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GERMAN GUNS ARE WRECKED BY FIRE OF BELGIAN ARMY

Artillery of Enemy Puts Heavy Siege Pieces Out of Commission in Battle Before Liege.

KAISER'S MEN DRIVEN BACK

Advance Into Belgium Has Been Checked Whole Length of Line—Germans Apparently are Waiting for Supplies—Wounded Soldiers are Being Taken Into Brussels.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 14.—The German advance has been checked the whole length of the line extending north and south through central Belgium, according to the war office. Reconnaissance on Wednesday and Thursday developed no weakness in the Belgian's position. The Germans apparently are waiting for supplies.

Attempts to cut their lines of communication with the rear failed but the war office looked on their situation as critical.

The Liege forts are still holding out. Between them and the German besiegers a fierce artillery duel is in progress.

It was the Belgian opinion that the Germans had abandoned hopes of reducing the fortifications. The Belgian gunners, it was stated were marvelously accurate not only mangle the German artillery fruitfully but wrecking the siege guns.

The war office insisted that in northern Belgium the Kaiser's forces were in danger of being driven backward across the frontier into Holland, where, on account of Dutch neutrality, they would be forced to disarm.

German cavalry renewed attempts today at raids upon scores of Belgian points, but the war office asserted all had failed, aviators giving warning in advance.

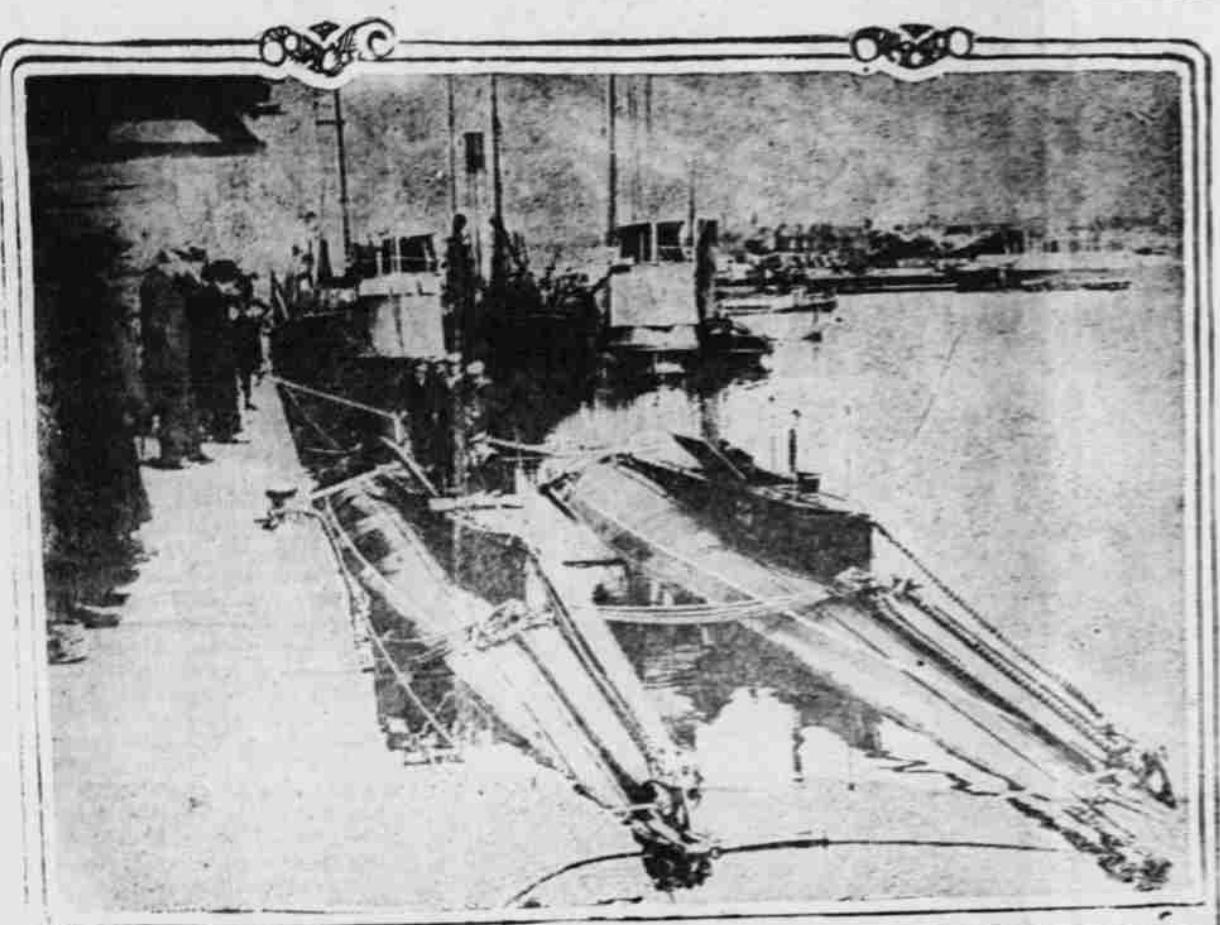
Wounded Belgians and Germans are streaming into Brussels.

