

## THE GERMANS GAIN INITIAL ADVANTAGE

### By Taking the Belgian Advanced Position at Louvain---The Armies Are Battling Desperately in Belgium.

### The British Forces Are Not Engaged Along the Belgian-French Position---German Cavalry Advanced Close to Antwerp to Scout, But Retreat-ed Before a Belgian Force.

Paris, Aug. 20.—The Belgian and French army is battling desperately in Belgium. The Germans have gained the initial advantage. They have taken the Belgian advanced position at Louvain. Rumors that the Germans now hold the Belgian capital. The war office claims to have no information.

#### German Cavalry Near Antwerp.

London, Aug. 20.—Antwerp to-day reports that German cavalry advanced up to the very defense of the city. A scouting force of Uhlans, which had penetrated to the advanced line of forts, was attacked by Belgians and retreated after a sharp clash. Antwerp is reported quiet.

#### British Forces Not Engaged.

London, Aug. 20.—The mystery surrounding the whereabouts of the British expeditionary forces was further increased when the war office press bureau issued an official statement denying that the British forces were engaged along the Belgian-French position now being attacked by Germans. Heretofore, it had been believed that the British troops were in Belgium.

#### Hints of Traps For Germans.

Paris, Aug. 20.—For the first time the German artillery is said to be proving effective. Under cover of it the German infantry is slowly and steadily pushing forward, entrenching as it comes. The slaughter is admitted to be terrible. But because of the fear that the enemy might gain some knowledge of the forces confronting them, all details are withheld.

In Alsace-Lorraine the French position is described as "excellent." Mulhausen is declared to have been once again re-occupied by the French after a long battle, in which both sides lost heavily. The French columns are moving against Strassburg. Other French are near the great fortress of Metz.

The war office insists that the backward movements in Belgium are "in pursuance of excellent strategy." Hints of traps for Germans are made, but no definite knowledge of a general plan of campaign is made.

#### Britannia Rules the Waves.

London, Aug. 20.—While fierce fighting rages along the extended Belgian-German front, every one is asking what the German tactics are to be in the North Sea. The whole German marine force is practically bottled, thanks to the British sea power. Germany's main waterways, the Elbe and the Weiser, her channels and seaboard trade are closed; her manufacturing industries are largely idle and the North Sea seems so completely in the hands of Admiral Jellicoe that German ships cannot emerge.

Germany must be suffering an industrial loss of at least five million dollars daily, while England is losing next to nothing that way. The impression grows that these combined factors must compel the German Admiral Von Toppitz to order Admiral Von Ingenohl to put to sea and make a desperate effort to overcome the superior force awaiting him.

