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## ALLIES RETIRE ON BRUSSELS; ROYALTY FLEES

### Capture of Belgian Capital Believed to Be Certain and All National Records Have Been Moved to Antwerp.

## MAIN GERMAN ADVANCE IS SOUTH OF BRUSSELS

### In Event City Falls, Belgians Warn Civilians Against Demonstrations.

By United Press Correspondent.

Brussels, Aug. 18.—Slowly the Germans are forcing the Belgians and French back upon Brussels today. The city's capture is believed certain. All national records have been transferred to Antwerp, which will be made the temporary capital.

It was not expected the allies would make any heavy sacrifices to keep Brussels from falling into the Germans' hands. Its possession cannot affect the campaign's general outcome. Despite a rigid censorship, it was known there was skirmishing in many places at daylight.

The Germans were in greatest strength near Huy, about 40 miles southeast of here, and this strength was increasing as more men came up from the eastward.

The Kaiser's vanguard consisted of cavalry, supported by rapid fire guns mounted on automobile trucks.

500,000 Germans in Belgium.

The total German force in Belgium was known to be at least 500,000. This was not inclusive of conscripts of the Germans in Luxembourg and along the Franco-German frontier, where there were fully as many more.

The Kaiser's main German advance would be south of Brussels, the northern wing being relied on to capture the city.

Though it was not thought the allies would throw large numbers of lives

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## French Are Pressing Germans in Alsace

### Swiss Troops Prepare to Prevent Violation of Neutrality Laws by Losing Side on the Border.

Basel, Switzerland, Aug. 18.—An enormous French army was pressing the Germans in Alsace today along the Rhine.

The French were moving from four points, and sanguinary fighting was in progress.

Swiss troops were massed along the frontier to prevent whichever force lost from violating Swiss neutrality. It was believed the heaviest fighting was along a line running northward from Altkirch along the eastern slope of the Vosges mountains.

## Japan's Ultimatum Taken in Good Faith

### President Wilson Holds That American Neutrality Forbids Comment on the Issue With Germany.

Washington, Aug. 18.—The White House again today emphasized President Wilson's statement of yesterday that President Wilson's neutrality proclamation forbids discussion of Japan's ultimatum to Germany. The president's only statement regarding the situation so far was that he accepted the ultimatum in good faith.

### Russian Royalty to the Front.

London, Aug. 18.—The Russian embassy announced here today that 11 members of the Russian imperial family have gone to the front.

## War Bulletins

### Invading Austrians Rout.

Athens, Aug. 18.—Attempting to invade Serbia by way of the Sabatz mountains, a strong Austrian force was routed with a loss of 15,000 killed, wounded or captured, according to a message received here today from Premier Pashitch of Serbia.

The invaders were trapped in a mountain defile, it was stated, and mowed down in heaps. The shattered remnant of them retreated with the Servians in pursuit.

Fourteen cannon were taken by the Servians, the dispatch added.

It was reported that hard fighting was still in progress between Austrian and Montenegrin troops along the line between the towns of Krivostik and Grubovo.

Turkey's answer to the Greek demand for an explanation of what were deemed suspicious movements of the Sultan's troops in the direction of Greek territory was anxiously awaited. All preparations had been completed to strike with both army and navy against the Ottoman forces, unless a satisfactory response was forthcoming from Constantinople.

### German Raids Checked.

Brussels, Aug. 18.—"The allies' position is excellent. German raids in the direction of Brussels have been checked." The war office announced this afternoon.

The war office statement showed that one of the German camps was at Gembloux, northwest of Namur.

The German line, it was stated, extends through Gembloux, Outtenhovet and Veim.

### Crown Prince Reported Wounded.

London, Aug. 18.—That the German crown prince had been wounded in Belgium and taken to a hospital for treatment was given as an unconfirmed rumor in a dispatch from The Hague today. In contradiction of this a message received Monday from Berlin by way of Rome said the prince had been summoned from the front to Mainz to join the Kaiser, his father.

### Russians Over German Frontier.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—Russian cavalry was operating today miles within the German and Austrian frontiers. There have been many skirmishes, with heavy losses on both sides. The Russian mobilization had been practically completed.

### Germans Appeal to Wilson.

Washington, Aug. 18.—The National German alliance, with headquarters in Philadelphia, wired President Wilson today urging that he and congress appeal to Japan to not war on Germany in the orient. The telegram suggested referring the Kiao Chao matter to The Hague tribunal.

### Antwerp on War Basis.

Antwerp, Aug. 18.—Following reports that German cavalry patrols had been seen in Antwerp's vicinity, the burgomaster this afternoon ordered the civil guard upon a war footing immediately, and the city's fortifications manned.

### German Cruisers Captured.

Tokio, Aug. 18.—Two German cruisers, disabled in battle, have arrived in Hongkong as prizes, according to a message from there today. It was stated that their upper works were riddled and their decks were spattered with blood. Their names, however, were not given.

### Torpedo Boat Hits Mine.

Rome, Aug. 18.—Austrian torpedo boat 19 struck a submerged mine at the entrance to the harbor of Pola, the Austrian naval base, and was destroyed, only one member of the crew being saved, according to a Pola dispatch received here today.

### Russians Cross German Frontier.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—Russian troops have crossed the German frontier in at least six places, the war office announced today. A number of small German forces have been repulsed, it was stated, and several hundred prisoners taken.

### Russia Rushes Mobilization.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—"Russia's army mobilization," announced the war office today, "has been completed brilliantly. It was not expected it would be finished before the end of the month."

### Slav Force Mutinies.

Paris, Aug. 18.—A Slav regiment in the Fifteenth Austrian army corps mutinied at Prague today, and another one in a different part of Bohemia, according to the newspaper Le Matin.

## FRENCH FORCE GERMAN ARMY TO FALL BACK

### Kaiser's Troops Retiring on Strassburg Under Methodical Advance of Enemy Which Takes Prisoners.

## GUARD FRENCH LINES AGAINST FLANK ATTACK

### Strength of Fortifications Not Underestimated by French in Forward March.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Paris, Aug. 18.—"All day yesterday we continued our progress through Upper Alsace," General Joffre reported to the war office today.

"We have now conquered a large portion of the Vosges valleys on the Alsace watershed," he continued, "whence we will soon reach the plain."

It was believed Joffre was in personal command of the French troops in Alsace, that he planned to capture Strassburg, and that he would cross the Rhine there.

"The French have occupied the entire region for 32 miles inside the German frontier," the report went on. "Our troops pushed through the Sella valley. The Germans were forced to evacuate many passes."

Our forces now confront the Germans' heavily entrenched positions, almost surrounded by artillery.

"We have taken hundreds of prisoners in the past two days and quantities of supplies."

"The aggressiveness of the French force for action is extraordinary. General conditions everywhere do the greatest honor to the incomparable fibre of our troops and to their dauntless leaders."

It was unknown whether General French, leader of the British troops on the continent, was with the French in Alsace or had assumed the direction of the allies' campaign in Belgium. It was generally believed the latter was the case.

The war office announced that a German monoplane, flying a French flag, had thrown three bombs into Lunelville, France, without injuring any one or doing much damage.

## BRITISH GENERAL LEAVES PARIS FOR FRONT IN FAST AUTO

By William Philip Sims.

Paris, Aug. 18.—After a conference with the general staff, General French, commanding the British force on the continent, left here today in a racing automobile for the front. His exact destination was not made public.

The general seemed in an extremely cheerful frame of mind.

"The French in Alsace-Lorraine are moving forward methodically," announced an official war office bulletin. "The Germans are retiring on Strassburg. Many German prisoners have been taken."

"As the French lines advance fortifications are constructed to prevent successful flank attacks."

"The tremendous strength of the German fortifications of Strassburg have not been underestimated. The French artillery is expected to prove of benefit when the actual attempt to take the city is made."

"A flying squadron of French cavalry, sent to Rosheim, has ascertained that the main German column is holding a position south of Molsheim."

