

BIG PROBLEMS OF WAR ARE PRISONERS AND COMMISSARIAT

LONDON, Aug. 17, 7:50 a. m.—A troublesome problem of the war is likely to be the housing and guarding of prisoners. Already more than 5000 Germans have been captured before the battles have really begun. The Belgians are sending a large proportion of these prisoners into France. When the big fighting with at least 24,000,000 men engaged begins, the number of prisoners probably will run into vast and embarrassing totals on both sides.

There will be exchanges of prisoners, but these are not always easy to arrange. Another difficulty is expected in the matter of the commissariat for unprecedentedly large armies. The Germans are even now confronted with this gigantic task.

The Brussels correspondent of the Reuter Telegram company says that today's official announcement of the Belgian war office is devoted largely to anecdotes without any importance. This is done to satisfy the demand for news.

"For example," says the correspondent, "a story is going the rounds here of a soldier who has taken several German prisoners. He is quoted in the war office statement as saying:

"I don't take a rifle with me now. I go out with a slice of bread and they follow me into camp."

One of the prisoners told a Belgian officer, it is said, that the German soldiers said they must keep going or get shot.

Two Belgian aviators were compelled to land between the opposing armies, owing to engine trouble. Before repairs could be made, a party of ahians came up and the aviators took to their heels, regaining the Belgian lines. Two days later, it was ascertained that their aeroplane was still at the same place, guarded by the Uhlans. Thereupon, it is declared, the ahmen mounted a rapid-fire gun in an automobile and, making a sudden attack on the Germans, rescued the airship and escaped unharmed.

The Chronicle today published a dispatch from Amsterdam which says it is reported that the Austrian troops in Belgium are under the command of Count von Buelow, commander of the second German army corps.

CENSORSHIP DEPRIVES WORLD OF NEWS

The censorship put into effect by the British authorities over the movements of the empire's armed forces, afloat and in Belgium, is effective to a remarkable degree. Not one word of news has come through for several days concerning British military or naval activities. Censored dispatches from Brussels and Paris have frequently referred to the presence of British troops arrayed against the forces of Germany, but not one word has been allowed to come through any source to indicate what the numerical strength of the British field army may be or where the units may be located.

Equal secrecy shrouds the movements of the British warships believed to be holding the German fleet in the check in the North sea.

Not one word has come through of the position of British or German battleship, cruiser or torpedo boat in these waters. So far as the general public is concerned, naval activities in European waters are a sealed book.

French official reports assert that the French armies continue their forward march in Alsace, where many guns are said to have been captured from the Germans, as well as many prisoners and the standard of an Alsatian infantry regiment which is now on view at the French war office.

COOLEY MURDER CASE BEFORE JURY

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 17.—Witnesses and attorneys interested in the case of Hiley Cooley, charged with the murder of Thomas a'Va Pelt, in the isolated Cheteo district of Curry county, on February 17, 1898, were summoned to Gold Beach today, where evidence will be taken by the grand jury next week. Attorney Cardwell, who has been retained to defend the accused man, is on his way to Curry county, and should arrive there Monday.

The Cooley case is somewhat remarkable for the reason that the defendant's arrest did not occur for 15 years after the alleged crime was committed.

BATTLESHIPS CHASE AUSTRIAN CRUISER

LONDON, Aug. 17, 12:25 p. m.—A dispatch from Rome to the News Exchange Telegraph company says that four battleships chased the Austrian cruisers Aurora and Saigetvar, which were blockading Antivari. The Austrian vessels were pursued until they took refuge in the naval station at Pola.

PONTIFF STILL ILL BRONCHIAL TROUBLE

ROME, Aug. 16, 9:45 p. m. (via Paris, Aug. 17, 6:50 a. m.)—Dr. Marchiafava again visited Pope Pius tonight and found the pontiff hoarse and still suffering from bronchial catarrh. There had also been a slight rise in temperature. The medicine had induced a marked perspiration, but this appeared to have relieved the patient, who, however, gives evidence of continued weakness.

Dr. Marchiafava visited the pope this morning and found his patient better, but insisted that the pontiff continue to rest, and especially that he avoid speaking.

PICKING HOWELL PEARS UNDER WAY

All the Howell pears will be picked and packed by Wednesday, and the gathering of Bosc will then begin. The crop is light in both these varieties. Some will be shipped east at once, but a large per cent will be held in storage for a higher price. The last of the Bartlett's will be picked and packed tomorrow.

29 DOGS LOSE LIFE FOR LACK OF WEARING MUZZLES

Medford will make its canine sacrifice to the rabie theory in the morning. Twenty-nine dogs will be electrocuted by High Executioner Loomis. The dogs are charged with being liable to have rabies. It is further alleged they are liable to bite someone. They would not have to take the plunge into the "how wows" if they had a muzzle. Their only crime is that no one would buy them one. The shuffling off of the dumb brutes in accordance with the city ordinance will begin at 9 o'clock.

