

SKIRMISHES SHOW BIG BATTLE NEAR

Reports of Severe Fighting by Reconnoitering Parties Continue to Come In.

BERLIN REMAINS SILENT

Brussels Report That Guns of Invaders Have Been Silenced Not Credited—Other Frontier Forces Also Engaged.

LONDON, Aug. 13, 11:45 P. M.—The hour of the great battle which will have much to do with settling the future of Europe, is appreciably nearer. Reports of engagements which, when the main armies meet, will be considered insignificant, have been coming in all day, showing that the cavalry screens, sometimes accompanied by infantry, whose duty it is to find out what is going on behind, have come into contact in Northern Belgium near Haalen and on the French frontier near Othain.

The meeting of these reconnoitering parties in force has resulted in some severe fighting, in which, according to the French and Belgian official accounts, the allies scored further successes.

Berlin Continues Silent.
The other side of the story is still to be told for Berlin remains silent. In fact the German War Office has had little to say since it reported the capture of the city of Liege. The position around that fortress is veiled in mystery. The Germans have resumed their attacks on the forts, but how they are progressing has not been communicated to the outside world.

Brussels had a report tonight that the forts had succeeded in silencing all the big German guns, but little credence is placed in this. It may be that for the moment the invaders have stopped their onslaught, either to rest or to adopt some new means of gaining their object.

Lorraine for the present seems to have been left out of the fighting, while Alsace, like Western France, is the scene of battles between the advance guards of the main German and French armies.

Frontier Forces Skirmishing.
The Austrian army has begun to move on Russian Poland. No news has come from the Russo-German frontier, but much the same is going on there as in the other theaters of war. The Russian and German cavalry are busy trying to discover what the main armies are doing.

The British navy has now virtually cleared the trade routes of the German and Austrian ships, or has at least got them so closely watched that the Admiralty advises ship owners to send out their vessels as usual. Ships from all parts of the world arrived at English ports today, and what is more important, steamers with provisions are coming from Scandinavian ports.

GOLF BALL LOOSENS TEETH

Wife of Rabbi Wise Meets With Accident at Gearhart.

GEARHART, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Mrs. Wise, of Portland, wife of Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, lost several teeth this afternoon when struck by the ball while playing golf on the Gearhart links. She was playing with her brother, Dr. Rosenfeld.

They were at the sixth green when Dr. Rosenfeld in attempting to drive his ball, slipped and the ball going off the edge of the club to a vicious angle, struck Mrs. Wise in the mouth, shattering several front teeth and knocking her to the ground almost unconscious. There were about 50 persons on the links and the course was crowded.

BARLEY GOES TO ENGLAND

First Shipment Made From California Since Outbreak of War.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—(Special.)—The first shipment of California barley since the outbreak of the European war left here late last night on the Norwegian steamer *Algerne* for Falmouth, England, by way of Callao, Peru.

The *Guernsey* is commanded by Captain Williams and has 5200 tons of the California product on board to relieve the shortage in England. It is believed that within a week several more steamers will leave for England.

SHERIFF ARRESTS OWN SON

Violation of Liquor Laws Is Charge Against Youth.

DECATUR, Ala., Aug. 6.—Lile McCulloch has been placed in custody on a charge of violating the prohibition laws, his own father, Sheriff McCulloch, making the arrest.

For some time Lile McCulloch was a Deputy Sheriff under his father and assisted in a number of raids on soft drink stands. A few weeks ago he gave up his position of Deputy Sheriff when, it is said, he and his father had some words, and he told his father he was through with the whole business.

STEPHEN BLANK, 86, DIES

Pioneer Who Crossed in 1832 Is Victim at Forest Grove.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Stephen Blank, 86, one of the oldest settlers in this locality, died here at his home at 2 o'clock this morning.

His funeral will take place tomorrow at 2 o'clock. Mr. Blank crossed the plains with an ox team in 1832. He was a prominent member of the Congregational Church. He leaves a widow and a niece, Mrs. June McMiller, Ordway, of Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Blank celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1910.

TORNADO HITS CHAUTAUQUA

Many Persons Injured and Damage Caused in Missouri.

BUTLER, Mo., Aug. 13.—A small tornado passed over this county late today. A large Chautauqua tent, occupied by more than 100 persons, was blown down. Many were injured. Trees and buildings were damaged and wires blown down, making it impossible tonight to learn the full extent of the damage.