It was admitted that the task of getting the heavy French siege guns through the Vosges mountain passes and the Alsatian forests was proving an enormous one.

### Germans Are Retiring.

Paris, Aug. 18.—"The French advance continues steadily," the war office announced today.

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## Kaiser Advised to Yield to Japanese

### German Charge d'Affaires Would Cede Back Kiao Chao to Prevent Needless Slaughter of Men.

Washington, Aug. 18.—"The best thing Germany could do to prevent a slaughter of Germans in Kiao Chao would be to cede the province back to China."

This was the declaration here today of Charge d'Affaires von Halmhausen of the German embassy, following a conference with Secretary of State Bryan. Von Halmhausen was greatly concerned over the situation. He admitted he had received no advices from Berlin as to what Germany's attitude would be.

"There are only 3000 German soldiers in Kiao Chou," added von Halmhausen, "and with the present fortifications it would be impossible to successfully resist the Japanese attack."

"Personally I think the best thing Germany can do is to give the province back to China. At the beginning of the war, Germany proposed the neutralization of the territory in the far east but Japan refused. I realize we cannot retain Kiao Chou, but Germany cannot surrender it without a protest."

Von Halmhausen said he had "absolutely no faith" in Japan's promise to give Kiao Chou back to China and added that, like England, Japan was always making promises which she never kept."

## Capital Receives Deed to the Locks

### War Department Promises to Act on It Without Delay—Local Firm Gets Contract.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, Aug. 18.—The deed to the Oregon City locks has been received by the war department which promises to act on it with the greatest possible expedition.

### Pensions for Oregonians.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Sarah F. Wishard of Portland and Levin Huddleston of Dayton, Or., have been granted pensions of \$12.

### Portland Company Gets Contract.

Washington, Aug. 18.—The Pacific Tank & Pipe company of Portland have been awarded two contracts for wood-stave pipe for irrigation projects aggregating \$15,000.

## British Sloop Gets Free of Germans

### Little Vessel Has Narrow Escape in Thrilling Dash; German Ships Were Then Repainted.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 18.—That the little British sloop of war Algerine Friday narrowly escaped from two warships flying the German flag at La Push, 40 miles from Neah Bay, on the Washington coast, is the report made today by Albert Schuch, manager of the Sol Duc Mineral Springs company. In plain sight of those on shore, the German ships were then repainted. Schuch estimated 1000 men were at work, the vessels receiving a new color in a few hours.

They left the bay Friday night. Furniture, clothes and lifeboats, discarded by the Algerine in its flight, were picked up by Indians.

## Red Cross Offer Accepted by Allies

### American Society to Send Nurses, Surgeons and Supplies to England, France and Russia.

Washington, Aug. 18.—England, France and Russia have formally accepted the offer of the American Red Cross to send surgeons, nurses, surgical equipment and hospital supplies to European battlefields, according to announcement here today.

## Kaio Chao Contains But Few Americans

### Half of the 12 to 15 Americans Who Are Living in the Oriental City Are Women and Children.

Washington, Aug. 18.—The state department advised today that only 12 to 15 Americans were in Kiao Chao, but that half of the number were women and children.

## Czar to Assume Command at Moscow

Washington, Aug. 18.—The state department received today a dispatch from St. Petersburg, dated August 12, announcing that the czar had decided to go to Moscow and assume personal command of the Russian army.

## Lightweights Get the Best of Civil Service

### Food and Water Give Needed Avoirdupois

Slender breakfasts almost cost two applicants for positions in the fire bureau their chance in the municipal civil service examination which started this morning. A square meal for one and a few minutes at the water fountain for the other saved the day for them, however.

