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## FIGHTING ON LAND STILL PRELIMINARY TO THE BIG BATTLE

### KITCHENER'S OPINION IS THAT WAR WILL LAST FOR EIGHTEEN MONTHS

#### Terse Reply to Question -- Russians Said to Have Five and Half Million Men Placed--The Land Fighting

London, Aug. 14—"Eighteen months," was the laconic reply of Lord Kitchener, when asked, at a dinner given at the Mansion in Belgrave Square last night, to give his opinion on the duration of the war.

#### PRACTICALLY MARTIAL LAW

What practically amounts to martial law was proclaimed this morning in a special issue of the London Gazette, which gives a long list of new rules for the public. Under these, private persons may not light a fire on a hill; may not spread alarming reports; must, if ordered, keep indoors at specified times; must, if ordered, keep all lights out.

The authorities may order the destruction of any house or property and, finally, the power of court martial is given the authorities in certain cases.



LORD KITCHENER

#### RUSSIA'S 5,500,000 MEN

London, Aug. 14.—(9.45 a.m.)—A despatch to the Central News from Rome says that, according to reliable information from St. Petersburg, Russia has mobilized 5,500,000 men on the German and Austrian frontiers, half a million on the Turkish and Rumanian frontiers, while 3,000,000 men are held in reserve.

London, Aug. 14.—Today all is reported quiet along the front according to official statements from France and Belgium.

Belgian accounts of yesterday's cavalry encounter, known as the battle of Haelen, give the total of German casualties as high as 4,000 killed and wounded. No German report of the engagement has come to hand.

The Belgian staff believes the German movement at Haelen was an attempt to reach Brussels, which today is stated to be "no longer in danger."

French official reports say the Belgians captured 2,000 German prisoners at Liege and the French have taken 1,500 along the frontier. The Belgian government has requested France to provide places of internment owing to lack of room in Belgium.

Aviators are taking a very prominent part in scouting for the armies in the field and are suffering severely, according to reports. Belgian authorities report the destruction of three German aeroplanes and the death of two of their pilots, while French reports recount the narrow escape of a French aerial scout from German flying machines which hunted him.

#### GERMANS CONTINUE TO FALL BACK

London, Aug. 14.—An Exchange Telegram from Brussels says that the right wing of the German army is still retreating harassed by the Belgian outposts. During the night several skirmishes accentuated the German retreat.

#### Germans Routed

Brussels, Aug. 14.—The Belgian war office announced today that a column of 400 German soldiers had been routed by Belgian troops in an engagement at Groot-Bets, in Brabant province, and forced to retreat. This town is directly east of Louvain, headquarters of the Belgian army.

London, Aug. 14.—(12.45 p.m.)—A despatch from Brussels to Reuters' agency says that a battle near Eglise north of Namur, which occurred yesterday at Nouville-Favers on the Namur-Tiremont railroad line, was very keenly contested.

The Germans, according to the despatch, were mostly cavalrymen. They were surprised by the Belgians, and sustained very severe casualties.

The despatch adds that three German aeroplanes flying over Diez, were brought down by the Belgian artillery. Two of the aviators were killed by being dashed to earth, and the third was terribly injured.

Brussels, Aug. 14.—(Via London 1.25 p.m.)—No movements of importance have taken place since Wednesday's serious engagement between the German and Belgian troops, according to official announcement here today. The communication adds:—"The situation of the Belgian forces remains favorable."

Berlin, Aug. 14.—(Via Rome and London)—No important news as to the war, was made public here today. A special train conveying 300 Americans and five automobiles started for Holland this evening.

Paris, Aug. 14.—An official despatch from Bern, states that a number of German soldiers and their officers sought refuge in Swiss territory after an engagement with French troops.

### REAL DOGS OF WAR, RED CROSS AIDS, ON WAY TO THE BATTLEFIELDS STREWN WITH WOUNDED



The celebrated Canine Ambulance Division of the French army on its way to the front. This division is made up of the regulation ambulance dogs, aided by specially trained dogs.

