

BELIEVE BIG BATTLE ON NEAR BRUSSELS

FRENCH FORCE ADVANCE INTO ALSATIAN PLAIN

Rapid Progress of Invasion Reported by Commander-in-Chief Joffre—Germans Sustain Serious Losses—Successes Redounding to Credit of Tri-Color Claimed.

PARIS, Aug. 18, 3:02 p. m.—An official announcement says: "All day Monday we continued to progress in upper Alsace. The enemy's retreat from this side was in disorder. They abandoned everywhere their wounded and their stores." This telegram was received at the war office from General Joseph Joffre, French commander-in-chief. The official communication of the French war office adds: "The French troops have occupied all the region to the west of Penetrance, 22 miles inside the German frontier in Lorraine. Our troops poured through from the valley of the River Seltle, of which a number of passes have been evacuated by the Germans. Our cavalry is at Chateau Salins."

"In all the actions of the past few days the Germans have sustained serious losses, our artillery having demoralizing and frightful effects on the enemy. "We have conquered the majority of the valleys of the Vosges upon the slope of Alsace, from where we will soon attain the plain. "To the south of Saarburg, in Lorraine, 40 miles east of Nancy, the enemy had organized in front of us strongly fortified positions held by heavy artillery. The Germans retreated precipitately and our cavalry pursued them. "In general we have obtained in the preceding days successes redounding to the greatest honor of the officers and men engaged in the battles."

M'REYNOLDS ON SUPREME BENCH

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Attorney General McReynolds will be nominated by the president to the vacancy on the supreme court bench within the next few days, according to definite information obtained in official circles today. Mr. McReynolds' nomination is expected to be confirmed during the present session of congress in order that he may go on the supreme court bench at its next term. The president has not selected a man to fill Mr. McReynolds' place.

NO COMPROMISE SAYS COL. ROOSEVELT

BOSTON, Aug. 18.—"No compromise," was the slogan with which Colonel Theodore Roosevelt opened the political campaign in Massachusetts. He asserted there should be no compromise with reactionaries in any form, while on the other hand the party would welcome those of the rank and file of other organizations who refused to follow the old leaders. The men who were responsible for the Payne-Aldrich bill, he asserted, also are responsible for the present tariff measure and should be opposed. Colonel Roosevelt's speech was to have been delivered at a progressive rally and field meet at Fenway park, but rain drove the crowd to shelter in the arena.

KLAMATH ELEVATOR FALLS; ONE KILLED, TWO INJURED

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 18.—A. P. Hutchinson was killed and F. Duffy and T. H. Brown were injured here today when a freight elevator in a hardware store dropped thirty feet from the second story to the basement. Tom Duffy jumped from the elevator and escaped injury.

GREAT BRITISH ARMY LANDED TO AID ALLIES

Large Proportion of the Best Troops of the British Regular Army Now on Continental Soil—Enthusiastically Received by the French—Belgium's Capital Moved to Antwerp.

LONDON, Aug. 17 (midnight, delayed by censors).—The most important revelation of the day has been that of the landing of a British expeditionary army on the shores of France. Everybody in England has known for two weeks that a large army was crossing the channel. The troops had been assembled at different bases, one of the largest contingents embarking at Dublin, Ireland. Many other regiments sailed from Liverpool, while others took ship at Eastbourne, Southampton and other ports along the coast of the English channel.

Lasted Several Days The great canvas camps at the military stations in England were struck only when it was known definitely.

INNES SOUGHT IN MYSTERY OF NELMS SISTERS

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Aug. 18.—Affidavits filed in justice court here, asking for the detention of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Innes of Portland, Ore., in connection with the mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Elois Nelms Donna and Misses Beatrice Nelms, of Atlanta, Ga., were made public today. The affidavits were filed by Marshall Nelms, brother of the missing women, and are said to be based upon circumstantial evidence gathered for Nelms by B. L. Barnes, chief of the United States bureau of investigation, and Deputy Sheriff James Galbreath. The Nelms sisters disappeared from their Atlanta home last June and were believed to have come to this city. Innes is said to be near Springfield, Ore., and a request for his detention was sent there. Innes formerly was Mrs. Dennis' attorney.

GETTING TOURISTS OUT OF ALPS

PARIS, Aug. 18, 1:35 p. m.—Captain Edwin St. J. Greble of the American army, sent by Ambassador Herrick to several Swiss cities with money and reassuring messages that the American government was looking after the interests of Americans, returned today after having been as far as St. Moritz. He found 500 Americans there, among them Chas. Nagel, former secretary of commerce. They were all keen to leave. Ambassador Herrick telegraphed to them today to arrange with the French and Swiss governments for special trains. Captain Greble was treated by the French military authorities with extreme courtesy. As an indication of their watchfulness, he was halted sixty-eight times on the way from Paris to the Swiss frontier. The American cruiser North Carolina is due to arrive at Cherbourg tomorrow and the French government has ordered that every facility be granted to American officers wishing to go to Paris. A special car probably will be placed at their disposal.

