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FIRST NEWS FROM GERMANY REACHES UNITED STATES TODAY

Wireless Message Direct from Germany Received in New Jersey-Relates Success of German Troops at Mulhausen, Alsace—Take Many Prisoners and French Cannon.

GERMAN TROOPS REPULSED BY BEL-GIAN CAVALRY NEAR FORT OF DIEST

War in Belgium Still Raging Fiercely—Battle Before Diest Was First Considerable Engagement in the Belgian Campaign-Belgian Forts Still Standing.

GERMANS VICTORIOUS OVER FRENCH.

and men were taken prisoners by the Germans in a fight near all directions except the North Sea.

Longwy, German soil is now entirely clear of French troops.

RUSSIANS TAKE AU (This is the first direct dispatch from Germany uncensored

by Germany's opponents since the war started.)

BIG BATTLE IN BELGIUM.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) BRUSSELS, Aug. 8. Fighting yesterday between the Belgian and German armies in the vicinity of Diest lasted the entire day and constituted the first considerable battle of the still falling at 7:30 in the evening.

GERMANS REPULSED IN FIERCE FIGHTING.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times,) PARIS, Aug. 13.—An official communication from the front published here today says: "A division of Belgian cav-alry, supported by a brigade of infantry and by artillery, engaged and defeated, near the Fortress of Diest, a division of German cavalry, also supported by infantry and artillery. The fighting was extremely fierce and resulted in the Germans being thrown back toward Hasselt and St. Trond.

The battle centered around Haelen, extending to Diest after President Orders Investigation passing around Zeelhem. At 7 p. m. all the country between of Advance in Prices of these three towns had been cleared of the German troops except for the dead and the wounded, who were thickly strewn about in the firing zone. Upwards of 200 German soldiers commerce this were counted strewn on a plot of ground fifty yards square. A church, a brewery and a number of houses in Haelen were gram sent to Senators Lane set afire and two bridges over the Demer were destroyed by Belgian engineers to impede the Germans' progress.

GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE PASSAGE.

By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The immediate chartering of six vessels to go to Europe for Americans was agreed on today by Secretaries McAdoo, Garrison and Daniels and Assistant Secretary Phillips of the State Department. They will carry 8000 passengers at as reasonable rates as possible.

FOUR HUNDRED AMERICANS LEAVE GERMANY.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) AMSTERDAM, Aug. 13.—A special train bringing 400 Americans from Berlin arrived here today. The party is under the direction of the American Ambassador to Germany, James W. Gerard, and continued on the train to Rotterdam, whence it will sail for the United States.

GERMANS TO ENTERTAIN AMERICANS.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, Aug. 13.—A meeting of 500 Americans here last night was informed that many German families were ready to take stranded Americans into their homes without cost. The first on the list of those willing to do so was Lord Mayor Wermuth, who declared he would take three Americans.

PRESIDENT APPEALS FOR AID FOR RED CROSS.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—President Wilson, as head of the American Red Cross, appealed today to American people to contribute money for the relief of sick and wounded soldiers of the warring European nations.

CRUISER TAKES GERMAN PRIZE.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—News of the taking of the German tank steamer Leda, a prize worth a quarter-million dollars, by the British cruiser Suffolk, and of the arrest of upwards of a hundred of German reservists in Bermuda as prisoners of war, was confirmed on the arrival here of the Boyal Mail steam packet Carribean.

ENGLISH FIRE ON JAPANESE VESSEL.

By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) SHANGHAI, Aug. 13.—The Japanese steamer Shikoku Maru was seriously damaged today and one of the crew was killed by a projectile fired from a cannon of the British fort at Hong Kong while the vessel was entering the harbor. She was fired at because she paid no attention to harbor regulations.

DISPATCH REPORTS GERMANS CRUEL.

FRANCE AND ENGLAND DECLARE WAR ON AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Aug. 13.—Official declaration of war by France on Austria-Hungary was made public here today.

