FRENCH TROOPS GAIN FURTHER VICTORIES IN ALSACE

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Canadian Press Despatch.

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FIGHTING FRENCH

German Prisoners Had No Correspondent Idea They Were Pitted Against Belgians.

When Leaders Are Shot Down Namur Rests Quiet-German Men Don't Know What to Do.

Special Cable to The World.

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They were eager for news. Some were anxious to tell me what they thought of it all. Only a few, however, would describe their capture. They were ashamed, but I am certain every one was a man of courage. Their swarp one was a man of courage. Their swarp one was a man of courage. They were ashamed, but I am certain every one was a man of courage. They were trained to theirs, it was the fault of the German system which was to beat the world. They had all been goose-stepped and drilled for years. They were trained soldiers, most of them third-year men on the active list, but their capture in every case was due to the fact that they capture in every case was due to the fact that they capture in every case was due to the fact that they capture in every case was due to the fact that they capture in every case was due to the fact that they capture in every case was due to the fact that they capture in every case was due to the fact that they capture in every case was due to the fact that they capture in every case was due to the fact that they capture in every case was due to the fact that they capture in every case was due to the fact that they capture in every case was due to the fact that they capture in every case was due to the fact that they capture in every case was due to the fact that they capture in every case was due to the fact that they capture in every case was due to the fact that they captured to the capture in every capture i case was due to the fact that they clous guns trained on to had been drilled out of all indepen-

At Diest 400 surrendered the morment they lost their officers. Some were caught in cross wires and immediately cast away their rifles and threw up their hands. They did not know what else to do.

I gathered none of them have ever large their did not the state of taking cover.

been trained in the art of taking cover lie been trained in the art of taking cover unless they are fighting in trenches, while Belgian soldiers are cleverly making the best use of their hedged ditches. If five hundred marksmen across a line could without fail demolish a German corps bp picking off officers that is the way it is being done, and it is the way it should be done, for if there is a quarrel at all in this war it is a quarrel of democracy with Prussian officerdom.

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comment to make on the war. One
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man detachment of some 300 pressed comment to make on the war. One old colonial veteran, a jolly fellow with four medals, whose trade was war, was ready to give his best to the Belgians without a murmur. Their fighting was an eye-opener, he said, and there was almost a chuckle in his

WANTS DEFINITION OF NEUTRAL SHIPS

U. S. Asks Belligerent Powers to Define Attitude to "Repatriation" Steamers.

Special to The Toronto World.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 16,-The Belgian, French and British governments have been asked the state department for by declarations of their attitude toward the neutralization of ships chartered for the sole purpose of repat-riating American citizens stranded in Europe. Thru its diplomatic representatives in Europe, the attention of the warring governments will be cal-led to article 4, of the Hague convention of 1907, which deals with the

philanthropic missions. If the principle powers now engaged in war declare their intention to respect the spirit of this portion of the convention, the problem of relieving the Americans marooned in the war zone will be greatly simplified, as German, English, French and Russian ships may be utilized for the return of the United States citizens without fear of molestation from other powers

SENTRY ON CANAL DUTY VANISHES FROM POST

Cap Found Floating in Water, But Body Has Not Been Found.

Special to The Toronto World. ST. CATHARINES, Aug. 16.—When the corporal of the guard went to re-lieve Private Kels, B Company, 19th Regiment, the sentry on duty at lock 8 of the Welland Canal, at 2 o'clock this morning, he could not be found. Later his cap was found floating in the water, but altho the level and waste basin was dragged all day his body could not be found. Kels, whose home is in Niagara Falls, Ont., was to have been married soon. His relatives have no knowledge of the man's whereabouts.

THOUGHT THEY WERE | CHILDREN AT PLAY **FATHERS ON DUTY**

Witnesses Peaceful Scenes Mid War's Alarms.

DEPEND ON OFFICERS SOLDIERS ARE WASPISH

Outposts Cut Off by Belgians.

Special to The Toronto World.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—The Daily News correspondent, Geoffrey Young, says: "At Brussels barricades and guards are found everywhere, while the country is absolutely at peace, peasants are working at their crops, but the Prussians are pressing us on the north. They are also threatening and breaking in on the south. Probably this last is a feint to force a retreat on Antwerp, but none the less Special Cable to The World.

