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ASSAULT SLACKENS

Germans Have Given Up Effort to Rush Liege Forts.

LIKELY TO BE CUT OFF

Vigorous Operations of British, Belgian and French Force In Their Rear May Sever Germans' Communication With Base of Supplies—Hundreds of Kaiser's Spies Swarm Belgium.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 11.—(Via Paris)—According to the War Office, the fighting at Liege has now narrowed down to exchanges of shots between the German siege guns, which have been thrown about the unyielding forts, and the artillery of the forts themselves, which are picking off points in the German position at long range. Evidently the Germans have for the time abandoned their efforts to take the forts.

The commander of the forts at Liege, according to an official announcement, reports that all the forts are intact. The soldiers manning them are in fine health and spirits, and are amply supplied with provisions and munitions. There is no cause for alarm.

The population of Liege maintains its calm, and the official view is that the situation is quite satisfactory. All the approaches to Brussels are well guarded, to prevent anything in the nature of a surprise from reconnoitering parties of German cavalry. Small bodies of Uhlans have been signalled in all directions. Generally they had lost their bearings and surrendered immediately on being challenged.

The German army corps at Liege are in danger of being cut off from all sources of supplies. The German army invasion north of the River Meuse is being sharply attacked by the French and Belgian cavalry, mounted infantry and field artillery, and are said to have broke through the German line of communication at a number of points, having blown up bridges, torn up railroad tracks, and in other ways seriously interfered with transportation.

The German base toward the Dutch border is now being harassed by the French and Belgian cavalry, and their supports, all of which have pushed, by a series of dashes, far north of the River Meuse. The Germans already have relinquished the attack along the River Ourthe, which joins the Meuse about a mile from Liege, and are assembling to rebuff the oncoming French and Belgian forces.

There is considerable probability that the allied army is planning to assume the offensive.

The garrison of Liege, with its reinforcements, has retreated, according to the War Office, for "strategic reasons," and is retiring to Namur, where the French, Belgian and British armies are collected.

The check that Germany has received at the hands of the French and Belgians renders France able to place in position her reinforcements, and now Germany will be obliged to contest every inch of the way as she proceeds south.

It is reported that following their arrival at Warsage, in the Province of Liege, the German soldiers assembled all the inhabitants, and after selecting fourteen from among them, shot eight and hanged two of this number. The mayor was arrested, but was liberated by some German officers who had been his guests the previous day. Other instances of alleged outrages by German troops are cited in the Belgian Government press.

That patriotism is rampant is shown by the fact that the Belgian Minister of War has announced that 40,000 volunteers have presented themselves for service.

Hundreds of German spies swarm through Belgium. More than five hundred have been arrested, and one hundred were shot yesterday.

Captured spies were dressed in every conceivable sort of garb, including uniforms of soldiers and officers of the Belgian army, gendarmes, civic guards, etc. Some were found armed with bombs and revolvers, and others were caught while riding in automobiles carrying false numbers. Letters and telegrams bearing the counterfeit signature of the Belgian Minister of War were found on the person of some of the spies.

Kaiser Calls Out Last Reserves.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 11. — Advices reported here from Berlin say that the Kaiser has ordered the mobilization of another million men for the French invasion. The call includes the Landsturm, the last line of reserves.

Queen's Will Send Engineers.

KINGSTON, Aug. 11.—Prof. Alexander Macphail, M.P.P., is called home from Prince Edward Island to recruit his corps of Canadian engineers associated with the school of mining at Queen's University. He is calling the students by telegram and expects to have a large contingent ready to go to the front on very short notice. In addition to the military training they are trained as a department in engineering work.

Major H. Y. Hughes has gone to Valcartier for the purpose of laying out a camp ground where the Canadian volunteers will gather before sailing.

Keep Cecilie's Treasure.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Guarded by express messengers and detectives $10,000,000 in gold coin and $3,700,000 in silver bars, the treasure with which the steamer Kronprinzessin Cecilie put into Bar Harbor, Maine, to avoid capture by English or French warships, arrived in New York yesterday by train. The money now goes to the sub-treasury to be held for New York bankers, by whom it was to have been sent to Paris and London.

