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GERMANS ADVANCE IN FORCE

Many Towns Occupied and Resistances of Allies Overborne

FRENCH AND BRITISH RALLY FOR DEFENSE

Belgians Sally From Antwerp and Drive Germans Back to Brussels

Paris, Aug. 28.—Having effected a junction, the German armies of the Saar and the Lower Moselle were reported advancing today in enormous force on Longwy, which their vanguard already occupied, together with the towns of Villerupt, Joppcourt, Audun-le-Roman, Briey and Montmedy.

The French were strongly entrenched along the Meuse between Sedan and Verdun. Many of the Meuse bridges were said to have been destroyed.

Farther north there was no longer any question that the Germans were operating in force north of Cambrai, which was strongly defended by the French while both French and British were concentrated at the neighboring town of Arras, ready for a fresh resistance of the invaders.

Southward, toward the Vosges mountains there was fighting on a scale which would have attracted much attention but for the overshadowing importance of operations along the Franco-Belgian frontier. In these southern engagements the French were driving the Germans backward, though at latest accounts they still held Lunelville.

News was received that, as at Liege and Brussels, the Germans had exacted heavy war levies when they captured the Belgian towns of Charleroi and Tournai, compelling the former to pay \$200,000 and the latter \$400,000, holding the burgomasters as hostages until the money was turned over to them.

Belgians Make Attack

London, Aug. 28.—Belgians have sallied from Antwerp and driven the Germans towards Brussels until they were in sight of the latter city, according to an Exchange Telegraph company's message from Ghent today.

Louvain Destroyed

London, Aug. 28.—The war office today confirmed reports of the destruction of Louvain by the Germans of the Belgian city of Louvain. The invaders charged that they had been fired on by citizens, and blamed it as retaliation.

The German Story of It

Milano, Aug. 28.—Great German news came along the French frontier were reported here today. Grand Duke to have defeated the allies Meuse and drove them across the Meuse and Meuse rivers. Today, it is the victory by a fresh attack which is reported to result in the surrounding area.

BELGIAN STORY OF DESTROYING LOUVAIN

Burning of City With Its Priceless Treasures An Act of Wanton Vandalism and Absolutely Unprovoked.

London, Aug. 28.—Denial of the German story that Louvain was destroyed because citizens fired on the German troops was issued this evening by the Belgian legation here. The truth of the matter said the legation, was this: On Tuesday night a German corps expedition was completely routed by a Belgian expedition and forced to retreat to Louvain in disorder. Mistaking them in the darkness as they approached, for Belgians, the German garrison in the city fired on them, killing and wounding many.

Realizing their error, the Germans accused the townspeople of Louvain of firing on them. This was impossible. As the people, including the police, had dispersed at the burgomaster's order when the city surrendered, hoping thus to save their homes from destruction.

Despite the protests of the Louvain authorities, the Germans compelled all the citizens to march to a designated spot outside the city and there set the city itself on fire, blowing up many structures also with bombs and turning their artillery on the city hall and other public buildings.

"The German commander," the legation's statement declared, "refused to listen to denials of his accusation against the townspeople before the work of destruction was commenced and declared the place would be destroyed immediately and ordered several prominent men shot as an example, which was done."

"The soldiers were given hand grenades and directed to go to various parts of the city and set it on fire. Among the first buildings destroyed was the Church of St. Pierre, one of the most notable structures in Belgium."

"Included also was the great university building with their vast scientific establishment. Within a brief period the intellectual metropolis of the Low Countries for 15 centuries was given to the flames and is now nothing but a heap of ashes. The men of the city were held as prisoners. The women and children were hastily loaded into trains and hurried to unknown destinations."

"Belgium renews its protests to neutral nations, asserting that the destruction of Louvain was an act of unparalleled wantonness and a monstrous crime and a descent to the methods of the dark ages."

ITALIAN GARDENER VICTIM OF SHARKS

Portland, Ore., Aug. 28.—When Arayone Giovanni, an Italian gardener of Spokane, opened his safety deposit box in the Chamber of Commerce building today, expecting to find \$80,000 he supposed was there, he found a pair of old shoes and a flatiron bringing home the knowledge that he had been swindled out of \$3000.

The money was supposed to have been placed in the box ten days ago for safekeeping until a land deal could be consummated.

Giovanni told the police that two strange countrymen in Spokane induced him to put \$3000 in a box with the understanding that they would augment it by \$77,000, the money to be invested in a manner that would bring fabulous returns.

THREE CORNERED SITUATION THAT MAY MATERIALIZE

The Allied Forces May Take the Offensive Again Through Lorraine

WHILE GERMAN ARMY LAYS SIEGE TO PARIS

The Russian Hordes Sweep Down on and Surround City of Berlin

By J. W. T. Mason.
(Former London Correspondent of the United Press.)

New York, Aug. 28.—Franco-British and German operations on the western Belgian frontier were veiled in the deepest mystery today.

