

GERMANS REPORTED CLOSING IN ON PARIS

BERLIN WILD WITH JOY OVER REPORTED VICTORIES WHICH ARE BELIEVED WILL OPEN WAY FOR ATTACK ON PARIS

BERLIN, Aug. 28.—(via Rome)—Convinced that the latest victories of the Germans over the British and French in Belgium and along the French frontier, will mean the arrival soon of the kaiser's troops in Paris, Berlin today is half-delirious with joy.

It was announced that the German infantry has shown itself superior to the enemy at Neubeuge, Longwy, Namur and other places. Much fighting, it was admitted, has been at the point of the bayonet. It was admitted that the losses have been tremendous.

LETTER FROM PARIS THROWS VIVID LIGHT ON WAR SPIRIT

Letters received by Mrs. Levi Ankeney of Walla Walla from her daughter Mrs. Pope and her husband, Captain Francis H. Pope, military attaché at the American embassy in Paris throw vivid light on the scenes within that city since the war broke.

Longwy Has Fallen. Paris learned today of the fall of the French town of Longwy which was contained in an official dispatch. The garrison, it was said, have made a heroic defense since August 3, a single battalion resisting a bombardment by a superior force until half its number were either killed or wounded.

In taking the town the Germans are said to have lost heavily. If the Germans succeed in breaking the second line of the allied army in Belgium, it was admitted, the invaders will have before them a comparatively open road to Paris, which, however, is protected by fortifications of tremendous strength.

On the Lorraine frontier the struggle between the French and Germans continued today. Messages from the front said the Germans have lost 60,000 in killed and wounded in the three days fighting at Charleroi, Belgium, the corpses being piled so high in some places that they had to be removed in order to give the artillery free play.

Big Force Advancing. PARIS, Aug. 28.—Having effected a junction the German armies of Saar and lower Moselle are reported advancing in an enormous force on Longwy, which a vanguard already has occupied together with the towns of Villerspt, Joppécourt, Audun-le-Roman, Briery and Montmedy. The French are strongly entrenched along the Meuse between Sedan and Verdun. Many of the Meuse bridges are reported to have been destroyed.

They make them out of heavy linen and it is good to have something to do and not think about what is happening every minute. France is working hard and all are trying to help. Just had a letter from Lulu Drumbeller, and she is safe. Mrs. Pope's letter was dated August 9th. Another from Captain Pope describes the confusion in Paris among the Americans who got caught in the war net. "I hope you are not worrying," he writes. "We cabled you Saturday, but (Continued on Page 5)

VIENNA, Aug. 28—Austria-Hungary today formally declared war against Belgium.

KAISER'S FORCES CLAIM VICTORIES OVER ALLIED ARMY

Defeat of British and Rout of French and Belgians Reported in Dispatch From Berlin.

GERMAN CAVALRY NEAR OSTEND

Appearance of Zeppelins at Antwerp Said to Have Thrown London Into a Panic—French Army Reported to Be Divided and West Force Said to Have Fallen Back.

BERLIN, Aug. 28.—(Via Amsterdam.)—A defeat of British troops at Moubesque and the rout of French and Belgian troops south of Namur, were announced by the war office today.

It was said the losses were heavy. No other details were given. German Victories Reported. WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—A series of victories for the Germans over the allied forces in Belgium were reported today in a cablegram from Berlin to the German embassy.

The cable read as follows: "The French army is divided, the east and northern armies being widely separated. The result has been that in recent encounters the French and British armies on the Sambre and the Meuse have been surrounded on all sides by the Germans. The French west army has been partly driven south.

This has prevented the French from communicating with the east and north French armies while all the German armies are in close contact from Cambrai to upper Alsace. "German cavalry has advanced on Ostend. Civilians of Louvain perilously attacked German troops while the latter were fighting. They were punished by the destruction of their city. "The appearance of Zeppelins at Antwerp has thrown London into a panic."

ADMINISTRATION MEN ARE OPPOSED TO A MORATORIUM

AGITATION FOR ACTION IS PLACED AT DOOR OF WALL STREET INTERESTS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Administration officials opposed the agitation for an American moratorium because of the unsettled condition of the world's finances. Wall street interests and foreign importers, it was said were behind the clamor, but it was considered doubtful whether congress or the president were empowered to act.

PREMIER ASQUITH



The premier of England is one of the big figures in conducting affairs of the British government in the present struggle in Europe.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Germans reported closing in on Paris. Wheat in Portland sells at 94 cents. Berlin is wild with joy over reported successes of kaiser's troops. Russians drive Austrians before them. Local. Mayor Matlock undergoes serious operation; has chance to recover. Grand jury indict ten in first report. Roomer robs landlady and leaves note to divert suspicion but is caught. Eugene Radlators will bring special train to Round-up. Senator Chamberlain writes local man that duty keeps him in Washington. Work resumed on Coyote cutoff. War causes big increase in local postal savings. District game warden will aid farmers in killing pests.

