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ALL EUROPE TO BE SOON ENGAGED IN WAR

THE GERMANS FAIL TO PIERCE LINES

Of the French and Belgian Armies, so the British Press Reports Say.

German Field Artillery Inferior to That of the French -- German Losses Far Outnumber Those of the Belgians -- Have Germans Planned Attack on Antwerp?

London, Aug. 13.—The British official press bureau, in reviewing the operations on the continent, insists that the German attempts to penetrate the French-Belgian line has uniformly failed. The statement follows:

"An engagement has occurred northwest of Hasselt between Belgian cavalry, supported by infantry, and the German second cavalry division, supported by a battalion of infantry and twelve guns. The fourth cavalry division is reported to be moving towards Jodoigne, but no German infantry is known to be on the left bank of the Meuse except those above mentioned.

"A battalion of Germans is reported to be entrenched near Visé. The Germans are planting heavy batteries north of Liege, and have constructed a temporary railroad between Visé and Hamburg, parallel to the frontier of Limburg in the Netherlands. The Germans are throwing up entrenchments all the way to Liege.

"The German cavalry is moving eastward through Curthe Valley. The French retreat from Mulhausen in Alsace was well carried out in face of the fact that the opposing German forces were in proportion to four Germans to one Frenchman. The German field artillery proved far inferior to French and their shrapnel seemed only indifferently well aimed. The German artillery is not proving as effective as had been expected."

Germans May Attack Antwerp.

Paris, Aug. 13.—That fighting in Belgium has been renewed is admitted at the war office. The German losses far outnumber the Belgians, it is stated.

The advancing troops of the German army have moved in such a way that there is a growing belief that the Germans have planned an attack upon Antwerp. This would give them a port on the North Sea much nearer the English channel, than any on the German coast, but military experts say that it would be an impossibility for any German army to capture Antwerp.

Food Reduced At the Table of King George

London, Aug. 13.—In a recent issue of the official court circular it is announced:

"By order of the king, plain living is now the rule at the royal table." It is announced that plain living at court means that the cost of the royal table has been reduced from (expressed in American money) \$2.30 per day to \$1.25 per diem per capita. In the last reign the cost of living for the royal family was reckoned at \$2.58 per diem each.

Dinner at Buckingham palace now consist of four courses—soup, fish, joint and sweets. It used to consist of six courses. All extras have been abolished. Breakfast now consists of fruit and porridge. Fish is served two days a week and eggs and bacon 2 1/2 days.

The cost of living in the servants' hall has been reduced from \$1.44 per diem per capita in times of peace to thirty-eight cents per diem in war times.

ITALY STILL NEUTRAL.

Rome, Aug. 13.—Following the official announcement that England had declared war on Austria an Italian cabinet council was held. No announcement was made, but it is considered certain there will be no immediate change in Italy's position of neutrality.

Because of the international complications abroad, twenty German ships, owned and operated by the North German Lloyd and the Hamburg-American lines, are tied up in the port of New York.

DAILY MEMORANDA
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UTTERED GRAVE WARNING.

Sir H. Rider Haggard Mildly Rebukes St. John, N. B.

St. John, N.B., Aug. 13.—A most solemn warning as to the gravity of the situation in which the British empire stands at this hour was uttered last night by Sir H. Rider Haggard at a dinner given members of the Dominion Royal Commission by Mayor Frink for the city at the Union Club. The great novelist referred to such preparation for war as he had casually observed here and said it seemed to be carried on in a sort of holiday spirit. He then asked all present if they understood where we were standing. If Germany and Austria won that would be the end of England, of the empire, of Canada, of civilization as we now have it, for a long time to come. If a few tense sentences he indicated the magnitude and crucial quality of the conflict, and Canada's vital interest in it. No risk of defeat could be justified no matter what sacrifices were necessary, was the lesson to be emphasized.

Taken By Admiralty.

Montreal, Aug. 13.—Four more Canadian steamers—the Empress of Britain, Mount Temple and Lake Manitoba, of the Canadian Pacific railway line, and the Sauria, of the Donatson line—have been requisitioned by the British admiralty. It was announced to-day, and probably will be used as grain and troop carriers.

