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PARIS WAITS FOR ATTACK ON CITY BY GERMAN ARMY

CAPTURE OF THREE CITIES DARKENS PROSPECTS FOR PARIS

City Officially Takes Cognizance of Approaching German Army—Repulse of Allied Forces Causes Alarm to Be Felt for the French Capital.

WILL ATTEMPT TO PUT CITY IN SHAPE TO WITHSTAND ATTACK AND INVASION

New Minister of War and His Subordinates Discuss Exact Measures to Be Taken by the Defenders in Case of Siege.

GERMANS OCCUPY FRENCH CITIES.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)
LONDON, Aug. 27.—A dispatch from Ostend says the Germans have occupied Lille, Roubaix and Valenciennes, all in France.

ARE IMPORTANT CITIES.

Today's press dispatches announce the capture of three important French cities by the Germans in their march on Paris.

LILLE is a strongly fortified city of 215,000, about the size of Portland, and an important railway center as well as a great textile manufacturing city.

ROUBAIX is a city of 115,000 and also a railway center. VALENCIENNES, the third city captured, is about 60,000. These three cities are only about 120 miles from Paris.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Aug. 27.—Paris, it is unofficially announced today, is preparing for a possible siege. The matter was discussed by the new Minister of War, Alexandre Millerand, with subordinates of his department and steps taken to determine exact measures necessary to place the city in a state to withstand attack and invasion. Millerand will meet other officials of the War Office every morning for the consideration of developments and every possible phase in connection with the entrenched camp, such as the capital will become.

BRITISH GENERAL OPTIMISTIC.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Aug. 27.—Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons today that Field Marshal French, commander of the British expeditionary forces, reported that he was yesterday engaged against superior German forces. The British forces fought splendidly and General French considered the prospects in the impending battle as satisfactory.

It is stated that the British marines have occupied Ostend to prevent the Germans from getting a foothold on the English Channel.

CITY OF ANTWERP QUIET.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Official reports from Antwerp to the State Department today say the city is quiet, but communication has been cut off from all points except Ghent and Bruges and certain points on the coast.

RUSSIA OFFICIALLY REPORTS SUCCESS.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 27.—The following official communication was made public today: "Our offensive forces both in East Prussia and Galicia have developed increasing success. On August 25th the Germans hastily retreated everywhere toward Koenigsberg and Allenstein."

REPORTS DIFFER AS TO PROGRESS OF RUSSIANS IN GERMANY

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Aug. 27.—It is officially announced, says a St. Petersburg correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company, that the Russian advance is proceeding in Prussia with irresistible force. The Germans have retreated to Osterode, East Prussia, 100 miles west of Gumbinnen.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Aug. 27.—Correspondents of Lokal Anzeiger and Tageblatt who are at the Austrian headquarters estimate strength of the Russian forces beaten at Krasnik, a town of Russian Poland, at four or five army corps of 200,000 men. The Russian advance guard was ejected August 23 from the heights of Krasnik and Frampol. A sanguinary battle followed and was only finally decided August 25.

AUSTRIAN ARMY EVACUATES NOVIPAZAR.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Aug. 27.—A dispatch from Kragujevatz, Serbia, declares the Austrian army has evacuated the province of Novipazar.

FRENCH SAID TO BE MAKING PROGRESS.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Aug. 27.—An official statement issued this afternoon says: "Events of yesterday in the regions to the north have neither impeded nor modified the arrangements made in view of future developments of operations in the region between the Vosges Mountains and Nancy. Our troops continue to make progress."

REPORT WARSHIP INVESTIGATING COOS BAY NAVAL BATTLE RUMOR

UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT GOVERNMENT RECEIVED INFORMATION OF IT BY WIRELESS AND IS SENDING VESSEL TO SCENE—OTHERS SAY IT WAS THUNDER LITTLE DEFINITE NEWS CONCERNING IT.

According to an unconfirmed report received here today a U. S. war vessel is speeding towards Coos Bay to investigate the naval battle report. It was stated that the government had received wireless reports confirming the reported battle.

Capt. T. J. Maegem and officers of the Breakwater today stated that they had seen a life buoy afloat about six miles north of Coos Bay. The life buoy bore the inscription "A. R. K. D." It was not picked up and apparently nothing was attached to it. Whether it might have any connection with the sea battle reports is uncertain.

GORST SAYS IT WAS MERELY THUNDERSTORM.

