

## ALLIES COMBINE ON SOIL OF BELGIUM

**British, French and Belgian Troops Cross the Line of the Kaiser's Army**

Brussels.—Belgian official reports received by the war office record the important fact that a junction has been effected by Belgian, British and French troops across the line of the German advance through Belgium.

At Liege, where the Belgian garrison has presented such a stubborn front to the German attackers, fighting has ceased and the Belgian troops and citizens have taken advantage of the lull to strengthen the defenses.

The French troops have crossed the frontiers of Belgium, and their approach strengthens the position of the Belgian army from hour to hour.

London.—England's action in rushing troops across to the channel to the aid of the Belgians, means that the war office no longer considers the German fleet a menace. So long as there was danger from it the army was to have been held in England to repel a possible invasion.

The plan of the war office is to send at least 100,000 men to Belgium from England and to detour the entire colonial army to the continent as soon as they arrive. The Canadian contingent of 21,000 men will be on the ground in a month and the Australians and New Zealanders will not be far behind.

### KAISER GOES TO FRONT

**German Emperor Off by Motor to Alsatian Border.**

London.—A dispatch from Rome to the Daily Mail says a report is current that Emperor William has left Berlin in a motor car for the Alsatian frontier.

The military critics of the newspapers consider the report from Rome that Emperor William has left Berlin to join the general staff of the army on the Alsatian frontier to indicate that the Germans are ready to engage the French in great force.

The Daily Mail's Rome correspondent adds that, according to dispatches from Basel, Switzerland, the Germans have evacuated Sankt Ludwig, in Alsace, four miles to the northwest of Basel, and that a battle is imminent on the Franco-Swiss frontier.

### Will Soon Meet the Voters.

We acknowledged a pleasant call from Ralph Dean, of Willow Springs last Friday. Mr. Dean is the democratic candidate for county commissioner, and is a man well met. He was born and reared near Willow Springs, and is an extensive farmer in the raising of fruit, grain and live stock. He intimated that about the first of September he would start out to make his canvass among the voters and would endeavor to meet them all.

### Barnum and Baily at Medford.

The Barnum and Baily "Greatest Show on Earth" will exhibit at Medford Saturday August 29th for two performances and street parade will be given. In recent seasons the big circus has had spectacular features but this season the management has gone to untold expense in investing the big circus with a wonderfully brilliant pageant of Oriental splendor entitled "The Wizard Prince of Arabia." This colossal innovation is offered at the opening of the show, thereby doing away with the old, stereotyped "grand entree" idea which has been worked to death by all the tented aggregations throughout the land.

In this realistic reproduction of the glamorous, eventful days of the land of the "Thousand and One Nights," Barnum & Bailey engage the services of more than 2,000 persons which embraces the dancing activities of hundreds of gaily bedecked coryphees and a grand ballet effect at the finale which leaves a lasting impression.

The spectacle opens with an elaborately decorated setting of Arabia land where there is much confusion over the departure of the Prince and his five wizards who perform modern day miracles in helping their noble master conquer strange domains. The subsequent adventures of the Prince and his wizardly retinue which sets forth from their native heath with horses gaily caparisoned and amid a great and gorgeous spectacle. In quick succession follows the invasion of King Babar's realm in India where by the magic aid of the five wizards, the Prince is enabled to win the heart and hand of the King's daughter. There's a magnificent wedding feast which is produced in kaleidoscopic splendor, teeming with life, action and color. The ballet finale was pronounced by the press of New York City to be the last word in circus pageantry.

### Notice

On account of the annual Blacksmith's Picnic to be held at Ashland on Saturday, August 15th, the shops in Central Point will be closed on that day.

B. F. Peart,  
 D. A. Lyons,  
 W. E. Price,  
 R. W. Ager.

Mr. and Mrs. Eads and son of Medford visited Mr. and Mrs. Fox Wednesday evening.

Tom Ross and sons, Toots, Browne and Jim and John Hamerick, Dewey Pankey and Hull Norcross returned to the city Tuesday after a 12 days hunt on the West Fork of Evans Creek with seven deer.

