

# GERMAN ATTACK IS WAGED WITH VIGOR

Great Courage Is Shown by Troops in Continuation of Liege Bombardment.

## BESIEGERS ARE TENACIOUS

Besieging Force Is Said to Number 120,000, and German Loss of 8000 Is Reported but Not Confirmed in London.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—The new Admiralty and War Office information bureau established by the British Government began work this morning. Its first announcement was as follows:

"About two cavalry divisions are in the neighborhood of Tongres, to the north of Liege. Three German army corps still are opposite Liege and other German troops are reported to be entrenching along the line of the River Alsenne.

"The large German force is moving through the Duchy of Luxembourg and its advance troops are now at the Belgian frontier.

### Cavalry Patrols Observed.

"German cavalry patrols have been reported near Marchienne and Arlon. Several individual soldiers belonging to German patrols have been captured both in France and Belgium. In all cases they were reported to be short of food for both men and horses and to have made no resistance.

"A report from The Hague, Holland, states that public nervousness in that country has been allayed since the publication of Great Britain's attitude respecting the neutrality of The Netherlands.

"It is stated that the Germans lost 8000 before Liege, but this is unconfirmed.

### Principal Forts Hold Out.

"A report says that the principal Liege forts still are holding out, although some of the smaller forts have been captured by the Germans. The bombardment of the fortifications by the Germans is proceeding without intermission. On one occasion a fort apparently had been silenced, but when a hail of bullets was poured into them so suddenly and effectively that they retired with heavy loss.

"The German attackers, who are constantly being reinforced, displayed great courage.

"It is said 120,000 men of the German army are engaged in the attack of Liege. Refugees from that city describe the condition as terrible. Many houses have been damaged or burned."

### LOSSES OF GERMANS HEAVY

Prince William of Lippe and His Son Killed in Action.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 11.—Germans made a desperate attack on Fore Seraing, south of Liege, Sunday night, and were repulsed with heavy loss. It is killed that 800 Germans were killed within an area of half a square mile. A bridge which the Germans were crossing was shattered by the fire of the fort, which had an exact range.

The Germans attempted the assault with great courage. Some of their dead were found directly in front of the barbed wire fencing that surrounds the fort.

It is reported that Prince William of Lippe and his son, who were killed, were charging at the head of 100 German soldiers. Their bodies were buried near the fort.

Military authorities here assert German cavalry divisions were told to make a raid on Brussels with the object, it is believed, either of levying war contributions or seizing the treasury. It is argued that they evidently reckoned on not meeting any Belgian resistance.

As evidence that the German plans to traverse Belgian territory were known to well-informed Germans here, it is pointed out that a celebrated chateau in Belgium, belonging to a German Prince, was emptied six weeks ago, all the silver, works of art and other valuables being sent to Germany.

King Albert arrived here during the night from the general headquarters of the Belgian army at Louvain to the northwest of Liege. His Majesty passed several hours in conference with the Belgian Minister of War, after which a Cabinet council was held.

It is reported that all the civilian hostages held by the Germans in Liege have been released on giving their parole to remain at the disposal of the German military authorities.

Le Sole says that German Uhlans took \$3520 from the town treasury and postoffice at Tongres and forthwith expended \$240 for food, as they were hungry.

An official statement issued today says that at Houffalize, in Belgian Luxembourg, a French platoon attacked a squadron of German cavalry today, sabred them and took several prisoners. With the exception of light encounters between reconnoitering parties, quiet prevailed today in Belgium.

It was reported that the German troops appeared to be reorganizing in front of Liege, preparatory to beginning a fresh forward movement. Their advance guards are on the banks of the River Ourthe.

General Joseph Joffre, French Commander-in-Chief, today sent a letter to the King of the Belgians, thanking His Majesty for saluting the French army in a recent proclamation.

### CANADA REOPENS PORTS

Cruiser Reported in Gulf Proves to Be British Vessel.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 11.—The ports of Canada were opened again today. Orders to prevent the movement of shipping out of Montreal, Quebec and Halifax were issued yesterday for a reason then unexplained. It developed today that the order was due to the sighting of a warship in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Wishing to take no chances on the unidentified vessel proving a hostile craft, the authorities ordered the ports closed. Word was received today that the warship was a British cruiser.

This ended the scare and instructions were issued to permit the free movement of shipping as heretofore.

The cruiser in question is one of the Bristol type, probably the Drake.

### ARMIES SEND FOR BIBLES

Christian Agencies of Countries at War Are on Field.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Christian agencies of Germany appear to be taking up work among the soldiers in arms. The American Bible Society has

MAP SHOWING VITAL FRONTIER TERRITORY BETWEEN FRANCE AND GERMANY WHICH HAS BEEN SCENE OF DETERMINED FRANCO-GERMAN CONFLICT IN PRESENT WAR AND IN BITTER WAR OF 1870.



ALSACE AND LORRAINE, GERMAN-RULED TERRITORY, STRONGLY FRENCH IN SENTIMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN THE OBJECTIVE OF THE FIRST OFFENSIVE MOVEMENTS OF THE FRENCH ARMY AGAINST GERMANY.