BRUSSELS. August 16.——In Haalen Village itself death still was busy. A Landed German died as we stole of his side, and a Belgian soil. Place a handkerchief over his ince. Soldiers who filled the little marketplace may be fighting for life now as I write, for the enemy is in force not a mile away from them, and any moment they may be attacked. It is significant that all the German prisoners believed they were in France. The deception, it appears, was merely to encourage the attack, and 1200 dead in the harrowed field died without knowing who or what they were fighting.

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"Poor fellows," said one of their custodians, "they told us when they came that they had hardly any sleep in the country is absolutely at peace, peace, the country is absolutely at peace, the country is absolutel

"We are now racing down the line to Namur, where small engagements with the Uhlans are of hourly occurrence. Today in domestic looking fields chateaux are deserted and everylooking

screen them for the moment. Close beside them 20 boys are bathing in a shady pool, but they are curiously quiet. The chances of a fight and death are too near and, as in all went quiet. The chances of a fight and death are too near and, as in all wars, there are terrible stories growing of the savagery of the enemy. Dark, waspish, little soldiers at haphazard lie seemingly at haphazard

Dark, waspish, little soluters ile seemingly at haphazard thru the fields and they fill the streets of Namur. The town is really quiet. Even the huge masonry of the fortress hanging above the beautiful wooded gorge of the Meuse seems to share in the suppressed shifting quiet of expectancy. We wheel out of town, this time not to see again our French friends but away to where the presfriends but away to where the pres-

within a few miles of the town at Eghezee and paid for its folly. Taking was ready to give his best to the Belgians without a murmur. Their fighting was an eye-opener, he said, and there was almost a chuckle in his voice as he added: "Our war office will never learn."

WANTS DEFINITION

Eghezee and paid for its folly. Taking possession of Boneff they looted a house, sat down and cooked rice on the stubble slope by the road. An airman marked them down, a small body of Belgians crept along the road on all fours, occupied the trenches already prepared in the potato slope opposite, finding twenty sentries or outposts, and swept the detachment away with mitrailleusesleaving prisonaway with mitrailleusesleaving prisoners dead and wounded, few being able to retreat. When I walked on the field dead horses were still being burned and saddlery and cooking utensils were being collected. Cantering patrols of dark hard-bitten little soldiers speckled the country round. A careworn young lieutenant arrested me for the first time. He hardly attended to the papers, rolling a cigarette and murmuring courteously, "there are so many spies about. As we pushed on and out for a further view in our car, we appeared to be able to distinguish a succession of cantering patrols out a succession of cantering patrols out no means of verifying the report of the most empty, sunlit spaces of the death of General Von Emmich. fields. Some were courteous, some were not, but, all fortunately had more serious business to attend to in the end.

Arrested by Commandant. "Our arrest shortly afterwards was by a flerce looking commandant on an exceptionally fine horse. He was softened by the sight of a red ensign and the success of his own attempts to cases of capture in naval warfare of talk English. He considered my diffineutralized vessels that are charged culty in not being certain when we were or were not well within the front, since he agreed that the two forces were all in and out along here. He had captured two dragoons that day with his own hand. Some of his troops had German lances slung on their shoulders. On our straight run back to Namur by the entanglements and trenches, we were constantly challenged.

Explosives Dropped. "We watched with pleasure an aero-plane circling above a tremendous hill fortress, certainly we thought a Bel-gian because of its low glight. "Half an hour later as we were getting food in a lively centre of a town, there came the now familiar rush of a highly strung crowd. Ir. a small cart supported cart supported by four workmen an old, respectably dressed shopkeeper was being drawn to a hospital with shattered legs and a terribly wounded head. He had been struck down in the street by the explosion of

a dynamite hand grenade flung from the aeroplane which we had watched circling against the sunset. "Our run back in the dark seemed likely to be sensational, for rumor had it that the Prussians were pressing in again on the north near Ware. Half up a little street we met stretchers passing thru quiet groups of men and children, a grim sign of near conflict. Here the general commandant stopped



TWO GREAT ARMIES IN PLACE FOR REAL BATTLE IN BELGIUM

CRACK GUNNER HAS SHORT SHRIFT FOR LEFT FOR ENGLAND SPIES AT LIEGE

Execution Speedily Followed J. McRoberts, Late of Royal Detections of Germans Who Were in Disguise.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—(4.50 a.m.)—The
Daily Telegraph's Rotterdam correspondent says that many German spies were
executed in and about Liege before that
city fell into the hands of the Germans.
He states that the representative of a
local newspaper, who has just returned
from the scene of the fighting, relates
the following:

viously been destroyed.
"The Belgian Lancers are using carrier pigeons to inform the forts of the
German movements."