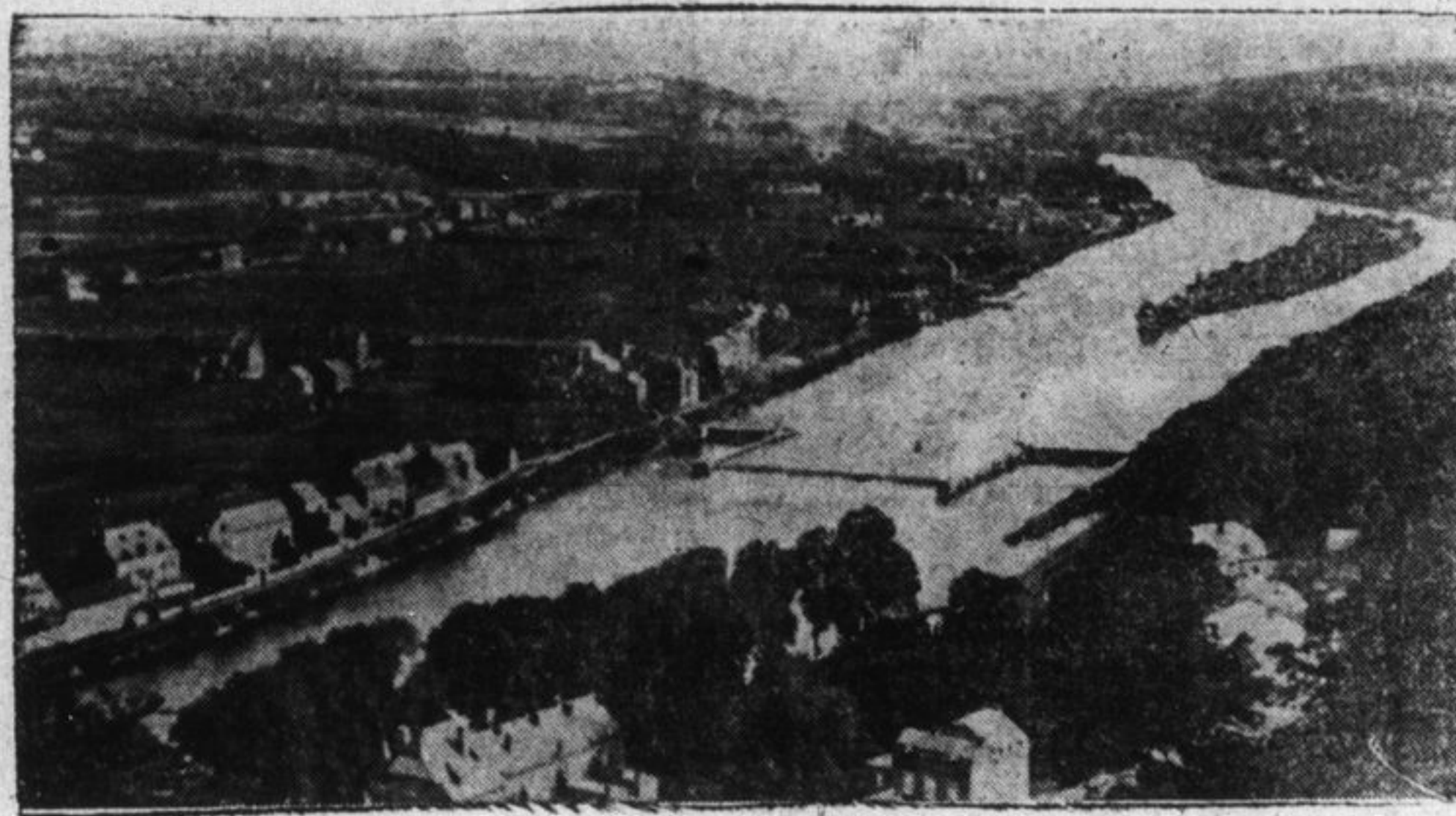
#### Talking of Secret Treaty.

New York, Aug. 20.—Have the British-French allies made a secret treaty with Holland and already landed in that country a great army to operate on the Holland-Belgium frontier, and trap between two fires the invading German armies that are being permitted to press forward towards Brussels and Antwerp?

This is the proposition being put forward here by military critics, to-day, on the receipt of the British war office denial that the British army is operating with the Belgians in the defence of Namur, Brussels and intervening points.

This would be a great coup on the part of the allies and Holland is admittedly more friendly to the allies than to Germany. Should the attempt fail, however Queen Wilhelmina's people would likely suffer terrible revenge at the hands of the German troops.

## Peaceful Valley Of The Meuse



A view of the peaceful Meuse valley, along which the armies are moving. Namur is shown in the picture; Liege and Dinant are also on this river.

## HEATED CRITICISM OF CANADIAN WOMEN

### Col. Morrison Declares They Show Remarkable Lack of Patriotism.

Ottawa, Aug. 20.—The too liberal use of the married women of Canada of the power to prevent their husbands from going to the war on the overseas contingent drew from Col. Morrison, director of artillery, a spirited protest this morning.

Col. Morrison said that when permission was given by the militia department to married women to object to their husbands going to war it was never expected that it would be so generally invoked. He pointed out that in one instance nearly fifty per cent. of the volunteers were protested by their wives.