The French have concentrated much of their energy to destroying the outposts of the Germans in Alsace and have taken, among other towns, Mulhausen, an industrial center and seat of an airplane factory; Altkirch, a comparatively well fortified town, strongly French in sentiment, and Kolmar, which has been reported unofficially as having been occupied by the French.

The French have hurled large detachments against the Germans, who were scattered throughout Alsace, and while the occupation by the French of these towns is not viewed as vital, it has given them a foothold in a rich and resourceful, as well as comparatively friendly country.

So far as the news indicates, the Germans are expecting to make their most determined stand in Alsatian territory around Strassburg, which is on the edge of Alsace.

Little actual fighting has occurred in the Lorraine division, this ground being used presumably by the Germans for concentrating their forces.

received an application from Germany for Bibles and parts of Bibles in German, Polish, French and Russian languages for distribution at the front.

It was learned yesterday at the Bible House that the British and German Bible Society of London is also taking steps for the Christian work and is having the co-operation of the French Bible Society of Paris.

The Prussian Bible Society of Berlin is working with the armies.

# PEACEFUL CHANGE IN MEXICO BEGINS

Federals Evacuate Capital, Leaving City in Charge of Neutral Police Force.

## VILLA'S ATTITUDE SURLY

General Refuses to March South, as Carranza Ordered, and New Revolution in North Is Believed in Prospect.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The peaceful transfer of the reins of government at Mexico City from the Carral administration to the Constitutionalists actually began today, according to official advices to the State Department. The federal troops evacuated the capital, leaving the city in charge of municipal police, who, by agreement, were to be regarded as neutral. The federals withdrew from the city to a nearby point, there to await an announcement of amnesty from General Carranza. Should guarantees be refused, officials here do not doubt that a counter revolution will be set in motion.

### Commission Leaves for Tula.

The Brazilian Minister to Mexico, who is caring for the interests there of the United States, and Governor Hurbide, of the Mexican federal district, and a commission of two others, left in the course of the day for Tula, north of the city, where General Obregon, commander of one of the three big divisions of the rebel army, has headquarters. General Carranza is expected to go there at once.

The commission is trying to arrange the details of the entry of the constitutionalist forces. No definite word has been received here up to late today as to Provisional President Carranza, but it was understood he would leave the capital for Vera Cruz within the 24 hours.

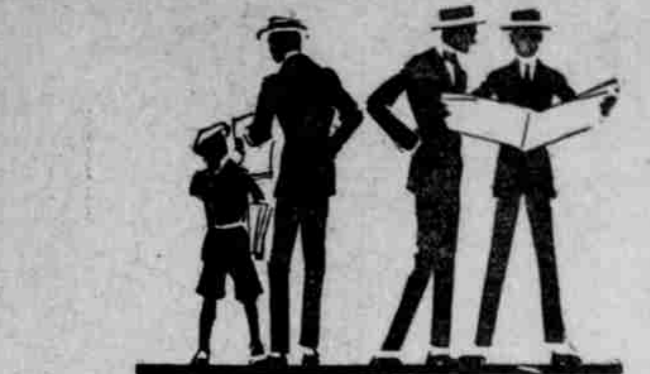
With the entry of constitutionalist forces in Mexico City, the question of recognition for the new government will confront Washington. There is every reason to believe recognition will be withheld until there is an election or a political convention at which some expression of the attitude of the people toward the new government can be obtained.

### Villa's Attitude Disquieting.

Disquieting advices are again coming from reliable sources that General Villa will not march south with his men, as ordered by Carranza, but will remain in the north and demand a convention of representatives of the army as agreed to in the Torreon conference. Should this be refused by Carranza a new revolution in the north would not be surprising to many high officials here.

The attention of Secretary Bryan was today drawn by the Japanese ambassador to a report which had reached him to the effect that the honorary Japanese vice-consul at Manzanillo, a Mexican, had been arrested by the constitutionalists. Secretary Bryan promised to look into the case and immediately sent a message of inquiry to American Consul Silliman.

In the same message was an in-



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struction to secure the safety of the 200 Japanese in the City of Mexico when the constitutionalists occupy the capital.

## 45,000 JAPANESE EMBARK

Destination Reported to Be German Possession in China.

SHANGHAI, China, Aug. 11.—The captain of a Japanese vessel which arrived here today reported that 45,000 Japanese soldiers had embarked on transports and were awaiting orders. He said he believed their destination was Tsing-Tau, the German possession in China.

A French cruiser was sighted today, accompanied by two German merchant vessels which she had captured as prizes of war.

Japanese shipping interests have made complaints of the disturbance of

trade caused by the operations of the German fleet.

Riots are reported among Chinese residents in Hongkong owing to the high prices of food and the dangers of famine.

## CROP FUNDS IN DEMAND

Appeal in Behalf of Spokane One of Many Made to Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—This was crop-moving day at the Treasury Department, and there was a long string of appeals to increase the allotment of Government crop-moving funds.

Senator Poindexter, of Washington, wanted the original allotment of \$500,000 for the Spokane section restored. Representative Clark, of Florida, asked for an increase in the allotment to Florida banks increased.



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