George Ross and sons Frank and Ray returned to the city Tuesday from the West Fork of Evans Creek with one deer.

Alfred A. Gillett et ux to Clara Ida Gillett, half interest lot 6 block 2, half interest lot 2 block 39 Central Point.

For Sale—44 and 5 inch peach boxes, also orchard ladders, Security, Mitchell and Metal age.

Co-operative Fruit Co.

## BELGIAN FORCES FEATURE OF WAR

**Stubbornly Oppose and Block Advance of German Army on France**

London.—A remarkable and unexpected feature of the opening days of the great European war was the stubborn resistance offered by the Belgians of Liege to the German advance through Belgium.

Though the city has been occupied by the Germans, it held out heroically for days against the wave of German invasion which shattered itself against the forts held by the brave Third Division and the Fifteenth mixed brigade, commanded by General Lemna.

The initial loss sustained by the German invaders is the most serious encountered by any army in modern times.

The great Prussian assault on Fort Boncelles ended in a terrible slaughter, storming infantry melting away before the machine guns of the defenders.

During the German night attack on Liege they were received with a terrible fire from the head of the street as well as the houses on either side. Women and children carried ammunition for the defenders.

The Belgians fell on them like furies, soldiers and civilians alike using knives, revolvers and rifles, and women and children and graybeards taking part, many of the women pouring boiling water from the windows on the charging Germans in the narrow streets below.

While both combatants claim victory at Liege, military experts here interpret the rather conflicting dispatches to mean that the German forces have broken through the Belgian defenses at Liege, taken the city and started toward Namur, where the next big battle of the seven nations' European war is expected.

That the Liege forts, at least some of them, withstood the German fire, is believed, but it is evident here that two or more of the forts crumbled sufficiently to allow the Germans to pass.

Apart from Liege, the fighting of the first week, when resolved to the proper perspective, eventually, doubtless, will be considered insignificant. One of the most important developments in the eyes of experts, is the general testimony that the German infantry formation is obsolete and ineffective against weapons of today, and means an enormous slaughter if retained.

A news dispatch from Brussels says it is officially announced there that the German loss in Belgium in the recent fighting was 2000 dead, 20,000 wounded and 9700 prisoners.

E. W. Wilson, the popular deputy county sheriff, was a business visitor in our city Wednesday evening.

### Just A Few Notes

Marshal Holmes, Recorder Jacobs, and Constable Sanderson had quite a discussion the other evening at the city hall as to the nation which "fired the first gun" in the war. Each one professed "to absolutely know," and as we didn't care to get mixed up in deciding the question, we quietly decamped for a place where the atmosphere was cooler.

If you don't pay your dog tax don't boo-hoo over the dogs fate when the marshal turns loose his battery.

Sizing up the shortage of city water, we don't see why a meter attachment wouldn't solve the solution.

A fellow said the other day to "eat less food and live longer." Guess the practice is becoming universal among a large number, round-about.

Knock, and the door of opportunity will be closed against you.

He who does not contribute to the support of his church and borrows his neighbors newspaper has a very slim chance of getting to heaven.

An exchange says it is convinced that some automobiles must be broke to lead as well as drive. We see one here every few days with a rope tied to its neck coming down the street with a car in front of it.

A young man never realizes the superiority of women so much as when he is sewing on a button without a thimble, pushing the needle against the wall to get it half way through and pulling it through the other half by hanging on to it with his teeth.

Oh pity the poor dog! Down at Ashland and Medford they have passed an ordinance to muzzle all dogs, and owners who do not comply with the request are pulled into justice court and slapped a fine of \$5 for their neglect.

Central Point citizens should strike out the phrase "hard times" from their vocabulary.

It would be awful if the dogs of war were let loose during dog days.

### Revolver Drops out Pocket, Shot

Bending over to pick up a fish he had caught in the Rogue River near the Bybee bridge last Saturday afternoon, Leon Wilkinson, a young man living near that place, was shot in the arm, the ball plowing its way up the forearm to the elbow, where it lodged. Medical assistance was summoned and the ball extracted. While the wound is painful, yet it is no dangerous.

