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ALLIED NATIONS ARE WORRIED BY THE FALL OF NAMUR

GERMANS CAPTURE FORT OF GREAT STRENGTH IN TWO DAYS FIGHTING

English Newspapers View with Pessimism Fall of Namur—If Entente's Losses Have Been Heavy and Their Rout Complete, Germans May March on Paris.

THINK CAPTURE OF FORTRESS WAS NOT POSSIBLE BY SUDDEN RUSH

Believe That a Breach Was Made in Ranks of Allies' Forces and German Troops Secured Advantage by Reason of Strategy Rather Than Strength. (By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN (WIRELESS TO ASSOCIATED PRESS BY WAY OF NAUEN, GERMANY, AND SAYVILLE, L. I.), AUG. 25.—AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE PUBLIC HERE SAYS THE CITY OF NAMUR AND FIVE OF ITS FORTS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY THE GERMANS. THE BOMBARDMENT OF FOUR OTHER FORTS CONTINUES AND THEIR FALL SEEMS IMMINENT.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Commenting on the loss of Namur, the Chronicle says: "The news is decidedly bad. If the Allies' losses have been heavy we may yet see before long the Germans marching in earnest on Paris. Namur is a fortress of great strength which possibly could have been held for several months. We do not imagine it was taken by a rush. More probably a breach was made elsewhere in the Allies' lines, imposing on them the alternative of leaving a large force to be invested in Namur or withdrawal from it altogether. The blunt fact remains that in reality the first class French troops occupying a secluded position of singular strength were driven out by the Germans after not more than two days' fighting. This speaks volumes for the power of the German attack."

GERMANS MEETING WITH SLIGHT OPPOSITION IN THEIR ADVANCE

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—A concentric advance of all the German armies toward Paris is probable, the Semois River, Longwyne and the greater part of the Belgian-French frontier being in German hands, according to wireless dispatch from the German embassy from its foreign office, received today via Sayville, R. I. It adds: "The German troops facing the French defeated them in battle from August 15 to 21. Numerous ensigns, more than 150 guns and 10,000 prisoners have been captured. Luneville has been taken and the army of General Joffre is broken up and no longer capable of action. The German Crown Prince's army has chased the French west of Longwyne. The army of the Duke of Wurtemberg, marching through Belgium, has crossed the River Semois, completely crushing the advance French army. Numerous guns, ensigns, prisoners and several generals were captured. The German troops advancing west of the Meuse toward Maubeuge defeated the English cavalry brigade.

THREE ARMIES JOIN AGAINST GERMANS.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Aug. 25.—The following official announcement is made: "The German offensive movement in the north, which was stopped yesterday, appears today to have been resumed. The enemy, however, is being held back by the French army, acting in conjunction with the English and Belgian armies. The armies of the Allies surprised the enemy and drove back their advance detachments. The Allies have gone beyond Malines. The Belgian army came up from Antwerp."

FIERCE FIGHTING NEAR OSTEND.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 25.—A dispatch from Ostend to the Evening News says there is fierce fighting in progress between Belgian Gendarmes and German cavalry in the outskirts of the city. The wounded are being brought in. The dispatch adds that the encounter was between a detachment of German cavalry and 300 gendarmes. After a fierce fight the Germans were driven back with the loss of several men and officers wounded, while the gendarmes lost three dead and several wounded.

AUSTRIAN SEAPORT FALLS.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) ROME, Aug. 25.—A dispatch from Antivari says the fortifications of Cattaro, the Austrian seaport in Dalmatia on the Adriatic, has been completely destroyed and the Austrian commander is now parleying for terms of surrender. The bombardment of Cattaro was conducted by a fleet of the Allies.

INDEPENDENT DIVISION OPERATING.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 25.—A dispatch from Paris says an official communication declares that German cavalry belonging to an independent division is operating on the extreme left and the extreme right of the position of the Allies.