BATTLE IN ALSACE

Terrific Conflict Is Believed to Have Occurred.

FRENCH HOLD MANY TOWNS

Muhlhausen, Ferny, Altkirch and Colmar Are In the Hands of the Victorious French Army Which Is Advancing on Strassburg —Clash Probably Occurred at Neu Breisach.

LONDON, Aug. 11. — A terrific battle is believed to have been in progress during the day between the German and French forces near Neu Breisach for the control of Alsace-Lorraine. Neu Breisach is strongly fortified, and it is said that a division of the second German army has been concentrated there to check the advance of the French, who have already swept through Ferny, Muhlhausen, Altkirch and Colmar.

French reinforcements are reported to be rushing through the pass east of Belfort, in an effort to prevent a force of 40,000 Austrians from cutting the French line of advance between Altkirch and Muhlhausen. The Austrians, it is said, are in force near Basle, Switzerland.

The Germans, it is reported, are hurrying reinforcements to Neu Breisach from Strassburg.

The French War Office reports an important engagement pending between the French and German troops in Lorraine, below Saarburg. It is believed the French artillery is supporting an attacking column engaging Germans coming on from Saarburg.

Muhlhausen, Ferny and Colmar all are now in the possession of the French troops. Alsace is inflamed against the Germans, whose army is now concentrating on the front of Gen. Joffre, the French commander.

Neu Breisach, east of Colmar, and Strassburg, on its north, are the centre of the German advance. The German army of the lower Rhine, meanwhile, is proceeding against the French, whose lines extend across to the Rhine along the Swiss border.

The French cavalry patrol has been driven from the border town of Longuyon, in the department of the Meurthe et Moselle by German Horse, supported by infantry and artillery.

After wresting, in desperate encounters, the passes of Bonhomme and Sainte Marie, on the frontier below Muhlhausen, from the German troops, the French now occupy the village of Sainte Marie, Aux Mines. The fighting continues along the line.

Spread out in fan-fashion, the French army in Alsace, led by Gen. Joffre is moving from the Jura Mountains on the Swiss border through all of Alsace, to a point east of Colmar, now held by the French. This is the second mobilization centre of the French army which has its headquarters at Langris. The Germans, according to the War Office report, after making their first stand at Altkirch, retired rapidly and it was not until Colmar was reached that Gen. Joffre's men encountered any serious opposition. Muhlhausen fell without any long continued fighting.

At Colmar there was considerable sharp fighting, wherein the French are reported to have beaten back the Germans in a succession of brilliant bayonet charges. Many hand-to-hand encounters took place in this battle. The German forces are now said to be trying to dam the Seille river, which forms part of the boundary of Lorraine, being a tributary of the Mosel. This move is said to be intended to prevent the French from assauling Metz.

German troops are said to be moving on France by way of Luxemburg, the main column being reported at Esch.

Eight Austrian regiments are said to have violated the neutrality of Switzerland, according to a Basle report, and they are now said to be on the Alsace border, preparing to attack the French in the rear in Alsace. These are said to be the choice of the Austrian Tyrol soldiery, hardy mountaineers capable of giving vigorous battle to the French. The Foreign Office is said to have demanded from the Austrian Ambassador a declaration regarding the intentions of Austria.

At the capture of Muhlhausen, the French seized a big aeroplane factory, in which they found a number of machines intended for the German army. As they are near completion, they will be finished and then confiscated.

The plan of the German engineers to flood the valley of the Seille has proved ineffectual.

Both the French and German aerial force, in the fighting along the ridges of the Vosges Mountain range, have been most active.

Into upper Alsace yesterday came detachments of the famous Turcos, or native troops from the French colony of Algeria. They are a bold and well-trained body of fighting men.

Spirituous Liquors Go Up.

MONTREAL, Aug. 11—War prices went into effect yesterday in all spirituous liquors and struck a hard blow to the many patrons. Beers and ales alone were retailed at the old price.