The colonel said that many of the unpatriotic women were wives of officers. Col. Morrison remarked that it was all right for a woman to protest if she thought that her husband was trying to desert her and her children, but in the present war the families would be cared for. He said that Canadian women should take a leaf out of the books of European women. Much of the trouble, he thought might be due to the ignorance of the terrors of war of Canadian women. He said that Canada must be protected, and married men had to play their part in his work. The women thought the danger was too remote, but he would care for this country to be invaded, and perhaps invaded by men of another color.

#### Form A Chapter.

Port Hope, Aug. 20.—The women of the town decided to form a chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, to be called the Col. Arthur Williams Chapter, in honor of their late esteemed fellow-townsmen, the hero of Baloch, for whom a magnificent monument was erected in the town hall square.

## LIEUT.-COL. W. S. HUGHES

### Brother of Hon. Sam to Command Regiment at Front.

Winnipeg, Aug. 20.—Col. W. St. Pierre Hughes, brother of the minister of militia, passed through here bound east yesterday. He is hurrying home to take command of the Princess of Wales regiment at Kingston, part of which is going to the front under his command.

Col. Hughes, who is inspector of penitentiaries, has just finished the official inspection in the west. All the penitentiaries are in splendid condition. Hosing is in use on the worst convicts, taking the place of the cat-o'-nine-tails, the brutal instrument that fits the flesh in eight places each blow.

## German Ships Are Liable To Capture

Paris, Aug. 20.—Information, a financial newspaper, commenting on the proposed purchase of the Hamburg-American ships by Americans, says: "From the French point of view the sale of ships of a hostile nation to a neutral in time of war is absolutely invalid. There are many precedents for this view, notably the decision of the prize courts after the Crimean war."

The English prize courts recognize the sale of ships to a neutral if the sale is genuine and made in good faith, and is irrevocable and definite, while if made by England the buyers must be able to establish the sincerity of the sales.

The newspaper warns prospective buyers of ships that the latter are liable to capture on their first voyage, and if the capture is made by the French the vessels will be confiscated, while if made by England the buyers must be able to establish the sincerity of the sales.

## THE MAN ARRESTED HAS BEEN RELEASED

### Prisoner Said He Left Syracuse in Search of Work in the North Country.

Clayton, N.Y., Aug. 20.—A man giving his name as J. J. Bennett, of Syracuse, N.Y., who was detained by local officials, was released last evening. His mother was with him and he claimed he left Syracuse on July 23rd and started north in search of work. He stated that he had lived at No. 1521 South Salina street and No. 503 Orange street, in Syracuse.

At Selkirk, near Pulaski, he purchased a boat, giving a small diamond ring as security. A few days ago he disposed of the boat to a man named Bates, at Three Mile Point. Upon examination here by Justice H. D. Cole he gave a good account of himself and several persons along the route over which he had come from Syracuse, corroborated his story. He hopes to get work near here.

#### EVEN MATCHES RISE.

### High Cost of Lighting Subject of Statement.

Montreal, Aug. 20.—Matches are up. The small retailer has advanced the prices of the old five-cent boxes of "silent parlor" and others to six cents and in some cases seven cents.

The E. B. Eddy company state that, owing to cables from Europe announcing a difficulty in despatching the chemicals for the heads of matches, the company has been obliged to advance the wholesale price.

#### May License Butchers.

London, Aug. 20.—London Board of Health is considering having all meat vendors in the city take out licenses the same as milk vendors.

## THE PRESENT STATE OF FIELD OPERATIONS IN BELGIUM

London, Aug. 20.—A Havas despatch from Brussels gives an official communication concerning the present state of the field operations in Belgium:

"After having lost much time and a great number of men, and, besides, important war material," the communication says, "the Prussian right wing has succeeded in gaining on both banks of the Meuse the ground to bring them into contact with the allies' armies."