Development Of The Day Reported By Associated Press Dispatches To Coos Bay Times

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times) A reverse to the forces of the Allies is generally admitted by the English and French newspapers. It is assumed that the Allies are falling back on their first line of defensive works running from Maubeuge in a south-easterly direction by way of Hirson, Meziere, Montmedy, Verdun, St. Mihiel, Lianville, Gironville and Jouy Sous Les Cotes. Behind these lies another strong line of fortifications from St. Quentin in the north through Laon and Rheims to the great entrenched camp at Craons. The English newspapers declare that both the English and the Russians are determined to fight to a finish, whatever the outlook may be at present. They say the possession of Namur was vital for Germany and "it was a fine stroke for the Germans to have rushed the place right under the eyes of the Allies." Fighting is reported along the coast of Belgium and the Germans have attacked Malines, 13 miles from Antwerp. Charleroi also has been the scene of hot fighting, this time between the French and German troops, and a fresh encounter is believed to have begun there today. Twenty-five thousand Germans have been surrounded between Courtrai and Ansegem, according to an Ostend dispatch. Brussels has been left by the main body of German troops, who have proceeded on their way to the front. The Russians relate the advance of the Russian armies in eastern Prussia and the surprisingly rapid movement of troops. Russian officials, however, caution against feeling too much elation over preliminary successes. Swiss business men report the garrison of Strassburg to have sustained appalling casualties at Schirmeck, where 5500 Germans went into an engagement and only 1800 returned.

GERMAN EMPEROR'S NEPHEW TAKEN PRISONER BY FRENCH

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Aug. 25.—A dispatch to Eclair from Courtrai says the Emperor's nephew, Count von Schwerin, has been taken prisoner. He was in command of a detachment of Uhlans who reached Harlebeke, where they were overpowered by French Chasseurs.

AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS ENLIST TO TAKE SIDE OF ALLIES

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Aug. 25.—The Stars and Stripes were seen on the streets of Paris today alongside of the French Tricolor, when a corps of 200 American volunteers marched to the railroad station to take a train for Rouen. The little band was given a rousing send-off. The American troops will be drilled at Rouen under French officers. Among the American volunteers are many young men who have been studying in Paris. American girls waved handkerchiefs and clapped their hands as the slender column entered the station, while the crowd filled the square with cheers. Three troop trains will take the Americans, together with some other foreigners, to the north.

ALLIES WANT MANY HORSES

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LAFAYETTE, Ind., Aug. 25.—Members of a local stock buying firm began today buying horses which are to be shipped to France for the use of the allied armies. The Lafayette firm received the order for 15,000 horses from the French government.

22 SOLDIERS ARE ACQUITTED

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) DENVER, Aug. 25.—The findings of the court martial which tried 22 officers and men of the Colorado National Guard on charges growing out of the Ludlow battle on April 20, were made public today. All the defendants were acquitted.

AMERICANS IN GERMANY AIDED

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, Aug. 25.—Assistant Secretary of War Breckenridge and ten officers from the American cruiser Tennessee arrived here Sunday on a special train from Holland. They brought gold coin sent by the American government for the succor of Americans in Germany. FRANK GRANT and wife are in today from the Smith-Powers camp south of Myrtle Point, where Mr. Grant is foreman.

JAP VESSEL TO CANADA

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—The marine correspondent at Tattoush, Washington, of the San Francisco chamber of commerce telegraphs that the Japanese cruiser Idzumo, which left here last Saturday, passed into the straits of Juan de Fuca early today, apparently bound for the Canadian naval base at Esquimaux.

BELIEVE EUROPEAN WAR IS DESTINED TO BE A LONG ONE

Bad News of Yesterday Thought to Be Forerunner of More Disasters to Allied Forces in Fight on Boundary Between Germany and France.