### GERMAN LOSS AT BATTLE OF HAELEN 3,000

#### Belgians Again Stand the Test and Win Victory

### FIRST TIME UNDER FIRE FOR MOST OF SOLDIERS

#### Success Followed up Near Namur and Enemy Retreat Further -- Brussels No Longer in Danger as Was Feared Few Days Ago

Brussels, Aug. 14.—(Via Paris, 12.25 a.m.)—The German casualties in the engagement at Haelen, Wednesday, were 3,000 dead and wounded. The Germans apparently sacrificed their men without any scruple. During the night, the Belgians fell in droves. The retreating Germans left piles of dead and wounded at the bridges.

The same carnage occurred on the road from Threux to Haelen, where the German cavalry exposed to the gallant guns of the Belgians fell in droves. (Continued on page 2, first column.)

mans and Belgians occurred yesterday between five and six o'clock in the evening at Groot-Bets, five miles south of Haelen. The Belgian troops fired heavily on a detachment of 400 Germans who retired hastily.

#### In Liege

Brussels, Aug. 14.—News from Liege states that Germans, evidently fearing an attack from the west, have strongly entrenched themselves on the right hand side of the Meuse. In the city itself, also streets are barricaded and machine guns placed so they can sweep the principal streets. On the right bank, houses have been loop-holed and put into a state of defense, in order, if necessary, to cover a retreat of the invading army across the frontier into Germany. Later information is to the effect that the morale of the German soldiers at Liege is very bad and they are completely disheartened by the numerous defeats inflicted on them by Belgians. This message has been severely dealt with by the censors.

#### On the Vosges

London, Aug. 14.—The Paris correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company telegraphs an official statement issued by the French minister of war at midnight. Referring to the fight on the ridge of the Vosges Mountains, he says:—"The French troops held their positions on the mountains for five days, despite vigorous attacks of the Germans who were superior in number. At one point the Germans brought, beside their weakened troops, some formation of reserves, but the latter were unable to resist the French attack, and were obliged to lay down their arms. The entire division surrendered. The French troops held the valley of the Bruche."

#### Woman Captures Spy

Belgian Headquarters, via Brussels, Aug. 14.—Yesterday the victorious Belgians captured two German spies on motor cars. The retreating Germans seemed to have behaved with great brutality, venting their rage on helpless inhabitants, as they retreated. One plucky Belgian woman was responsible for the arrest of an audacious spy. While traveling in a train towards Antwerp she occupied a seat in a compartment in which was a man who carried a basket containing two pigeons. During the journey the man scribbled some notes on a sheet of paper with a pen and attached it to the pigeon's leg. The bird was then released. Realizing that she had to deal with a spy, the woman bravely attacked him and shouted for help. The guard of the train hurried to the scene and secured the spy and a second pigeon.

#### Coal Shortage at Honolulu

Honolulu, Aug. 14.—One of the results of the European war felt here is a growing shortage of coal.

The British steamer Niagara, which arrived here yesterday from Vancouver bound for Australia, is being held for admiralty orders. The British steamer Marama of the Union Steamship Company's line, is due here today from Australia, bound for Vancouver with freight and passengers.

#### To Invest Antwerp?

London, Friday, Aug. 14.—The Daily Mail's correspondent in Maastricht, Belgium, says that all the retreating force at Liege is now systematically besieged and bombarded, the Germans having abandoned the idea of taking them by storm. They believe that this will sweep on to Antwerp taking Brussels en route, and have made arrangement for a methodical investment of Antwerp.

The correspondent says the Germans yesterday advanced from Hasselt toward Antwerp. Belgian troops were sent out against them and many were killed and wounded. The Belgians were retreating, and Nieuw and old forts were taken by the Germans.

#### England and Japan

Tokio, Aug. 14.—Japan and Great Britain, it is said, have not yet reached an understanding concerning Japan's attitude in the war. Lengthy communications have passed between Tokio and London, defining Japan's program in the crisis, and it is believed touching on Japan's status in the European peace conference at the conclusion of the war.

