

# WORLD'S GREATEST WAR DAY BY DAY

## A BATTLE PICTURE

Belgian Attempt to Hold Malines Described by E. A. Powell, special Correspondent of the New York World, and the only correspondent in Antwerp who is not a Belgian. He has been officially designated by Belgium as Medium of Communication With America and the Only Correspondent Permitted to Accompany the Army.

ANTWERP, Belgium.—Sept. 4.—The helmeted legions which were driven out of Malines Tuesday were re-inforced yesterday, and before their overwhelming onset the Belgians suddenly gave way and retreated with china on shoulders. I write of what I saw with my own eyes, as I had the distinction of being the only American correspondent permitted to accompany the forces, the government placing a military car at my disposal.

The battle of Malines, in which four Belgian divisions, totaling 50,000 men, and a considerably stronger force of Germans, was fought in that wonderfully beautiful region five miles south of the famous lace city and a dozen miles from Brussels.

To get a clear conception of the battle one must picture a fifty-foot high railway embankment, its steep sloping sides, heavily wooded, stretching across a smiling, fertile countryside, like a monstrous green snake.

A Sally From Antwerp On this line runs fast trains from Antwerp to Brussels. Malines, with its historic buildings and famous cathedral, lies on one side of this embankment and Wilwode on the other, four miles separating them. Tuesday the Belgians, believing the German communications to be poorly guarded and the Brussels garrison too weak to assist them, rashly sallied from the shelter of the Antwerp defenses and took the offensive like a terrier striking at a bulldog.

They drove the Germans from Malines, but the Germans brought up a fresh army corps and yesterday morning the Belgians found themselves in a perilous position. The battle hinged on the possession of the embankment and was fought along a ten-mile front.

Belgians Were Cool It began at dawn with an artillery duel across the embankment. By noon the cannonading was terrific. The Germans got the range and a rain of which I viewed the battle was fairly carpeted, with bodies of German infantrymen killed yesterday.

I saw peasants throw twelve into one grave. I saw evidence of German atrocities myself, for at a hamlet near Sempst, I helped bury an aged farmer and his son, inoffensive peasants, executed by Germans because a Belgian soldier shot a Uhlans in front of their farmhouse. The bodies were terribly bayoneted.

Vulturelike Zeppelin. During the height of the battle a Zeppelin slowly circled over the field like a great vulture awaiting a feast.

By 4:00 all the Belgian troops were withdrawn except a thin screen to cover the retreat. I was anxious to witness the German advance and remained on the outskirts of Sempst after all the Belgians had withdrawn except a picket of ten men. I had my car waiting with the motor running.

The Germans preface their advance with a terrible fire. The air was filled with whining shrapnel, farm houses collapsed amid puffs of brown smoke. The sky was smeared in a dozen places with the smoke of burned dwellings.

Suddenly a soldier crouching beside me cried: "Les Allemands; Les Allemands!" From a screen of woods along the embankment burst a long line of gray figures, hoarsely cheering. At the same moment I heard a splutter of shots in the village below me and my chauffeur screamed, "Hurry for your life, monsieur, the Uhlans are upon us!"

I think I broke the world's record for the distance in getting to my car. As we shot down the road which leads to Antwerp at fifty miles an hour, the Uhlans cantered into the village, the sun striking on their lance tips.

Load Jammed in Retreat. The retreat from Malines was a never to be forgotten sight. For twenty miles every road was jammed with clattering cavalry, plodding infantry and rumbling guns, their caissons covered with green boughs to mask their position. Gendarmes with giant bearskins, chauffeurs in green coats, carbiniers in leather hats, machine guns drawn by dogs, ambulances with Red Cross flags and cars, cars, cars, all the dear old familiar American makes among them contributed to form a mighty human river flowing Antwerpward.

Malines has a population of 50,000 and 45,000 fled when they heard the Germans were returning. Sights along the road were pathetic beyond description. Children and aged, rich and poor, lame and blind, with their few poor belongings on their backs and piled in push carts, clogged roads and impeded the soldiery. These people were abandoning all they held most dear to pillage and destruction.

They were completely terrorized by the Germans. But the Belgian army is not terrorized. It is a retreating army, but it is victorious in retreat. The army is cool, confident, courageous, and if the German giant leaves himself unguarded a single instant, little Belgium will drive home a solar plexus blow.