GERMANS APPEAR TO HAVE WON GROUND IN FIRST PHASE OF BATTLE

Allied Forces Were Prepared for Ebb and Flow in Conflict But Did Not Expect So Disastrous a Blow as Fall of Namur.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 25.—"Yesterday was a day of bad news and we fear more must follow," the London Times says in an editorial on the fall of Namur. "In the first phase of the great battle the Germans appear to have won ground all along the line save in the area held by the English. We were prepared for the ebb and flow of the conflict, but not for the fall of Namur. We have to face this situation with unshaken confidence. We have to remember that the battle is not yet over. The Germans have not yet burst their way through France. We have to remember that this is only the first great encounter of the war, which is plainly destined to be a long one."

HEAVY BRITISH CASUALTIES.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 25.—The British casualties in Belgium, according to an announcement made this evening, are estimated to number 2000.

AUSTRIANS BEATEN OUT OF SERVIA.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) NISH, Aug. 25.—Serbian troops reoccupied Sabac (Shabats) yesterday afternoon, according to an official statement. The Austrians have been thrown back on the other bank of the river Save and every bit of Serbian territory is now cleared of the enemy.

RUSSIANS PRESSING THEIR ADVANTAGE.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Aug. 25.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg sets forth that the Russians, following up their advantages in Galicia, have captured several passes south of Tarnopol on the Sereth River. Tarnopol is eighty miles to the east of Lemberg. A division of Austrian cavalry has been routed in Galicia close to the frontier. The Russians captured two batteries of artillery.

BELGIANS DRIVE OUT GERMANS.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 25.—A dispatch from Antwerp says the Germans this morning attacked Malines and after a fight which lasted four hours were driven out by the Belgians. The Belgians pursued the Germans in the direction of Vilvorde.

ZEPPELIN AIRSHIPS TAKE IMPORTANT PART IN WAR

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 25.—An Antwerp correspondent telegraphs that a Zeppelin airship which flew over Antwerp last night was brought down by Belgian artillery fire six miles outside of Antwerp. The crew of fifteen men were taken prisoners. Another dispatch from Antwerp says that the Zeppelin, before it was brought to earth, succeeded in dropping seven or eight bombs into Antwerp. One of the houses wrecked by these missiles was situated only 300 yards from the palace of King Albert. Seven persons were killed and six seriously injured by the explosion. Some other houses were demolished. Bombs partly wrecked the hospital of St. Elizabeth.

AUSTRIAN TROOPS MOVING ON ITALY.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) ROME, Aug. 25.—Secolo says that notwithstanding the denial of the Austrian government, Austrian troops are marching on the Italian frontier. Their movements were discreet but orders from Vienna in the last forty-eight hours compelled precipitate action.

JAPAN PROCEEDING CAREFULLY.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) TOKIO, Aug. 25.—There are many indications in Tokio that Japan is conducting hostilities against Kaio Chow with the greatest circumspection. She desires to avoid any needless sacrifice of life and will not risk her warships unnecessarily.

NEUTRAL IN JAPANESE-GERMAN-WAR.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—President Wilson today issued a proclamation declaring the United States neutral in the war between Germany and Japan.

Arrested in Bandon.—J. S. Ward, a sign painter who recently left Marshfield with his family, going from here to Bandon, was arrested in the city about noon today. Suit was brought against Ward in Justice Pennock's court this morning by R. A. Copple for the payment of a bill. The Pioneer Hardware Company and George Baines were also parties to the suit. A writ of arrest was issued and Ward was arrested by Constable Blackerby. Upon arrest he promised to pay the three bills immediately, totalling about \$24. Costs to the extent of \$11.20 were also charged to Ward.

MR. AND MRS. R. M. JENNINGS and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Martin of Eugene, left this afternoon for the Goodwill place on South Coos River, where they will enjoy a few days' outing. Mr. Jennings was lured back there with the hope of landing a big salmon which took his hook and part of the line the other day and which is said to be so large by this time that it is seriously impeding the progress of the Rainbow.

MRS. W. J. HILL was down from Goodwill's today on a shopping trip.