### BRING THE LOCAL REGIMENTS UP TO WAR ESTABLISHMENT

#### Another Call For "Volunteers--Foreign Service Men of 62nd Began Drill Today

Another call is being sent out for volunteers for the local militia for the home defense and foreign service. All the units in the city are asking for men. Each regiment is expected, according to orders from Ottawa, by secret to war establishment, which is considerably greater than in time of peace. The volunteering will not be ceased until the orders to mobilize at Val Cartier, Quebec, have been issued. It now seems indefinite whether the first orders regarding the provincial mobilization at St. John will be changed, so that the rural corps will train only at Quebec, while the local units will undergo seasoning here.

This morning at 9 o'clock about 110 of the volunteers for European service in the 62nd regiment, paraded for duty at the armory, and active drilling was at once begun, with sergeant instructors from the permanent force, "H" Co. R. C. B. in charge. The artillery batteries, stretcher drill, and other details of the battery stationed at the last night, were also present.

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### BRING TURKEY TO REALIZATION OF OBLIGATIONS

#### Allies Take Up Her Purchase of German Cruisers

### BUSINESS IS VIOLATION OF THE LAW OF NATIONS

#### Grave Results May Follow, is View in Italy and That Nation Probably Will Issue a Warning to Turkey

Paris, Aug. 14.—The allied governments opposed to Germany and Austria-Hungary have agreed to bring Turkey to a realization of its obligations as a neutral power in connection with the purchase of the cruisers Goeben and Breslau from Germany.

Rome, via Paris, Aug. 14.—The news that Turkey had purchased the Goeben and Breslau reached here tonight. This new development was discussed with interest in the political circles where it was held that it was fraught with the possibility of grave results.

It was said in semi-official quarters that the vessels would be a strong weapon in the hands of Turkey if Constantinople abandoned neutrality. The belief was expressed that the purchase means a new position on the part of Turkey, and in favor of Germany and Austria-Hungary, which is especially important as bearing on the interests of the Balkan states.

#### A Fave

The Tribuna says that the preparation made at Messina for a "mobile death" by the officers of the German cruisers who, before sailing from the port, made their wills, left the public unprepared for the fact. Seeing the impossibility of escape from the Anglo-French fleet if they followed their original idea of molesting the transports moving French African troops, the German cruisers sought refuge in the Aegean Sea, where, with the complicity of Turkey which continues to make love to Germany the two vessels contemplated how they might paralyze British commerce in the Mediterranean and interrupt traffic with India.

"But, closely pursued, they had no alternative to taking refuge in the Dardanelles and disarming. Instead Turkey purchased them. This is not considered permissible according to the law of nations. Never has a nation at war sold her own ships, which already had been used against an enemy. During the Russo-Japanese conflict many Russian ships entered Chinese and American neutral ports, but they were disarmed and there awaited the end of the war."

#### Italy to Act

London, Aug. 14.—A despatch to the Daily News from Rome says: "Italy probably will demand an explanation as to the future use of these ships, and also warn Turkey that she will not allow the equipment of the lower Mediterranean to be threatened, as Italy is determined to prevent complicity."

#### CHANGE OF STEAMERS.

A slight accident to the Eastern Steamship Corporation's steamer Bay State, on the Boston to Portland route, necessitated the taking of the Governor Dingley from the St. John route for a few trips to take the place of the Bay State. In the meantime the North Star is taking the sailings of the Dingley.

It is reported that Dr. Karl Liebknecht, German Socialist leader, has been shot for refusing military service.

### REPORTED FIGHT IN SOUTH CHINA SEA AND GERMAN VICTORY

#### Other Cables Say German Fleet There is Cornered by The British --Again Rumor From North Sea

Shanghai, Aug. 14.—A naval battle has been fought in the South China Sea, and has been won by German warships, according to reports received here. Two warships carrying many wounded and showing marks of a severe engagement, limped into Hong Kong today. The reports telling of their arrival did not identify them definitely, but they are believed to be either the British cruisers Hampshire and Minotaur or the French cruisers Duplex and Montcalm.

The German ships with which they are said to have engaged in battle are believed to be the cruisers Gneisenau and Scharnhorst.

Each carries eight 8.2 inch guns and the cruiser equipment of smaller guns. The Hampshire is a less formidable craft. Her tonnage is 10,850, and her four largest guns are 4.75 each.