ALLIED ARMIES WELL SITUATED

Official Statement From Brus- President Does Not Doubt Insels on Saturday of Reassuring Character.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Aug. 16 .- 2.40 a.m. -- Acording to a Brussels despatch to the Reuter Telegram Company, timed 9.30 p.m. Saturday, an official statement

has been issued, saying: "The situation of our army continues excellent. Violent engagements against the Germans, have strengthened its morale and strategic dispositions remain advantageous. Explosions remain advantageous. heard in different directions indicate that our engineers are at work de-stroying bridges.

"Contact was made today between the French and Germans, with advan-tage to the French. The forts continue to hold out and do all possible damage to the Germans. "On all the main roads around Brussels entrenchments have been thrown up for the reception of any of the German cavalry detachments which may approach the capital. This

step has been taken as a police measure, not as part of the military operations."
The correspondent says that he has

OCCUPY ANOTHER TOWN IN ALSACE

French Troops Push on to Schirmeck and Capture Artillery.

Canadian Press Despatch LONDON, Aug. 17, 2.50 p.m.-A despatch from Paris to the Havas agency says that French troops have occupied the town of Schirmeck, 12 kilometers (71/2 miles) beyond Saales, in Alsace They took 12 field guns, 12 caissons

and 8 rapid-fire guns.

The French cavalry then pushed on

to Mulbach and Lutzelhausen

me for a talk. He had been at Eghezee. "We were off again after an age of waiting. Flashes and reports came from the hollow in the dark in front. The Germans were getting into touch. In these advance reconnaissances at least they have shown considerable neglect of scouting and outpost work. At Eghezee also their shooting was again defective. Answering flasher and sounds came from a rough semicircle of shadow in front, and on the south side of them machine guns came into action, invincible behind the slopes. There is little to see by day in a modern battle, unless one takes part, and nothing to see at night."

Dominion Government Called Official Upon to Prevent Inflation

BREAD MAY GO UP

But Bakers Will Not Be Responsible is Their Con-

Canadian Press Despatch.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 17.—The annual convention of the Bread and Cake Manufacturers' Association in convention passed the following resolution unanimously: "Believing that the deplorable war in which the empire is engaged has been forced upon us and no choice left us but to unsheath the sword, we place on record our loyalty and devotion to our country and be-

"This convention has observed with regret the successful efforts of specu-lators in advancing the price of wheat, believing as we do that with the large

flour.

Wheat Price Regulation.

"In view of the above fact this body would respectfully request the Dominion Government in some manner to regulate and control the price of wheat so that the miller will not be called upon to continue the present advanced prices, which will ultimately compel your petitioners to act against their wishes as set forth in this memorandum." tled with his wife and family in Earlscourt, having bought and fur-

Mr. Sherburt leaves the district with the good wishes of the residents for his safety thru the campaign and his

Old Traditions and Feelings Revived by Present Crisis.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—President Wilson declared today he had no rea-son to question the good faith of the been at war with Austria, all the old traditions and feelings which united declaration of Japan in promising to observe the integrity of China in con-Italy and Great Britain have been revived and intensified. England is now nection with the Japanese ultimatum to Germany, demanding the surrender of Kiaochau to the Japanese Govern-ment. The president would not discuss as popular as when it refused to receive Massini and other exiles, and the ultimatum as a whole, saying that one of the duties of neutrality was to patient to know the developments, the have no opinion on what other nations The president made it clear that the United States would not be involved in any way in the Japan-German connow being entrusted to Anglo-French fleets. Excitement over the war, already acute, is becoming frenzy. The

troversy, and spoke of the assurances of Japan that she would maintain the of Japan that she would maintain the integrity of China as having been given to the powers generally as well as the United States. Asked particularly as to the promise of Japan for the "eventual restoration to China" of the German provinces, he indicated his confidence in the good faith of Japan to carry out that assurance at the close of the war.