### Postmaster Tex and Henry Riley Kill Two Fine Deer

Postmaster Tex and Henry Riley returned last Saturday night from a seven days hunting trip.

They went first to the South Fork district located seven miles south of Prospect, but found no deer there but plenty of fish. They moved camp then to Castle Creek on the upper Rogue river where they proceeded to do some business.

Many deer were seen but they were hard to approach through the extremely dry underbrush. After much hardship and laborious walking they succeeded in killing two fine bucks. They found no huckle or blackberries on their trip which some people believed abounded there in profusion. An elk with a very large pair of antlers was seen by the postmaster within gun range, but the law was its salvation. They report a very fine time.

### COUNT VON MOLTKE



Count Von Moltke, chief of staff of the German army, who will direct the German forces in the European war.

Would it not be well for parents who will have children attending school this fall to take interest enough in the schools and their children to visit the same at least once during the coming term?

Artistic picture framing—The Swem Studio, 222 W. Main St. Medford. 164

## BRITISH CAPTURE GERMAN LINER

**Fine German Steamer Taken As English Prize Off New York Valuable Prize.**

New York.—While incoming ocean liners brought confirmation that foreign warships are cruising off the American Atlantic coast, strict censorship over the cables leading out of Bermuda, perhaps kept hidden from public knowledge the fate of the North German Lloyd steamer Kron Prinz Wilhelm, which took 6000 tons of coal out of this port under cover of darkness last week.

The British cruiser Essex has captured the German liner and is taking her, a prize of war, into Hamilton, Bermuda, according to wireless messages declared to have been overheard at sea.

The Kron Prinz Wilhelm, named in honor of the heir to the German throne, was launched in May, 1902. She is 663 feet long, of 66-foot beam, 21,300 tons displacement and 30,000 horsepower.

London.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Cap Ortega with \$5,000,000 in specie aboard, has been captured by the British, according to the Daily Mail. The liner sailed from Buenos Ayres on July 16 for Southampton.

### Germans Invade Russia.

Copenhagen.—According to advices received here, the German invasion of Russia began with the landing of 40,000 men from transports at Ekenaes. This expeditionary force, said to have been conveyed by the German Baltic fleet, is reported marching on Helsinki, the capital of Finland.

The movement is believed to mean that Germany plans an offensive movement directly against St. Petersburg.

### Germans Fight British at Sea.

London.—The admiralty has announced that one of the cruiser squadrons of the main fleet was attacked by German submarines.

None of the British ships was damaged. One German submarine was sunk.

### Germany Invaded By French Troops

Paris.—An official announcement by the French war office says it is confirmed that after evacuating Mulhausen the German troops retired to Neu Breisach, 13 miles to the east of Kolmar, on the railroad.

The French minister of war gives the following account of the occupation of Mulhausen, in Alsace-Lorraine, by the French: It was nightfall when the advance guard of the French brigade approached Altkirch, says the official statement. The city was well defended and occupied by a German brigade. The French began the assault with ardor, a regiment of infantry distinguishing itself in a furious charge, shortly after which the Germans retired in disorder.

Darkness permitted the German to conceal themselves and the troops of France entered the city amid the cheers of the people. All windows of the houses were thrown open, veterans of 1870 embraced the French soldiers, and a great shout resounded.

At dawn the advance guard resumed its march. The cavalry failed to find German patrols and the march of the entire brigade on Mulhausen was begun.

In the afternoon the scouts found that many important defenses protecting the city had been abandoned and in less than half an hour later the French, wildly cheering the tri-color, occupied Mulhausen.

### STRATEGIC BENEFIT SMALL

**French Invasion of Alsace is More of "Moral Victory."**

Paris.—The invasion of Lower Alsace by a French army under the command of General Joseph Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, has awakened great enthusiasm throughout France.

French military authorities, while recognizing that the occupation of Altkirch and Mulhausen by the French troops is not of high strategic importance, believe that the successful advance of the French army far across the German frontier will have considerable moral effect.

