

BELGIAN FORCES INFLICT CRUSHING DEFEAT UPON GERMANS AT LIEGE

GERMANS LOSS 8000 IN FIGHT WITH BELGIANS

Liege Battle Severe Repulse for Kaiser's Troops—Belgians Pursue With Such Vigor That They Have to Be Called Back—Not an Inch of Ground Gained.

LIEGE, via London, Aug. 6.—A force of German Uhlans made a brilliantly courageous, but fatal, attempt to capture the Belgian general staff here during last night.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—American diplomatic dispatches from Belgium confirm the Brussels report of a heavy German defeat at Liege.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 6.—The attack on Liege yesterday was executed by one German army corps, while the Belgian force consisted of a mixed brigade supported by the artillery of the forts.

The battle was fought along a wide front and partially in the open fields.

The Belgian troops carried out several furious counter-attacks, throwing the Germans back and pursuing them up to their original positions.

Not an inch of ground was gained by the Germans during the fighting, and they suffered severe losses in dead and wounded.

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JAPAN READY TO AID GREAT BRITON

SHANGHAI, Aug. 6.—An official of the Japanese consulate said today that upon receipt of the first official news of the beginning of the clash of arms between England and Germany, Japan would send a fleet with 10,000 men to attack Tsing-Tan and 10,000 more to relieve the British garrisons at Tientsin and Peking.

GERMAN COLONY ANTWERP EXPELLED

BRUSSELS, via London, Aug. 6.—It is reported here that the German colony at Antwerp is being expelled. However, as the colony comprises 25,000 persons, the report is not taken seriously.

NO SHIPS IN ORIENT SEIZED BY GERMANS

TOKIO, Aug. 6.—The government denies a report that Germans had seized the merchantmen in the Yellow sea.

BRITON AWAITS NEWS OF BATTLE IN NORTH SEA

Assumed War Vessels Have Gone to Meet German Fleet—News From Berlin Lacking and May Change Situation—Italy to Stand Pat for Neutrality in Face of Threats.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—German news as to the happenings of the last day or two in the conflict in which the armies of nearly the whole of Europe are engaged is still lacking, and it is pointed out here that when it reaches the world it may alter the perspective of the war picture painted by Belgian and French artists.

From St. Petersburg word has come that the mobilization of the Russian forces is progressing more quickly than had been expected, and the activity of the Russian troops on the German frontier seems to confirm this.

Italy to Stand Pat Italy remains in an expectant attitude and from hints dropped at the Italian embassy in London it appears quite ready to maintain her declared neutrality and even to assume active hostility if necessary in face of any number of German ultimatums, for which the Italian embassy says it has no official confirmation.

Numbers of German vessels were snapped up again today in British ports. England waited today with anxiety for reports of the movements of the British fleet, of which virtually nothing had been heard since its departure some days ago under sealed orders.

Reports of firing and the arrival of a number of wounded German and British bluejackets at Harwich, on the east coast, kept excitement at its highest point, as this was evidence that at least there had been contact between vessels of the opposing navies.

The morning passed, however, without any more definite signs of an important clash between the powers' squadrons.

Messages from Belgium appeared to indicate that the check of the Germans outside Liege yesterday had been a severe one, some reports giving the number of casualties as high as 8000.

From Rome came a report that the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau had escaped the pursuit of French and British warships after bombarding the Algerian coast, and had safely reached a Sicilian port.

German war vessels are said to have penetrated the Gulf of Finland and bombarded Sveaborg, the "northern Gibraltar."

SWISS IN AMERICA CALLED TO RETURN

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—The Swiss consulate in this city today issued a call to 15,000 Swiss in the United States to report here for embarkation to join the Swiss army which is mobilizing to enforce her neutrality.

BATTERY OF RUSSIAN TROOPS READY FOR ACTION IN GREAT EUROPEAN CONFLICT.



MERCHANT SHIPS FEAR CRUISERS OF WARRING NATIONS

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—The presence close to the American coast of warships of the warring European nations prepared to descend on and capture the merchant vessels of their opposing belligerents was evidenced today by news of great Atlantic liners arriving at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and by wireless reports of the warships' activities.

These two cruisers in one report which came to the British consulate here from the captain of an incoming liner, were sunk by British warships while pursuing the Lusitania yesterday, but the report could not be confirmed. It was out of the confusion of many wireless messages that the report that the German cruisers had been sunk was picked up by the wireless operator of the steamer Uranium, whose captain it was made the report to the British consulate.

In New York harbor lies the Hamburg-American liner Vaterland, apparently provisioning for service, but today the United States battleship Florida took position in the lower harbor, and neither the Vaterland nor any other ship of a belligerent nation can pass her guns until the United States authorities have satisfied themselves that their departure will not violate the neutrality laws.

BRITISH REGIMENTS IN CHINA TRANSFERRED

SHANGHAI, Aug. 6.—Two regiments, the Gloucestershires and the South Wales Borderers, stationed at Tien Tsin, have been ordered south. They are awaiting the arrival of transports. An Indian regiment of Punjabis will remain at Tien Tsin.

ASSOCIATED PRESS CORRESPONDENT SAFE

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Seymour B. Conger, correspondent of the Associated Press in Berlin, reported in special dispatches as being under arrest at the German-Russian frontier, is in Berlin. Mr. Conger had been ordered to St. Petersburg, but was detained at the frontier and with several other Americans sent back to the capital.

GERMAN VESSELS FALL VICTIMS TO ALLIES' WARSHIPS

LONDON, Aug. 6.—The French embassy learns that the French fleet has captured a German cruiser.

MALTA, via London, Aug. 6.—British torpedo boat destroyers have captured and brought here a German Levant Liner.

