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TESTING TIME FOR BRITAIN IS ON; COURAGE

THE ALLIED LINES ARE HOLDING SPLENDIDLY

German Forces Surging For Hours Have So Far Been Unable to Penetrate Through.

"The Big Battle is Progressing Favorably" Has Transformed Paris--France's Desperate Condition Has Been Relieved--Glorious Victories Everywhere.

Paris, Aug. 26.—(6 p.m.)—"The big battle is progressing favorably." The war office, after twelve hours' silence, following its admission that the fate of France hinged on the result of the fighting now in progress, issued the above laconic statement.

It meant that the allied lines of defence were holding. It also meant that the German offensive, which has surged against the secondary defence for thirty-six hours, has been unable to penetrate it.

The few words of encouragement transformed Paris from a city of gloom to one of hope. Coupled with the statement came the announcement that Britain was rushing reinforcements to the front. France's desperate condition has been recognized by her ally and the assistance needed to withstand the determined invasion of German fighting men, now doubly dangerous under the incentive of an early victory, is forthcoming.

Situation at Namur.

London, Aug. 26.—The Belgian legation this afternoon made public the following statement regarding the situation at Namur: "We have no official information where any of the Namur forts have been captured. We feel certain, however, that the majority are still intact and held by the Belgians although the German troops have, undoubtedly, traversed the town."

German Army Demoralized.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 26.—The German army off Eastern Prussia is declared to be demoralized. Part of it has taken refuge in Königsburg fortress and many of the soldiers, in their flight, are reported to have abandoned their knapsacks and rifles. This force is said to be part of the 20th Prussian army corps.

Repulsed the Germans.

Washington, Aug. 26.—The Belgian legation to-day received the news of a Belgian victory over the Germans at Vilvorde, between Brussels and Antwerp, yesterday. A despatch says that three German divisions were repulsed with heavy losses. An infantry division is 12,000 men.

Panic in Berlin.

Copenhagen, Aug. 26.—(Via London)—Advices from Berlin, via the frontier, say a panic is imminent there. The fears of a Russian invasion, that will only end at the capital, has greatly aroused the populace. Many wealthy Germans are already fleeing to Scandinavia.

A German Prince Slain.

Berlin, Aug. 26.—The war office announces the death of Lieut.-General Prince Frederick of Saxe-Meinigen, in an assault on Namur on Sunday.

A Splendid French Win.

London, Aug. 26.—The official war bureau to-day issued the following: "The Germans attacked the French in force yesterday, all along the Alsace-Lorraine frontier, but were repulsed with very heavy losses. The fighting still continues with the French advancing their entrenchments."

Brussels Pays \$10,000,000.

London, Aug. 26.—A Times special from Brussels says that Brussels paid yesterday fifty million francs toward the war contribution levied by the Germans. The province of Brabant must pay ninety million francs or \$18,000,000 by next Tuesday. The Germans have agreed to wait a month for the other \$22,000,000.

the presence of the Germans, arrived on the scene and killed one, wounded five and made prisoners of the others.

Military Governor Named.

Berlin, Aug. 22.—The appointment of Field Marshal Freiherr Von Der Goltz as military governor of Belgium is announced. This indicates that Germany has annexed Belgium as a German province.

Fighting on Full Stomachs.

London, Aug. 26.—Telegraphing from Paris, the correspondent of Reuters' Telegram company says: "A special envoy of the Temps, who has returned from the front, had an opportunity of seeing the

GERMAN ADVANCE THROUGH BELGIUM



The above map shows the war situation in Belgium; the shaded portion indicates territory occupied by German troops.

British troops. He was much struck by the excellent commissary arrangements. Huge cases of sugar, tea, cocoa, tinned meats and vegetables and enormous pots of jam have been provided for the men. Everything has been done, he said, in the minutest detail to insure their well-being.

The correspondent remarks: "We have in the British forces a strong, disciplined, supporting army, equal to the best of our troops. I would like to see the French copy the British in the severe treatment of spies."

War Notes.

The Russians are resolutely pushing forward their offensive movement in Galicia and have routed two divisions of Austrian cavalry. Two German cruisers, the Narbeng and Leipzig, the Japanese cruiser Idzuma, and a British warship are reported to have been sighted off Cape Blanco, and a battle is expected within a few hours.

Russian prisoners, including twenty officers and 300 dragoons, with many guns, have been brought to Lemberg, Galicia. The Russian general, Wagnowski Ivanoff, has died from injuries received in an engagement.

Emperor William has granted 5,000 marks toward the municipal fund, for the relief of the unemployed in Berlin. Twelve guns, with their gun carriages and ammunition carts, captured by the Havarian troops from the French, have been brought from Karlsruhe and placed in the palace yard.

The German papers publish orders that boys from sixteen to nineteen years of age shall be put through a course of musketry and military training. Retired officers are to be engaged as instructors.