It is also unofficially reported that Kolmar, to the north, has fallen into the hands of the French.

None of these three places was strongly fortified, and all of them lie outside the line of real German defense, being regarded as outposts of the strongly fortified cities.

Kodak albums—The Swem Studio, 222 W. Main St. Medford. 164

### WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

The Dalles will install four drinking fountains.

The Weinhardt Astoria hotel will add a fifth story.

Contract has been let for a bank building at Mosier.

Two docks will be added to Portland costing \$70,000.

Pendleton has immediate use for fifty new houses.

Eugene Odd Fellows will erect a \$20,000 lodge building.

G. D. Fell, of Pendleton, is building a large cleaning plant.

The Perry Veneer plant at Bandon has resumed operations.

Owing to German war salmon pickling at Astoria has ceased.

Plans have been completed for a \$25,000 high school at Rainier.

Cooper & Hemenway erect a two story brick at Cottage Grove.

Geo. Melvin Miller will erect a \$25,000 hotel building at Florence.

Hops are expected to go to 50 cents as result of the war abroad.

Peter Loggie, North Bend, is planning a \$45,000 brick apartment.

Contract has been let for the Capital highway in Washington county.

The Public Service Co. of Tillamook is installing a 12,000 gallon oil tank.

Portland water service will be extended in Irvington at a cost of \$125,000.

During the present year more than 100 new houses will go up in Corvallis.

W. M. Penrod will establish a gin-swing industry at Mabery on Mt. Hood line.

Steel rails for the Willamette Valley Southern are arriving by boat at Portland.

The steamer Bandon has made the fifth trip out of Toledo with 750,000 feet of lumber.

Cottage Grove grange opposes new labor laws and few farmers will vote for any of them.

Federal and state officials are urging a large expenditure for extermination of rats in Oregon.

Bids have been taken for a 150 foot steel bridge across the John Day river eight miles above Dayville.

The Base Line road is to be paved with Warrenite from Portland to Sandy at 88 cents per square yard.

Workingmen's compensation acts are forcing employers to hire men without families wherever they can do it.

Oregon City will expend \$500 on fountains, feeding racks and hitching posts for horses to draw country trade.

Telephone rates have been advanced at Newport on basis of revenues sufficient to maintain improved service.

John Shallinger of North Bend will test the state butter law that provides for only 16 and 32 ounce packages.

The Corvallis & Eastern is being rebalanced from Albany to Hoover and there is talk of extension eastward.

The Portland Railway Light & Power Co. has established an agricultural department in charge of H. E. Cross at Gresham.

Owing to increased labor cost and employers liability laws cost of sawlogs has been advanced 50 cents to \$1 per thousand.

Eugene building permits for July totaled \$190,920, largest for three years in any one month. Included \$100,000 high school.

Hopyards are offered twice as many pickers as heretofore so early in the season in spite of campaign urging people not to pick hops.

Picketing the public market at Salem goes on but is making general public sentiment against labor organizations that are paying the bills.

Prof. Young of the department of economics of the state university has been in conference with Father O'Hara and other labor leaders to frame a program for the unemployed.

State Prison Supt. Lawson is putting in a rock crushing plant near the Feeble Minded Institution to be worked with convict labor and supply material for state and county highways on a large scale.

The Corporations department of the state government for the first year of its existence ending July 30, produced \$310,000, expenses \$24,436. Commissioner Watson thinks he can handle the business hereafter for \$17,000 a year.

Abuse of direct legislation is shown by the Attorney General when he says the bill to abolish the Desert Land Board should be called; "A measure disposing of the present State Engineer and putting another man in his place at a higher salary."

Mrs. Babue expects a sister here from Nebraska soon to spend the winter.

Last week five people were bitten by dogs in the Griffin district. The state bacteriologist has advised the people bitten to seek medical treatment at once.

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**Barring Sugar and Smoked Meats, we will maintain the same prices which existed prior to the war, until present stocks are exhausted.**

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