

"Deutsche Soldaten" Are Still Advancing

Germans Believed Sixty Miles From Paris Today

German Infantry, Whose Advance Into France Is Hard for the Allies to Check

Allies Are Cut From Base, Say Berlin Reports

United Press Service
 PARIS, Aug. 31.—Although the war office will not vouchsafe any information to that effect, it is believed here that the German army is less than sixty miles from here. Long lines of people are at the depots, purchasing tickets to other places.

The ominous feature of the announcement is the admission that the German attack in the center of the defense has assumed the proportions of a general engagement. It is believed that this indicates heavy reinforcements for the Germans.

The war office statement at noon follows:

"On our left, by a series of circumstances which turned in favor of the Germans, the Anglo-French forces have been forced to give way in the center, after alternate checks and successes. A general engagement is now in progress.

"On our right, in Lorraine, we have taken the offensive, and the enemy is being driven back.

"The morale of our forces is excellent, despite the heavy losses. These are being filled from mobilization centers.

"The Germans in the north are plainly using their immense resources to break the allies' defense."



United Press Service
 BERLIN, (via The Hague), Aug. 31.—The war office today issued the following statement:

The British and French have been cut off from their base by the banking movement just completed by the Germans, the German army having been maneuvered into a position between the British army and the coast.

It is predicted that the German army will soon be in a position to threaten Paris, and also that the Austrians and Germans in the east have assumed the offensive, repelling the Russians.

It is the plan to invade Russian Poland. It is also declared that the only places in Eastern Prussia that have been occupied by the Russians were abandoned by a pre-arranged plan before the arrival of the Russian troops.

Selling Their Decorations

ARRESTED ON AN ASSAULT CHARGE

United Press Service
 BERLIN, (via The Hague), Aug. 31.—General Von Moltke, the supreme high chief of the German army, has sold all of his Russian, English and Japanese decorations, and other German generals have been ordered to act similarly.

ROSS NICKERSON PROTESTS HE ACTED IN SELF DEFENSE, AND ASKS FOR A JURY TRIAL—HAS NO ATTORNEY

Charged with assault and battery upon the person of his wife, Ross Nickerson was arrested Sunday by Constable John Schalkock. The occurrence leading up to the arrest occurred late Saturday night, and it was alleged that Nickerson struck his wife with a revolver.

Nickerson, when brought into the justice court this morning, asked for a jury trial, which will be held tomorrow. He will conduct his own case, and it is understood he will state that he took the gun away from his wife, instead of striking her with it.

Wants Turkey to Join With Them

United Press Service
 SOFIA, Aug. 31.—From Constantinople comes the report that German diplomats are urging Turkey to participate in the present general war. It is officially stated that Bulgaria, Greece, Roumania, Serbia and Montenegro are pledged to combine against Turkey. Bulgaria's army is already partly mobilized.

True De Lap, a prominent Richmond, Calif., attorney, is here visiting his parents, County Clerk C. R. De Lap and wife.

Portland's First National bank building is to cost \$400,000.

LOCAL GIRL WRITES FROM PARIS

Dick Hammond is happy. He has at last heard from his daughter, Bess, who is at present in Europe, and whose whereabouts were very uncertain, to say the least. In a letter to her sister, Mrs. Tom Meldrum of Portland, Miss Hammond talks quite interestingly of her experiences.

Miss Hammond evidently did not have much faith in a letter mailed in Europe at this time reaching its destination, and entrusted it to Mrs. Wm. F. Simpson, of Elk Grove, W. Va., who was returning to America. And Mr. Simpson mailed the letter after reaching his native land. The letter follows:

"PARIS, August 3, 1914.

"My Dear Jo:

"Came to Paris last Friday. I caught a terrible cold in England, it was so cold there, so came here on account of my throat. War broke out Saturday, and I'm having my fill of excitement. First of all, I don't want you to worry about me—there is no danger. I can take care of myself perfectly, but of course my trip

is all to pieces. Every place of amusement, art museums, and nearly every restaurant is closed. Buses and cars are only for soldiers, so one can't go anywhere. Don't think there is a French man between 20 and 45 years left in Paris. Thousands left yesterday. Men and women go about with their eyes red and swollen from crying. France hasn't any army. Every man in the age limit has to go—actors, waiters, etc., all alike.

"I stood all morning, or rather until 3 p. m. in line to cash a check. Am certainly lucky to have American Express checks—they are the only ones that can be cashed in the city. Many Americans are stranded here. Food is going to be very scarce; that will be the worst feature about staying here; but think this is the safest thing to do for the present. There is no danger in Paris, and by taking passage on any line on this side one is in danger, so Americans tell me.