"The German troops on the north bank of the Meuse comprise sections of different army corps, whose efforts have been directed toward the capture of Liege, and who are now disengaged. There are also bodies of cavalry, thanks to which the Germans have been able to make considerable disturbance and extend themselves north and south."

"On the south the allied Belgian and French armies have been able to repulse them, but on the north, on the contrary, they have had a free field, and could penetrate in small bodies far into the country."

#### Germans Waste Fifteen Days

"In a word, the Germans have taken a number of our positions, but have wasted fifteen days in arriving at this result, which is greatly to the honor of our army. It is not a question of single battle evolutions or capture of certain parts of the country or towns. These matters are secondary in regard to the object assigned our troops in the general dispositions. This aim cannot be revealed, and the most penetrating minds will be unable to discover it, owing to the necessarily vague particulars furnished concerning the operations."

"Fighting is proceeding on the whole front extending from Basle, Switzerland, to Diest, Belgium, and in these numerous contacts the more the opposing armies approach each other and the nearer come the deciding battles, the more one must expect to hear of an advantage on this side and of yielding on that."

"In operations so vast and with those engaged using modern arms too great attention must not be paid to the operations in our immediate vicinity. Evolutions ordered in a particular previously determined aim is not necessarily a retreat. The engagements of the last few days have had the result of rendering our adversaries very circumspect. The delay of the enemy's advance had the greatest advantage for our general plan of operation."

## ALLIES ARE ABLE TO CRUSH GERMANS

### Both Sides Lost Heavily in Dreadful Fighting at Dinant, Where There Was Terrible Carnage.

### Teutons in Large Numbers Crossing the Meuse Between Liege and Namur---Situation in Alsace Reported by Paris as Unchanged---French Hussar Captured by Germans Who Cut His Throat.

Paris, Aug. 20.—Careful study of the military situation on the northern frontier leads French military observers to the conclusion that the events transpiring in Belgium are the beginning of operations on an immense scale. Germany, it is declared, is making a fresh and mightier effort to break into France through the comparatively open Belgian country. Government opinion in France, however, is confident that the allies will be able to meet this shock successfully and reply to it crushingly.

### Terrible Carnage at Dinant.

Details of the fighting at Dinant between the French and German troops show that the carnage was terrible. The first French company, although decimated, held a position until another company came up with artillery which destroyed a bridge. The French cavalry then advanced and pushed the German attackers back into the Meuse.

An official announcement this morning says the retirement of Belgian troops toward Antwerp is rumored, but not confirmed. Commenting on this report, it is officially explained that even were it true it would be neither a grave symptom nor unexpected. The defensive organization of Belgium, as conceived by General Briandmont, is presented in technical words, providing that Antwerp be considered as a last defence. It has been fortified with care and is to-day a vast entrenched camp upon the flank of the enemy.

#### French Army Nearing Metz.

The following official statement was given out last night: "Latest advices are to the effect that the French army has reached Morhange (Morchingen) in Alsace-Lorraine, nineteen miles south-east of Metz. Our advance was very rapid in the afternoon beyond the River Seille, especially the central part of our line. At the end of the day we reached Heliou, on one side, and Morhange on the other."

"There is little change in the situation in upper Alsace. We continue to advance in Vosges. The Germans have retaken the village of Ville, where we had an outpost. Our troops, debouching on the Seille, have occupied Chateau Salins and Dieuze, but face well fortified and strongly held positions. Our progress at first was necessarily slow."

#### Operations in Belgium.

"Our cavalry has had a successful encounter with the Germans at Florenville, Belgium. Very large German forces, it is announced, are crossing the Meuse between Liege and Namur."

"One of the French brigadiers has asked the commander-in-chief to make public the following fact: A French Hussar, made prisoner, was dragged by German soldiers into an Alsatian village and his throat was cut before the villagers, who testify to the deed."

