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BELGIAN RESISTANCE IS FEATURE OF WAR

Stubbornly Oppose and Block Advance of German Army on France.

London.—A remarkable and unexpected feature of the opening days of the great European war was the stubborn resistance offered by the Belgians of Liege to the German advance through Belgium.

Though the city has been occupied by the Germans, it held out heroically for days against the wave of German invasion which shattered itself against the forts held by the brave Third Division and the Fifteenth mixed brigade, commanded by General Leman.

The initial loss sustained by the German invaders is the most serious encountered by any army in modern times.

The great Prussian assault on Fort Bovenloes ended in a terrible slaughter, storming infantry melting away before the machine guns of the defenders.

During the German night attack on Liege they were received with a terrible fire from the head of the street as well as the houses on either side. Women and children carried ammunition for the defenders.

The Belgians fell on them like furies, soldiers and civilians alike using knives, revolvers and rifles, and women and children and graybeards taking part, many of the women pouring boiling water from the windows on the charging Germans in the narrow streets below.

London.—Messages received here in official quarters from the Belgian general staff assert that the occupation of the town of Liege by the German troops has not had the slightest influence on the strategic situation.

It is declared that so long as the ring of forts around Liege remains intact, the guns command three of the principal roads by which the German army can advance. This, it is pointed out, makes it impossible for the Germans, under the present circumstances, to receive supplies or ammunition.

As far as can be learned by the Belgian general staff, some 120,000 German troops were engaged at Liege. They are said to have been so weakened as to be unable effectively to attack the forts. On the other hand, it is argued it is not possible for the forts to concentrate their fire on the town of Liege itself.

ALL EMBASSIES ARE REACHED BY BRYAN

Washington.—Secretary Bryan announced that the American government now was in communication with all its European embassies and legations.

For many days the state department

COUNT VON MOLTKE



Count Von Moltke, chief of staff of the German army, who will direct the German forces in the European war.

ment has been unable to communicate with Ambassador Gerard, at Berlin, but communication was restored. Mr. Bryan telegraphed inquiring about Archar M. Huntington, president of the American geographical society, and others, reported arrested as spies.

Assurances that Americans soon would be able to leave Germany were given several days ago and the opening of communication with Ambassador Gerard was expected to clear up all doubts on the subject.

One of the first messages from Mr. Gerard was a formal notification from the German foreign office that most German ports had been mined and requesting that American ships be warned against navigating in any ports which might be bases of hostilities for foreign forces.

State department officials denied a report that Ambassador Guthrie, at Tokio, had presented a note to the Japanese government, dealing with possible developments involving Japan in China. It was indicated, however, that Ambassador Guthrie was making informal inquiries to learn the intentions of the Japanese government with respect to the war.

Germans Invade Russia.

Copenhagen.—According to advices received here, the German invasion of Russia began with the landing of 40,000 men from transports at Ekenaes. This expeditionary force, said to have been conveyed by the German Baltic fleet, is reported marching on Helsinki, the capital of Finland.

The movement is believed to mean that Germany plans an offensive movement directly against St. Petersburg.

Germans Fight British at Sea.

London.—The admiralty has announced that one of the cruiser squadrons of the main fleet was attacked by German submarines.

None of the British ships was damaged.

One German submarine was sunk.

GERMANY INVADED BY FRENCH TROOPS

Paris.—An official announcement by the French war office says it is confirmed that after evacuating Mulhausen the German troops retired to Neu Breisach, 13 miles to the east of Kolmar, on the railroad.

The French minister of war gives the following account of the occupation of Mulhausen, in Alsace-Lorraine, by the French:

It was nightfall when the advance guard of the French brigade approached Altkirch, says the official statement. The city was well defended and occupied by a German brigade. The French began the assault with ardor, a regiment of infantry distinguishing itself in a furious charge, shortly after which the Germans retired in disorder.

Darkness permitted the Germans to conceal themselves and the troops of France entered the city amid the cheers of the people. All windows of the houses were thrown open, veterans of 1870 embraced the French soldiers, and a great shout resounded.

At dawn the advance guard resumed its march. The cavalry failed to find German patrols and the march of the entire brigade on Mulhausen was begun.

In the afternoon the scouts found that many important defenses protecting the city had been abandoned and in less than half an hour later the French, wildly cheering the tri-color, occupied Mulhausen.