LIEGE, AND BELGIAN MONARCH WHO DIRECTS ITS DEFENSE.



TOP—GENERAL VIEW OF CITY WHICH IS HOTBED OF GERMAN-BELGIAN HOSTILITIES. BELOW—KING ALBERT, OF BELGIUM, AT HEAD OF TROOPS.

FIERCE ATTACK VAIN

Belgians Hurl Back Germans in Disorder at Haalen.

TEUTONS RUSH TO DEATH

More Than 10,000 of Kaiser's Men and 7000 of King Albert's Engage in All-Day Battle.

Cavalry Is Impeded.

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many of them are reported to have dropped unconscious owing to their privations. In some of the dead officers' pockets raw potatoes were found, while the soldiers are said to have dug up unripe turnips and beets to eat.

A party of French Dragoons, while reconnoitering, were declared, after a post-mortem examination, to have starved to death.

A Belgian official communication today says that a German force proceeding in the direction of Eghezee, to the north of Namur, was attacked and repulsed this morning by the Belgian troops. The Germans suffered severe casualties.

Another official communication today says: "The Belgian cavalry division this morning took up the offensive against the Germans, who were defeated in yesterday's battle of Haalen, with the object, it is believed, of picking up the dead and wounded and collecting the abandoned material of war."

"No German surprise was expected and there are no reasons to fear any German cavalry movements on Brussels from the south, all roads leading to the capital being guarded by the Belgian army and the civic guards."

WORDS OF WASHINGTON THAT KEPT AMERICA OUT OF EUROPEAN STRIFE.

"Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence (I conjure you to believe me, fellow-citizens) the jealousy of a free people ought to be constantly awake, lest in the hands of a cunning and treacherous enemy, the secret of our ruin should be revealed to us."

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DRINK TAX MAY RISE

Congressional Leaders Plan Quick Revenue Increase.

TOBACCO MAY BEAR PART

Lawmakers Gratiated Over Condition of United States Treasury, but Precaution Against Effect of War Considered.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Congressional leaders planned quick action today to increase the internal revenue by \$100,000,000 to offset curtailment of customs revenue expected to result from the war.

Senator Simmons, chairman of the Senate finance committee, and Representative Underwood, chairman of the House ways and means committee, began a conference with Secretary McAdoo which will continue tomorrow. The situation will be laid before President Wilson.

It was definitely agreed to confine the increases to the internal revenue taxes, instead of attempting to change in any way the customs duties. An extra tax on liquors, possibly including doubling the \$1 a barrel now assessed on beer, is the first plan to be discussed. There was talk today not only of increased tax on liquors but on tobacco, proprietary medicines and other articles.

Both Senator Simmons and Representative Underwood expressed gratification over the present sound condition of the treasury. "There is no treasury deficit," said Senator Simmons later, "but we are not to wait until it is absolutely necessary that the confederate of the reported battle."

It was said that the rumor had its foundation in a private telegram received by the banking house of August Belmont & Co. The New York Herald tried to confirm it there, but nothing could be learned about it. None of the other sources it was learned that the same story was going the rounds last week. The German Consulate here had no knowledge of the reported battle.

MAN, 81, TAKES BRIDE, 72
California Millionaire Deeds All but Million to Children.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—J. H. Brady, 81, millionaire banker of Pasadena, Cal., and Mrs. Mary Howard Gridley, 72, of Glendale, Cal., were married recently. They are on their way to Poughkeepsie and will go later to New York. They will spend their honeymoon in Europe.

Mr. Brady recently deeded all of his property except \$1,000,000 to his children. They are under contract to pay him \$3000 a month income as long as he lives.

TAX LAWSUIT IS FILED

Action in Clatsop County Will Test Penalty Provision.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—A suit has been filed in the Circuit Court by A. G. Spexath against W. A. Sherman, Treasurer of Clatsop County, to restrain the defendant from collecting penalties on the plaintiff's taxes, the first half of which was paid before the first Monday in April. A tender of the second half was made before the first Monday in October.

Similar actions have been fought out in other counties.

RELATIVES IN PRAYER

Ladies' Home Journal. Bobby had been taught to remember all his relatives when he said his prayers. One night, as he knelt at his mother's knee, he did not mention the name of a favorite aunt.

"Why, Bobby?" said the mother, "you didn't say 'God bless Aunt Beatrice and make her happy.'"

"Well, mother," replied the little boy, "I didn't have to say that any more. Aunt Beatrice's engaged."

WOUNDED FOES FOUND ON FIELD IN SECOND DAY'S PURSUIT NORTH OF NANCY.

SHells ARE INEFFECTIVE

Paris Official Account Says "Avance of Iron Explosives" Resulted in Killing Only Four at Pont-a-Mousson.

PARIS, Aug. 13, 3:30 P. M.—An official report of the fighting between the French and Germans in the vicinity of Pont-a-Mousson, north of Nancy, issued today, says:

"The fighting, which started on August 11, was continued on August 12 under thrilling conditions for the French. It may be summed up as follows:

"The first phase was an attack on two French battalions by German forces greatly superior in number. The two French battalions fell back, but being reinforced during the night, assumed the offensive, well supported by artillery.

"The counter attack caused the Germans to retreat precipitately, leaving behind them a large number of killed, wounded and prisoners.

"The French troops followed up their advantage and on Wednesday a French battery surprised the Twenty-first Baden Dragoon Regiment while the men were dismounted. In a few minutes the regiment was in full flight.

"The effect of this double success was immediately perceptible. Not only was the forward movement of the German troops stopped, but their columns fell back, closely followed by the French. In the course of this pursuit the French found on a hill and in neighboring villages many German soldiers who had been wounded in the fight on August 11.

"Nine officers, 1000 men captured. "Nine German officers and 1000 wounded men fell into the French hands as prisoners."

"The poor quality of the projectiles used by the German heavy artillery was convincingly demonstrated during the bombardment of Pont-a-Mousson. More than 100 shells containing enormous charges of explosives, weighing altogether 200 pounds each, were fired from a battery of 21-centimeter mortars at a distance of about six and one-fourth miles. The total result of this avalanche of iron explosives was four killed and 12 wounded in the town."

A dispatch from Paris to Reuters' Agency says that during the fight of August 11 and August 12, in Belgium, the French troops forced the Germans to retreat and took many of them prisoners.

BIGGER PARK SIGNS URGED

Police Have Trouble With Maslows Who Can't See Notices.

Larger notices marking off the sections of Chapman Square and the Plaza Block reserved for women and their escorts are advocated by the park police.

The present notices, the men say, are printed in such small type that they are practically illegible after dark. Another complaint is that the signs are placed away from the entrances to the parks and are obscured by the limbs of the trees to which they are fastened.

Patrolman Clement reported that the men who invade the reserved sections to annoy women, say that they are unable to see the signs. For the reason that the signs are not in plain sight, he said, he felt reluctant to arrest them.

BRITISH FIGHT GERMAN

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German ship. "As soon as we knew that war was declared, the ship had been prepared for battle. Fittings, armaments, and everything else that might be at all inflammable, we pitched overboard, and the sea for miles around was strewn with flotsam."

"Under these circumstances there was little left to do when the order, 'clear ship for action,' was given. The gun crews went to battle stations and the stokers were double banded."

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"Off the port bow, about 11 or 12 miles away, we could see the Karlsruhe and the Kron Prinz Wilhelm. The Karlsruhe had her boats out, coaling from the liner, and as we hurried down toward her it was in the hope she had run so short in her bunkers that we could catch her."

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Ships 10,000 Yards Apart.
"Nineteen thousand yards was the closest we got to our quarry. The Bristol was to the north of us, and the Berwick to the south. We called both to aid in the chase, and ordered them to cut off the Kron Prinz Wilhelm, while the Bristol took a position to intercept the Karlsruhe. All afternoon we raced after the fleeing German. By 5 o'clock her smoke had disappeared and then all our hopes centered in the Bristol picking her up."

"At 5 o'clock the night welcome came through the air to us from the Bristol, 'Enemy in sight.' A few minutes later came the message, 'We are engaging the enemy.'"

Made to Join Fight.
"Although we must have been fully a hundred miles astern of them, we raced on for all we were worth. We had no fear of the result if the German stood up to the Bristol, for we were all sure that our fellows could whip the German easily at close quarters, but we wanted to be in at the finish ourselves."