THE KAISER SEEKS AID OF THE BALKANS

He May Get Turkey, But Greece Will Fight on the Side of Britain.

Rome, Aug. 13.—The Kaiser is making a supreme effort in the courts of Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria and Roumania to have these nations side with Germany and Austria in the present war. That the Balkans must inevitably be drawn into the war is considered certain here. But it is unlikely that they will line up entirely for the Kaiser. Greece and Turkey must inevitably fight, but the latter will range itself on the side of the Kaiser, while Greece will aid England.

PITH OF THE NEWS.

Condensed Items of Telegraphic News of the World.

Pod Pianco, the Paris opera singer, died on Wednesday. He had been ill since June.

The Panama canal will be officially opened to the traffic of the world on Saturday.

The Toronto harbor board will spend \$1,400,000 this year on harbor improvement work.

The British government has agreed to guarantee the Bank of England against any loss in discounting bills of home or foreign banks up to Aug. 4.

Canada will become a heavy importer of gold as the result of the United States and Canadian liabilities to Britain at Ottawa.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians' convention for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick passed a resolution expressing loyalty to King George and hope that victory would follow the British armies in the European war.

The official war bureau issued a statement, last night, dealing with the naval situation, which for the first time showed that French warships are present in the Atlantic in force.

The statement says: "A French fleet is searching the Atlantic for the five German cruisers known to be there. The Germans will be hunted continually and kept too busy to do any mischief. Eventually they will be run down and sunk or captured."

The admiralty is commissioning six auxiliary cruisers, to keep the sea routes clear of German warships.

Frontenac Cheese Board.

At the Frontenac cheese board meeting on Thursday there was 103 white and 485 colored boards. L. Alexander, of Napanee, bought 9 white and 245 colored at 12 1/2c. The buyers present were L. Alexander and George Thompson, of Napanee; L. W. Murphy and John Gibson, of Kingston, and George A. Smith, of Parham. The bidding was started at 11 1/4c. by G. A. Smith.

The following factories sold: Arigum 45 colored, E. G. White, and 61 colored, Ontario, 23 colored. St. Lawrence, 37, colored; 1000 Islands, 35, colored, and Wolfe Island, 44 colored.

Dowager Empress of Russia Ill.
Berne, Switzerland (via Paris), Aug. 13.—The Dowager Empress Maria Feodorovna of Russia has arrived here seriously ill and, it is stated, will undergo a surgical operation.

The dowager empress, who is a sister of Queen Mother Alexandra, was on August 3rd, stopped in Berlin on her way to St. Petersburg. Eventually she was permitted to proceed to Stockholm. She has decided to remain in Switzerland during the war.

Pol. Pianco a famous opera singer died in Paris.

WILL GERMANY

Strike at Britain by Land and Sea?

SHE IS SURROUNDED

BY ENEMIES AND MUST STRIKE A BLOW.

When the Hour to Strike Comes—Brussels May Be Used as a Bait to Lure German Invaders Westward.

London, Aug. 13.—Pepington A'Court the Times' military expert says: "We are on the eve of a great struggle on the Meuse. Surrounded as she is by powerful enemies, a great victory is very necessary for Germany at this moment. Will she strike by sea when she strikes by land? This is the only blow open to Germany which can do us mortal hurt if it succeeds. The chances are against success and with every day the war lasts the chances become less because our land forces are daily growing in numbers and solidity. We must regard the problem through German eyes and however much we may disbelieve in the German solution we must be prepared for the strike which would accord with the German soldiers' theories of war."

What The Germans Claim.

New York Aug. 13.—German wireless telegraph company has given out a despatch from Berlin to the effect that all Alsace-Lorraine and all other German territory is now clear of French and Belgian troops. It declares that one hundred French officers and three thousand men were captured in the fighting in Luxembourg to-day and their casualties in killed and wounded was very heavy. No mention is made of the situation in Belgium.

Turkey May Buy German Ships.

London, Aug. 13.—The Daily Mail says it understands that Turkey has assured the British government that the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau which are now in the Dardanelles will be disbanded, but that there is reason to believe Turkey has purchased and intends to put the two cruisers into commission. This in the opinion of the Daily Mail would be a grave breach of neutrality.

Distributing War Maps.