The minimum weight for all applicants is 125 pounds. While the physical examination was in progress today two were discovered under weight. The first weighed 124 1/2 pounds, and the other an even 124 pounds. They were just about to be barred when the first was heard to say that he had eaten a small breakfast. One of the examiners suggested that he eat some more, and a few seconds later he was in the restaurant across from the city hall. The other was told to drink all

## BELGIANS' OUTPOSTS DRIVEN BACK TO MAIN BATTLE LINE POINTS

### Fighting Almost Steady Along the Entire Line; German Cavalry Advance.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Brussels, Aug. 18.—The Germans were reported this afternoon driving Belgian outposts back upon the allies' main force at several points along the battle line.

There was almost continuous fighting along the line's whole length.

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Whether or not a general engagement had begun was not known.

## Canada to Aid England.

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—The Canadian parliament convened today. The Duke of Connaught's opening speech was devoted entirely to the war. Parliament was expected to appropriate from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000 to aid England.

## Japan Appeals to China.

Shanghai, Aug. 18.—Japan today formally asked the Peking government to endeavor to persuade Germany to evacuate Kiao Chou peacefully and transfer the territory to China.

## WAR SCENES IN BELGIUM AND ENGLAND



Top—Belgian cavalry buglers calling Belgian troops to the colors. Bottom—Scene in front of the Royal Exchange, London, during the reading of the official proclamation that England had declared war on Germany.

## INNES AND WIFE TO BE HELD IN GIRL MYSTERY

### Affidavits Are Furnished by Marshall Nelms, Brother of Mrs. Eloise Dennis and Beatrice Nelms of Atlanta, Ga. The Request Has Been Sent to Springfield, Or., Near Where Innes is Said to Be at Present. It is Understood that the United States bureau of investigation has furnished the evidence upon which the affidavits are based.

## FORMER NEVADAN SAID TO BE IN LANE COUNTY

### Bureau of Investigation Said to Have Furnished Evidence for Affidavits.

(Special to The Journal.)

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—Affidavits have been filed by Marshall Nelms at San Antonio, Texas, asking for the detention of Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Innes, in connection with the strange disappearance of Eloise Dennis and Beatrice Nelms of Atlanta, Ga. The request has been sent to Springfield, Or., near where Innes is said to be at present. It is understood that the United States bureau of investigation has furnished the evidence upon which the affidavits are based.

According to a story published in a San Antonio newspaper, officers found two partly incinerated bodies in the yard of a cottage occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Innes at San Antonio, and the supposition is that they might be the remains of the missing Nelms girls.

The story said also that neighbors had become suspicious of Innes because of his having destroyed such a quantity of rubbish and feminine wearing apparel and trinkets.

Mr. and Mrs. Innes left Portland for Lane county about one week ago.

## WOMAN IS KILLED IN REVOLVER FIGHT WITH YOUNG HOLDUP MAN

### Bandit, Wounded in Battle, Runs, Then Asks Men for Medical Assistance.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 18.—Mrs. Marie Holcroft, 38, is dead today and Earl Loomis, 19, is at the county hospital with a bullet in his head following a sensational holdup last night in the ice cream parlor conducted by the dead woman's husband here.

Loomis entered the place, flourishing a revolver. Holcroft threw up his hands, but Mrs. Holcroft seized a revolver. The youth turned and fired, a bullet entering the woman's breast. She supported herself at a counter and fired repeatedly as the young bandit fled to the door, one bullet entering his head, lodging behind the eye. The woman died soon after. Loomis ran several blocks, then asked two men to send for the police. He will be operated on today. His condition is not critical.

The Holcrofts had no children. The husband is prostrated.

Loomis repulsed his aged mother when she called at the hospital to see him.

