



LIEGE HOLDING AGAINST SIEGE

Germans' Request for Armistice Not Granted.

TEUTON ADMITS FAILURE

According to Own Admission, Dead of Battle Number 25,000 of Invaders.

ITALY WILL HOLD ALOOF

King Victor Emmanuel Refuses to Be Dragged Into War. North Sea Conflict Denied.

The siege of Liege is the outstanding feature of the European war.

The latest advices received by way of London in the form of official dispatches say that Liege still holds out against the attacks of the German army of the Meuse.

On the authority of the Belgian War Ministry, the German casualties in the battle around Liege number 25,000, according to their own admission.

An official statement from Berlin described the attempt on the Liege fortress as unsuccessful and the assault of the Germans a "unique act of heroism."

The German diplomats have been using their utmost efforts to win Italy to their side by negotiations and a direct appeal to King Victor Emmanuel, but without success.

Winston Spencer Churchill, first Lord of the Admiralty, denied that there had been an engagement between the German and British fleets in the North Sea.

DEFEAT NOT TO STAY GERMANS

Berlin Says Larger War Operations Are Not Influenced.

Berlin, Aug. 7, 6:25 P. M.—(Via London.)—The official account of the siege of Liege says:

"On Wednesday the German advance guards penetrated along the entire Belgian frontier. A small detachment tried a coupe d'main with great boldness at Liege. Some of the cavalry entered Liege with the intention of seizing the commander of the forces, who only saved himself by flight.

"Our attack on the fortress itself, the fortifications of which are modern, was unsuccessful. Our troops are before the fortress in contact with the enemy.

"A hostile foreign press will characterize the enterprise, which cannot in the slightest influence the larger operations, as a defeat. It, however, is but a unique act of heroism in the history of war and a sign of the heroic gallantry of our troops."

BURIAL WILL TAKE WEEK

Germans Crawl Up Like Weasels in Face of Belgians' Fire.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 7.—(Via London.)—Trains filled with wounded and fugitive non-combatants arrived here this morning from Liege and neighboring towns.

The Belgian troops appeared to be in the best of spirits when the train left Liege. They said that if there had not been ten Germans to one Belgian, not one German would have got through their lines.

BULLETINS

DUBLIN, Aug. 7.—Premier Asquith has sent a message to the Earl of Aberdeen, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, expressing the government's deep gratitude at "the loyal help Ireland has offered in this grave hour."

BERLIN, (via London), Aug. 7.—A Russian cavalry brigade attacked this morning the German troops near Soldau, in East Prussia. The attack was repulsed with considerable losses.

Russian cavalry on Thursday attacked the town of Kibart, near Wirtzballen, in the government of Swatki, Russian Poland.

LONDON, Aug. 8, 1 A. M.—A Brussels dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company gives an unofficial report that a Bavarian corps has been defeated by the French at Marrehan north of Luxembourg. Many prisoners are said to have been taken.

British cruiser Essex, which conveyed the big liner Cedre into this port yesterday, put to sea again today, after taking on more sailors.

LONDON, Aug. 7, 9:30 P. M.—Official dispatches state that Liege still holds out and that the Germans have asked for a 24 hours' armistice to bury their dead.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 7.—(Via Paris.)—Lieutenant-General Leman, Governor of Liege, has not yet replied to the request of the Germans for an armistice.

COPENHAGEN (Via London), Aug. 7.—Americans from all parts of Europe have been waiting for five days at Esbjerg, a Danish seaport on the North Sea, in the hope of being able to obtain passage on a steamer home, but all the Scandinavian-American liners are booked up to September 3.

LONDON, Aug. 7, 1:45 P. M.—A Brussels dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the militia of the garrison at Liege, who retreated on Thursday so that the men could get some sleep, took the offensive Friday by a turning movement in Belgian Luxembourg, where they routed a German cavalry division.

The next steamer will sail for the United States on August 15.