The French announced that Belgian events had not interfered with their arrangements on the Lorraine border. The British reported that their forces had been compelled to retire slightly in the face of greatly superior numbers, but that conditions were satisfactory.

The Germans claimed to have surrounded the allies in the north and isolated the enemy's positions about Namur.

Indications were that the invaders had succeeded in throwing such overwhelming forces against the frontier that they had compelled the allies to fight a series of retreating actions.

Lille in German Hands

The German advance upon Lille also appeared to have succeeded, but it was presumably subordinate to a main movement in the Namur district.

The Kaiser's troops actually had surrounded the allies seemed unbelievable, unless the latter had committed a disastrous error.

They were fighting with their rear protected by the LaFere-Laon-Rheims line of fortifications and the assertion that the Germans had approached so astonishing an enterprise as cutting them off from it was to be accepted with reserve.

It appeared possible, however, that the invading forces had the French and British within three sides of a square and were hacking them away from Belgium to the southward.

FINDS FAULT WITH WIRELESS OUTFIT

German Minister Complains That Wireless Is So Weak He Cannot Send Messages—Belgian Minister to Protest.

Washington, Aug. 28.—"Just another German atrocity," was the way Belgian Minister Havenith here referred today to the destruction of Louvain by German troops. He announced his intention of lodging another protest with the state department against what he characterizes as "German's inhuman and uncivilized warfare."

German Ambassador on Bernstorff planned to leave for New York this afternoon. He will return to Washington in ample time to meet President Wilson here Thursday and discuss the wireless censorship situation. von Bernstorff complains that he is unable to receive messages from the Sayville wireless station but says he cannot send any to Berlin because the station's equipment is too weak.

Von Bernstorff, in explaining reported Russian victories, said the czar's troops had encountered only "open and German scouts." He was confident the Germans would be able to check the Russian advance when the czar's soldiers attempt to carry the fortifications.

DESERT LAND BOARD HAS BUSY SESSION

At the meeting of the desert land board this morning, O. Lauergerard, the engineer in charge of the Tumalo irrigation project, reported progress to date, and his report was found satisfactory by the board, which was of the opinion that he should proceed with the project who "desire to have their money refunded will be given new contracts or will be paid in cash when such funds are provided."

The forenoon was largely taken up with a discussion of the project and in questioning Mr. Lauergerard about the work. He said that if the work were to be stopped now that the work already done would deteriorate in value and that it would cause an additional expenditure of about \$12,000 to resume work after it had been stopped and to organize another working force with the efficiency of the present one.

Claims for about \$15,000 have already been presented to the engineer in charge, but these may be met by the sale of lands at the disposal of the state.

Colonel C. E. S. Wood, of Portland, appeared on behalf of the Northwest-Townsite company to ask for an extension of time in completing their project which was taken over from the Portland Irrigation company. The matter was still before the board at a late hour this afternoon and the board was still in session on routine matters.

RUSSIANS HAVE TWO BIG BATTLES ON THEIR HANDS

St. Petersburg, Aug. 28.—Russian troops were engaged today in two big battles.

One was in east Prussia; the other in Austrian Galicia. The former marked a German attempt to check the Russian advance on Konigsberg. The Russians had already repulsed the Kaiser's forces on the Alee river. The German army corps were isolated at Allenstein.

ALLIES ARE BEING SLOWLY CROWDED BACK BY GERMANS

British Expeditions Combined and Given Position in the Most Dangerous Point

MUST BEAT GERMANS OR BE OVERWHELMED

Kaiser Stakes All and If He Wins the Road to Paris Is Left Open

(By William Philip Sims.)

Paris, Aug. 28.—Paris was rushing provisions to withstand a siege. The war office admitted the Germans were forcing their way through the French line of fortifications at Longwy. It maintained, however, that the allies were ready to check this advance.

There was much anxiety in the French capital. Foreigners were being urged to leave. No wounded were being brought into the city.

The government plainly wanted to reduce the non-combatant population to a minimum.

Such a mad confusion of fighting prevailed today at the front that for the moment it was hard to determine how the tide of battle was turning.

That the allies had given ground at the points where the Germans were most numerous was admitted. The war office asserted, however, that the second defensive lines were holding, though the Germans outnumbered the French and British.

It was denied also that the French flank had been turned, and insisted that, "at the proper time," the Gallie troops would resume the offensive.

The British were holding the center of the line opposing the invaders. It was believed that their position covered the famous "Gap of Treves," through the French frontier chain of fortifications upon which the main German strength was moving.

A Dangerous Post

The British expeditions, it was stated, had been combined and given a post where they must either defeat the Germans or be overwhelmed.

ANGRY WOMEN WOULD HORSEWHIP OFFICIAL

Object to Activities of Secretary of Chamber of Commerce, and Only His Speed Saved Him a Whipping.

