

GERMAN OCCUPATION OF BRUSSELS GREAT POLITICAL ADVANTAGE

Possession of Belgium's Capital Would Be Strong Card at Peace Congress.

IMPORTANT ROAD CENTER

Abandonment of City Only Part of Strategy in Opinion of Experts Discussing European War.

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New York, Aug. 21.—(11 a. m.)—The German occupation of Brussels possesses a greater political than military advantage.

The city is strategically unimportant at present, but if Germany holds it when the war ends it will possess a strong card at the congress which drafts the peace terms.

Even if Germany should be defeated, its envoys will require all the material advantages they can show to minimize the terms against them, and possession of Brussels will be a fact with important bargaining possibilities. The Belgian capital is somewhat important as a railroad and communications center for the German army, but the circumstance that it is in a community hostile to the invaders lessens its usefulness.

Strategy is Fraised. The allies' strategy in abandoning it was admirable from an economic as well as from a military viewpoint, as its bombardment was thus prevented.

Of the Belgians who retreated to Antwerp, probably only enough will enter that city to do garrison duty, the rest being detached for active field service.

No dispatches mention the French or British as being with the Belgians in the north, and it is practically certain that they are in southern Belgium.

The Germans probably will not follow their advantage to the northward as there seems nothing to gain by such a detour. They must plant a sufficient force in front of Antwerp to keep the garrison locked up, but the main purpose of their advance is to reach France.

A Paris dispatch briefly suggests that if the Germans have selected a northern circling route, the allies' plans will have to be rearranged.

Strike Daring One. The possibilities of disconcerting the enemy may have outweighed with the German general staff the danger of following the course of the Scheidt into France, with Antwerp's great fortifications threatening first the German flank and then the rear. If so the strategy involved will be one of those daring war time strokes afterward described as the work of a genius if they succeed and the work of a fool if they fail.

The French operations about Metz and Saarbrück have been a feeling of the teeth in the lion's mouth of Strasbourg, and there has been no progress with the enveloping movement.

A French report mentions a French advance guard retreat to the River Sells. The stream is close to the French frontier and about 15 miles west of half a dozen towns in Lorraine taken by General Joffre. If the French retreat it means an evacuation of these, and Germany's second victory of the war.

Foreign Drugs and Chemicals Go Up

Roseburg, Or., Aug. 21.—In acknowledgment of a request from H. C. Darby of Roseburg, asking if the federal congress could take some action toward annulling patents on certain drugs, medicines and chemicals held by European concerns, United States Senator George E. Chamberlain has answered to the effect that the suggestion of Mr. Darby is an important one and is worth consideration.

Mr. Darby has learned that the drugs and chemicals controlled by foreign concerns were the only ones materially affected by the recent rise in prices. In case congress has a right to annul the patents on these drugs and chemicals, they can be manufactured in the United States much cheaper.

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Japanese Cruiser Ready Tomorrow

Work at Hunter's Point Drydock Being Rushed—Captain of War Vessel Friend of Lepsius's Commander.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—The bottom of the Japanese cruiser Izduma was undergoing a thorough cleaning today at the Hunter's Point drydock here, and was expected to be in the water again some time tomorrow.

After the last touches to the warship in preparation for trouble with Germany are completed the Izduma will take on stores and coal and will then be ready for battle.

A courtesy call on Mayor Rolph was made yesterday by Captain K. Mori-yama of the Izduma. The captain was accompanied by Consul General Numano and both assured Mayor Rolph that they hoped for peace. After visiting Collector Davis, Admiral Pond and General Murray and the commanding officers of the United States vessels in port, Captain Mori-yama returned to his vessel. The Japanese commander told Mayor Rolph that he and Captain Haun of the German cruiser Lepsius were warm personal friends, and that it would be a painful duty to have to meet his friend in battle.

Bomb Explosion Causes Comment

News Received at Chiasso, Switzerland, Telling of Injury of Ten Passengers on Railroad Train.

Chiasso, Switzerland, Aug. 21.—News that a dynamite bomb was exploded Wednesday night in a train bound from Naples to Rome created much comment here today.

No more was sent out than the bald announcement of the explosion, and the statement that 10 passengers were wounded, and it was supposed that the censor had prevented the transmission of details.

