity of gold were trying to cross Germany from France. The whole country was swarming with spies.

The effect that these stories had for they were generally believed, led to the shooting of many innocent persons, including one German army captain, and great interruptions to the progress of high military personages on important missions. The chief of police in Stuttgart issued the following official statement to his men, showing the effect of these sensational stories.

"The populace is beginning to become crazy. The streets are full of old women of both sexes who conduct themselves in an unworthy manner. Everyone sees in his neighbor a French or Russian or French spy, and considers it his duty to beat him, together with the policeman who tries to protect him, or at least, to cause a tremendous crowd to collect and hand the supposed spy over to the police. Clouds are mistaken for aviators, stars for airplanes, bicycle pumps for bombs. Telephone and telegraph wires in the middle of the city are believed to have been cut, bridges blown up, ships shot and the water supply poisoned. It is impossible to predict what form these extravagances will assume when the situation becomes really more earnest. As a matter of fact, not a single suspicious thing has thus far occurred in Stuttgart."

"The police should continue cool. Be men, and not old women, do not let yourselves be duped, but keep your eyes open, as it is your duty to do."

There is a good deal of hypocrisy over hot weather. Most people pretend to like it, and very few people really do like it, says a critic.

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