AUSTRIA AND ENGLAND WAR. By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Aug. 13.—It was officially announced that a state of war has existed between England and Austria-Hungary since midnight,

LONDON, Aug. 13.—The war of the nations of Europe today became further regularized with the formal declaration of war on Austria-Hungary by Great Britain and France. The (By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN (By direct wireless from Nauen, Germany, to the but France has the bulk of her fleet there and no apprehension Goldschmidt Wireless Company's Station at Tuckerton, N. J.). exists as to the safety of trade routes through that sea now —German troops took 120 French and 1110 French soldiers that the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau are out of action. The official press bureau here urges traders of all nations dotured four French cannon. Another thousand French officers ing business with Great Britain to send ships boldly to sea in

RUSSIANS TAKE AUSTRIAN CITY.
(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times)

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 13.—Russian forces have taken the town of Sokal, in Austrian Galacia, by assault, inflicting heavy casualties on the Austrian garrison, according to a semi-official announcement. The Austrian garrison consisted of two infantry battalions, a regiment of lancers and a regi-ment of Hussars. After dislodging them, the Russian cavalry war. It will be known as the Battle of Haelen. Shells were pursued the Austrians across the river and blew up two bridges and a viaduct. Several houses were burned by the Russians because the civilians fired from them.

PRICE RAISERS

Foodstuffs in the U.S.

afternoon a protest was formulated against the advance of prices of food stuffs and a tele-Chamberlain requesting gove nment investigation. The following is a investigation.

copy of the telegram:
"The tremendous advance here in the price of sugar, flour, meats and other staple foodstuffs causes our people to demand the Government to take immediate action to suppress illegal practice of forcing foodstuffs to unwarranted prices. MARSHFIELD CHAMBER

OF COMMERCE, Hugh McLain, President."

(By Associated Press to Coot Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 13. President Wilson today directed Attorney General McReynolds to investigate the recent increases in the prices of foodstuffs and take up the question whether any persons responsible can be prosecuted.

Attorney General McReynolds at once replied, saying that special agents of the Department of Justice had been instructed to begin investigations throughout the country in order to ascertain the real facts. a suggestion from McReynolds, the President instructed Secretary Redfield to have his agents begin similar investigations.

The President said in his letter to McReynolds: "Certainly the country ought to be defended if possible against the men who would take advantage of such circumstances to increase the price of food and the dif-ficulties of living.

AMERICAN RELEASED.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Aug. 13. John L. Ferguson, of Spokane, Wash., an American citizen who was suspected of being a spy and ar-rested, has been released. It was shown that Ferguson was employed in making maps of Nova Scotla for the government.

RUSSIANS DEFEAT GERMANS.

IBy Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 13 .- A Berlin dis patch to the Daily Telegraph says the German staff admits heavy losses on the Russian frontier,

BATTLE NEAR LIEGE,

13.—A fight for the possession of the Liege forts has recommenced. The Germans have occupied the tion of troops and heavy guns across the river. The German advance has fortifications.

Civil Rather Than Mili-

tary Authority.

(By Associated Frees to Coos Bay Times.) MENJCO CITY, Aug. 13.— Provisional President Carbajal left Mexico City today on a ial train early today for Vera Cruz. The city is quiet.

(By Associated Press to Cool Day Times !

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 13,-An explanation of the friction be-tween Villa and Carranza was made known here today by Villa. supporters here stated that wants Carranza to retire as "first He insists that a civil instead of a military government be established to conduct elections throughout the Republic, that land reforms be executed in accordance with the constitution, that the federal army be dissolved, but that the deserving officers and men be admitted to the new army, and that an amnesty be granted all political offenders excepting those involved in the anti-Madero plot.

ORDERS GERMAN SIGNS DOWN.

ON BOARD U. S. S. CALIFORNIA, Mazatlan, Aug. 13.—On assuming command of Mazatlan, Governor Riveros of the Constitutionalist admin-Istration, immediately ordered removed from the doors and windows of all Gernfan stores the signs which had been placed there, reading "German property, under protection of German cruiser Leipzig." The Leip-

RUSSIA WINS

Claim That Czar's Troops Checked Advance of Combined German Force.

PARIS, Aug. 13.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Mail says the Austrians have suffered a check on the Dniester River and that four regiments of Austrian infantry and eight regiments of Uhlans were BRUSSELS (via London), Aug. routed. A big battle is approaching A big battle is approaching and will probably be decisive

HEAR CANNON NEAR DOVER. hour.