With Europe in its present disturbed state, it was felt that the incident might have high significance. Some believed it was an anti-militarist demonstration, in view of the threat of war between Italy and the Teutonic allies. Others conjectured that it was the work of anti-government agitators or of a German or Austrian, angered at Italy's refusal to join his former associates in the "Triple Alliance" against the rest of Europe.

Cardinal Vanutelli, who had been recalled from Naples to Rome by the pope's death, was a passenger on the train, but was not injured, though he was compelled by the outrage to await another train.

Labor Exemption Opposed. Washington, Aug. 21.—The Williamette Iron and Steel Works, and F. S. Harbison & Son wired Senator Lane that they disapprove the exemption of labor in the Clayton bill.

Boys Scuffle Over Paper; One Is Dead

Stabbed in Knee by His Brother, Orville Reese Succumbed to Blood Poisoning in Few Hours.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 21.—Orville Reese, 18 years old, is dead here today having been stabbed by his 15-year-old brother, Clarence, as the result of a scuffle to see which of the boys should read a copy of an evening paper first. When Clarence failed to wrest the paper from his brother, he ran into the house, grabbed a butcher knife and stabbed Orville in the knee. The wound was not considered serious but blood poison set in and he died in a few hours.

Chinese Sound Uncle Sam. Shanghai, Aug. 21.—The Chinese government has asked the United States charge d'affaires at the capital what the Washington administration would think of the cessation by Germany back to China of Kiao Chao, according to a message from Peking. It was surmised here that this meant Germany had suggested such an arrangement, but this was not known definitely.

Foreign Shipping Being Resumed

British Cruiser and French Montcalm Arrive Off Vancouver Island on Rush to Coast.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 21.—With the reported arrival of the British cruiser Newcastle and the French cruiser Montcalm off Vancouver island, and the departure of the German cruiser Lepsius for the Samoan islands, foreign shipping from Puget sound, paralyzed at the first boom of war, is being resumed today.

Both cruisers have been rushed to this coast to protect merchant vessels flying the flags of their respective nations, and their presence is having an immediate effect in restoring confidence.

The Newcastle left the naval station at Esquimalt, fully coaled, yesterday and put to sea. The Montcalm was reported coaling in Barclay sound, from scows.

Coincident with the activity of these cruisers is the departure last night for San Francisco of the Harrison direct liner Candidate, held here for a week because of the war scare. She carried a large cargo from here and will arrive at San Francisco, from where she will sail for Europe via the Panama canal.

Funds for British Wounded

Los Angeles, Aug. 21.—With many leading Anglo-Americans as directors the British Red Cross Society of Southern California is organized today to accept funds to promote the care of British wounded in the European war. British Consul C. Mortimer White heads the organization.

Raiding British Colony

London, Aug. 21.—Crossing the frontier from German East Africa into British territory a small German force is raiding villages and commandeering cattle and supplies, according to a message from Nairobi.

Swiss Are on Guard Against Austrians

Determined to Resist Any Further Invasion of Their Territory With Force, It Is Said.

Berne, Switzerland, Aug. 21.—Swiss troops were keeping a very close watch today on the Austrian force concentrating in the Tyrol near the international frontier.

It was the general opinion that they were gathering with a view to hostilities with Italy, but due weight was given to the possibility that they might be intended further to strengthen the Germans in Alsace, in which case a march along the Swiss-German border would be involved, perhaps attended, as happened in some instances when the Duke of Tuscany's forces made the same journey recently, with violations of Switzerland's neutrality.

Whether on the French, the German, the Austrian or the Italian slopes of the Alps, the Swiss were determined to resist any further invasions of their territory with force.

Oregon "Jacks" for Contending Armies

Governor West Receives Proposition From Man Who Believes Canning Plant Would Be Profitable to State.

Salem, Or., Aug. 21.—An eastern Oregon man has put a proposition up to Governor West to capitalize the war in Europe for the benefit of this state by engaging in the slaying and canning of jackrabbits, with the view of feeding the contending armies. He says there are plenty of jackrabbits in Oregon, and that all that is needed is a large cannery. Governor West has taken no action concerning the eastern Oregon man's plan.

PROSECUTION OF MEN RESPONSIBLE FOR BIG PRICE RISE LOOMING

High Government Official Declares Evidence Indicates There's Been Conspiracy.