#### Notes Of The War.

Notwithstanding German official denials, Italian emigrants returning to Rome confirm the report that they were deliberately fired upon by German soldiers at Magdeburg. They declare that about 6,000 Italians were taken on cattle trucks to Cologne, being thirty-eight hours without food. A German monoplane was brought down by riflemen at Sterrebeek, only a few miles to the east of Brussels. The pilot, an officer, had in his possession three revolvers, bombs and interesting military notes. His legs were broken by the fall, but notwithstanding his injuries he endeavored to discharge his weapons.

Four German girls were arrested at Brussels on the charge of spying. Three spies, one a woman, apprehended at Louvain, have been shot.

#### Not Worth Sending For.

A Toronto despatch says: William Knight gave himself up a week ago to the police as a deserter from a regiment at Kingston. In the meantime the Toronto police has got into touch with the regiment, and on Thursday, it was stated in court: "The commanding officer says that this man is not worth sending for, but they will take him if he comes down. 'I am losing my chance to get to the front,' said Knight. 'Let me go,' and he was let go."

Among the men who left with the 36th Regiment for Valenciennes, on Thursday, was Pte. Thomas Longboat, the famous Indian runner. British bakers will bake free into bread all Canada's gift of flour.

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\* PREFERRED NAVAL HOSPITAL. \*  
\* London, Aug. 20.—Unofficially it is learned that the admiralty is suggesting to the Canadian government that the provision of a 100-bed naval hospital would meet its needs better than the hospital ship generously offered by the Canadian Council of Women. \*  
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#### CANADIANS ACCEPTED

### Doctors Have Been Given Commissions in Medical Corps.

London, Aug. 20.—Two young Canadian doctors, H. H. Hepburn, Montreal and A. L. Lockwood, Westport, Ont., whose escape from Berlin was reported Monday, were yesterday accepted by the war office and gazetted lieutenants in the Royal Army Medical Corps. They leave for the front fighting lines immediately. They both speak German and French fluently.

#### Statement Unconfirmed.

Ottawa, Aug. 20.—The report that the Duke of Connaught leaves Canada permanently in October, is not confirmed here. No plans are made for his departure.

#### DAILY MEMORANDA

I. O. F. urgent meeting, 1:30 p.m., Friday.  
See top of page 2, right hand corner, for probabilities.

## THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG

### IN CN SALE AT THE FOLLOWING CITY STORES

- Bucknell's News Depot, 295 King St.
- Clarke, J. W. & Co., 253 Princess
- College Book Store, 180 Princess
- Cutler's Grocery, 809 Princess
- Gilbert's Grocery, Cor. Princess & Alfred
- Frontenac Hotel, 200 Ontario St.
- Gibson's Drug Store, Market Square
- McAuley's Book Store, 83 Princess
- McCall's Clear Store, Cor. Prin. & King
- McLeod's Grocery, 51 Union St. W.
- Medley's Drug Store, 286 University Ave.
- Paul's Clear Store, 70 Princess
- Prone's Drug Store, 815 Princess
- Vallois's Grocery, 200 Montreal
- Law's Grocery, 200 Portsmouth

#### BORN

BALDWIN—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Baldwin, on Monday, Aug. 17th, 1914, a daughter.  
LAWLESS—In Kingston, on Aug. 18th, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. James Lawless, 217 Montreal street, a daughter.

#### MARRIED

KENT—SMITH—On August 10th, 1914, by Rev. Mr. Laing, Herbert E. Kent to Louisa Smith, both of Latimer.

VAN ORDER—McCRACKEN—At 600 Princess street, Kingston, on the 18th August, by Rev. W. K. Shortt, M.A., John B. Van Order, of Glenvale, to Pearl Agnes McCracken, of the same place.

#### DIED

COULSON—At Eton, on Aug. 18th, 1914, Edgar Scott Coulson, eldest son of J. C. and Louise Coulson, city, aged 23 years.  
Funeral from 41 King St., West, Friday, at 2 p.m.

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