Leaving Hungary to Become Independent Nation. LONDON, Sept. 4.—The militia correspondent of the Times today says: "We and the Dutch need have a doubt that the annexation of all North Sea ports, from the Straits of Dover to Emden, will follow a German success in the war—a success which would only be preliminary to the concentration of all German effort upon the subjugation of England."

A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram Company from Berlin via Amsterdam says that Field Marshal Baron Kolman von Der Goltz has been appointed military governor of the occupied part of Belgium and has proceeded to his post. The governor of the district of Aix-La-Chapelle was appointed civil administrator for the same region.

## FOREIGN BORN IN AMERICA

Far More of German Descent Than of Any Other Nationality.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 4.—There were 13,515,886 persons of foreign birth in the United States in April, 1910, according to the report on population issued by Director William J. Harris, of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. These 13,515,886 foreigners constituted 14.7 per cent of the total population of the United States in 1910; 13,345,545 of them were whites, the remainder, which was only 170,341, representing chiefly Japanese and Chinese. The foreign born in the United States in 1900 numbered 10,341,276, and constituted 13.6 per cent of the total population.

Foreign Born White by Countries.

The country of birth of the 13,345,545 white foreigners in 1910 was as follows:

England	876,455
Scotland	261,034
Wales	82,479
Ireland	1,352,155
Germany	2,501,181
Norway	403,858
Sweden	665,183
Denmark	181,621
Netherlands	120,053
Belgium	49,397
Luxemburg	3,068
France	117,236
Switzerland	124,834
Portugal	57,623
Spain	21,977
Italy	1,343,070
Russia	1,602,752
Finland	129,689
Hungary	495,600
Austria	1,174,924
Roumania	65,920
Bulgaria, Servia, and Montenegro	21,451
Greece	101,264
Turkey in Europe	32,221
Turkey in Asia	59,702
Canada—French	385,083
Canada—Other and Newfoundland	816,063
Mexico	219,802
Cuba and other West Indies (except Porto Rico)	23,169
All other countries	66,701

The number of foreign born white males over 21 years of age in the United States in 1910 was 6,646,817. Of these, 2,034,117 were naturalized; 570,772 had "first papers;" 2,166,535 were aliens; and there were 775,393 for whom the citizenship was not reported.

### THE COST TO RUSSIA OF ARMY AND NAVY

The virtual steady annual increase in cost of Russia's army and navy during the ten years following the year 1903 is shown in the following table:

Year	Approximately
1903	\$233,150,000
1904	245,650,000
1905	248,300,000
1906	252,100,000
1907	246,700,000
1908	206,100,000
1909	215,300,000
1910	223,800,000
1911	334,650,000
1912	404,650,000
1913	472,000,000

### PRaises English Forces.

French Commander Pays Tribute to Stand of Ally. LONDON, Sept. 4.—Gen. Joseph Joffre, commander in chief of the French forces, in a telegram to Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British forces, says:

"The British army did not hesitate, but threw its whole strength against forces which had great numerical superiority. In so doing it contributed in a most effective manner to securing the left wing of the French army."

"It exhibited in this task devotion, energy and perseverance to which I must now pay my tribute—qualities which will be shown again and make certain the triumph of our common cause. The French army will never forget the services rendered it. Our army is inspired with the same spirit of sacrifice and the determination to conquer, which animates the British forces, and will make good to them its debt of gratitude in the battles in the near future."

### RUSSIA RICH IN CROPS.

St. Petersburg Has a Bountiful Harvest to Draw From. LONDON, Sept. 4.—Half the money requested for the British hospital for Russian wounded was subscribed in a few minutes at a meeting held at the British embassy in St. Petersburg, says a correspondent to Reuter's Telegram Company.

The Russian capital is well provided with cereals, eggs, butter and fruit, and arrangements are progressing to bring from eighty to one hundred trucks of live cattle daily from Petropavlovsk, Orenburg and Moscow. The crops, though only of average supply this year, are more than sufficient for internal consumption, owing to the cessation of the export of grain. The Zemstvos are acting as intermediaries between the farmers and the military authorities.

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