PARIS, via London, Aug. 6.—French torpedo craft from Biserta today captured the German tank steamer Czar Nicholas II with two thousand tons of oil. She was bound from Batoum to St. Louis Durhone, France.

MADRID, Aug. 6.—A dispatch from the Canary Islands says a British squadron has sunk one German cruiser, the of which is not given, and has captured another, which is being conveyed to Gibraltar.

TEACHERS' PAY RANGES \$450 TO \$2400 A YEAR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The federal bureau of education today announced the completion of its investigation of teachers' salaries in the United States, one of the most striking situations revealed between the wide variation in the pay for the same or similar work. The inquiry shows that public elementary school teachers may receive \$2400 a year, as some do in New York City, or \$450 a year, as in certain rural communities. Even in cities of the same class there are considerable differences in the salaries paid. On the administrative side there are county superintendents with pay ranging from \$115 to \$4000 a year, and college presidents receiving salaries of from \$900 to \$12,500.

GERMAN SPIES ARE CAUGHT AT OSTEND

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Aug. 6.—Two disguised German officers arrested today at Ostend had in their possession extensive military notes and plans of great value. They are to be shot.

RUSS-GERMAN NAVAL BATTLE CHINA WATERS

LONDON, Aug. 6 (3:37 p. m.).—A dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Tien Tsin says that the Russian cruiser Askold and the German cruiser Emden both have been sunk after an engagement off Wei Hai Wei, China.

LONDON, Aug. 6 (4:20 p. m.).—The British admiralty announced that the British steamers Iceland and Eider from Bremerhaven report that the North German Lloyd liner Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse has been painted black and converted into an armed cruiser with guns and a searchlight.

HAVANA, Aug. 6.—The captain of the German steamer Bavaria, which arrived here today, reports meeting on Tuesday night off the Florida coast the French warships Conde and Discartes and the transport Garonne, which recently left Havana for Toulon. When the Bavaria sighted the French boats the captain of the steamer ordered all lights extinguished to avoid capture.

Travel up to August 4 for the present season totals 3375, automobiles 697, reports, Supt. Will G. Steel of Crater Lake National Park, who returned to the Lake Friday.

CHINA PROCLAIMS NEUTRALITY FOR EUROPEAN WAR

PEKING, China, Aug. 6.—China proclaimed her neutrality in connection with the European conflict. The work of fortifying the German possessions of Tsing-Tau continued and the authorities there added to their accumulation of provisions.

Foreign enterprise in China being paralyzed many Chinese have been affected already and are withdrawing their money from the banks controlled by financiers representing Russia, France, England, Germany and Japan which hitherto had commanded every confidence.

European and American tourists are experiencing great difficulties owing to the closing of the trans-Siberian railroad and restriction of the steamship service, for which some of them hold tickets, while some of the banks refuse to recognize certain European letters of credits.

BATTLESHIP FLORIDA TO WATCH VATERLAND

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The battleship Florida has orders to watch the German liner Vaterland until it is determined whether her load of resisters or munitions of war, if any are aboard, violate the neutrality laws.

MRS. WILSON IS DEAD; PRESIDENT IS PROSTRATED

End Comes at 5 P. M., Eastern Time. After Two Sinking Spells—Family at Bedside—Death Was Expected—First Lady of Land Racked by Four Months' Illness.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president of the United States, died at the white house at 5 p. m. of a complication of diseases.

The end came after two serious sinking spells. The president and her three daughters and Francis B. Sayre were at the bedside at the end.

The president was completely prostrated when his wife died, and broke down entirely. When Secretary Tamuldy entered the executive offices to tell the waiting newspaper men his cheeks were bathed in tears.

A pall of gloom settled over the white house. All shades were drawn and everyone talked in whispers. Mrs. Wilson was particularly beloved by all servants and employes about the white house. None of them made any effort to hide their deep grief.

Mrs. Wilson had been unconscious for varying periods since Monday, and while her condition was known to her intimate friends, news of it was not generally circulated until no hopes were entertained for her recovery.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Mrs. Wilson, the president's wife, hovered between life and death today. Although physicians said she passed a fairly comfortable night and had some rest, they were not more optimistic than late yesterday, when they pronounced her condition so grave that restoratives were necessary. At 1 o'clock she was being sustained by oxygen.

Members of the family were constantly at her bedside. The president, who had been with her every moment he was not absolutely demanded elsewhere by the European crisis and the resulting situation in the United States cancelled all engagements today and remained within call of the sick room.

Months of constant illness, which began with a nervous breakdown, then a fall on the white house floor with an injury to her spine and following that, bright's disease, have so weakened the patient that the white house physicians, with whom were some of the ablest specialists called in consultation, reluctantly admitted they had little hope and fear.

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KITCHENER ASKS 500,000 TROOPS

LONDON, Aug. 6.—Premier Asquith today asked the house of commons to vote a war credit of \$500,000,000, and informed the members that Field Marshal Earl Kitchener wanted power to increase the British army 500,000. On the war minister's behalf the premier asked the house to consent to this.

EUROPEAN WARSHIPS FLOCK TO LISBON

LISBON, Portugal, Aug. 6.—This port is crowded with vessels belonging to the various European nations now at war. The government has taken measures to assure food and fuel supplies for the population, as well as to assure the monetary circulation. The export of cereals has been prohibited.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—President Wilson today nominated Representative Andrew J. Peters of Boston, Mass., to be assistant secretary of the treasury.

Daily Carrier Service For Country Residents

The Mail Tribune has installed a daily carrier service on the paved portion of the Pacific highway from Medford to Central Point, thus enabling subscribers in the country to secure the news an hour after its publication. If you live along this portion of the Pacific highway or near it, you can secure your paper at no additional cost by notifying the office, phone 75. Keep posted on the greatest war in history—by reading the full leased wire Associated Press report in the MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE