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GERMAN TORPEDO BOATS SINK FOUR ENGLISH WARSHIPS AT HULL

Private Report Received at New York Today Tells of Naval Battle in English Waters—Both Sides Lost Heavily in Struggle.

NO NEWS YET FROM GREAT FLEETS WHICH WERE EXPECTED TO MEET NEAR GERMANY

German Gunboats, Forced to Leave Italy, Head for Adriatic After Being Refused Aid by Austrian Squadron—Portugal Aids England.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Private cable advices report that a flotilla of German torpedo boats attacked the British warships in the Humber, a waterway to Hull on the east coast of England, sinking four of them. A number of the attacking German torpedo boats were lost. The report tallies with yesterday's declaration by the British Admiralty that the first news of the war might be unfavorable. The date of the engagement is not given.

TODAY'S WAR DEVELOPMENTS. Portugal's decision to support Great Britain in the general European war was announced today after Germany had demanded information as to her intentions.

It was officially announced today that English troops under French officers are disembarking on French soil. The point of disembarkation was not revealed.

It is reported that the German cruiser Augsburg, which bombarded the Russian port of Libau, has been sunk by a Russian torpedo boat.

The Italian consulate at Malta has issued a call for the reservists of 1889 and 1890 of all classes.

A force of French cavalry arrived to the east of Liege today, according to official announcement at Brussels. The French troops were said to be advancing.

An important engagement between the French and the Germans was reported in Belgian Luxembourg.

AUSTRIA REFUSES TO FIGHT ENGLAND NOW.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 8.—A telegram from Rome says that the semaphores on the south coast of Italy report that the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau are making for the Adriatic. A request to the Austrian fleet for aid was refused on the ground that there had been no declaration of war between Austria-Hungary and Great Britain.

AUSTRIANS CROSS INTO RUSSIA.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 8.—Austrian troops crossed the Russian frontier near the Roumanian border today and burned some villages.

AUSTRIA IS FORCED BACK

Evacuate Town and Servians Immediately Reoccupy It Today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NISH, Serbia, Aug. 8.—The Austrians evacuated Visegrad on the frontier of Novipasear yesterday and the Servians immediately reoccupied the place.

END MEXICAN TROUBLE.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 8.—The United States made further efforts today to avert a clash between the Constitutionalists and the Carbajal government. Telegrams to American Consul Silliman urged him to persuade Carranza to enter into direct communication with Carbajal.

WAR FATAL TO DENVER WOMAN

Mrs. Jas. T. Macey Commits Suicide in London as Result of Worry.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 8.—Mrs. James T. Macey of Denver committed suicide today as a result of a nervous breakdown caused by privations she had undergone since being ordered out of a sick bed at Antwerp Monday. She arrived in London seriously ill. She left a mother and child in Germany.

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AMERICANS IN GERMAN JAIL

Archer M. Huntington and Wife Held as Spies at Nuremberg.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, August 8.—Archer M. Huntington, president of the American Geographical Society, and his wife, were arrested at Nuremberg, Bavaria, by the German police and are now held in prison as spies. It is reported that they suffered extreme indignities.

SAYS BADLY USED.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, France, August 8.—Mr. Huntington's chauffeur, who escaped to Switzerland, telegraphed to the American Embassy here saying that Mr. and Mrs. Huntington had been maltreated. Huntington, he said, was stripped naked while the police searched him, and his wife was subjected to insults and indignities. Ambassador Herrick telegraphed to Washington and it is assured the State Department is taking action.

GERMANS ARE WOUNDED.

Report Ten Injured in Naval Engagement Today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) AMSTERDAM, Aug. 8.—Telegraph reports tell of the receipt of a wireless announcement that a German cruiser is en route to Emden bringing ten men who were wounded in a naval battle.

NO HOLIDAY IN GERMANY.

Creditors, However, Allowed Three Month's Grace.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, Aug. 8.—The German Federal Council decided not to proclaim a moratorium (holiday) for the present. The courts are empowered to deal leniently with debtors and the term for payment of debts may be extended three months.

HEAVY FIRING IS HEARD OFF COAST OF CALIFORNIA TODAY

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—Heavy firing was reported at sea today off Salada Beach, about twenty miles to the southward. Early reports to this effect were discredited on the theory that the reports might have been explosions of blasts in nearby quarry, but the chief operator of the Western Union at Salada Beach later confirmed the sound of firing, which he said was heard an hour before the quarry opened. A fog masked the sea and nothing could be seen.

Two German cruisers, the Nuremberg and the Leipsic, are known to have been off the coast of California this week, also two British sloop-of-war, the Shearwater and the Algerine. The British cruiser Rainbow left San Francisco, bound south, early this morning. The German boats are slightly superior to the British in point of armament and are capable of making faster time.

ITALY AND CHINA APPROVE U. S. PLAN FOR MEDIATION

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) ROME, Aug. 8.—Offer of mediation by President Wilson has produced excellent effect. Italy, while admitting that there are great obstacles in the way of its success, will warmly support the American proposition.

CHINA APPROVES U. S. PLANS OF MEDIATION.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—China, through her legation here, has approved President Wilson's action in extending his good offices to compose the European war through mediation or arbitration.

EUROPEANS ALLOWED TO LEAVE U S

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Under new regulations issued today, European reservists will be allowed to leave for their home countries if they are not in uniform, do not carry arms, and go as individuals.

U. S. NEUTRAL IN AUSTRIAN-RUSSIAN WAR.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—President Wilson today issued a proclamation of neutrality to apply to the state of war between Austria-Hungary and Russia. It is similar in terms to those already issued.

AMERICAN AMBULANCE CORPS IN PARIS.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Aug. 8.—The American Ambulance Corps in Paris has taken a large building in Neuilly, which is to be transformed into a hospital to accommodate the wounded. Twelve doctors and twenty-four nurses have volunteered for the service and \$9000 has been subscribed. Nearly 4000 have subscribed to the Women's Auxiliary of the Ambulance Corps.

PORTUGAL TO AID ENGLAND

Special Meeting of Parliament at Lisbon—Will Mobilize Their Army.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 8.—A dispatch from Lisbon says that at a special meeting of parliament today a declaration was made that Portugal would place herself unconditionally on the side of England, according to the terms of an ancient treaty. The declaration was received with enthusiastic cheers for France and England. Premier Machado, in announcing the attitude of the government, said: "We have duties according to our alliance which we in no way fail to realize." It is reported the war office has ordered the mobilization of three military divisions.

FRENCH ARE READY.

Complete Mobilization of Troops is Belief in Paris.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Aug. 8.—A great improvement today in the general train service in France is taken as an indication that the mobilization of the French armies is nearly completed.

SHIP STRIKES MINE.

Norwegian Steamer Slightly Damaged by Accidental Encounter.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) FLUSHING, Holland, Aug. 8.—The Norwegian steamer Tysla struck a mine outside the Dutch island of Wieringen today. The explosion shattered her stern, but the captain managed to run her on the beach.

FLOUR, \$1.35 at HAINES.

BRITISH BOAT LEAVES PORT

Cruiser Rainbow Sails South From San Francisco After Taking Fuel.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—Fishermen who put back to port today reported having sighted the British cruiser Rainbow far outside the heads, standing off to the southward. The Rainbow left here early today after taking on fifty tons of coal, sufficient to carry here to her nearest home port.

ENGLAND HOLDS SHIPS.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) GLASGOW, Scotland, Aug. 8.—Trans-Atlantic liners running from Glasgow suspended their sailings today, causing the stranding of many Americans and Canadians.

MANY ARE SLAIN.

Dead German Soldiers Piled Four or Five High.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BRUSSELS, Belgium, August 8.—Soldiers returning here report that the trenches around Liege are literally filled with the bodies of Germans. In some places the bodies are piled four and five deep. Newspapers are assured from official sources that no decision has been reached with regard to the request of the Germans for an armistice, and moreover that the battle at Liege is continuing.

BARLEY \$1.15 per sack at HAINES.

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ENGLISH TROOPS REACH FRANCE; FRENCH NOW AIDING BELGIANS

Unexpected Resistance Which German Advance Guard Has Met in Belgium Has Caused Much Comment—Greatest Secrecy Prevails Now.

SCREEN MOVEMENTS OF ARMIES AND NAVIES OF ALLIED FORCES TODAY

France and Germany and England Conceal Plans of Campaign in Great European Struggle—Liege Merely Opening Struggle.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 8.—All eyes are turned toward Belgium, where the unexpected stand made by the Belgian army against the German advance guard has earned praise in all quarters.

Authorities here have taken the greatest precautions to prevent any leakage of information as to military and naval movements, but indications were seen in the commandeering of large liners and stoppage of cross-channel passenger traffic that the British expeditionary force had landed in France.

President Poincare also gave out the news in a message to King Albert of Belgium that the French troops were "shedding their blood with the Belgians on the battlefield today."

The fighting at Liege, although regarded as important, is considered merely the opening movement in the campaign, the plan of which is well hidden by both Germans and French.

ITALY REFUSES TO JOIN IN WAR.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) ROME (via Paris), Aug. 8.—The German government is using its utmost endeavors to persuade Italy to reconsider her neutrality declaration and join with Germany and Austria. A direct appeal was made to King Manuel. It is asserted that Italy having asserted her neutrality, intends to maintain it.

KAISER'S RELATIVE TAKEN PRISONER AT LIEGE.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) BRUSSELS, Aug. 8.—Le Peuple says that Prince George, who is related to Emperor William and who was in command of a German cavalry regiment, is among the prisoners captured by the Belgians.

ENGLISH TROOPS RUSH TO AID BELGIANS.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Aug. 8.—It was officially announced this afternoon that 20,000 English troops have already landed at Ostend, Calais and Dunkirk. They are now proceeding toward Namur, to the west of Liege, on the main railroad line, to assist the Belgians.

FRENCH ENTER ALSACE TODAY.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Aug. 8.—French troops today entered Alsace and captured the village of Altkirch near the Swiss frontier, seventeen miles west of Basel.

GERMANS TELL ABOUT BATTLE

Declare That Liege Heroism is But Unique Act—Deny Defeat There.

BELGIANS FORCE WAR.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Aug. 8.—According to reliable information, the Belgian troops have cut the railroad between Arlon and Vireton, thus stopping all German transportation in the direction of Vireton.

BERLIN (via London) Aug. 8.

The official German account of the siege of Liege says: "On Wednesday the German advance guards penetrated the whole Belgian frontier. An attack on the fortress itself was unsuccessful. Our troops are before the fortress in contact with the enemy. A hostile foreign press will characterize this enterprise, which has not the slightest effect on the larger operations, as defeat. It is, however, but a unique act of heroism in the history of the war." Lieutenant General Leman, governor of Liege, has not yet replied to the request of the Germans for an armistice.

FRENCH IN BELGIUM.

Legion of Honor for Gallant Defenders of Liege.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BRUSSELS, Aug. 8.—French troops have entered Belgium on an appeal from King Albert of Belgium. Today the King thanked President Poincare for the promptness in responding to the appeal. Poincare, in recognition of its gallantry, conferred the Cross of the Legion of Honor on the city of Liege.

WAR IN AFRICA.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 8.—A British force on the Gold Coast, West Africa, has seized Portlome, German Togoland.

PAY TRIBUTE TO MRS. WILSON

Heads of European Nations Pause in War to Send Condolence to President.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 8.—The nation represented by committees from the Senate and the House, will pay final tribute to Mrs. Wilson, wife of the President, at the private services in the East room of the White House Monday afternoon. Immediately afterward, a special train conveying the body, the President's family, several members of the cabinet and a few friends and relatives, will leave for Rome, Georgia, where interment will take place in the Myrtle Hill Cemetery Tuesday afternoon. The King of Sweden was among those who sent sympathy today. The heads of most of the nations of Europe have paused in their battle plans to forward cabigrams of condolence.

GERMANS QUIT LIEGE TODAY

Forces Withdraw from City on Approach of Belgian Reinforcements.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Aug. 8.—It is officially announced that the forts at Liege continue to hold out. Germans who entered the city evacuated Friday before the arrival of a Belgian division which had come to the rescue. The evacuation was without military significance, as the forts command the routes and railroads. The withdrawal of the Germans, however, was an unquestioned moral defeat.