"American tourists meet at some hotel nearly every day to talk things over. There are a number of amusing incidents. Jack Johnson stood in line near me for quite a while. A

man paid \$1,000 for storage passage on the France to America this morning. I am ashamed of my country men at times over here, they get so excited about getting home; even broke the glass in the American consulate office crowding around in a regular mob. On the other hand, the French go marching by to war grimly, with no fuss at all. Not a hand has played—haven't even heard a drum; only "vive la France" occasionally. This is a horrible thing. My sympathies are all with France. This will cost her millions in Paris alone. She certainly responds to a call to arms.

"Americans tell me they are taking care of their own rooms in the larger hotels themselves, the waiters having gone to war and the maids taking their places in the dining rooms.

"Jewelry stores and shops are all closed. This is a beautiful city, and I wish I could have seen it under other conditions. Am perfectly safe, and will remain here until further notice. I have no plans for the present. Hope you are all well and having a nice summer."

HUNSAKER HAS A PARALYTIC SIDE

THOUGH RECOVERING CONSCIOUSNESS, JESS HUNSAKER CANNOT RECALL THE CAUSE OF HIS MISHAP

"Since Jesse has recovered consciousness it has been discovered that he is suffering from paralysis. His right side is affected."

This statement was made today by J. A. Hunsaker, brother of the man found unconscious in the road beyond Klamath Hot Springs last week, with his automobile stopped in front of a tree.

According to Jack Hunsaker, Jess, since recovering, is unable to recall what happened after he left Klamath Hot Springs. It is believed, though, that he was stricken with paralysis and fell from the machine.

Hunsaker's condition is better today.

More Russians Go to Battle Front

United Press Service
 ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 31.—The second Russian line of offense today reinforced the first line, repelling the Germans and Austrians in Galicia and Eastern Prussia.

The Austrian raid in Southeast Russia and Poland failed, and the Austrians have retreated.

Merchant Marine Plan Protested

United Press Service
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 31.—England today formally protested the plan to build up an American merchant marine by the purchase of German ships in American ports, according to a high authority. The protest has reached the state department.

A similar protest has been registered for France.

England claims that such purchase would violate the neutrality law.

AUSTRIANS ATTACK MONTENEGRO POST

United Press Service
 CETTINE, Aug. 31.—Ten thousand Austrians Sunday assaulted the Montenegrin position on Mt. Lovcen, and alienated two batteries. At this point French and British ships shelled the Austrians, who were then routed by the charging Montenegrins.

Boy Drowns Sunday

Ronald Elliott Goes to Death in Spring at Olene

Loosing his hold on the pole with which he was buoying himself across the pool made at Warm Spring Lake on the Chas. Lewis ranch near Olene, Ronald Young Elliott, 14 years of age, sank and drowned in fifteen feet of water. The tragedy occurred just before noon Sunday.

Young Elliott and two other boys, Leonard Lewis and Charles Dutton, were in swimming at the pool at the time. Elliott was not a good swimmer, and was using the pole to hold himself up, and the other boys were swimming some distance away.

The first intimation they had that their companion was in danger was when he shouted for help. The boys turned in time to see him throw up his hands and go down.

Both boys tried to raise the body,

POLICE FORBID FIRES IN CITY

AFTER THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED OUT TWICE SUNDAY ON RUBBISH FIRES, THE LIMIT WAS REACHED

The police department of the city is going to take drastic methods to protect the city from fire during this period of extremely dry weather.

Chief of Police Smith announced today that he would rigidly enforce the ordinance against the setting of fires in the city for burning rubbish, etc., and that further violation of this or-

PRESBYTERIANS ACCEPT A SITE

The offer of Major Charles E. Worden to give the Presbyterian church two lots for the new church has been accepted. It has not been decided yet, though, just which two lots at Eleventh and High streets will be used.

Worden gives the lots free if the congregation will erect a \$12,000 building, and have it free from all but the board debt by January 1, 1917. The board will soon start the work of raising funds, so the new edifice can be started in the spring.

Rebuilding Bandon will be financed with Willamette Valley money.

A New Irrigationist

Veteran Coming From Idaho to Work on Project

To assume the position of irrigation manager of the Klamath project, George G. Fry will arrive this week from Burley, Idaho. He will assume the work carried on by E. B. Hayden during his time here.

Mr. Fry comes to the Klamath project with the highest recommendations as an expert irrigationist and a practical farmer. He has been connected with the Minadoka project in Southern Idaho for six years, and has had charge of the irrigation of 48,000 acres on the south side of the project.

Prior to that time Fry was engaged in private reclamation work. For twelve years he had charge of the construction and operation of the big irrigation ditch system in the Boise Valley.

Besides his work as an irrigation engineer, Mr. Fry has qualified to attend to the work here by his own success as an irrigation farmer. He understands the problems of a farmer on a reclamation project, and in that way, like Mr. Hayden, it is predicted that he will soon be on the best of terms with all of the water users in the project.