J. B. Cooke of the Imperial Life Assurance company, is distributing among his patrons a very handy war map, put out by his enterprising company. It not only shows a clear map of Europe but also one of the world and gives information concerning the strength of the various European nations involved in the present struggle.

Wives Take Husbands' Place

New Brunswick, N. J., Aug. 13.—Wives of Frenchmen employed in a big tire plant here are emulating their sisters in France. A large number are taking their husbands' places in the shop the men having answered the call to the colors.

TIME FOR VOLUNTEERING

For Active Service Abroad Is Not Yet Closed.

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—The adjutant general in a message to commanders in the Canadian Field Artillery says: In view of non-completion of medical examination in many places volunteering need not be closed until orders for mobilization at Valcartier are issued. Commanding officers will assemble all volunteers for overseas expeditionary force at local corps headquarters for instructions and purposes from this date. Pay and subsistence allowance will be allowed at authorized militia rate.

Conditions In U. S.

Samuel Montgomery, brother of W. H. Montgomery, of the inland revenue office, writes from New York, where he is a traveller with a big dry goods house, that prices in the United States are rising very rapidly. He instances gum rubber, which has risen from \$1.50 to \$2.10 a pound; crude rubber from 70c. to \$1.25 a pound; auto tires, fifteen to thirty-five per cent.; black velvet, from 52 1/2 to 85c. a yard. Mr. Montgomery says that ninety-nine per cent. of the people of the United States are against Germany in this war. He will visit Kingston next week.

"YOUR SON HAS FALLEN ON FIELD OF HONOR"

Only Information French Public Receives of Operations on the Frontier.

London, Aug. 13.—The Daily Mail's Paris correspondent comments on the rigor of the censorship prevailing in France, which has thrown an impenetrable veil of mystery over the operations on the French frontier, with the result that the French public is made ignorant of what is happening than it was when Napoleon was fighting a century ago. When the soldiers now depart for the front, says the correspondent, they leave no trace; their relatives have no means of knowing they are in the fighting line and are obliged to entrust letters for them to the ministry of war, and perhaps receive the statement from the minister of war: "Your son has fallen on the field of honor."

Fully 18,000 Have Asked To Serve Abroad

Ottawa Aug. 13.—From among one of three out of the nine military divisions of Canada enough men have enrolled for active service to form the required aggregate of 21,000 men for the Canadian army division which is to be sent abroad on active service. This was the announcement made by Col. Hughes, minister of militia last night from information received from the commanding officers from all over Canada who have been busy for the past five days enrolling volunteers. It is estimated that at least 18,000 men have handed in their names, although the definite figures will not be available for two or three days yet, pending the return of all the enlistment rolls to headquarters.

The pay of the 25,000 men who will be mobilized at Quebec next week starts from to-morrow at \$1 per day with ten cents per day for allowances.

BOX OF EXPLOSIVES

Was Picked Up on Perth Road Near Glenburnie.

While A. C. Amey, a local bag-gageman was driving along Perth Road in the vicinity of Glenburnie on Wednesday afternoon, he ran over a small box on the road.

Mr. Amey stopped his rig and went back to pick up the box, thinking that it might have been some parcel that dropped off another wagon or stage. Upon opening it he was horrified to see how narrow an escape he had from being blown to atoms.

The box contained detonators used for exploding dynamite, and each one is capable of discharging with a great concussion. The box was full of these missiles and if Mr. Amey had had a heavy wagon to cause the box to collapse and set the caps off, there is no saying what might have happened.

The box was lying directly in the wagon tracks, and it was just luck that Mr. Amey happened to come along before the Perth Road stage had made its appearance. The weight, which is always on this latter vehicle, would have been sufficient to explode the detonators, and probably horses, passengers and all would have been blown to pieces.

The market was very good on Thursday morning. The prices were: Onions 5c a bunch; cucumbers three for 10c; blueberries 15c a box; cabbage 5c to 10c a head; tomatoes 10c a box; plums 10c a box; black currants two quarts for 35c; corn 20c a dozen; potatoes 35c a peck; apples 25c a peck.

BRITISH AND FRENCH ARE MASSES IN BELGIUM

Vast Preparations Have Been Made by Allies.