ENGLISH SOLDIERS ARE BEATEN BACK BY LARGER FORCE

British Troops Sustain Assault of Five Complete Corps and Finally Retire.

BOTH SIDES LOSE HEAVILY

Premier Asquith Makes Announcement in House of Commons of Battle—Britons Hold Line Near Cambrai—First Announcement of Position Since They Left Mons.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—Premier Asquith announced today in the house of commons as follows: "British troops on the French frontier sustained an assault on Wednesday of five complete German army corps. Our forces held their ground until the brunt of the attack was met and then retired slightly to a new position.

"The British inflicted enormous losses on the Germans. I regret to state that our losses were correspondingly heavy."

The British troops, the premier explained, were holding the line in the vicinity of Cambrai. This is the first time their position has been made known definitely since they left Mons.

BELGIAN CONGO IS ATTACKED; BRITISH AIDING DEFENDERS

PARIS, Aug. 28.—That Germans are attacking the frontiers of the Belgian Congo is stated in dispatches from Lubumbashi. It is said the British are helping the Belgians resist them.

FRENCH CAPITAL IS RUSHING PLANS TO WITHSTAND SIEGE

PARIS, Aug. 28.—Paris is rushing preparations today to withstand a siege.

The war office admitted this afternoon that the Germans are forcing their way through the French line of fortifications at Longwy.

It was maintained, however, that the allies are ready to check the advance. In spite of this announcement, there was nevertheless much anxiety in Paris. Foreigners have been urged to leave.

No wounded are being brought in to the city. The government plainly

desires to reduce the noncombatant population to a minimum.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—German siege of Paris was not thought likely here. Military experts believed that two things would stand in its way, aside from the resistance of the allies, the enormous losses of the Germans thus far and the necessity that they seemed likely to be under of turning speedily to face the Russians.

Premier Asquith insisted in the house of commons that the situation is satisfactory despite the fact that at the latest accounts the Germans still were advancing and the allies falling back.

AUSTRIAN FIGHTER SUNK BY BRITISHER

LONDON, Aug. 28.—That a British destroyer has sunk an Austrian destroyer near Corfu is stated in a dispatch received by the Central News from Rome. It is unconfirmed.

When the bartender begins to call a patron by his first name it is time for him—the patron—to stop and consider whether he really can take it or leave it alone.

CLUB WHEAT SELLS AT 94 CENTS IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Aug. 28.—Although a dollar eight and half cents was bid, no bidstem was offered on the Merchants' Exchange today, sellers demanding four cents above this price. Ten thousand bushels of Club sold at ninety four cents.