BRIDGE BONDS ADVERTISED

Eastern Markets Crippled by War but Notes Are Offered.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—P. M. Elwell, of this city, in the New York Stock Exchange on August 1, saw the following advertisement for the Columbia River Interstate bridge bonds in the Dow, Jones & Co. news bulletin.

"Bond notes—August 25 has been set for the offering of \$26,000 25-year 4 1/2 per cent bridge bonds of Multnomah County, Oregon.

Proceeds from these bonds, together with those received from the sale on September 14 of \$500,000 6 per cent bonds of Clarke County, Washington, will be used for constructing a bridge across the Columbia River at Portland, Or."

Mr. Elwell in a message said that business in the East has been paralyzed by the European war, but that he hoped it would improve before August 25, so that the best terms possible might be secured for the bonds.

LABOR PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE

Virginia Federation Recognizes Late Mrs. Wilson's Efforts.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—E. C. Davison, president of the Virginia Federation of Labor, now in session at Norfolk, sent this telegram today to Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor.

"As a tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, the Virginia Federation of Labor pledges moral and financial assistance to the nationwide movement by the American Federation of Labor, having for its object the cleaning out of the slums and bettering housing conditions."

\$1,000,000 FUND PLANNED

Germans in Chicago Would Give Aid to Red Cross of Fatherland.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—A committee of 75 German-Americans met today to formulate plans to raise \$1,000,000 for the German Red Cross.

The German Consul asked today for contributions to care for 100 German reservists, who came here from other sections of the country expecting to receive transportation to Germany. They are now penniless, the Consul said, and there is no prospect of their being able to join the colors.

MOTHERS MAY URGE PEACE

Head of New Jersey Congress Asks It to Indorse Mediation Plan.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 7.—Mrs. I. H. Welling, of this city, head of the finance and executive committee of the New Jersey Congress of Mothers, has asked them to take steps to hold mass meetings to urge peace in Europe and to indorse President Wilson's offer of mediation.

Factory Head Prisoner of War. QUEBEC, Aug. 7.—H. S. Mundheim, general manager for the Cement Products Company of Canada, with factories on the Island of Orleans, on which is the naval station for the inspection of ships, was held today at the Citadel as a prisoner of war.

State Banks Put on Par. WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The House passed today the Senate bill to put state banks on a par with National banks in the shifting of reserve to the reserve banks of the new system.

ARMY OF RESERVES HELD IN NEW YORK

Neutrality Laws Confront Nation.

BATTLESHIP PREVENTS DASH

56,000 Germans En Route to War Are Stranded.

FEW MAY GET AWAY TODAY

Presence of German Cruisers Off Atlantic Coast Still Reported. Redfield's Order Seeks to Avert Entanglement.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—With many thousand foreign reservists in New York awaiting means of transportation to their native lands, the Federal port authorities here, under instructions to see that the neutrality laws are observed, were confronted tonight with a puzzling situation created by the manner in which some of the reservists planned to sail.

Unless the local customs officials, acting under the Department of Commerce, step in to prevent, there will be sailings tomorrow of a number of foreign registered vessels, some of them carrying reservists.

The British liner Olympic, of the White Star fleet, received her clearance papers tonight for Southampton. To other ships intending to sail, however, no permission to get under way has been given.

The Red Star liner Vaterland has been placed at the call of the Belgian consul here for reservists, and may be detained under Secretary Redfield's ruling that ships must not be used for transporting reservists for a foreign army or navy.

The battleship Florida lies at the entrance to the upper harbor to guard against any attempted dash to sea by a vessel without clearance papers. The Olympic will not be molested when she passes out. She is a British reserve ship, but apparently the customs authorities have decided she does not

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CANTALOUPE CASES END

Indictments Against Seven Corporations and 28 Individuals Returned.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—The Federal grand jury ended its investigation of the Western cantaloupe exchange here today with the return of indictments against seven corporations and 28 individuals.

ITALY REFUSES TO BE DRAWN INTO WAR

Germany Exerts Every Effort on Rome.