As a result of the Austrian government having ordered the cruiser Kaiserin Elisabeth to join the German fleet at Tsing-Tau, the Austrian government momentarily is expecting a declaration of war by Japan.

Americans in Italy are advised to return home now while communications between Europe and the United States are free. Alexander Gorky, son of Max. Gorky, the Russian author, has enlisted in the French army.

Buffalo Woman Shot.

Buffalo, Aug. 26.—Mrs. Mary Krupa twenty-three years old, was murdered yesterday near her home. Her husband, Francis Krupa, reported that he and his wife had been attacked by two men who cut his wife's throat and slashed him with a knife. After reporting the alleged attack Krupa disappeared. The police have issued a warrant for his arrest, charging him with murder. Jealousy because Mrs. Krupa danced twice with the same partner at a wedding is the alleged cause of the murder.

ABLE-BODIED MEN URGED TO ENLIST

Would Like India to Send Her Soldiers to Fight Beside the Whites.

London, Aug. 26.—The Daily Chronicle, in an editorial, makes an appeal to all able-bodied men to enlist. The editorial says: "The dominions are already sending us troops in greater numbers per population than our own. Canadian, Australian and New Zealand forces make imposing figures. It would be a splendid East Indian policy to bring over East Indians. Nothing would give India a stronger sense of being admitted to the dignity of European brotherhood than for her sons to shed their blood beside ours on the white man's soil."

RUSSIA CLAIMS GERMANY CORNERED IN PRUSSIA

Mounted Officers Arriving at Capital Tell of Enemy's Equipment and Strategy.

London, Aug. 26.—Telegraphing from St. Petersburg the correspondent of Reuters' Telegram company says: "The principal Russian losses in Prussia up to the present have resulted from the determination of the rank and file of the Russian army to get at the enemy. Although the mounted guards in the centre have suffered heavily, the infantry advances have been more than satisfactory. The enemy is virtually cornered in Eastern Prussia."

Mounted officers arriving in St. Petersburg, in relating their stories of the front, dwell on the fear displayed by the Germans of the Russian cavalry. Military experts say the equipment of the Germans is excellent and that their artillery is good, but that their rifle shooting is deficient as regards accuracy. They add that the Japanese were infinitely superior in this respect in the Russo-Japanese war and accomplished in an hour what the Germans would require a day to do.

It is stated that in one case a Russian squadron charged a battery and captured all its guns. The German soldiers are said to have discarded their rifles, and their officers to have thrown away their swords and even their helmets.

At Watertown, N. Y., nearly 1,000 men are expected to participate in the Labor Day parade here this year.

THE BRITISH CAVALRY GAVE UHLANS SURPRISE

The Causes of Failure on the Part of the French is Being Retailed.

London, Aug. 26.—The latest details from the front suggest two causes of failure of the French general staff: attempted forward movement into Belgium. The first cause was to underestimate the German numbers and the second cause that the over-eagerness of the two gallant Black Algerian divisions, who leaped from the trenches charging excitedly forward with bayonets and were mowed down by a deadly hail of German bullets.

The light seems to have been the greatest in which the British troops have ever been engaged. Such accounts as are received show the unsurpassed British coolness and daring and deadly accuracy of the infantry firing. One wounded German officer declared: "We never expected anything like it; it was staggering." When the British cavalry, mostly Londoners, got into clinches the Uhlans had the surprise of their lives.

Were Wiped Out.

Copenhagen, Aug. 26.—The severest list of German casualties published in thirty-three general staff officers, including 288 soldiers. Included in the list were 200 British officers, who are declared to be brave to the point of rashness. The socialist papers all print highly patriotic appeals to the people, from various sources, including the former ambassador to Paris.

UPHOLD ALL PLEDGES IS PROMISE OF JAPAN

Will Faithfully Preserve Territorial Integrity of China and Restore Kiao-Chau.

Tokio, Aug. 26.—The Tokio Kokusai Tanshin (International News Agency), says it is in a position to state "on the highest authority that it is the settled policy of Japan, approved by the emperor, privy council, the cabinet and leading business men, that Japan, under any future conditions, will act strictly in accordance with the terms of the alliance with England and the treaties and agreement with America and her pledge to China."

"Japan will restore Kia-Chau, continues the statement, 'will preserve the territorial integrity of China, and the terms of the ultimatum to Germany will be adhered to whether Tsing-Tau is taken by force or otherwise."

"Japan realizes that in these suddenly faced responsibilities she must act with the utmost circumspection, especially in view of the campaign of misrepresentation and the world-wide prevailing misunderstanding of her real motives, ambitions and policies."

"The present is perhaps the most critical moment in her history, and Japan must once and for all time eradicate the suspicion of her motives prevailing in America and fo-

KITCHENER SEES LONG WAR WITH GREAT LOSSES

English Minister of War Delivers Speech in Commons.

THE FORCES OF EMPIRE

ARE LIKELY TO BE STRAINED TO UTMOST POINT.