ARE ALL SPREAD OUT

FOR BATTLE, AND WILL MOVE QUICKLY

The Germans Claim That Alsace-Lorraine is Clear of French and Belgians—Will Turkey Buy Two Interned German Warships?

Brussels, via Paris, Aug. 13.—On the report that operations on an extensive scale were imminent, a correspondent, by permission of the war control, made a circuit along twenty miles of the Belgian front, visiting the extreme advance and talking with the officers and men.

The Belgians are on the alert, as important bodies of German cavalry are making their way through the country above Liege, proceeding in the direction of Tournai and St. Trond.

The impression of the correspondent is that no heavy fighting is likely in Belgian Lorraine, where the Germans have little or no infantry. Through the opposition offered by the Belgian troops at Liege, the Germans lost precious time, which was profitably employed by the French and British in concentrating masses at convenient points.

The allied forces have been so disposed as to be protected by a fortified position at many points; but little or nothing has been done around Brussels, and it is thought that Brussels is being used as a bait to attract the Germans on.

The Belgian people are anxious regarding Brussels, as the German cavalry are carrying their raids nearer and nearer to the capital, but such considerations are not likely to have any effect on the decisions of the general staff.

It is certain that vast preparations have been made by the allies now spread out for battle, and they are likely to move quickly when the hour to strike comes.

Belgium Is Resolute.

London, Aug. 13.—The Daily Mail says it learns that on Monday, after the fruitless assault by the Germans on the Liege forts, the German government again approached Belgium, through Holland as intermediary, pointing out that Germany had no quarrel with Belgium and no desire to be at war with her, and asked the Belgian government to reconsider its refusal to allow the German army to traverse Belgium in order to save useless expenditure in blood and treasure. The Belgian government, according to the newspaper, made reply again refusing the German request.

Sir Adam Beck Helps to Get War Horses

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—Sir Adam Beck arrived in the capital yesterday, and was in conference with the minister of militia in connection with the plans of the department for securing a large number of horses for the Canadian army division, and also to provide for the large orders for remounts for the British army which are coming in. Major-General Frederick Benson of the imperial army, who was in Canada some time ago in connection with securing remounts from Canada, is now on his way back again from London. Sir Adam Beck will co-operate with him in endeavoring to solve the problem of remounts.

Safely In Port.

Vancouver, Aug. 13.—The Canadian cruiser Rainbow, with the British gunboat Shearwater, arrived safely at Esquimaux this morning. The ship of war Algeria will arrive this afternoon.

Has Refugees From Berlin For America

Amsterdam, Aug. 13.—United States Ambassador Gerard, with a trainload of four hundred United States and Canadian refugees from Berlin, bound for Rotterdam to take ship there, passed through here this morning. There is some comment here on the fact that Ambassador Gerard, who is also acting British representative in Berlin, left that city to go to a foreign port. It is supposed he wished to communicate more effectively with the United States.

Major Joseph Mills, of the 7th regiment, Peterboro, has volunteered for over-seas contingent. He is a former Kingstonian.

IT NEEDS THEM ALRIGHT.

Brussels, Aug. 13.—The German army is the only one engaged in the European war having a special corps of grave diggers accompanying the troops in the field. The grave-digging corps was formed during the Franco-Prussian war of 1870. All German soldiers wear around their necks a label bearing their name, rank and regiment.

U. S. OFFICERS WITH BRITISH.

Two Observers Permitted to Accompany Troops to Belgium.

Washington, Aug. 13.—To date Great Britain is the only country which has responded to the United States government's inquiries addressed to all of the powers involved in the European war as to whether American army officers would be allowed to be present during their campaigns as military observers. England has replied that two American observers gladly would be permitted to go to the front with the British troops.

AUSTRIA PLACATES HER ITALIAN ALLY

Has Agreed to Reimburse the Puglia Company for the Damage Done.

Rome, Aug. 13.—Austria has granted Italy's demand for reparation for the destruction of the buildings of the Puglia Wireless company at Antivari, Montenegro. These structures were wrecked when the Austrian fleet bombarded Antivari, despite the fact that an Italian flag was flying over them.

A despatch from Vienna says that Austria will reimburse the Puglia company. This action is taken to lessen considerably the tension between Italy and Austria and avert for the present all danger of war between the two countries.