The wholesale killing will be accomplished by means of an iron sheet, upon which the dog is supposed to stand while an electric current is sent through him. This way is more effete and less bloody than shooting. Among those listed for an unwarranted death are several valuable dogs whose owners are out of town. Chief Hittson advises all who have a missing dog to look over the city pound collection.

Why Not Get the best smoke, Gov. Johnson, and also patronize home.

KAISER'S WARSHIPS REPORTED SMASHED

LONDON, Aug. 17, 2:15 p. m.—A dispatch from Amsterdam to the Central News says the captain of the Dutch steamer Epsilon on his arrival at Ynniden today reported seeing a German dreadnaught in the harbor at Trondhjem, which had been put out of action. Her funnels were smashed and on one side she was scorched with holes from shell fire. No confirmation of the report has been received by the official news bureau here.

FOOD PROBE LOWERS CHICAGO MEAT COST

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Coincident with the local opening of the federal investigation into the advance of prices of foodstuffs today, cut meats at the stockyards declined 25 to 30 cents a hundred wholesale. This is said to mean a retail decline of about 1 cent a pound. It was explained that the recession in prices was due to receipts of hogs and cattle, numbering nearly twice as many as a week ago.

TURKISH TROOPS MARCH ON GREECE

LONDON, Aug. 17, 3:10 p. m.—Official dispatches say Greece has received information that Turkish troops are crossing Bulgarian territory and marching in the direction of Greece. The Greek government in consequence of these reports, has notified Turkey that if news should be confirmed, corresponding military and naval measures will be taken immediately by Greece.

Portland Livestock Market

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 17.—Cattle—Receipts 102; steady. Prime light \$7.15@7.25; prime heavy, \$7@7.10; good, \$6.60@7; medium, \$6.60@6.90; heifers, \$6@6.60; cows, prime, \$5.75@6; bulls, \$4.20@4.75; prime veal calves, \$8@8.25; heavy veal calves, \$7@7.25.

Hogs—Receipts 518; steady to strong. Prime light, \$9.35@9.50; medium, \$9@9.25; smother heavy, \$8.50@8.75; rough heavy, \$8.25@8.50.

Sheep—Receipts 2163; 25 cents advance on wethers, others steady. Spring lambs, \$5.75@6; wethers, \$4.25@5; ewes, \$3.75@4.35; yearlings, \$4.50@5.

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SERVIANS REPEL AUSTRIAN ADVANCE

LONDON, Aug. 17, 6:55 a. m.—The correspondent of the Reuter Telegram company at Nish, Serbia, telegraphing under date of August 15, says:

"Our troops at Buyak, near Lyina, successfully repelled the enemy. Near Kunachitza, opposite Lonnitza, the enemy has thrown a bridge across the Drina and fortified its position on both banks. The night at Belgrade passed quietly."

AUSTRIAN ENVOY LEAVES ENGLAND

PALMOUTH, England, via London, Aug. 17, 3:45 p. m.—The Austro-Hungarian ambassador to Great Britain, Count Monsdorff, who left London last night, arrived here by special train this morning. He will embark on the steamer Argo for Genoa.

The party was conveyed to the dock in automobiles. Small groups of persons along the streets raised their hats to the ambassador as he passed.



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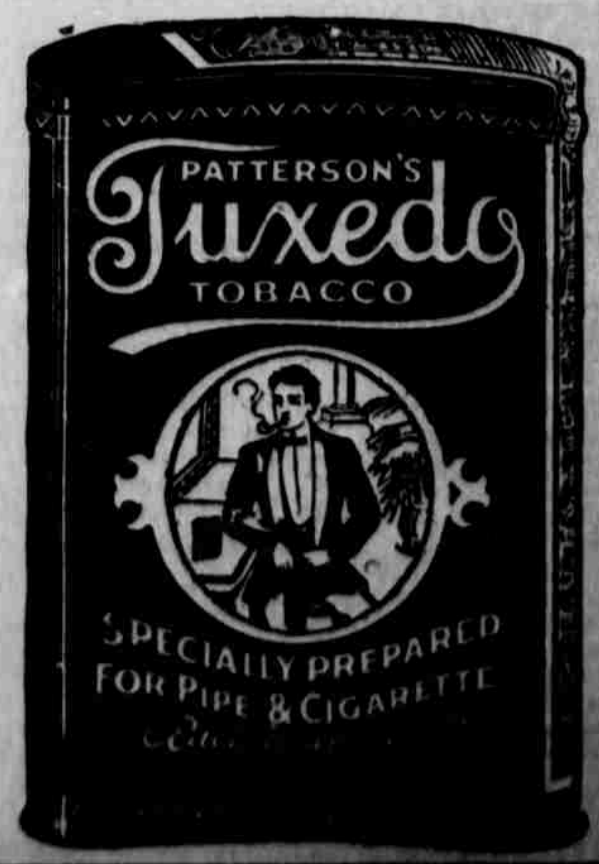
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