British Troops a Great Factor in Belgium, Says Hero of Khartoum in Address.

London, Aug. 25.—Lord Kitchener made his first speech as minister of war in the house of lords to-day.

He told his hearers that this war undoubtedly would strain the forces of the empire and entail big sacrifices. He laid emphasis on the fact that his position in the cabinet involved adherence to neither party. He said:

"The terms on which I am serving are the same as those under which some of the finest portions of our manhood, now so willingly stepping forward to join the colors, are engaging. That is to say, my term of office is for the duration of the war, or for three years if the war should last longer than that."

"It has been asked why this period has been limited. It is because if this disastrous war be prolonged, and no one can foretell for a certainty its duration, that after three years of war others will take our places and do what we have done."

"There will be serious conflicts which undoubtedly will strain the forces of our empire, and undoubtedly considerable sacrifices to our people will be entailed. These will willingly be borne for our honor and for the preservation of our position in the world, and they will be shared by our dominions, who are now sending contingents and giving assistance of every kind to the mother country."

"Our expeditionary force has taken the field on the French north-west frontier and advanced to the north of Mons (in Belgium). Our troops already have been for thirty-six hours in contact with the superior forces of the German invader. During that time they maintained the best traditions of the British soldier and behaved with the utmost gallantry. The movements they have been called upon to execute have demanded the greatest steadiness of a soldier and skill in the commanders."

Lord Kitchener added that the fighting in Europe would result in greater casualties than the campaigns of Great Britain usually was engaged in. He said he was sure that the public was fully prepared to meet whatever losses and sacrifices the country might have to face, and he paid a tribute to the readiness of the expeditionary force and the valuable aid of the press and public in preserving silence and accepting the novel situation.

"We know how deeply the French people appreciate and value the prompt assistance," Lord Kitchener continued, "that we have been able to afford them at the very outset of the war, not only in giving moral and material support, but our troops must also prove a factor of high military significance in restricting spheres and determining the duration of hostilities."

"If the conditions of strategy had permitted everyone in this country would have been rejoiced if they could have been ranged alongside the gallant Belgian army in its superb struggle against the desperate odds which just have been witnessed. But although this privilege, perhaps, has been denied us, Belgian knows of our sympathy with her in her sufferings and our indignation at the blows which have been inflicted upon her and also of our resolution to make sure that none of her sacrifices will have been unavailing."

"While other countries engaged in this war have under their systems of compulsory service brought their full resources into the field, we, under our national system, have not been so compelled. Therefore we still have a vast reserve to draw from, the resources of both the mother country and the dominions."

"The response which already has been made by the dominions abundantly proves that we have not looked in vain to those sources of military strength, and while India, Canada, Australia and New Zealand are sending powerful contingents, the territorial forces of this country are replying loyally to the stern call of duty which has come to them with such exceptional force."

British Casualties.

London, Aug. 26.—"We have heard from Sir John French, commander of the British forces on the continent," Premier Asquith informed the members of the House of Commons, yesterday, "that the withdrawal of his troops to a new position was accomplished without considerable loss."

They were pressed hard by the enemy who, however, were shaken off.

"It is not desirable to say anything more at the present moment, except that the old marshal reports that, in spite of hard marching and hard fighting, the British forces are in the best of spirits."

"He estimates his casualties at something over two thousand, but we have not yet received any names."

BOY SCOUTS RALLY.

London, Aug. 26.—In response to the call of Chief Scout General Sir R. S. Baden-Powell, more than 100,000 Boy Scouts are now performing semi-military service through England and thousands are volunteering daily.

RAMMED A STEAMER.

Sank in Four Minutes—All Were Rescued.

Seattle, Aug. 26.—The C. P. R. coasting steamer, Princess Victoria, to-day rammed and sank the liner Admiral Sampson off Point No Point, eighteen miles from Seattle. The Sampson went down in four minutes after she had been struck, according to advices. It is reported that fifty-four passengers were on the Sampson. All were rescued.

Kingston-Oswego Steamboat Service. The steamer Otcut is cancelled Thursday, August 27th. Will resume route Friday, August 28th, as scheduled.

Otis Curtis, Massena, N. Y., fell from the pontoon line of the hydraulic dredge C. M. Hall and was drowned.

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BORN.

SMART—At St. John's Rectory, Port Hope, on Aug. 26th, 1914, to the Rev. A. E. and Mrs. Smart, a son.

DIED.

HUGHES—In Kingston, August 25th, 1914, Margaret Crowder, beloved wife of A. T. Hughes, 1st Cls. S.M. C.P.A.S.C. aged thirty-two years. Funeral will take place Thursday morning at 4 o'clock from her late residence, 201 William St., to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the happy repose of her soul. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend. (Boston papers please copy.)

TOBIN—In Syracuse, N.Y., on August 25th, 1914, Mary Tobin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Tobin, 31 Division St. Funeral notice later.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. John G. Macfarland, who died Aug. 26th, 1909.

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