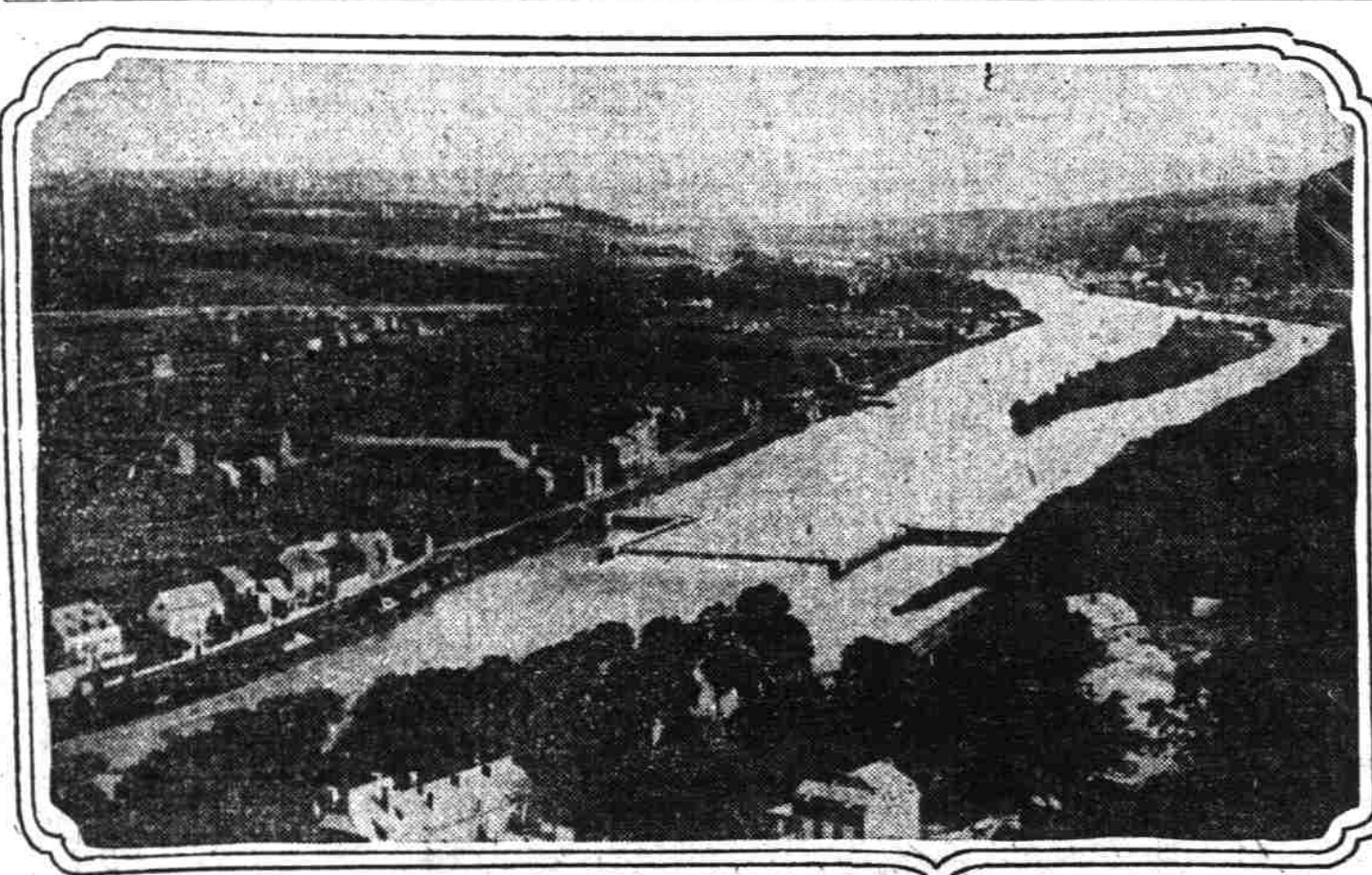
"Get away," he said. "I took a chance and am ready to pay the penalty."

The young man has been employed in a dyeing works here.