"The Karlsruhe had the heels of the Bristol, too. They were in action for just about half an hour. For a few minutes the German stood up and the ships fought broadside to broadside, the Bristol using her two six-inchers and the five four-inchers on her broadside against the Karlsruhe's five four-inchers. After a few minutes, however, the Karlsruhe turned and ran."

The Bristol chased her, firing her forward six-inchers.

True Aim Difficult.
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"We got a prize last Saturday morning off Bermuda—the German oil tanker Leda, which was coming up from Baton Rouge for New York. She did not know what her fate was, but was very much surprised when we ordered her to stop with a blank shot across her bow. However, they took their capture with good grace. We put a prize crew aboard and conveyed her over to Bermuda, where we turned her over to the examination service and continued our voyage north."

SCHIFF'S PLEA FOR GOLD

DIFFICULTY GREAT IN PAYING DEBTS ABROAD.

Condition of Banks Such That They Cannot Decrease Their Holdings of Gold Largely.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Jacob H. Schiff, head of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., appeared before the New York Chamber of Commerce today and defended the proposal advanced yesterday that Congress empower National banks to hold banknotes as reserve, thus freeing gold for shipment abroad in settlement of international debts. In spite of the opposition to this plan which has developed, Mr. Schiff's plea was permitted to go unchallenged. His remarks were applauded and the chamber, without further discussion, took up other business.

Mr. Schiff said that it was almost impossible to satisfy American debts in Europe because, in view of the war, the banks had concluded not to let go of anything which could be utilized for the shipment of gold abroad.

"He referred to the fact that large payments would gradually fall due in Europe and he declared that either these debts must be met or American debtors would be in default."

The condition of the banks is such, Mr. Schiff pointed out, that they cannot, under existing circumstances, decrease their gold holding largely, but there is no reason, he contended, why emergency currency should not be substituted for a portion of the reserves.

He said the banks should be permitted to take banknotes in their reserves for a limited time.

"We have more gold than any country in the world, something like \$1,500,000,000," Mr. Schiff said. "We are not short of gold. I tell you what we are short of: We are short of money at a distance of about six and one-fourth miles. The total result of this avalanche of iron explosives was four killed and 12 wounded in the town."

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exactly this situation that the Chinese made representations to Japan and the United States, as well as to the powers actually at war, several days ago, to secure respect for her neutrality.

These representations, though they appealed strongly to this Government, failed to obtain results because all the European states declined to bind their hands in advance.

Japan's seizure of the Kiau Chou district would be important to American traders. Prior to Japan's occupation of Port Arthur and acquisition of a part of the railroad traversing Manchuria, the United States enjoyed a large cotton goods trade in North China. When the Japanese secured a foothold upon the continent, however, this trade dwindled and is now in the hands of conquerors.

American Trade in Peril.
The trade of the United States in cotton goods and some other products now is largely in Shanghai and Winterville. If the Japanese should remain permanently in Kiau Chou, as is probable, this trade will be gone.

In addition, by the occupation of Kiau Chou the Japanese will command Peking from two points—Port Arthur and Kiau Chou. The great Yellow Sea in this case also will be under the control of the Tokio government.

JOINT FARES ORDERED

COMMERCE COMMISSION DECIDES AGAINST SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

Line's Refusal of Through Rates to Pacific Navigation Company Is Held Violation of Act.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(Special.)—An Interstate Commerce Commission decision today directed the Southern Pacific system to establish through rates and joint fares with the Pacific Navigation Company, the same as at present are maintained by the railroad with the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company.

Insofar as the Western Pacific Railway and the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad and their connections are concerned, the Commission unquestionably has jurisdiction to require the establishment of through rates and joint fares with the Pacific Navigation Company, says the decision.

The Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe, which have rails of their own between San Francisco and Los Angeles, also may be required to join with the complainant in establishing through rates and joint fares.

By maintaining through rates and joint fares with the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company and refusing to establish them with the Pacific Navigation Company, the Southern Pacific is violating the act to regulate commerce, the decision holds.

200 BABES ARE EXPECTED

Vancouver Building Special Structure for Eugenics Contest.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Entries for the eugenics contest at the Columbia River Interstate Fair are being received by Mrs. Victor H. H.