Picknickers Should Be Careful.

Picnic parties who visit islands and groves should be very careful in this dry weather about lighting fires. On Wednesday afternoon Cartwright's Grove was in danger of being wiped out by some picnickers who had lit a fire and not stamped it out.

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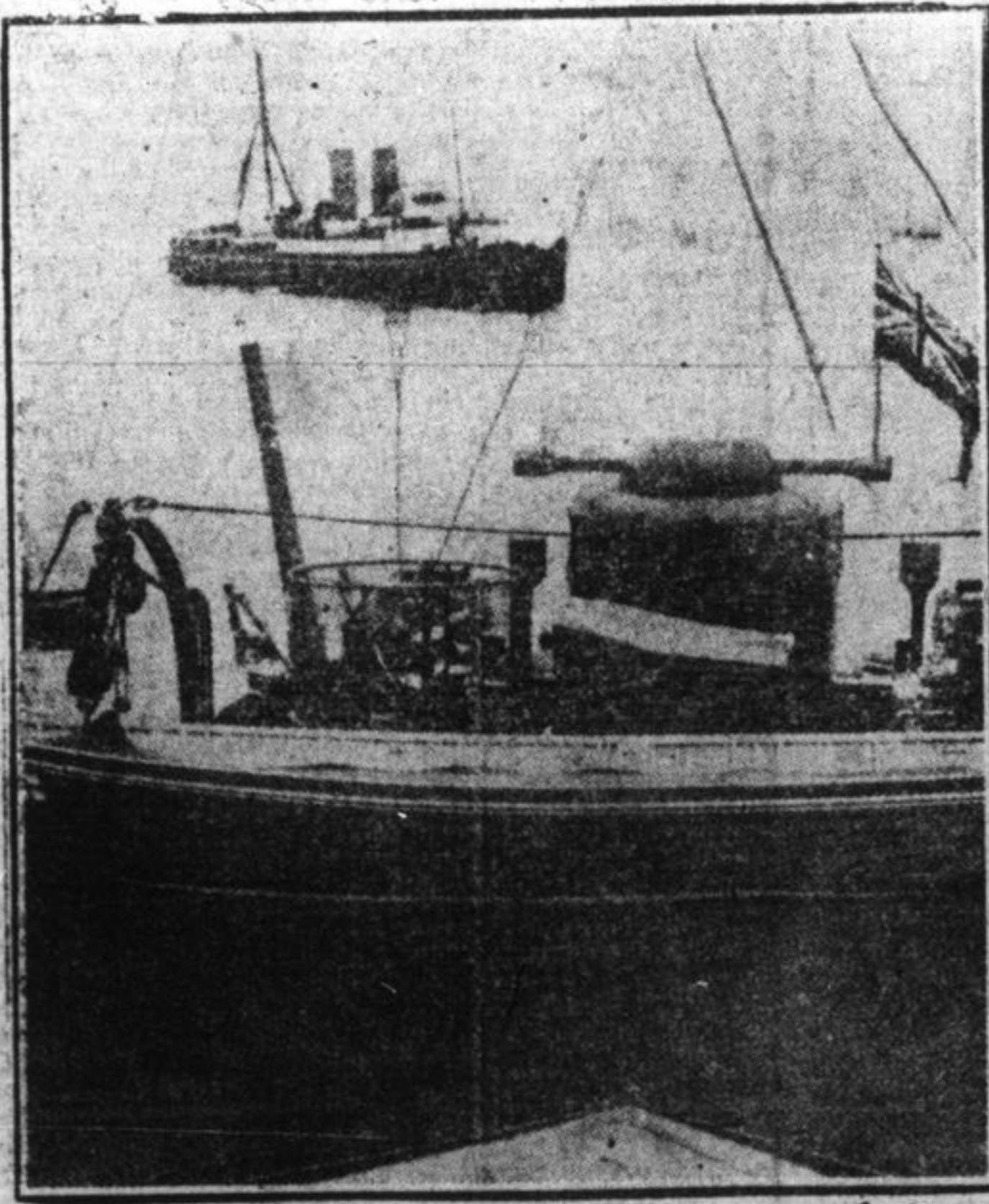
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