

BELGIUM WAS READY FOR THIS PRESENT ATTEMPT BY GERMANY.

It Had Been Preparing For Five Years—Every Belgian Trained To Withstand German Aggression.

Belgium, with a German peril very much like that under which Britain has been laboring, has gradually been preparing for the great struggle that has now arrived.

"Up to five years ago," said Mr. Freedman to The Star, "it was only the poor man—the peasant—who became a soldier, and the Belgian army at that time numbered only 30,000. Then the military laws were changed and every family had to give a son. Last year there was a further change and now every man has to serve. In this way the Belgian regular army has been increased to 100,000."

"Besides these, however, there is a strong militia body. In times of war we can place in the field 250,000 men, every one of whom is conversant with the use of the military rifle."

Mr. Freedman has been in a state of considerable anxiety concerning his parents, but this morning his fears were set at rest by the receipt of a cable announcing their safe arrival in England. Of six brothers, three are naturalized Englishmen and two of the other three are serving in the Belgian army.

"Belgium has been training for this conflict for years," declared Mr. Freedman. "Otherwise, why should he have paid so much attention to the agrarianization of her army?"

"Germany," he said, "threatened to take away the Congo from us if we did not at once allow her troops to devastate our country. The stand that Belgium has taken will long be remembered no matter what happens to her."

"If the invaders succeed in taking Liege immediately, it will be only if they are five to our one. We are fighting for a cause, and the Germans know they are fighting just because the Kaiser is a war lord and wants to be another Frederick the Great. If Liege falls the Belgians will put up an even stouter resistance at Namur and Huy. One has to live in Belgium to understand the proud spirit of the Belgian."

GERMAN DIVULGED PLANS. Wanted Money to Extricate Himself From Financial Difficulties.

Berlin, Aug. 12.—A sergeant-major of the Pioneers named Pohl was sentenced by court-martial to fifteen years' penal servitude for what is said to be probably the most serious espionage offense ever committed by a member of the German army.

The accused bore an excellent military character, to which his employment on clerical work in the first engineer inspection was due, but he seems to have led an irregular private life that involved him in debt. Some time ago he became engaged to be married by the girl's parents were strongly opposed to the match on the grounds of his pecuniary circumstances.

It was to extricate himself from his difficulty that he offered his services as a spy to Colonel von Basseroff, military attaché at the Russian embassy here. That officer was at first sceptical as to his proposals and contemptuously promised to give him twenty marks if he would produce the plans of a German fortress. Very soon, however, Pohl paid the colonel another visit, this time bringing with him the plans of the fortifications of Pilsa.

He was now placed in communication with a man who, under the alias of Dr. Blumenthal, is alleged to have worked for the Russian intelligence department at Dresden, and who, in 1910, was presented by the Emperor to the Imperial court at Leipzig. Through the instrumentality of this agent, Pohl also betrayed the plans of Boyen, a fortress which guards one of the passages through the chain of lakes in East Prussia.

He had further made copies of the plans of the defenses of Borkum and Helleoland, but was prevented by his arrest from handing them over to his foreign employers. During the preliminary examination his denials were completely contradicted by the evidence brought against him that he made a full confession, and it was consequently possible to finish his trial in a few hours. The proceedings were, of course, taken in camera, but all accounts now agree as to the facts given above, though only a few days ago the semi-official press sought to exculpate Col. Haseroff, who has returned to Russia and is said to be expected back here again.

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THE AERIAL FLEETS ADD TO HORROR OF EUROPE'S TERRIBLE WAR.

England, France, and Russia Greatly Outnumber Austria and Germany in Flying Machines and Dirigible Balloons.

Table showing the Triple Alliance (Germany, Austria, Italy) and Triple Entente (Great Britain, France, Russia) with their respective aircraft counts.

Table showing the Aerial Forces of the Triple Alliance and Triple Entente, including dirigible balloons and aeroplanes.

ADMIRAL JELlicOE LITTLE Most Diminutive of All Britain's Senior Naval Officers.

Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, who has just been appointed as commander-in-chief of the British navy, and on whom the world's attention is focused in this hour of crisis, has been for the past year and a half second sea lord of the naval department at Whitehall.