Stockton, Cal., Aug. 28.—The wives of three local labor union men made an attempt last evening to horsewhip President C. E. Manthey, of the Stockton Chamber of Commerce and prominent member of the M. M. & E., on the street here, resulting in a dentist's office being wrecked and the entire police force being called out to rescue Manthey from the mob that threatened to lynch him.

Bystanders claimed that Manthey struck two of the women with his fists. At any rate he ran from the women, seeking refuge in a dentist's office, and a crowd of men pursued him and wrecked the office before the police could run the block from the police station to the dentist's office.

The women—Mrs. Laura Palmer, Mrs. Gertrude Cottle and Mrs. Lulu Rhodes, as they signed their names to affidavits telling of their former trouble with Manthey—admitted that they had been "laying" for him with their whips for two weeks and that last evening was the first time they had "caught him without his bodyguard."

Mrs. Cottle stated that yesterday afternoon women attempted to horsewhip John P. Lish, jr., secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, but he saw them first and ran into the Stockton hotel.

Manthey, on being rescued by the police, was taken to his home in a police automobile. Several hundred men gathered and several of them shouted "lynch him; lynch Manthey."

Manthey is quoted as having said that he saw men running to the assistance of the women and that he broke away and ran. He admitted that he might have struck some of the women in his haste to get away.

Labor troubles are at the bottom of the affair.

STRANGE VESSEL ASHORE NEAR SANTA BARBARA

Santa Barbara, Cal., Aug. 28.—A strange vessel went aground today five miles north of Surf. The Southern Pacific railroad agent here was notified this afternoon and informed the steamer Coon Bay, which left immediately for the scene.

It is believed the stranded craft is a lumber schooner. She is isolated on a point far from all means of communication.

RUSSIA IS NOW PARIS' MAIN HOPE

French Fortifying Paris in Furious Haste Show Fear of Result

VIENNA, LIKE PARIS, PREPARES FOR SIEGE

Hope of Allies Is That Kaiser May Have to Recall Troops to Save Berlin

On French eastern frontier the war situation looked increasingly serious today for the Franco-British allies.

The Germans had captured Longwy and were pushing through the gap there in the French line of fortifications. They had taken many other frontier towns.

To the northwestward they had pushed into French territory nearly to Cambrai. To the southward they claimed advantages from Luxemburg to the Vosges mountains, though in this locality the French claimed advantages, too.

In general however it was clear the Germans were advancing and the allies falling back. Paris was fortifying furiously. Yet, speaking for the allies, Herbert H. Asquith, the British premier, declared the situation was satisfactory.

One theory that he believed the Germans have lost too heavily to follow up the advantage they unquestionably had gained. Another was that he thought they would have to turn soon to face the Russians.

The latter were pouring into East Germany and Austria in hundreds of thousands. In east Prussia they had beaten the Kaiser's forces on the river Alee and were advancing on his main line of fortifications where a general battle was expected.

NEGROES SWIPED BALL TEAM'S OUTFIT

Langford Foster, the negro lad who was arrested yesterday for burglarizing the house of W. A. Wiest, was given a hearing this morning by Justice Webster. He waived examination and was remanded to jail to await the action of the grand jury. He admitted that the goods found on him when arrested were stolen by him. It was through Foster that two other negroes, Harry Smith and General Allen ("Jeneral Allen, sub," proudly) were arrested on the circus grounds and found to have stolen goods on them also. In their possession were found a baseball suit of the B. P. O. E. of Albany, N. Y., a ball suit from Seattle, and other goods.

Chief of Police Shedeck telephoned to the chief of police of Seattle and the latter said that he would send a man here immediately for the two negroes, as they were wanted there for raiding a ball park and stealing 11 ball suits, bats, mitts and practically everything the Everett team had. On questioning, they admitted they caught the circus at Kansas City and had been following it ever since, keeping in close touch with Langford Foster and his partner, who has not yet been caught. Chief Shedeck was working all yesterday afternoon on the case and it was through his endeavors that it was found that the stolen ball suit came from Albany, N. Y. It is believed by the police that had not Foster been captured that there would have been several other robberies reported.

HIS SALARY'S LOUD CALL

Washington, Aug. 28.—The sergeant-at-arms of the House has been advised by Representative Lafferty, of the third Oregon district, that the latter will return to duty at once.

The Weather

Oregon: Fair tonight and Saturday; north west winds.

Russians at Lemberg

St. Petersburg, Aug. 28.—Having driven in Austria's outlying defenses, the Russians were in a position today to attack Lemberg, capital of Austrian Galicia.

Twenty miles from there were the czar's troops in great force. Three Austrian corps which opposed them were split and forced back upon the city with great loss.

MENACE TO AMERICA SEEN

London, Aug. 28.—The Morning Post, in an editorial on the neutral status, speaks of the German treatment of Belgium:

M'REYNOLDS UNDER PROBE

Washington, Aug. 28.—Discussion of the nomination of Attorney General McReynolds as justice of the supreme court was begun in the senate late yesterday and was continued today.