INFLATION IS TO BLAME

This Is Declaration of Official Following an Extensive Search By Agents for Evidence.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Aug. 21.—That the men responsible for the recent advance in the price of foodstuffs will be indicted soon was the declaration today of a high government official here. He said the department of justice had gathered conclusive evidence showing that artificial inflation was responsible for the advance in prices.

Sees No Good Reason.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—Despite the stories told the federal grand jury yesterday by big sugar men of the Pacific coast in an effort to explain the "war prices" on that commodity, United States District Attorney Preston still believed today that there was no legitimate reason for the advance. Robert Oxnard, the millionaire beet sugar manufacturer, and Harry W. Thomas, secretary of a Hawaiian sugar corporation, were the principal witnesses. Ten other sugar men also testified.

Oxnard's explanation did not tally with that offered by Thomas at all, said Preston. "I am more convinced than ever that the rise in sugar prices was simply an attempted holdup. I think we will be able to prove without doubt that unlawful combinations have been formed by sugar men, jobbers and wholesalers." Other wholesale sugar men were to be called when the investigation was resumed today.

Mexican Boat Not Permitted to Leave

Collector at San Francisco Believes Coal Cargo Is Intended for the German Cruiser Lepsius.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—The torpedo boat Preble was still guarding the Mexican steamer Mazatlan in the harbor here today, and will continue on guard until the ownership and destination of 600 tons of coal on board the vessel are settled. Until then, the Mazatlan will not be allowed to leave.

Collector of Customs Davis believes the fuel is intended for the German cruiser Lepsius. "I have settled in my own mind," he said, "the identity of this coal. It is part of the fuel bought for the Lepsius when that cruiser was in San Francisco a few days ago. The Mazatlan will not be allowed to clear until its ownership, which is alleged to have changed, is clearly shown."

La France Brings Refugees.

New York, Aug. 21.—The French liner La France arrived here late yesterday with 1490 American refugees from Europe. All the vessels in the bay and the East river joined in an enthusiastic welcome, blowing their whistles, and their crews cheering the returning Americans. Factories and other establishments on shore also took part in the demonstration. It was the greatest welcome ever given any vessel entering the harbor since Admiral Dewey's victorious return from Manila.

La France's cabins were filled to capacity, and many millionaires slept in the steerage. Included among the passengers were many school teachers.

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—In Norfolk, both plain and fancy styles—in fact, every up-to-date model will be found here.
—They are lined with extra quality serge and mohair—the trousers are lined throughout and have taped seams.
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\$1.75, \$2.25, \$5.50, \$8.50 to \$14.50 Summer Dresses
Sale 98c, \$1.29, \$2.69, \$3.75 to \$6.95
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—Every girl's dress in our stock is placed on sale at these greatly reduced prices. There are dresses of

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—Made in the fashions of the day, on simple lines becoming to the younger girls. There are dresses for school wear and dresses daintily enough for parties and real hand-embroidered dresses. The trimmings are varied, but invariably follow out youthful ideas.
—When school days are so close at hand, many mothers will appreciate the possibilities of this sale, as these dresses are actually priced at less than they can be made at home.
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Suits Selling to \$40 Now \$15
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—They are of soft black velvet in a sailor style as illustrated, having two narrow bands of creamy white kid around the crown, finished with two small tailored bows. For an early Fall hat nothing could better fill your needs than one of these very new and extremely attractive hats.
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Sizes 15 to 17 years \$12.50 to \$15.00

Also For Little Boys from 1 to 8 years Newest Balmacaan Coats Of Tweed and Fancy Mixtures \$5.00 to \$9.00
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Women's New Silk Lisle Stockings The Regular 35c Qualities 24c Pair

—Made full-fashioned, with reinforced sole, heel and toe and extra wide garter tops. In black only.
—While these stockings were bought as seconds, their defects are so slight as not to impair the worth of their qualities. They were unpacked from their cases but yesterday morning and represent one of the best stocking bargains of the season.
—First Floor

Double Pique Collars and Vestees \$1.25

—Fashion heralds the arrival of the new double pique collars with vestees.
—There may be dresses for every hour of the day, but every dress and suit, generally speaking, must have its pique vest and collar.
—Combined vestees and collars, excellently made of fine quality pique are here in force. The vestees are long and ample and the collars are more graceful in line than any we have seen.
—They are fashioned after a new model that obviates the troublesome collar band and insures their staying in place, trimmed with pearl buttons.
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