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"A FLEET IN BEING." Why German Warships in North Sea Fall Back.

New York Herald. Naval men see in the falling back of the German high sea fleet before the British squadrons an evident intention to maintain a fleet in being.

The British admirals further argued that with the French fleet used in order to maintain the advantage of numbers there was less danger to British merchant vessels from French cruisers.

Praise Of The Belgians. Stephen Phillips. He said: "Thou petty people, let me pass."

What canst thou do but bow to me and kneel? But sudden a dry land caught fire like grass, and answer hurled but from shell and steel.

Kept Cecil's Treasure. New York, Aug. 11.—Guarded by forty express messengers and detectives \$10,000,000 in gold and \$3,700,000 in silver bars, the treasure with which the steamer Kronprinzessin Cecilie is to be sent to the West Indies, is held at New York by the English and French warships.

"This Is My Revenge." London, Aug. 11.—A despatch from Rome says: "The aged French Emperor Eugénie, who is at Bologna, takes a vivid interest in the war. When Count Istari, her faithful companion in her long years of misfortune and exile, announced that fighting had begun, her eyes shone and she cried: 'This is my revenge! Were the emperor only here now! May God protect France!'"

WHAT IS COMING. United States May Enact New War Tax.

New York, Aug. 12.—Confronted with a deficit of \$100,000,000 in duties because of the reduction in import business, due to the general European war, the people of the United States probably will have to make up this loss by the payment of additional internal revenue taxes.

PORTUGAL SEETHING WITH WAR FEELING AGAINST POOR OLD GERMANY.

The Whole Country Antagonistic to the Kaiser's Land—Demand That War Be Declared.

London, Aug. 11.—Portugal is seething with amouling excitement and outspoken sentiment of antagonistic feeling against Germany are heard on all sides.

Citizens are loud in their demands that Portugal unite with England and France against Germany.

To Seize German Cameroons. London, Aug. 11.—A despatch from Nairobi, in British West Africa, states that every able-bodied white man in the colony is joining a British volunteer force.

May Respect Treaty Ports. Washington, Aug. 11.—It was denied at the state department that any decision has been reached as to the question of the status of the Far East in the war which was raised by China last week.

Handed Over Foxes. Regina, Aug. 12.—Dr. F. Shybra, Prince Albert, has returned to Regina after having delivered a valuable consignment of black and silver foxes to Prince Edward Island.

Congenial Work. And Strength to Perform It. A person in good health is likely to have a genial disposition, ambition, and enjoy work.

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A London Girl's Success



She Makes a Profession of Beauty Advice and Gains Renown. Simple and Effective Recipes Given Under this Heading Each Week.

In this department each week I can give my Colonial readers a rare treat in beauty 'news' by simply appending current clippings from the writings of a most remarkable young woman, Miss Rita Moya.

Young London actress has made her name in the world to the remarkable effectiveness of her suggestions her articles of advice to beauty seekers are now eagerly sought by the leading newspapers and periodicals of England.

There is no excuse for falling hair. No excuse for thin, sick hair, or bald spots. No beauty features can make up for a distressing, often not successful, and results in distress. A good and safe method is merely to apply a little pure mentholine to the hair edges with the finger tip each night.

Important Notice. CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY. Organized 65 Years Ago by Canadians for Canadians. Will Issue Special War Policies.

FLYING BOAT. MOTOR BOAT RACES. Alexandria Bay, N.Y. 1000 ISLANDS. Under Auspices of St. Lawrence River Yacht Club.

Two Flights Daily. Prof. Ralph M. Brown or Chas. Fay, Jr., with Thomas' Flying Boat, the same that carried Mrs. Whitman Over New York City.

Austrian Emperor EXTREMELY SELFISH. At Risk of Estranging Rumanes, He Tolerates Hungarian Tactics.

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Foreigner Fined \$500. Belleville, Aug. 12.—Joseph Gage, a foreigner residing at Point Ann, was fined \$500 and costs for having liquor for sale on his premises in a local option municipality.

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