BAKERS DENOUNCE RUSSIANS CHECKED

by Manipulators.

sword, we place on record our loyalty and devotion to our country and believe that one of the best ways for us to show this is to co-operate with the government by, so far as the prices of our raw materials will permit, not taking advantage of speculative conditions by unduly advancing the price of bread, the staple article of diet, so that the burden which the empire now has to bear will not be increased accordingly.

J. Sherburt, McRoberts avenue, Earlscourt, who is a petty officer in the royal pays and our prospective crop here, there is absolutely no justification for the present inflated prices of wheat and flour.

Earlscourt, having bought and furnished his little home and was in the employment of Messrs. Swift, West Townto, as foreman. Being a naval reserve man he expected the call for some time past. When leaving last evening he remarked that altho he felt the breaking away from wife and children, who were everything in the world to him, he must heed his country's call.

Mr. Sherburt has served 23 years in the navy as gunner, and was the crack shot on H.M.S. Defiance, having made a performance of eight hits out eight shots from one of the six-inch guns.

He was also drill instructor of the track and present advanced prices, which will ultimately compel your petitioners to act against their wishes as set forth in this memorandum."

The above resolution was dealt with by the executive in special session on Aug. 15, when the following members were appointed as a committee to wait upon the minister of finance and present the same: E. Psrnell, Winnipeg; W. E. Pinchin, Vancouver; T. F. Dwyer, St. John, N.B.; J. Strachan, Montreal; James A. McLauchlan, Owen Sound; H. Detirich, Berlin; J. Turnbull, Toronto; D. Tod, Oshawa; M. Bredin, Toronto; H. E. Trent, Toronto (secretary).

Captain Moriyama commanding, has by the French vessels and sunk." received orders from Tokio to be ready to sail upon a minute's notice.

BRITISH POLICY

Canadian Press Despatch. ROME, Aug. 17.—Since England has Kaiser Termed "Grasping Tywhen it did receive Garibaldi as a hero.

All here look toward London, impatient to know the developments, the activities of the British squadron, understanding that the fate of the sea is against despotism. The recruits, head-

WHEAT JUGGLING AUSTRIANS' ADVANCE

Communication Throws Light on Military Operations on Frontier.

Canadian Press Despatch. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 17.—The Russian war office today issued an of-Russian war office today issued an official communication giving information as to the recent military movements on the frontier between Austrian Galicia and Russian Poland. It says:

"The defensive operations and the movements of reconnoitering detachments of the Russian army on the frontier of Galicia, between Aug. 13 and 17, led to a series of attacks by cavalry supported by infantry and artillery.

"In the Province of Piotrkoff and

cavalry supported by infantry and artillery.

"In the Province of Plotrkoff and Kielce, the Austrian cavalry occupied a front of over 50 miles in length, extending along a line from Tchenstockova thru Andrejew to Sandomir. The savalry was supported by the infantry and the artillery.

Checked Austrian Advance.

"On Aug. 14 Austrian advance guards penetrated a short distance into Russian territory. It is reported that this offensive movement was checked by the Russian troops.

"An Austrian attempt to advance from Andrejew toward Kielce falled on Aug. 15, when the Russian troops, by a series of brilliant cavalry attacks, succeeded in dislodging the enemy from Kielce, and also occupied a town in the Tomaschoff district.

"The Russian cavalry cut up the Austrian advance guards and invaded the frontiers of Austrian Galicia, penetrating a distance of 87 miles.

"Near Tomaschoff Russian cavalry inflicted serious losses on the 11th Austrian Dragoon Regiment, in a brilliant sabre engagement.

"Russian cavalry is in close contact with the enemy everywhere."

ONE AUSTRIAN CRUISER SUNK

Small Warship Destroyed by French Fleet Which Controls Adriatic.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, August 17, 3.35 p.m.—
The British official news bureau today

"The French fleet in the Mediter-JAP CRUISER AWAITS ORDERS.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., August 16.—The Japanese armored cruiser Idsumo, Captain Morivama commending has been by the Transit free in the Mediterranean has made a sweep up the Adri-atic Sea as far as Cattaro.

"A small Austrian cruiser of the Aspern type of 2868 tons, was fired on the Aspern type of 2868 tons, was fired on the Aspern type of 2868 tons.