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#### A BRIGHTER VIEW

Shanghai, Aug. 14.—A despatch from Hong Kong, received by the Exchange Telegraph Company in London last night, said it was reported in Hong Kong that the British fleet in the Far East had cornered the German Far East squadron. The correspondent added that weight was given to the report by the fact that shipping along the coast was being resumed on a normal basis.

The British cruiser Monarch has a displacement of 14,600 tons and was completed in 1908. She carries four 9.2 inch guns and smaller armament. The Hampshire is a less formidable craft. Her tonnage is 10,850, and her four largest guns are 4.75 each.

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#### ANOTHER RUMOR OF NORTH SEA FIGHT

London, Aug. 14.—A despatch to the Chronicle from West Hartlepool says that the captain of the Danish steamer Hvidmyrsk declares that he passed seven sunken German ships fifteen miles off Spurn Head, at the northern entrance of the Humber. Only the masts of the vessels were visible above the water, but the captain believes they were German cross-bar.

#### Gallant Act of Belgian Lieutenant

London, Aug. 14.—The Daily Mail's Brussels correspondent sends the following:—"Lieut. Van Dooren is the hero of a thrilling episode at Grand Zelic, Belgium. The village was being threatened by the Germans and the Belgians could not spare troops, so Lieut. Van Dooren went by motor car to Grand Zelic, hid in a dyke, and crawling along it until he was only a few feet from a German battery, jumped out and shot the officer in command. He was then about 600 yards from his own men. Next he caught the horse of the officer and galloped back to the Belgian lines amid a hail of bullets. The horse was hit but the lieutenant escaped unhurt."

#### WHEAT TAKES DROP THE WAR AND SHIPPING MATTERS

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Wheat slid down in price today owing largely to a decline in Liverpool. The fact that earlier quotations across the water were due in part to advices of two steamers having sailed for England from American ports and of prospects of further sailings in the immediate future was ignored. Demand here was lacking, regardless of reports that farmers were storing wheat instead of selling. The opening, which was 4-1/8 lower was followed by a decided further drop.

Quebec, Aug. 14.—No information is available since last night as to the position or destination of ships leaving the river or entering the straits or gulf. The signal service of the marine department has been instructed to give no information whatever except to the military authorities who now control the signal service.

Fear of detection of ships through spies informing hostile battleships of the route of prize boats, caused this decision.

#### NOT THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN INCENDIARY

The inquiry into the cause of the fire which destroyed the I. C. R. elevator was continued this morning under oath before L. R. Ross, terminal agent here, with J. T. Hallisey, superintendent at Truro, N. S., and Chief of Police Clark acting as the other members of the board. While nothing can be said concerning the evidence until the inquiry is completed and a report of the findings made, it would seem from the information advanced that the fire was not incendiary, but from what cause it arose is difficult to determine. The stories of the witnesses examined has been conflicting.

#### MUTINY ON GERMAN STEAMER IN SOUTH

Rio De Janeiro, Aug. 14.—A mutiny broke out among the crew of the German steamer Bluecher which, after sailing from this port for an unknown destination, returned a short time later. The local police were called on board to quell the disturbance, the reason for which has not been divulged.

Lying in the port of Pernambuco, are several German liners, with 5,000 German steamer passengers on board. The captains fear to proceed owing to the danger of capture by British warships.

#### CARRANZA'S MEN MAY OCCUPY CAPITAL OF MEXICO TOMORROW

Mexico City, Aug. 14.—It is reported that an advance guard of 1,000 constitutionalists will enter the city to guard the foreign legations. It is said unofficially that the army of occupation will enter the city Saturday.

#### THE QUESTION OF THE EXHIBITION

There has been considerable talk about the city in regard to the possibilities of an exhibition here this fall, and some city business men, as well as some from country districts, have expressed an opinion that St. John should follow the example of Halifax and call the fair off. When asked about the matter, this afternoon, Richard O'Brien, president of the Exhibition Association, said that the directors had met and decided that there was no reason why the exhibition should not be held, particularly as public opinion seemed to be in favor of it.

London, Aug. 14.—The Prince of Wales relief fund for the distressed families of British soldiers and sailors today attained a total of over \$5,000,000.

The Austro-Hungarian moratorium affecting private debts, was extended today till September 30.