JAPAN AGREES TO LIMIT WAR TO KIAO-CHOW

Operations Against Germany Localized to Chinese Port Now Held and Not to Be Extended Beyond Limits Necessary for Attainment of Defense of Own Interests.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Japan has asked the United States to take over her embassy in Berlin "in case of an emergency." Washington, Aug. 18.—Charge Barclay of the British embassy formally presented to Secretary Bryan today England's declaration that Japan's action would be limited to the German possessions in eastern Asia.

WILSON REFUSED TO SEND ARMY TO MEXICO CITY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Published reports that President Wilson had threatened a week ago to send 100,000 American troops into Mexico unless Villa and Carranza came to an agreement, brought an official denial today from the white house. In the denial it was said a request had come in an indirect way from the Carral government, inviting the United States to send troops from Vera Cruz to Mexico City to prevent expected excesses of the constitutionalists on reaching the capital. After a long cabinet discussion, in which President Wilson stood firmly against such action, Paul Fuller, a New York lawyer was started for Chihuahua to see Villa and Carranza. Fuller reached there today and is expected to co-operate in efforts to bring Villa and Carranza into harmony. White house officials said Fuller's mission was to gather information and urge harmony, and denied he had been authorized to threaten an American invasion should harmony efforts fail.

CRUISER LEIPZIG HIT IN COLLISION

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 18.—While the German cruiser Leipzig was putting to sea early today, in charge of an American pilot, she collided with the British steel bark Lord Templeton, lying at anchor in the stream off the Vallejo street wharf. The Briton lost some of his running gear and was badly enough battered by the glancing blow struck him to necessitate a survey by the marine underwriters today. The German held his outward course, but the yards of the sailing vessel are believed to have carried away the antennae of his wireless apparatus, and he is thought to have injured his bows. The damage to the wireless probably could be repaired at sea. If not, the cruiser will be seriously handicapped.

GERMAN ADVANCE OPPOSED BY TROOPS BELGIUM AND FRANCE

LONDON, Aug. 18.—There is good reason to believe that a serious engagement, in which the German advance is opposed by troops of Belgium and France, has been going on since Monday, south of Brussels. No definite news of the progress of this encounter, however, has been received. Other reports from Brussels say that trenches are being thrown up in the environs of the city. The announcement from London and Paris that no war correspondents will be allowed in the field, coupled with Great Britain's request to Belgium to expel the correspondents now in the zone of operations, makes it probable that the story of the first great battle will be told only through official reports. German and Austrian, as well as Russian regulations prohibit correspondents from being on the field.

KING GEORGE SENDS "MY" SOLDIERS TO SAVE "MY" EMPIRE

LONDON, Aug. 18.—The official news bureau announces that General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien has been appointed to command one of the army corps of the expeditionary force in succession to Lieutenant General Sir James Grierson who died yesterday. A stirring message from King George to the expeditionary force was read out to each regiment as it left its port of departure under sealed orders. It was as follows: "You are leaving home to fight for the safety and honor of my empire. Belgium, whose country we are pledged to defend, has been attacked and France is about to be invaded by the same powerful foe. "I have implicit confidence in you my soldiers. Duty is your watchword and I know your duty will be nobly done. I shall follow your every movement with the deepest interest and shall mark with eager satisfaction your daily progress. Indeed, your welfare will never be absent from my thoughts. "I pray to God to bless and guard you and to bring you back victorious."

PARIS ISSUES NOTES AS SMALL CHANGE

PARIS, Aug. 18, 11:20 a. m.—To meet the situation arising from the scarcity of small change, the license chamber of commerce is about to issue two million paper notes of the value of one franc (20 cents) each. By agreement with the Bank of France these one franc notes may be exchanged against notes of larger denomination.

BRITISH ARMY NOT YET IN BATTLE

LONDON, Aug. 18, 5:40 p. m.—The official news bureau announces in reply to "attempts that are being made by the enemy to spread false reports of disasters to ourselves and our allies," that no casualties have as yet occurred to the British army.

AUSTRIANS LOSE 15,000, BATTLE WITH SERVIANS

Dual Empire Reported to Have Suffered Decisive Defeat in Mountains Near Sabac. Twenty-Seven Miles West of Belgrade—Flee, Pursued by Servians, Who Capture Guns.

NISH, Servia, Aug. 17, via London, Aug. 18, 9:22 a. m.—The Austrians have been completely defeated near Sabac, 27 miles west of Belgrade, according to government sources. They fled toward Lesnizza and Lesnizza pursued by Servians, who cut up three regiments and captured 14 guns. LONDON, Aug. 18, 1:50 a. m.—The Servian legation has received the following telegram from the Servian premier, N. P. Pachitch: "The Austrians were completely routed in the mountains near Sabac and 15,000 annihilated. Fourteen guns were captured. The Austrians are fleeing in great disorder to recross the river Save, hotly pursued by our troops."