V. C. Gorst, who was driving a stage auto along the beach between Coos Bay and Gardiner yesterday, states that the noise heard by many and thought by them to be the boom of guns in a naval battle was really a thunderstorm. He said that from where he was he could see the flashes of lightning preceding the thunder, the storm being off shore.

The whole affair today is causing much joshing, although many still maintain that they heard cannonading. At North Bend, some wag posted a sign saying that "Admiral L. J. Simpson wanted 100 volunteers immediately to defeat Shore Acres."

Capt. B. W. Olson of the Adeline is much larger than the Leipzig. The Smith, which arrived off Coos Bay at midnight, neither saw nor heard anything that might throw any light on the reported naval engagement off Coos Bay yesterday. Until they reached the Coquille river they were outside the fog and had a view for at least ten miles. Captain Olson said that he did not hear any thunder.

The Adeline met a big English oil tanker, the Pomur, off Crescent City. She was proceeding southward at a good clip and did not indicate that she had any fear of being captured. On his last trip down, another big English vessel, the Candidate, was alongside of him most of the time. The Candidate was evidently fearful of trouble, as she kept in close to shore so that in case of being hailed by a German vessel she could get inside the three-mile limit of the United States, where battle would be forbidden. She hugged the shoreline much closer than the Adeline and Captain Olson thinks that she must have had a coastmaster as pilot. She kept her wireless silent until just outside of San Francisco.

Captain Olson saw the Japanese warship Idzumo at San Francisco Bay and he also saw the German cruiser Leipzig there. The Idzumo is much larger than the Leipzig. The Leipzig left Port quite a bit in advance of the Jap warship and, while she cleared for action, it was believed to be merely for defensive purposes.

Captain Olson says that he cannot believe that there was any engagement off Coos Bay.

Heard Shots Last Night. Wireless Operator Debelierulle of the Geo. W. Elder states that he heard two shots distinctly last night about midnight. They were about sixty miles northwest of Coos Bay and the fog was so dense that he could not locate exactly the direction or probable distance.

Did Not See Anything. Captain Maegem of the Breakwater said that he did not see or hear anything of any warships enroute down the coast. The Breakwater arrived in this morning.

Saw Whalers. Thayer Grimes, who returned on the Elder after a three-year stay in the East, said that he did not see or hear anything that resembled a naval battle. He thinks it must have been thunder. A short distance south of the Columbia River they saw two big whalers in a school of sperm whales. He saw them shoot two monster whales.

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

Exact knowledge of the importance of the fall of the French cities Lille, Valenciennes and Roubaix, which was reported from Ostend and passed by the London censor, awaits official statements. An earlier dispatch from Ostend quotes a Belgian officer as saying that the Allies had decided not to defend Lille and its evacuation by the French was announced by the Mayor Tuesday. Lille was strongly fortified.

An official announcement at St. Petersburg says the Russian advance in Prussia is proceeding with irresistible force. Their objective is Posen. A merchant arriving in London from Berlin is credited with the statement that trains were bringing many refugees to Berlin from Lonsberg, where civilians had been advised to leave.

Diplomatic relations between Austria and Japan apparently have been formally severed, the ambassadors of both countries having been recalled.

Keen interest continues in the attitude that Italy will eventually assume. A Rome correspondent says Germany and Austria are bringing great pressure to bear, offering Italy inducements to join them.

The small German cruiser Madgeburg on entering Finnish Bay was run aground after a fight with superior Russian forces and blown up by her captain. The most of the crew were saved.

A large number of prisoners, chiefly Turcos (French African troops) and British soldiers, passed through Aix la Chappelle today.

Liman Pasha, a German military officer who was in charge of the reorganization of the Turkish army, having been loaned by Germany to Turkey for that purpose, has been appointed commander-in-chief of the Turkish European forces.

FRENCHMEN ENJOY GERMAN PIPES.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Aug. 27.—The Matin relates that on a special train bringing wounded Senegalese from Fleming, nearly all found smoking furiously from long porcelain pipes taken from the enemy, and seemingly indifferent to wounds, although their bodies were lashed by saber thrusts. The Senegalese complain of nothing but their obligation to fight with shoes on. Before going into battle at Charleroi they slyly rid themselves of these impediments and came back shod in German footwear to avoid punishment for losing equipment.

