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Review of Europe's War to Jan. 1



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THE eeriness with which the nations sprang into the fray at the call to the world's war of 1914 has no parallel in modern history. It required barely twenty years of Napoleon's aggressions to summon an alliance of hostile powers to the battle of the Nation in 1813; in 1914 just a spark in a tinder box.

The tinder box was the "European situation," with its half century record of "war clouds," "grave crises," "diplomatic incidents," "armaments," "mobilizations" and local wars of the first class. The vital spark which set the continent on fire was a mere Balkan incident, like hundreds that have gone before without arousing a shot generally and at the worst stirring up some paratively petty wars.

World politics lay underneath all and the assassination in June of an Austrian heir apparent and the Serb's spirited denial of responsibility merely started the usual Balkan blaze. The fact that fuel was at hand to make a conflagration in August had nothing to do with the Balkan middle Austria, Germany, England and France each promptly announced that the fight was for individual existence. Judgment of their arguments and reasoning should be left for minds trained in the thought and language of this matter. The object of this review is to sketch the turning points in the war Belgium to Paris Campaign.

Across the route from Germany into France, via Belgium, lay the river Meuse and its tributary, the Sambre. At Liege, Belgium, the Belgian engineers had erected forts to dispute the crossing of Germans into Belgium and of French out of Belgium into Germany. Liege is less than twenty miles from the German border, and about twenty miles farther into Belgium, also on the Meuse, is Namur. Namur is about twenty miles from French soil, and here the Belgians had duplicated the Liege forts in order to bar the French from crossing Belgian soil and to bar Germans from proceeding into France, should they venture as far as Namur.

The forts facing the German border at Liege stubbornly resisted the German onslaught, but the works west of the river, having a bearing to the west, were soon subdued. So the Germans captured the city proper (Aug. 6) before the forts on the east succumbed. Marching westward from Namur, in ways in the direction of the French border, which turns northwest and southeast, the invaders considered the valiant Belgian army, left alone to put up a battle for its neighbors without aid from these neighbors, off to the north, occupied Brussels, in the center of the kingdom, menaced Antwerp, where the Belgian government and army took shelter, and ruled west as far as the Channel coast.

This westward sweep of the Germans cleared their right flank of enemies and was quick enough to cut off the belated aid of British and French from the south and southeast. Brussels fell on Aug. 21, Namur on the 23d, and not until the latter date were the British and French across the Belgian border to succor the remnant of Belgians, who stood with their backs to the French wall and their faces to France's onrushing foe. Time had been given to the Germans to clean up central and southern Belgium.

Forward by the Right Flank.
A campaign analogous in some respects to what followed may be traced in Sherman's advance from Dalton to ward Atlanta in 1864. All the way down from Dalton Sherman kept swinging his right flank around westward of Johnston's left flank and pressing on till Johnston had to retreat. Just so the German Von Kluck swung his right flank with a westward sweep ever in the direction of Paris, keeping touch with rail communications from Liege and Namur and south along the eastern section of France, where his supporting armies lay.

On Aug. 23 the allies made their last stand in Belgium at Mons and eastward. Namur fell, and, although General French's Britons fought heroically around Mons, only rapid retreat saved off disaster. Maubeuge, the center, held out, but Von Kluck swung westward. This time he skirted the borders of Lille, bore west toward the river Somme and was met by the allies on a line running from Cambrai eastward to Maubeuge.

Still on the left, the brunt of battle fell on the Britons. At Cambrai the Britons fought so well that the battle line was kept intact. Again it retreated and that with haste. For the rest the story is one of rapid retreat on the part of the allies, confusion in France and England and the expectation of a rehearsal of 1870, when the disaster of Sedan, Sept. 1, opened the road to German investment of Paris.

Invasion's Farthest Sweep.
Von Kluck's dash from Cambrai to Orell, thirty miles north of Paris, was a marvel of battling energy. A second German army under Von Bülow moved south from Namur, always in a direct line, with the center of its marching zone through Maubeuge, about fifty miles east of the center of Von Kluck's. But whereas Von Kluck's course led direct to Paris, Von Bülow's aimed fifty miles east. A third army under Von Hausen marched south fifty miles east of Von Bülow, and the fourth army, under Grand Duke Albrecht, starting from Namur, moved on an irregular line generally south, toward Vervins or Reims. East of the grand duke the crown prince's fifth army struck out through Luxembourg and quickly reached the left with the (Continued on Page Two)

FOR PRESIDENT OF U. S. A.

N. F. Nelson of Brownsville Announces Candidacy and States His Principles

Brownsville, Ore., Jan. 20, '15.
To my Fellow Citizens—men and women:—

I announce my candidacy for President of these United States. In doing so I will state I am upwards of three score years old—a native born citizen of the state of Illinois, of Scotch, Irish and English parentage. Am not a college graduate, yet believe in a liberal education, and propose to run as a non-partisan.