MATT SULLIVAN ON SUPREME BENCH

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 18.—Matt I. Sullivan of San Francisco was appointed today chief justice of the state supreme court by Governor Johnson to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Beatty. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 18.—Matt I. Sullivan, appointed today chief justice of the supreme court, was associated with Governor Johnson in the prosecution of Abraham Ruef, after Francis J. Heney, the prosecutor, had been shot down in the courtroom. More recently he was appointed by the department of justice to prosecute the Diggs-Cambnetti and the Western Fuel cases. In politics he is a progressive.

CITY OF MEXICO AWAITING CARRANZA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Advice from Consul Silliman at Mexico City said the city was quiet today. There has been a general suspension of business in anticipation of the entry of General Carranza. Messages from Northern Mexico say General Calles, sent by Carranza to oust Governor Maytorena of Sonora, from office, had met defeat in a battle south of Nogales. Calles was awaiting reinforcements, the message said, and it was understood Villa had sent a considerable force into the state, though officials here could not determine what party Villa intended to support.

ONLY ONE BIDDER FOR HOOD RIVER ROAD BONDS

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 18.—The only bonafide bid received for the \$75,000 Hood River county bond issue for the construction of a portion of the Columbia highway was that made by S. Benson of Portland, who offered par and accrued interest, his purchase being subject to the approval of a Boston firm of bond attorneys. Two other bids received were not valid, not being accompanied by the required certified check for 5 per cent of the issue. There was no action taken on the bid, owing to the fact that the right-of-way matter with the O. W. H. & N. company is still unsettled.

GERMAN ARMY PATROLS SEEN NEAR AUSTRIA

Civil Guard at Antwerp Mobilized at Forts—German Incursion Towards Brussels Seems Definitely Stopped and Belgians Assert Situation Excellent for Allies.

LONDON, Aug. 18, 1:30 a. m.—German cavalry patrols have been signalled to the northward of Antwerp, according to the Antwerp correspondent of Reuters. The military governor, the correspondent continues, has ordered the entire civil guard to Antwerp to be mobilized on a war footing and to take their positions in the forts around Antwerp. The official announcement giving this position of German cavalrymen assures the citizens of Antwerp that they have no need to be frightened. Similar bands of German Uhlands and Hussars have traversed other parts of the country without doing much damage.

RUSSIANS INVADE ENEMY'S FRONTIER

PARIS, Aug. 18, 10:30 a. m.—The mobilization of the Russian army has been completed in perfect order, according to an official dispatch from the Russian general staff. The telegram adds that up to August 14 the Austrian and German troops had not advanced further than a line stretching by way of Wloslaw, Sieradz, Noworadomsk and Andrejew, all in Russian Poland. The rest of the frontier has not been pierced by invaders. On the contrary, in many localities the enemy's territory has been occupied by Russian troops and all the engagements have ended in favor of the Russian army.

PERUVIAN WARSHIP GOES THROUGH CANAL

COLON, Aug. 18.—The first warship to pass through the Panama canal was the Peruvian destroyer Teniente Rodriguez, which made the trip this morning when the steamer Admiral Dewey also went through.

WILSON PLEADS WITH AMERICANS FOR NEUTRALITY

President Issues Appeal to Nation, Warning Citizens Against "That Deepest, Most Subtle, Most Essential Breach of Neutrality, Passionately Taking Sides."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Addressing the American people, President Wilson today issued a statement in connection with the European war, warning citizens of the United States against "that deepest, most subtle, most essential breach of neutrality, which may spring out of partisanship, out of passionately taking sides." The president's statement follows: "My Fellow-Countrymen: "I suppose that every thoughtful man in America has asked himself during the last troubled weeks what influence the European war may exert on the United States, and I take the liberty of addressing a few words to you in order to point out that it is entirely within our own choice what its effect on us will be, and to urge very earnestly upon you the sort of speech and conduct which will best safeguard the nation against distress and disaster. "Plea for Neutrality "The effect of the war upon the United States will depend on what American citizens say and do. Every man who really loves America will act and speak in the true spirit of neutrality which is the spirit of impartiality and fairness and friendliness to all concerned. The spirit of the nation in this critical matter (Continued on page two.)

SWEDEN LONGS FOR RESTORATION FINNISH PROVINCES

COPENHAGEN, via London, Aug. 18, 4:15 p. m.—The situation in the Scandinavian peninsula is quiet, and there is mutual determination for the present to maintain neutrality. The entente between Norway and Sweden is considered an effective bar against attack. There is, however, a strong belief in Sweden that an opportunity may come, with the territorial readjustment after the war, for Sweden to regain her former Finnish provinces. The latest German newspapers received here carry appeals for subscriptions for the maintenance of families bereft of their breadwinners by the war. These papers show also that various German municipalities are spending large sums for food and in providing work for the unemployed. Nearly all the German trade unions are giving up one-fourth of their subscriptions for the benefit of the needy. The Berlin Morgen Post, on August 15, says that the Russian government officials in Poland abandoned their posts August 3 and that executive committees composed of all parties have been formed in every village of Russian Poland, to carry on local government supervision measures of relief for the destitute. WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The joint resolution authorizing the president to admit to American registry foreign built ships for use by the Red Cross, was passed unanimously by the house today. The resolution passed the senate yesterday and now goes to the president.