NEUTRALITY STAND IS FIRM

Personal Messages Between Rulers Bring No Change.

POPULAR FERVOR CURBED

Government Rigorously Represses Demonstrations For or Against Belligerents but Spirit for France Is Evident.

ROME, via Paris, Aug. 7, 2:40 P. M.—The German government is using its utmost efforts to bring about a change in Italy's attitude in the present European situation.

Direct appeals have even been made to King Victor Emmanuel, but in vain. It is asserted that Italy, having declared her neutrality, intends to maintain it.

Italy's position as a member of the Triple Alliance, and therefore an ally of Germany under certain conditions, has been discussed in every phase, and the general consensus of opinion seems to be that the Italian people would never permit an act of hostility against France and Great Britain.

Because Italy is neutral, all manifestations for or against the belligerents are being rigorously repressed. Yet everywhere spontaneous outbursts of enthusiasm for France have occurred.

In Rome there have been frequent cries of "Long live France! Long live our Latin brothers!" and the Marseillaise is being sung in the streets.

The French embassy here and the French consulates in other cities of Italy are daily receiving offers from men who wish to join the French forces.

ENGLAND CHEERS FOR ITALY

Friendly Demonstration in London Is Started by Peers.

LONDON, Aug. 7, 6:25 P. M.—A remarkable demonstration of friendliness occurred in front of the Italian embassy today. The demonstration was organized by members of the peerage, members of the House of Commons and others prominent in the political and social world, and thousands of passers-by joined in the cheering, which continued until the Ambassador, Marquis Li Francaville, and the Marchioness, much moved, appeared on the balcony.

The Ambassador said, amid scenes of

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IMPOSTORS QUICK TO REAP HARVEST

INDISCRIMINATE CHARITY IN WAR ZONE INVITES CROOKS.

More Than 500 Americans Have Been Helped and Few Are Penniless Cases Now.

LONDON, Aug. 7, 9 A. M.—More than 500 Americans thus far have been assisted.

The cases where Americans have been penniless are few, but a number of impostors have been discovered reaping a harvest through indiscriminate charity by wealthy Americans.

The committee of the American Society, of which H. C. Hoover is chairman, has assumed charge of the American relief work. This committee takes the place of one previously organized by American tourists who had been forced to leave the Continent.

The society's committee includes influential residents of London, Gordon Selfridge, Robert Fairbanks, F. E. Powell, James MacDonald and F. C. Vanduser.

The committee has arranged with the banks for an immediate advance of \$750,000. This will be put out in loans not exceeding \$500 to persons having paper which they cannot now negotiate, or on cable assurance from America that they have bank accounts.

The American Women's Society has taken charge of the housing and general welfare of unchaperoned young American women.

PORTLAND GETS PYTHANS

Knights Choose Oregon Metropolis as 1916 Meeting Place.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 7.—Portland, Or., was chosen today as the city for the 1916 convention of the supreme lodge of Knights of Pythias at the concluding business session of the Pythian convention.

The Supreme Temple of Pythian Sisters, meeting here during the convention of Knights, elected today the following officers:

Supreme chief, M. Davis, Oregon; supreme senior, Lily Samuel, California; supreme junior, Elizabeth Hutchinson, Maine; supreme manager, Minnie Bunting, Oklahoma; supreme mistress of records, Josie Nelson, Indiana; supreme mistress of finance, Alice M. H. Boyland, Iowa; supreme protector, Jessie B. Brown, Florida; supreme grand, Elizabeth McCabe, Kansas.

The convention will continue until the middle of next week.

PRIMARY RESULT IN DOUBT

Nomination of Senator Gore, However, Never Has Been Questioned.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 7.—Additional primary returns today failed to change the relative positions of the candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor. It is believed it will take the official count to decide between J. B. A. Robertson, of Chandler and Robert L. Williams, the two leaders.