MOTHER BIRD FIGHTS SNAKE.

Defends Her Young Against a Disappointed Rattler.

Grand Junction, Colo.—The love of a cliff swallow for her newly hatched babies nerved the mother bird for a successful duel with a small rattlesnake in the El Paso gulch on the desert north of the city.

The bird had made her nest in a low crevice on one side of the gulch. A party of surveyors on the other side watched the snake crawl slowly toward the nest. When it came within three feet the mother bird left her young ones and attacked the snake with her beak and claws. Two onslaughts convinced the reptile that his hopes were in vain. The bird was saved from further harassment by the entrance of a hawk which killed the snake.

R. A. BOOTH, CANDIDATE FOR UNITED STATES SENATE

Visits Ontario and Malheur County and is Well Pleased With Outlook

FORMERLY A RESIDENT OF EASTERN OREGON

Hon. R. A. Booth of Eugene, Republican nominee for United States Senator, was in Malheur county this week meeting the voters and getting acquainted with the conditions and needs of this county. Senator Booth is making an automobile trip over the counties of eastern Oregon, having come through Sherman, Wheeler, Grant and Harney to Malheur, and after leaving here will visit Lake and Klamath counties by auto. Mr. Booth is a native Oregonian and has resided in this state all his life, five years of which time was on the ranges of eastern

Oregon. He was very much pleased to see the development of this part of the state, and says there are great possibilities for eastern Oregon. Mr. Booth is probably the only candidate for the United States Senate who ever condescended to visit the remote parts of this state to get acquainted with the voters and learn first hand the conditions and needs of the state. He has been an untiring worker all his life, and when elected to the United States Senate, will not be accused of sitting idly by and permitting Oregon's interest to be neglected.

Mad Coyote Attacks Boy.

Marion Wilson rescued a twelve year old boy from the horrible fate of being bitten by a mad coyote last Monday in what is known as Jacobson's Gulch on upper Dead Ox Flat about eight miles northwest of Ontario. The boy, whose name is Edgar Billups, had ridden down into a part of the gulch where there is a spring to get a drink of water when a coyote appeared and attempted to bite his pony. The pony eluded the fangs of the furious and crazed animal but because of the steep incline was unable to escape from the nook into which it was cornered. Fortunately for the lad and his trusty cayuse, Marion Wilson of Ontario who was moving a well drilling outfit to his desert claim farther west came along and hearing the frightened boy's cry for help hastened to his rescue. Not having a gun Mr. Wilson seized the first available weapon which happened to be a crow bar and attacked the animal. After a short struggle he succeeded in killing it without being injured himself and thus saved the lad from being bitten and perchance killed. It is reported that there are a number of mad coyotes in this section and it is dangerous to go into it unarmed.

Irrigation at Drewsey.

The irrigation project at Drewsey under the supervision of Edwin Johnson is nearing completion. The ditch heads in the middle fork of the Malheur river near the Sitz ranch and will carry water enough for 2400 acres of land. This will open much new country and will greatly increase the value of the farms in that section.

Cattle Being Rounded Up.

Stock men of the upper Burnt river and Malheur sections have started on the fall ride for cattle which will be shipped to market this fall.

The owners report the range this year exceptionally good and report that the cattle are in a better condition than they have been for many years.

Notice what the first letters of the nations now at war spell:

Germany
Russia
Italy
England
France

THE MARKETS

Portland.
Wheat—Club, 85c; bluestem, 88c; red Russian, 83c.
Hay—Timothy, \$16; alfalfa, \$12.
Butter—Creamery, 32c.
Eggs—Ranch, 23c.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem, 92c; club, 86c; red Russian, 83c.
Hay—Timothy, \$17 per ton; alfalfa, \$14 per ton.
Butter—Creamery, 31c.
Eggs—30c.

MANY FILE FOR OFFICES

James H. Hawley for Senator Among the Filings Made.

Boise.—Not one of the state offices is to be permitted to go begging. There are nominations filed for all of them.

James H. Hawley was the last to file. His nomination as a democrat for United States senator was filed just before the hour of closing by W. A. Coughanour of Payette. The former governor makes the seventh who has filed for this office—French, Brady, Allshie and Gooding, republicans; Nugent and Hawley, democrats, and Clagstone, progressive. Mr. Hawley filed his acceptance with the nomination.