Ports Still Hold.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 14.—The war office issued the announcement this afternoon that the Liege forts still are holding out. In denial of an American report that Germans had stormed Fort Pontine.

It was added that German cavalry had been cleared out of the country west of the line drawn from Hasselt to Ramillies. This meant it has been driven back 20 or 35 miles from its most advanced position.

ENGLISH SUBMARINES PREPARING TO DEPART AND COAST GUARDS ON WAY TO FRONT



In the upper photograph two submarines making ready for departure are shown. Both England and Germany are equipped with submarines and these man-controlled monsters of the deep are bound to play havoc with the fleets of the enemy. The lower photograph, just received from England, shows a regiment of coast guards on its way to the mobilization point. These men were among the English army of 22,000 that has already been landed on the continent to battle with the Germans.

Damaged Cruisers are Evidence of Sea Fight Off China

TOKIO, Aug. 14.—That there has been a desperate naval battle off the China coast was confirmed today on the arrival at Hongkong of two badly damaged cruisers, said to have many wounded on board. Though the censor wouldn't permit the transmission of the vessels' names it is believed they are either the Duplex and Montcalm of the French fleet, or the British cruisers Minotaur and Hampshire. It is conjectured they had been in a battle with the German cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau.

CONSPIRACY TO BOOST PRICES HINTED AT IN MANY REPORTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Preliminary reports received by the department of justice from United States district attorneys throughout the country declared that many increases in the price of foodstuffs are not justified and indicated a conspiracy to boost the price.

Hundreds of telegrams have been received by McReynolds, who will report to congress within a week. In many places, it was said, meat, eggs, butter, poultry and cheese dealers are creating an artificial famine by holding such foods in cold storage in the hope of forcing up prices.

Mrs. Champ Clark, wife of the speaker of the house, has proposed a substitution of vegetables for meats as much as possible.

New York Poor Suffer. NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—The densely populated east side is suffering intensely as a result of the soaring food prices. Many are actually starving. Loaves of bread have been reduced one and one half ounces in weight. The price of milk is a half cent higher. Eating places throughout the city raised their prices. The patronage is falling off.

Advocates Boycott. CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Members of (Continued on Page 5)

FRANCE SEEKS TO HAVE GERMANS IN SWITZERLAND HELD

Neutrality Has Been Violated by Cavalry Crossing Country to Escape From Frenchmen.

ALL SHOULD BE DISARMED

Heavy Fighting is Reported in Mountain Passes Where Germans Fail to Recapture Their Position—Killed and Wounded on Both Sides are Said to be Enormous.

PARIS, Aug. 14.—Charges that German cavalry have violated Swiss neutrality in attempting to escape from the French in Alsace is made in a government statement issued here. It is said that France will ask Switzerland to act. Whenever the Germans are driven across the neutral frontier the foreign office holds they should be disarmed and interned until the end of the war.

Germans from Molsheim, it was announced, tried to recapture the Sainte Marthe and Bonhomme passes in the Vosges mountains from the French but were repulsed by Gallic artillery. At last accounts it was said a German division was trapped at the entrance of the Sainte Marthe pass.

Fighting in Progress. PARIS, Aug. 14.—There has been furious fighting between the French and the Germans in the Vosges mountain passes according to an announcement by the war office.

It was stated the Germans tried to recapture the position which the French occupied on Sunday but it is claimed they were repulsed. One German division was said to have been surrounded in the mountains and forced to surrender. The killed and wounded on both sides are said to have been appalling.

ADVANCE GOES ON AS PLANNED SAYS GERMAN MESSAGE

BERLIN, Aug. 14.—(Delayed)—The German advance on the French frontier is proceeding as planned. Heavy losses the Germans sustained are being anticipated. The movement continues along the lines the general staff selected. The fact it continues toward Paris shows that claim of German disasters is unfounded. Details of the army positions are unknown.

AUSTRIAN WARSHIPS TAKEN FROM MONTENEGRIN COAST

WAR VESSELS WITHDRAWN TO RESIST ATTACK OF COMBINED FLEETS.

VIENNA, Aug. 14.—Two warships of Austria that had blockaded the Montenegrin coast have been withdrawn as it was deemed they are more urgently needed to resist the expected attack by the combined British and French Mediterranean fleets.

DUTCH RED CROSS IS NOT ALLOWED TO CROSS LINE

GERMAN COMMANDER FORBIDS NURSES TO AID WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 14.—The commander of the German troops in Belgium has forbidden the Dutch Red Cross to pass its line. It was learned here he also refused to allow his wounded to cross the frontier into Holland because they must remain there as non-combatants even if they recover, Holland being neutral. The Germans are concealing their losses.