Cattaro is a seaport of Montenegro, close to the Herzegovina border. Apparently the French dispersed what few Austrian warships had been left to blockade the Montenegrin coast. CAUGHT WHILE BLOCKADING.

PARIS. August 17.—The ministry of marine announced today that a French fleet under Admiral De La Peyreri had sunk an Austrian cruiser which was blockading the Montenegrin port of Antivari SERVICE IS ATTENDED BY ST. KITTS RECRUITS

rant," by Rev. Mr. Broughall.

Special to The Toronto World.
ST. CATHARINES, Aug. 16.—Two
hundred and twenty-five St. Catharines recruits for the overseas forces rines recruits for the overseas forces attended divine service in St. George's Church, when Rev. L. W. Broughall declared the kaiser to be a grasping tyrant, and spoke of the present war as a struggle of constitutionalism against despotism. The recruits, headed by the 19th Regiment Brass and Bugle Bands, marched by a circuitous proute in heavy rain, and were viewed. route, in heavy rain, and were viewed by a great crowd. The Seventh Field local contingent is many times larger than that volunteered for South Africa, and recruiting is being continued for a few days. The battery expects to entrain for Valcartier this week.

ARMY MOVEMENTS

Secrecy Envelops Disposition of Troops-Correspondents Muzzled.

able to Move as Fast as Expected.

LONDON, Aug. 17.-While Japan as borrowed most of her military science from Europe, she taught the west, in return, the enormous value of secrecy in warfare. All the powers engaged in the European death grap-

engaged in the European death grappie have learned that lesson.

Reports from Belgium say that 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 accounts of the German and French regiments, where they were and what regiments composed each army. The commands and personalities of all the leading generals were widely known.

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Commanders Unknown.

Over all these details the armies engaged in the war theatre in western Europe, except perhaps the Belgian, have folded a shroud of mystery concerning the men who will play the greatest parts in the drama about beginning. The public knows almost nothing about the commander-in-chief of the French army, General Joseph J. C. Joffre. Joffre is not an advertising general. Even the French people know less about him than almost any man who ever guided their military machine.

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The present disposition of the combatant forces, their movements and plans, are chiefly matters of guesswork. Experts can only surmise that during the oppressive darkness of the past fortnight of mobilization and of suspense for Europe, the four great armies of Germany, France, Austria and Russia have been moving into positions, which those who have theorized on the subject have expected.

Germans Slow,

The great mobilization appears to have proved one fact—that even the German organization, when put to the test under real war conditions, could not move as fast as expected. The great swift battle on the French frontier, which was due last week, has not yet begun, so far as is known, or perhaps it may be beginning today.

The British army permits a few war correspondents to take the field, but

If he played a trie correspondents to take the field, but under strict rules. The French staff prohibits correspondents at the front from using telegraphs. The Russian army will have no correspondents. The German staff is known strongly to dis-approve of them.

BERLINDEALERS GET BIG ORDERS

Will Supply Militia With Goods - Col. Hughes Appreciated.

BERLIN, Ont., August 17. — Local business firms have received some excellent orders from the department of militia and defence, which amounts to \$170,000. The purchase includes the following and the control of the co

LONDON SOCIALISTS AGGRIEVED

RECRUITS WANTED!

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

RAISED BY A. HAMILTON GAULT, ESQ.

Commanded by Lt.-Col. F. FARQUHAR, D.S.O. (Coldstream Guards)

This unit will be equipped, as soon as possible, and placed at the disposal of the Imperial Authorities.

Preference will be given to ex-regulars of the Canadian or Imperial Forces, or men who saw service in South QUALIFICATIONS: (1) Physically fit. (2) Age limit, 40. (3) "Good" Certificates of discharge for

ex-soldiers. CONDITIONS: Enlistments for one year or the war. Pay Canadian rate. Men desirous of volunteering should apply to one of the following officers:

TORONTO-Lt.-Colonel Elliott, 215 Simcoe Street

CALGARY-Lt.-Col. Saunders, District Magistrate. WINNIPEG—Count de Bury, Government House. LONDON, ONT.—Col. Hodgins, D. O. C. HAMILTON—E. HODGSON, 27 John St. North

OTTAWA-Captain Buller, Government House. MONTREAL-Lieut. Donald E. Cameron, 598 St. Catherine St. W.

Those applying in writing should state age, character, former regiment, rank on discharge, and any certificates obtained while in service.

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