It was in whiskies, brandies, gins of all kinds that the change was felt. Certain drinks have been practically eliminated, the many brands which retailed at ten cents being now fifteen cents or two for a quarter, and in some places fifteen cents straight. In the more expensive brands, which retailed at fifteen cents, there has been an increase also of five cents.

Canadian Heather And National Parks

An unusual government publication has recently been issued by the Dominion Parks Branch of the Department of the Interior. It consists of a small souvenir booklet artistically bound in duplex leather wild grass paper and tied with an olive green silk cord. The lettering is embossed in gold and a very unique design has been chosen for the cover. The latter is cut out so as to form a sort of frame, and in this is inset a spray of Canadian heather from the Rocky Mountain Park, the purplish flowers of the heather against a wood-brown background making a very attractive color combination. The matter is set up in ten point Caslon old style and the booklet is illustrated throughout with vignettes of scenes in the Banff and Yoho parks printed in golden olive by the offset method. By this method, which has so far been but little used in Canada, the difficulty which formerly existed in printing half tones on anything but smooth faced paper has been overcome. The process involves taking an impression from the plate on a cylinder covered with a rubber blanket and then transferring or off-setting it to the paper which is carried round a third cylinder.

It will no doubt be a matter of surprise to many to learn that Canada possesses a heather of her own. This plant is not, as it has sometimes been called, a "poor relation" of the Scotch heather, but has a family connection and standing of its own well recognized by botanists, and is nearly allied to the heather of the British isles. The booklet gives an interesting account of the locality from which the souvenir was gathered, Simpson Pass, about thirty miles south of Banff, and of some of the legends and stories connected with the heather in other lands. Its main purpose, however, is to call the attention of Canadians to the national parks of the Dominion, not only to the attractions they offer to those who are able to visit them, but also to their value in the national life. Their commercial potentialities are somewhat startling. It is pointed out that owing to the increasing modern taste for travel, striking scenery has become one of the most valuable sources of revenue a nation can possess. The tourist revenue of Switzerland per year is placed at 130 million dollars, that of France at 600 millions, that of Italy ver 100 millions. The sum which Americans annually spend abroad is estimated at the enormous total of five million dollars. It would appear, therefore that the creation of national parks, which are one of the best means of attracting and providing for tourist travel, may well be considered as it is now being considered in the United States, as a "solid business proposition.

It is on other grounds than the commercial, however, that the Parks lay claim to recognition. Chief of these is an aid to producing efficient citizens. These great natural reserves are reservoirs of vitality for the race. As an antidote to the ills of over-civilization and the complex life of modern cities, they offer the opportunity for life in the wilderness and the best sort of re-creation where fresh air, sunshine and beautiful natural scenery are combined. The problem of the preservation of the vitality of the race is admitted by all conservationists to-day, to be the first of all conservation problems, and the value of parks, playgrounds and recreation in this respect is each year being given a larger place.

The educational and patriotic influence of the Parks is also touched upon as well as the work which the Dominion Parks Branch is doing in the preservation of native wild life in connection with the buffalo, elk, antelope, etc., as well as bird life. There is also pointed out the need for the creation of Historic Parks as a means of preservation for our historic sites, many of which we are allowing to disappear.

A new line of development which is worthy of consideration, is suggested, viz: the provision of national parks near our congested centres of population. All modern town planning makes provision for parks and playgrounds within the city itself, but while these are useful and necessary they provide a means of recreation for a few hours at most. The national parks would reserve large areas where people would be free to go for as long as they desired. Such parks would be, in reality, 'people's estates' and would afford to the ordinary citizen many of the advantages which the man of wealth possesses in his country estate. In the words of the booklet there would be "places where the poor could get a summer cottage or camp site for a nominal rental, where boys and men could camp and fish and study nature, where the sick and delicate could find new stores of health in the great out-of doors, by right of citizenship, without leave or hindrance to anyone."

There is still within easy reach of many of our large cities, land available for such a purpose which is either public domain or procurable at low cost. It would seem worth while considering the advice given by Ambassador Bryce in Ottawa, before his return to England, namely, that the time to set aside public domain for the future needs of the people is now, not when the encroachments of civilization have rendered this almost impossible.

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