## Rangers Ordered to Hunt Missing Men

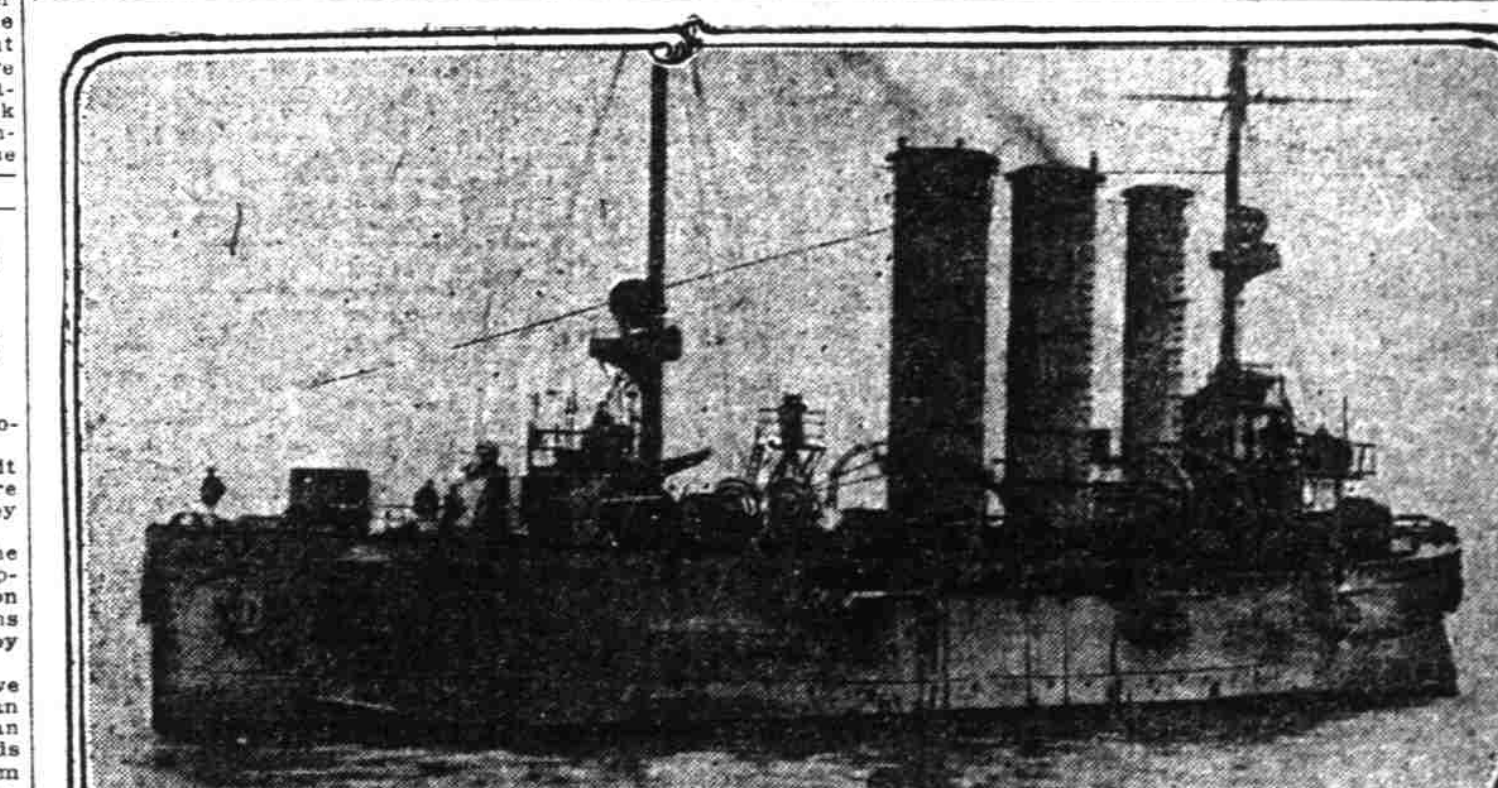
San Bernardino, Cal., Aug. 18.—Forest rangers throughout the San Bernardino mountains were notified today to search for Charles Swast, 17, and V. L. Rehn, 17, of Newport beach, who are believed to be lost on the desert side of the range where there is little water. They disappeared last week.

## MEUSE VALLEY NO LONGER A REALM OF PEACE AND PLENTY



Meuse valley, from a scene taken in the vicinity of Namur.

## GERMAN WARSHIP THAT HAS BEEN HOVERING OFF COAST



Leipzig cleared for action and a long way from home.