KAISER WILHELM DER GROSSE SUNK BY BRITISH CRUISER

British Cruiser Highflyer Meets the German Vessel Off Coast of Africa, and Smites Her With Disastrous Effect.

WAS RECENTLY CHANGED FROM MERCHANTMAN TO ARMED CRUISER

Has Since Been Engaged in Searching the Seas for British Merchantmen—Was a Monster Vessel.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse has been sunk off the west coast of Africa by the British cruiser Highflyer.

The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse was one of the palatial steamers of the North German Lloyd line. At the outbreak of the war she was converted into an armed cruiser and since has been active in searching for British merchantmen. Her tonnage was 14,349 and she was 626 feet long.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER WRECKED BY MINE.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The Norwegian steamer Gottfried, was blown up in the North Sea by a floating mine—members of the crew losing their lives. The captain of the Gottfried and three others were picked up from floating wreckage and brought into Shields by a fishing boat. Officers of the latter say they were alarmed all during the night by distant explosives which followed each other at intervals. About 6 a. m. the lookout on the Norden sighted and picked up a man floating on a plank. Later the captain was found floating in a life belt and two others were rescued from the floating wreckage. The Gottfried went down immediately after striking the mine.

JAP AND BRITISH CRUISERS CHASING LEIPZIG.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

SEATTLE, Aug. 27.—The British cruisers Newcastle and Rainbow and the Japanese cruiser Idzumo and scout steamer Prince George are cruising off Vancouver Island today, seeking the German cruiser Leipzig. They think the Leipzig and a steam schooner which left Seattle recently with coal have a rendezvous off the Northwest coast of Vancouver Island and that the steam schooner and Leipzig are in communication with a private wireless station on Puget Sound.

JAPANESE TROOPS NOT YET LANDED.

TSING TSAU, Aug. 27.—There is no evidence here of landing Japanese troops in Kiao Chow territory. It is believed that the heavy rains of Kiao Chow after the summer rains will deter any Japanese attack for many days. All native shipping in Kiao Chow has been suspended.

TOKIO, Aug. 27.—The Austrian ambassador, Baron Muller de Szentgyorgy, has been recalled.

Reports from Vienna yesterday announced that the Austrian government Tuesday handed passports to the Japanese ambassador. Other reports from the Austrian capital stated that Austria considered herself at war with Japan because of the latter country's declaration of war against Germany.

ALL NAMUR FORTS HAVE FALLEN.

BERLIN (Wireless to Associated Press via Sayville, L. I.), Aug. 27.—All the forts at Namur have fallen and Longwy, near the Luxembourg border, has been captured after a resolute defense. The French forces which attacked the German Crown Prince's army have been repulsed. Upper Alsace is free of the enemy except at points to the westward of Kolmar.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

TOKIO, Aug. 27.—The Empress is occupied daily in making bandages for Red Cross workers, ably assisted by court ladies. Patriotic lantern displays are being held in various cities and the people are crowding moving picture shows where battle scenes are reproduced.

JAPANESE BLOCAD KIAO CHOW.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

TSING TSAU, Aug. 27.—Vice-Admiral Kato, from his flagship Suwo sent a wireless to Governor Waldeck this morning declaring a blockade of the German leased territory of Kiao Chow. Later the Japanese warships appeared outside the harbor and shelled a small island off the coast which was not occupied by Germans. The German governor notified the American Consul Peck that he had twenty-four hours in which to leave if he desired. Peck elected to remain.

JAPANESE ATTACK ON FORT FAILS.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—The Japanese attack on Tsing Tau, the fortified port of Kiao Chow, has failed, and the Japanese are now preparing for a siege, according to a cable message received here today by German Ambassador Bernstorff from the German embassy at Peking.

RUSSIAN INVASION CONTINUES.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that the Russian Chief-of-Staff announces that since Sunday the Russians' invasion of Galicia and Prussia has continued uninterruptedly along a wide front.

GERMAN PROVINCE SURRENDERS.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—It is announced officially that German Togoland in West Africa has surrendered unconditionally. The Allies will enter Kamina Thursday morning.

RUSSIANS OCCUPY PRUSSIAN CITY.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 27.—It is officially announced that the Russians have occupied Tilsit, a town sixty miles northeast of Koenigsberg, East Prussia.

An official statement issued by the War Office says: "The German troops retreated from the region of Mazuren in a Prussia after the Russian victory. The Russian advance is unretarded. It is confirmed that a hundred cannon were taken from the enemy."