Late figures indicate William H. Murray has been nominated for Congress in the Second Congressional District. The nomination of J. B. Thompson in the Fifth, Seventh District, where there are eight candidates, still is in doubt.

The nomination of United States Senator Thomas P. Gore never has been in doubt.

AMERICAN GUNS TRIED OUT

Atlantic Coast Defense Engages in Target Practice.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Big guns of the coast defenses along the Atlantic Coast have been booming away at target practice during the last few days. Secretary Garrison said tonight this accounted for the reports of firing at sea brought into New York and other ports by incoming steamers.

No advices to indicate that the cruisers of any of the European belligerents have come into contact off the coast have reached either the Navy or the War Department.

RELIEF VOTED SETTLERS

Reclamation Bill Extending Payments for Water Rights Passes.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The reclamation bill extending from 10 to 20 years the time in which settlers may repay the Government for water rights on irrigated land, was finally passed in the House today.

It includes an amendment withdrawing the reclamation fund from the control of the Interior Department and making the reclamation service dependent upon annual appropriations by Congress.

CANAL TO OPEN IN WEEK

No Reason Yet Exists for Not Opening Ditch Next Saturday.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Secretary Garrison issued a statement today to set at rest doubts as to the opening of the Panama Canal on August 15.

CARRANZA MUST FIGHT CARBAJAL

War Party in Mexico City Again in Control.

GREATEST BATTLE IN SIGHT

Provisional President Backs Faction Opposing Surrender to Rebel Chief.

FACTORIES MAKE BULLETS

Federal Army of 25,000 Ready for Clash and New Equipment Is Received.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 7.—All hope for peace between the federals and the constitutionalists is now apparently gone.

The war party at the Capitol is in control and is being backed by Provisional President Carbajal, and unless concessions are made, General Carranza, it seems, must fight his way into the capital and to power.

General Medina Baron was today appointed commander-in-chief of the federal forces in the capital.

"We have 25,000 men, 25 field pieces, 100 machine guns and plenty of ammunition," a prominent army official said today. "We are prepared to resist to the end unless ample guarantees are given us. If we must fight it will be one of the greatest battles of the revolution, for it will take place on the plain and with none of the familiar cover offered by mountain fighting. Every officer in the federal army is prepared to die in defense of the lives and property of the inhabitants of the capital."

General Enrique Rivero, General Joaquin Jimenez Castro and General Angel Garcia Conde are in command, respectively, of the infantry, cavalry and artillery brigades.

Factories Turn Out Cartridges.

If a battle is fought it is believed it will take place in the vicinity of Tlalapantla, eight miles north of the capital. The federal advance guard, consisting of 7000 men of all arms, is facing the constitutionalists at Teoloyucan, 15 miles north of Tlalapantla.

The factories here are turning out 60,000 cartridges daily. In addition there are 1000 stands of new Japanese rifles and 3000 Spanish rifles in the armory at Ciudadela, a western suburb of the city, and also the arms brought to Mexico recently by the steamer Ypiranga.

In case of a battle the federals will endeavor to hold all of Mexico south of the capital.

CARRANZA REJECTS PROPOSAL

Carbajal's Plan Would Have Courted Madero Disaster, Is Viewed.

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 7.—The proposals of Provisional President Carbajal's peace delegates, who recently visited Carranza at Saltillo, were made known here today on the best authority. The constitutionalists considered the terms unacceptable.

Carbajal proposed, it was said, that all officers of the federal army be reinstated or allowed to retain their full rank. This, the constitutionalists assert, would court the same disaster as befell the late President Madero.

Carbajal also asked, according to the best information, that all the acts of Huerta be validated by the constitutionalist government. By agreeing to this the revolutionists considered that they would make legal certain transactions of Huerta's pertaining to the national treasury—a step that was declared impossible.

The sudden breaking of the negotiations was the result. Carranza's order that the constitutionalist troops proceed at once to Mexico City and take it by force of arms, if necessary, followed. However, this order, so far as has been learned, did not include

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