The first plank in my platform will be to favor a constitutional amendment granting suffrage to men and women of legal age.

My second plank embraces constitutional prohibition.

I believe in the intelligence of the people as the security of our Nation; and the sum of the whole matter is expressed in the following: "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

I propose to fight it out on these lines if it takes a lifetime.

Yours for Peace and Prosperity,
N. F. Nelson.

"BILLY'S" STUNTS

"Salem Cocktails" is what "Billy" McAdams, the mailing clerk, calls the Bull Run water now being served daily in both Houses. "It's not what it used to be," sighs "Billy" in reflecting on the days before Salem went "dry." This is his third term as mailing clerk.—Portland Oregonian.

"Billy" McAdams, the otherwise genial and undisturbed mailing clerk of the house of representatives, had a full grown grouch on yesterday afternoon, and, after the excitement had subsided and the testimony all in, it was the unanimous verdict that he had just cause to be peeved. As mailing clerk it is up to "Billy" to make good all postage due upon mail forwarded to the members of the legislature and, basking serenely under the belief that the members would provide for his reimbursement in due season for any deficiency which he might suffer in the premises, he cheerfully paid the "postage due" out of his own pocket. Imagine Billy's surprise and chagrin, yesterday afternoon, when he called for his postage allowance from the chief clerk to be informed that there was "nothin' doin'." "Stung for 'one bone," exclaimed Billy, as he sulked disgustfully away, "and me only drawin' five a day."

During the basketball game between the Willamette and the Oregon university teams at the university last Friday there ensued a wrangle over a decision of the referee and while it was at its height W. F. McAdams, better known as "Billy," who is mailing clerk of the house of representative, stepped boldly forward and, after remarking "here, gentlemen, I'll settle this dispute, here are the rules," he handed them a copy of the "Rules of the House" and the game proceeded without further break or interruption.—Salem Capital Journal.

EIGHTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY

Last Sunday for the second consecutive year Rev. A. J. Hunsaker's daughter, Mrs. Lulu Rogers, and her son Norris, planned an elaborate celebration of his birthday at their home on North E street. There were present all of Mr. Hunsaker's children, namely, Mrs. O. E. Kittridge of Seattle, F. W. Hunsaker and wife of McMinnville, his grandson, R. H. B. Nelson and wife of Portland, his grandson Gale Sanders and wife of Yamhill and his niece Mrs. J. C. McKern and husband of Yamhill. A five course dinner was served, which included a fine birthday cake made by Mrs. Wehrung, Mrs. Nelson's mother of Portland. Mr. Hunsaker received a great many congratulations from friends both in this city and out of town, and he says that evidently they all seem to rejoice over the fact that he is growing old.

Mr. Hunsaker has been in this community for a great many years, a useful and highly respected citizen, always meeting his large circle of friends with a cheerful smile and an encouraging word. Such men live long if they die young, but it is a source of general congratulation that our friend has been permitted to live to such advanced age, and the Telephone Register with many others, hopes he may enjoy many more years of earthly fellowship, with physical and mental powers well preserved.—McMinnville Telephone Register.

KAYPEES TO DALLAS

J. W. Richardson, Eley Fluke, Verd Hill, A. L. Kullinder, Claire Tharp, Lee Whitcomb, W. S. Kurre, W. A. James, W. B. Kanne and C. E. Williams, Independence Knights of Pythias, went to Dallas Monday night where they mingled with Dallas brethren until morning. A great time was reported.

TO RAISE WHEAT

A Polk county farmer who was in Salem yesterday said that in his neighborhood a lot of wheat is being sown—more than during any season before in ten years. The high prices for this staple are the inducements. The farmers of his neighborhood figure that even if there shall be an early termination of the war, it will take at least a year for the nations that have been the most disturbed by it to get back to normal conditions and consequently the markets of the world will need all the surplus wheat the American farmers can raise, and at remunerative prices.—Salem Statesman.

TRUSTEES SWORN IN

T. J. Fryer, Chas. Basque, J. W. Kelly, Mrs. Esther A. Morgan and Mrs. Loma M. Ewing, recently elected as trustees of the Independence G. A. R. and R. C., qualified and were sworn into office by a notary public, Saturday. Mr. Fryer was elected chairman, Mrs. Morgan secretary and Mrs. Ewing treasurer.

COUNCIL IN REGULAR MEET BUSINESS TRANSACTED

Numerous Propositions Up For Consideration Which Received Due Attention

Councilman Williams presided at the Wednesday night meeting, Mayor Walker being absent.

The request of Attorney Oscar Hayter, who has been retained by the city to assist its attorney in a damage case, the council entered into a contract with him and agreed to pay him \$250 for his services. Mr. Goetz opposed the proposition and voted no.

Bids were opened for the street cleaning job. The council took a recess to informally consider them by a 3 to 2 vote, Henkle and Goetz voting in the negative. A Oberon got the contract at \$80 per month, three of the councilmen giving him their votes by secret ballot.