Hugh E. McElroy of Boise was entered as a progressive candidate for governor; T. A. Walters of Caldwell became an official candidate for attorney general as a democrat; William H. Holden of Idaho Falls entered the race for judge in the ninth district; E. H. Rettig is the first progressive to enter the race for representative in congress. His home is a Filer. George Jacobson of Mountainhome nominated William C. Howie of that place for judge in the fourth district. James W. Caples of Salmon became a candidate for state mining inspector on the progressive ticket. Paul Clagstone filed his acceptance of the nomination for United States senator on the progressive ticket.

Another Dividend of Nampa Bank.

Nampa.—Receiver Smallwood of the Bank of Nampa, Ltd., which was closed last September on order of the state bank commissioner, has announced his readiness to pay depositors and other creditors of the institution a second dividend of 15 per cent on their claims Saturday, August 1.

Crops Good Around Orofino.

Orofino.—Farmers are in the midst of harvest. Fall grain and that sown early is making fully an average crop, if not better, and it is an excellent quality. Barley is turning out from 60 to 70 bushels to the acre.

RUSSIANS INVADE GERMAN TERRITORY

Berlin.—Russia has begun the invasion of German territory, Russian forces having crossed the German frontier at Schwinden, southeast of Biella, while a Russian patrol entered Germany near Eichenried, in Posen.

The Russian column, which crossed the frontier at Schwinden was accompanied by artillery.

The Russian patrol which entered near Eichenried attacked the German guard at the railroad bridge over the Warthe. The attack was repulsed. Two Germans were slightly wounded. The above information was given out by the imperial staff.

Russians Repulsed.

Berlin.—Russian Cossacks, who had crossed the frontier from Russia into Germany, were repulsed at Johannsburg by the Eleventh Pomeranian dragoons.

A Russian officer and five Cossacks were killed and 11 were captured. Seven Germans were wounded.

MEDIATORS FAIL TO SETTLE

Find it Difficult to Find Solution of Trainmen Trouble.

Chicago.—Mediation has failed to settle the wage differences between the 98 western railroads and their 55,000 engineers. After a week of sessions the federal board of mediation and conciliation announced that it was trying to effect a working basis by which both sides would consent to arbitrate their differences.

The announcement of the crisis in the negotiations between the mediators and the warring employes and employers, was made by G. W. W. Hanger, member of the federal board of mediation and conciliation, who said:

"It has been apparent for the last three or four days that the question could not be settled by mediation, and the board therefore is trying to effect a workable basis by which both sides will consent to arbitration."

ALLIES COMBINE ON SOIL OF BELGIUM

British, French and Belgian Troops Cross the Line of Kaiser's Army.

Brussels.—Belgian official reports received by the war office record the important fact that a junction has been effected by Belgian, British and French troops across the line of the German advance through Belgium.

At Liege, where the Belgian garrison has presented such a stubborn front to the German attackers, fighting has ceased and the Belgian troops and citizens have taken advantage of the lull to strengthen the defenses.

The French troops have crossed the frontiers of Belgium, and their approach strengthens the position of the Belgian army from hour to hour.

London.—England's action in rushing troops across to the channel to the aid of the Belgians, means that the war office no longer considers the German fleet a menace. So long as there was danger from it the army was to have been held in England to repel a possible invasion.

The plan of the war office is to send at least 100,000 men to Belgium from England and to detour the entire colonial army to the continent as soon as they arrive. The Canadian contingent of 21,000 men will be on the ground in a month and the Australians and New Zealanders will not be far behind.

KAISER GOES TO FRONT

German Emperor Off by Motor to Alsatian Border.

London.—A dispatch from Rome to the Daily Mail says a report is current that Emperor William has left Berlin in a motor car for the Alsatian frontier.

The military critics of the newspapers consider the report from Rome that Emperor William has left Berlin to join the general staff of the army on the Alsatian frontier to indicate that the Germans are ready to engage the French in great force.

The Daily Mail's Rome correspondent adds that, according to dispatches from Basel, Switzerland, the Germans have evacuated Sankt Ludwig, in Alsace, four miles to the northwest of Basel, and that a battle is imminent on the Franco-Swiss frontier.

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MRS. WOODROW WILSON



Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the President, who died in Washington and was interred in Rome, Ga., Tuesday.