BEAUTIFUL CITY IS DESTROYED BY GERMAN SOLDIERS

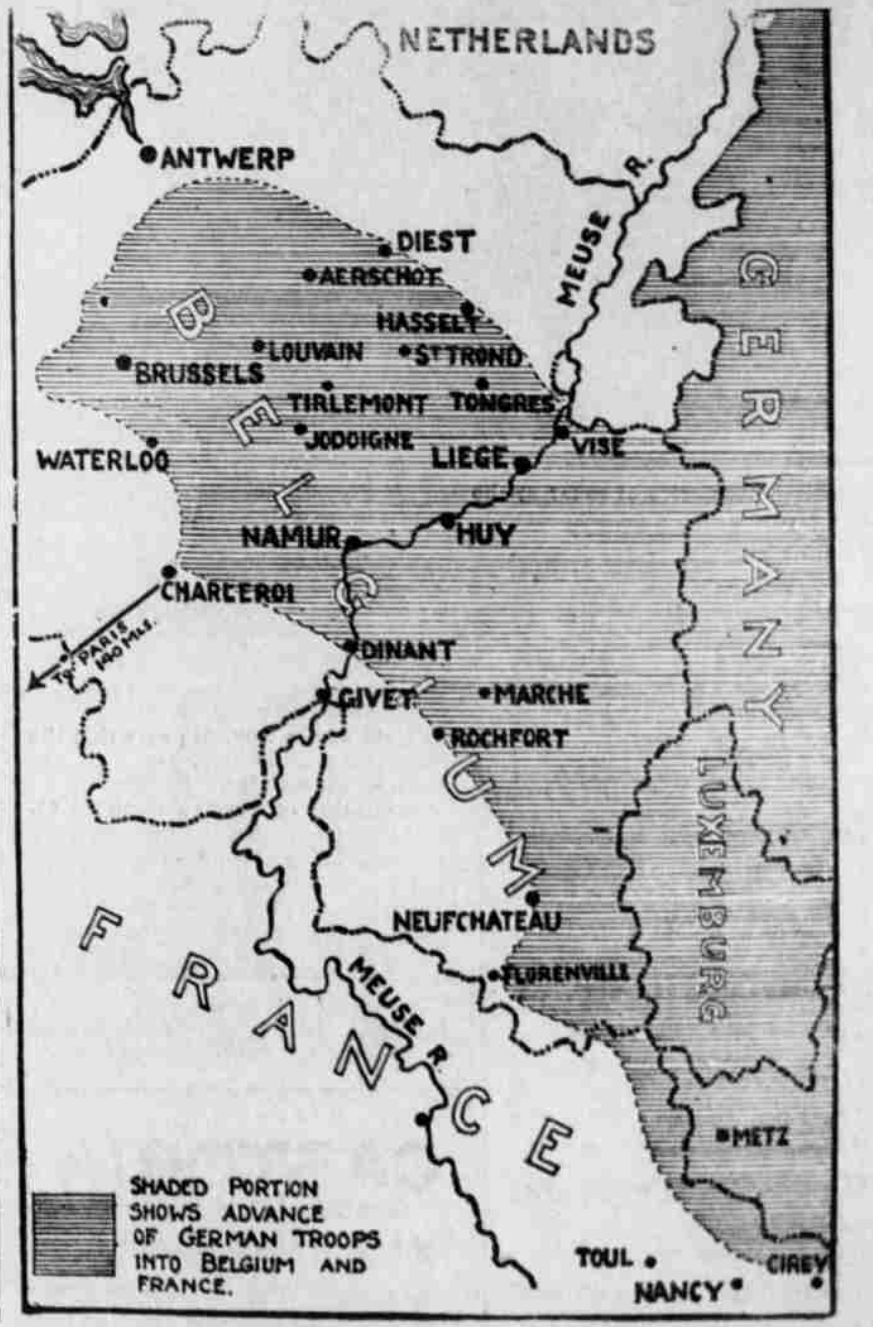
LONDON, Aug. 28.—The war office today confirmed reports of the destruction by Germans of Louvain, Belgium.

The invaders charged that they were fired on by civilians and they burned the city in retaliation. Not only was it set on fire in a hundred places but bombs and other explosives were used to make the work of destruction complete.

Not even the most beautiful and in some instances the most historic buildings were spared. The town was reduced to a heap of smouldering ruins.

The inhabitants are being held prisoners in a concentration camp. Very likely, however, the manufacturers of inhuman foot gear have to wear the same kind as they sell, which is as near retribution as the law allows.

MAP SHOWING SWEEP OF GERMAN FORCES THROUGH BELGIUM INTO FRANCE



WAR BULLETINS

French Wounded Arrive. LONDON, Aug. 28.—A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram company from Paris says numbers of French wounded have arrived there. Many of them are maimed, but few have really serious wounds. The spirits of the men are excellent and many of them express a desire to recover speedily in order to return to the firing line.

Airmen Direct Artillery. LONDON, Aug. 28.—Refugees from the scene of the fighting around Mons report that airmen took a prominent part in directing the German artillery, says the Times correspondent in Paris. Aeroplanes hovered over the British positions and their pilots signalled the German batteries by means of a disc swung at the end of a line.

Guns Mounted at Brussels. BRUSSELS, Aug. 28.—(Via Antwerp.)—The Germans in the occupation of Brussels have mounted rapid fire guns at the city's northern entrance.

Automatic guns mounted on automobile trucks are patrolling the suburbs. The city is calm and there has been no outbreaks. Burgomaster Max has refused to leave the city hall since the Germans arrived. His firmness won the Germans' respect and he is being treated with every courtesy.

Belgians Drive Germans Back. LONDON, Aug. 28.—Belgians sallied from Antwerp and drove the Germans toward Brussels until they were within sight of the latter city this afternoon, according to an Exchange Telegraph company's message from Ghent.

Somehow the stars and stripes look particularly good these days.

RUSSIANS PUTTING AUSTRIANS TO ROUT. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 28.—Having driven Austrian troops to the outlying defenses, the Russians were in a position today to attack Lemberg, the capital of Austrian Galicia. Twenty miles from there were the czar's troops in great force. Three Austrian corps which opposed them were split and forced back upon the city with great loss.

DRESSING WOUNDS OF GERMAN SOLDIERS ON THE BATTLEFIELD



The photograph shown above is one of the first to arrive in this country taken behind the German lines. All pictures heretofore received have been of troops of the allies in action. This photo shows a group of German cavalrymen being bandaged by members of the medical corps during a lull in the fighting at Vise.