Holland is Neutral. PARIS, Aug. 14.—The Dutch government officially gave the French government renewed assurance of its neutrality in the present conflict and of its firm intention to make it respected.

U. S. Neutrality Proclaimed. WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—President Wilson officially proclaimed United States neutrality in the war between England and Austria.

STEAMSHIP HITS MINE; 20 ARE LOST WHEN BOAT SINKS

TRIESTE, Austria, Aug. 14.—That the Austrian Lloyd merchant steamship Baron Butsch struck a floating mine off Lussin, Dalmatia and was sunk was officially announced. Twenty perished and 130 were saved.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Belgians have situation well in hand in their country and are holding back the Germans. Successes of allies are reported from every quarter. General Von Emmich, German commander, reported to have committed suicide when rebuked by general staff. German siege guns are destroyed by well directed fire of the Belgians. French want Germans who are chased to Swiss soil held until after war is over. Declare Germans violate Swiss neutrality. Conspiracy to boost food prices intimated in reports from various parts of the country. Damaged cruisers evidence of sea fight off China coast. Austrian steamship strikes mine and is sunk. Advance of Germans goes on declares Berlin dispatches. Austrian warships quit Montenegrin coast to meet allied fleets of France and British.

Local. Pendleton to celebrate opening of Panama canal tomorrow. Signal service maintainer has narrow escape from death. District Warden Averill may be appointed federal inspector. Brother of Miss Wilkie on route to visit her is recalled to regiment by war.

BELGIANS IN ENTIRE COMMAND OF SITUATION GERMAN INVASION PROVES TO BE A FAILURE GEN. VON EMMICH REPORTED TO BE SUICIDE

LONDON, Aug. 14.—Overwhelming success by the allies against the Germans in Belgium were announced by the British military press bureau today.

The announcement said that on Wednesday six regiments of German cavalry, supported by 2500 infantry and a heavy detachment of artillery moved against the Belgian field headquarters at Louvain. Scouts and aeroplanists divulged the approach. The Belgians shelled the German column, afterward charging. The German cavalry was forced to withdraw. The infantry and artillery were routed. The battle lasted all day and covered 15 miles of territory.

On Friday morning, the announcement continued, the Belgians from the Namur fortifications trapped a German cavalry division supported by infantry and artillery and defeated them driving them eastward and capturing many prisoners and all the machine guns.

The announcement added the Belgians had entire command of the situation, the Germans being repulsed everywhere.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 14.—Rumors that General Von Emmich suicided after being rebuked by the general army staff were published tonight by newspapers here. The reports were attributed to German prisoners of war.

WAR BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—American Ambassador Page called the state department that he had taken charge of the Austrian embassy in London. Chandler Hale is in charge.

To Investigate News Situation. NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Ray W. Howard, president of the United Press, sailed for Europe on the American liner New York. He is going to London and possibly other European cities to investigate the situation regarding the transmission of news.

Americans Sailed. HAVRE, Aug. 14.—Loaded with Americans, the French liner Chicago sailed for New York.

German Commander Dead. BRUSSELS, Aug. 14.—It has been widely reported here that General Von Emmich, the German commander at Liege is dead. The report couldn't be confirmed.

Italian Reservists in Belgium have been ordered home for mobilization.

Dutch on Frontier. ROTTERDAM, Aug. 14. via London.—Sixty thousand Dutch troops are on the line of the frontier. Large areas of land have been flooded to a depth of three feet as a precautionary measure.

Reports Sunk Vessels. LONDON, Aug. 14.—That he passed seven sunken German ships off Spurnhead is reported by the Captain of a Danish vessel arriving at West Hardepoel, according to a dispatch published in the Chronicle. The official press bureau had no news of such an incident.

Spy Mortally Wounded. ONTARIO, Aug. 14.—An unidentified man believed to be a German spy was found prowling about the Wolseley barracks. He was ordered to halt. He refused and was shot and mortally wounded.

Americans Go to Holland. WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—A dispatch from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin via Copenhagen, was received at the state department today. It left Copenhagen yesterday afternoon. Americans in Germany, the dispatch said, are being sent to Holland on special trains.

German Prisoners Arrive. PARIS, Aug. 14.—The first German prisoners passed through Paris on their way to Poitiers. The men were mostly Luddans. The train conveying them passed round the city on the belt railroad, so that few of the general public saw them.

ENGLISH ARMY CHIEF WILL BE PROMINENT WAR FIGURE



LONDON, Aug. 14.—The main body of the English army soon to be sent across the channel to France will probably be headed by Inspector General Sir John French, one of the best trained soldiers in the entire English army. It is possible the Inspector General French will assume command of both the French and Belgian armies should the three fighting forces be merged to meet the Germans.