A request was made by an unknown party or parties through the recorder that a yearly tax of \$50 be levied against hotels, restaurants and "feeding houses." The council did not deem it wise to levy the tax at this time. Should it cost \$50 a year to run an "eating house" it is the opinion that six of the eight places would be forced to quit.

Because two of the saloons have lunch counters in close connection, Whitney & Walker made a request that they be granted the same privilege. The matter was referred to the ordinance committee.

The city will soon advertise the sale of bonds to take up nearly \$18000 in warrants due Glen E. Kibbe on paving contracts.

Councilman Sloper called the attention of the council to the "rily" water that is present in the mains on Monday morning, wash day in most homes. Mr. Paddock agreed to take the matter up with Supt. Martin.

The doors at the Pentecost Mission hereafter must swing out instead of in—so ordered the council.

MARRIED

On Wednesday afternoon, January 20th, at the residence of the officiating minister, Mr. Seth Fawk and Miss Janie Young.

Rev. H. Chas. Dunsmore D. D. performed the ceremony in the presence of only a few intimate friends of the interested couple. Mr. and Mrs. Fawk have been residents of the north part of the county all their lives and enjoy a large and intimate circle of friends, who unite in wishing them long life and happiness, with all success.

They left on the afternoon train for a short honeymoon trip to Portland, and after their return will be "at home" to their many friends.

Contributed.

SON BORN

The stork stalked to the "Ted" Cooper home Tuesday morning and safely deposited a ten pound boy.

PARRY APPOINTED

Will H. Parry, of Seattle, has been appointed a member of the new federal trade commission by President Wilson. Mr. Parry is well known here where his work as a newspaper man brought him into contact with many of our people.

PUBLIC LIBRARY NEEDS HELP

New Books Needed and It Takes Money To Buy Them; Start Something

The Independence Library needs help. So one of the Board tells the Monitor. Funds ought to be supplied in some manner that several hundred new books might be added. The library is a good asset to the community. It furnishes recreation, amusement and information to a large number of people of all ages. Many constant readers have read everything to their taste on the shelves and many of the books are soiled. New "life" is needed and as a public library is nearly a charitable institution, it is in order for some public spirited citizen to come forward and take the initiative in raising money for the benefit of this city public library.

SECOND CLASS SOON

Receipts at the Independence postoffice show a large increase over last year and there is no doubt but what the postoffice will be made a second class one within a few months. No further proof is needed to show that the city is growing.

BAD FALL

Mrs. M. N. Prather of Buena Vista fell last Friday and broke one of her ribs.

THE NEW RAILROAD

Valley & Siletz Railroad surveys are in the city. They are planning to have this railroad run on Ninth street.

DIED

Mrs. Clary, aged 80, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. P. Cornwell, in Monmouth Tuesday night. The funeral was held at the residence yesterday, Rev. H. F. Jones officiating.

THE WAR

The Monitor this week presents a "Review of Europe's war to Jan. 1," written by Captain George L. Kilmer, an expert and an authority. Many of our readers have requested that we publish something of the like and Captain Kilmer's article is just what they asked for.

BUYS HALF INTEREST

Z. Denny of Enterprise has purchased a half interest in the Second Hand Store of his brother, J. A. Denny. Mr. Denny and family arrived in Independence Tuesday from Roseburg, where they have been visiting.

CAN'T STOP PROSPERITY

THE BRAKE IS BUSTED

Business Picking Up, Optimism Abounding, Special Prosperity Committee Glad

Everybody is looking up. Business is commencing to show an increase, real estate will soon begin to move and there is a decided optimistic spirit apparent. Independence is about to enter upon its most prosperous epoch. Prosperity has already knocked, is now on the threshold and is about to enter in. Give it the glad hand and boost some yourself.

The Special Prosperity Committee appointed by citizens in mass convention is hard at work and each of its members speaks encouragingly of prospects. The committee is meeting with success in its chosen mission and has found no discouraging features to hamper. It hopes to soon complete its task and give the people of Independence the chance to "make a dream come true."

SMALL BLAZE

Tar on the roof of the building occupied by Moore and Water caught fire Wednesday afternoon and made quite a smoke and smell until a few applications of water extinguished it.

TWO PAIR WED

Among those licensed to wed this week were James D. Layton and Elizabeth Baker and John Moudy and Minnie E. Coffman, all of Independence. They were married during the week and are now happy.

BASKET BALL

The Independence and Monmouth High Schools clashed last night in a game of basket ball and Monmouth was the victor by a score of 23 to 11. The Independence crowd went over in a hayrack and had a hilarious time.

BREAKS WRIST

Ralph Haley, while scuffling with other boys on the school-grounds Monday forenoon, fell and broke the bones of his wrist.

Oregon now has a woman senator—Miss Clark of Douglas county.

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—Chapin in St. Louis Republic.



—Greene in New York Telegram.