FORT AROUND LIEGE CONTINUES

Bulk of German Army Believed to Be Massed in Belgium and Luxemburg, and Russian Frontier Left Guarded by Reservists—French Claim Strategic Position.

HOSPITALS UNABLE TO CARE FOR WOUNDED AFTER BATTLE OF MULHAUSEN

Official Report Tells of French Retreat, But Later Succeed, by Aid of Reinforcements, in Repulsing Germans-100 Wounded Captured and French Capture Guns.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) The struggle for the possession of the Belgian forts surroundingLiege has recommenced and reports of artillery and cavalry engagements are taken as indicating the possible beginning of a great battle on Belgian soil. The bulk of the German forces is believed to be concentrated with the right wing in Belgium and the left wing in the Duchy of Luxemburg. the German staff is said to have gathered twenty-six army corps along the eastern frontier facing Belgium and France. One dispatch says the defense of Germany's Russian frontier is left to reservists. Despite a direct denial from Germany, the rench claim to hold a long line within the German border, but the location is kept secret. It became known today that the German cruisers Go∈ben and Breslau had either been sold to Turkey or are being dismantled in the Dardenelles until the end of the war. The location of the main British and German fleets is still unknown.

FRENCH ANNIHILATE ENTIRE REGIMENT.

By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Aug. 13.—An official report of the fighting in the vicinity of Pont a Mousson Tuesday and Wednesday says the French fell back before the initial attack of the Germans, but MANY REFORMS were reinforced during and a hundred wounded men for their hands yesterday when the Germans retreated, leaving guns and ammunition. A French detachment surprised the Gert Raden Dragoon Regiment and annihilated them. Wants Election Held Under Twenty-first Baden Dragoon Regiment and annihilated them.

REPORTS BELGIAN FORTS STILL INTACT.

(By Associated Press to The Coes Bay Times.) PARIS, Aug. 13.—The French Minister of War stated that At a meeting of the Chamber of CARBAJAL LEAVES CAPITAL. the Belgian army and forts around Liege are intact and prepared to resist all attacks. There have been no important changes in Lorraine.

TERRIFIC NUMBER OF WOUNDED CARED FOR.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 13.—The following dispatch was received from Basel, Switzerland: "Following the terrible battle at Mulhausen, the hospital facilities proved absolutely inadequate to care for the almost incredible number of wounded. Not only villa are all the hospitals filled, but the schools, churches and hotels are occupied to capacity. Even then it was found necessary to charter trains to convey the wounded to Mulheim and St. Lud-wig and other towns. The latest estimates place the German losses at eight or ten thousand."

BELGIANS AGAIN REPULSE GERMANS.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) BRUSSELS, Aug. 13.—Belgian officials in a communication say that the German force proceeding in the direction of Eghezee, north of Namur, was attacked and repulsed today by Belgian troops. The Germans suffered severe casualties. The Belgians captured a number of machine guns mounted on motor cars.

GERMAN NAVAL OFFICERS BOASTFUL.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—German officers on the cruiser Leipzig, lying off the Golden Gate, and which was boarded by the German consul and a party of newspapermen zig recently went from here to San late yesterday, boasted that they would sink the warships of the English, French and Australian fleets, if an encounter was started. They say there are eight warships belonging to those nations now in Pacific Coast waters. The Leipzig is stripped for action and ready for an engagement.

PACIFIC COAST WRECKAGE NOW EXPLAINED.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 13.—The Canadian cruiser Rainbow reached Victoria today convoying the British warship Shearwater. The Algerine is expected in later today. This proves that the wreckage found on the beach at San Francisco came from the Rainbow when she cleared for action.

FRANCE OPPOSES GERMAN WARSHIP SALE TO TURKEY.
(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Aug. 13 .- It is declared here that the alleged purchase by Turkey of the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau. as announced at Constantinople, probably will be the subject of a demand for explanations on the part of France and her allies.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 13.—A semi-official dispatch bridge at Lixhe for the transporta-tion of troops and heavy guns across the river. The German advance has been greatly retarded by the Liege the northeast. The firing lasted an will be shot in the event of further resistance. will be shot in the event of further resistance.