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DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND AUSTRIA ARE BROKEN

Initiative Taken by France Because Austrian Troops are Aiding Germans—Conditions at Liege Remain the Same—The Forts There Still Held by Belgian Forces, While the Germans Occupy the Town

ALL APPROACHES TO BRUSSELS WERE GUARDED

French Are Advancing Through Alsace, But Against What Opposition is Not Known—Austrian Forces Bombard Belgrade—Engagement Reported Off the Bahamas Friday by German Cruiser at Porto Rico.

Diplomatic relations between France and Austria have been broken and the ambassadors have left the capitals.

A French Foreign Office statement says the initiative was taken by France because Austrian troops were aiding the Germans.

The French are advancing in Alsace, but against what opposition is not known. The Germans occupy the city of Liege while the Belgian troops hold the forts. The Belgian official view is that the situation is quite satisfactory.

Strong forces guard all the approaches to Brussels.

The Austrians before Serbia are bombarding Belgrade, while part of the Serbian army is taking the offensive in Bosnia.

The North Sea again is closed to the fishing fleets, which is regarded as significant, in view of the fact that there are large British and German fleets in that water.

The German cruiser Karlsruhe, which arrived at San Juan, Porto Rico, reported an engagement Friday night off the Bahamas with four French and British cruisers.

The French government forbids the publication of the French casualty list, so that the Germans may not know the movement of the French troops.

All Germans and Austrians in Belgium must declare themselves within 24 hours, or they will be arrested as spies.

BOTH CLAIM VICTORY.

Germans Capture Liege—Belgians Hold the Forts Along River.

London, Aug. 11.—No great battle had yet been fought on land or at sea in the war of seven nations until the German assaults upon the fortresses at Liege eventually assumed the proportions of a battle in history. Both combatants claim victory there, with the Belgians still holding the forts and the Germans occupying the city.

The situation is unique. There is no confirmation of the Daily Mail's report that the French have engaged the Germans and cut off their retreat, inflicting a loss of 8,000 men. The Belgians claim that they have taken 50,000 prisoners on Belgian soil, but military men regard all the estimates of the belligerents as great exaggerations.

Apart from Liege the fighting of the first week, when resolved to the proper perspective, eventually doubtless will be generally insignificant.

One of the most important developments in the eyes of experts is the general testimony that the German military formation is obsolete and ineffective against the weapons of today and means an enormous slaughter if retained.

France and Austria finally are officially at war, the ambassadors having left the respective capitals. The French government broke off diplomatic relations with Austria on the grounds that Austrian troops were reinforcing the Germans.

Austria appears to have abandoned the advance on Serbia for a time and apparently is co-operating with Germany in the supposed strategy of attempting to crush France before Russia can mobilize.

Financial conditions in England are returning to normal. Although there is great disorder in the markets, the prices of foodstuffs have risen only slightly.

LULL BEFORE THE STORM.

Engagement Expected Very Soon Unequaled in Modern History.

Brussels, via London, Aug. 11, 3:40 A. M.—The lull in the fighting around Liege since Saturday appears to be a lull before the storm. There is thought that an engagement on a scale not witnessed in this war is being prepared by the people of Brussels against the German army.

The universal belief that proofs of an organized system of espionage in which German business men and the highest ranking are involved, the governor of Antwerp has issued a proclamation warning all German and Austrian residents to present themselves before the police; refusal to do so will put them in danger of being shot as spies.

German soldiers who have become separated from their regiment and

MEASURES TO RELIEVE COMMERCE CONGESTION

WAR BULLETINS

Amsterdam, via London, April 11.—Queen Wilhelmina has published a proclamation calling upon everybody to assist those in need. She suggests the formation of a general benevolent committee with the minister of commerce as President.

London, Aug. 11.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph telephoned a message from Maastricht that there has been heavy firing along the line between Liege and Tongres. The Germans are placing heavy guns before Liege and Namur. A Rome dispatch to the Daily Mail says it is reported that the Montenegrins have occupied Scutari.

Southampton, Aug. 10.—Chandler Hale, former assistant secretary of State at Washington, with his family, were among two hundred Americans who arrived here today from Havre.

Glasgow, Aug. 10.—American and Canadian tourists numbering over 10,000, who are stranded here owing to a suspension of the sailing of steamers from Glasgow, held a meeting tonight at which John N. McCunn, American consul, presided. A committee was appointed to register the names of the refugees and render them financial assistance when needed.

London, Aug. 10.—As a result of the war King George today, through Reginald McKenna, home secretary, ordered the release of all militant suffragists in prison for breaches of the peace. Mr. McKenna made this announcement in the House of Commons.

London, Aug. 10.—Mrs. George Law of New York, left London today by automobile bound for Havre. It is her intention to join the French Red Cross.

Birmingham, Aug. 10.—The admiralty has informed the mayor of Birmingham that the cruiser Birmingham which was put in commission last February, sank the first German submarine of the war—the U-15.

Halifax, N. C., Aug. 10.—The port of Halifax today was closed temporarily. British ships will be conveyed in after the regular examination, but once in port, they will not be allowed to leave. The Cunard Line steamer Mauritanian is among the ships in Halifax harbor.

Paris, via London, Aug. 10.—It is reported from Belfort that because of the execution of French subjects by Germans seven prominent residents of the German town of Montreux-Vieux, just across the frontier, have been taken by the French as hostages.

Nish, via London, Aug. 10.—The American consul here has taken over German interests, the German minister having departed.

Paris, Aug. 10.—The Austrian ambassador, Count Szecsen von Temein, left Paris tonight.

London, Aug. 11, 1:40 A. M.—A Brussels dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph says among the Germans killed in the assault on Liege were Prince William of Lippe and his son.

Montreal, Aug. 10.—A cablegram was received today from the Belgian minister of foreign affairs requesting the Belgian consul here to inform Canadian grain exporters that the Belgian government will not accept war on any grain shipped to Belgium.

Vienna, Aug. 10, via London.—Five thousand Montenegrins last Saturday advanced against the Austrian frontier posts to the east of the fortified town of Trebinje, Herzegovina. The Austrian losses were one officer and 21 men, while the Montenegrins lost 200 men killed.

The Russians have made strenuous efforts to enter Austria but have been repulsed. The Austrian frontier troops have carried out successfully several reconnoitering expeditions.

Tokio, Japan, August 10.—Count Okuma, premier, today in an address to newspaper men in Japan, urged them to refrain from sensational rumors and inflammatory articles in such critical times, saying they were calculated to excite the public unduly and injure Japan's relations with friendly countries. The premier instanced what he termed a false assertion that the United States was sending a fleet to Japan.

"America," concluded the premier, "has made no demand on Japan, and remains Japan's great friend."

London, Aug. 10.—Recruits for the army are enlisting at the rate of several thousand a day. Business men are organizing their employees into a fifth line of defense. A majority of the able bodied men of the country are drilling in their home organizations.

Queen Alexandra, who started the Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Fund, has consented to merge her fund with that of the Prince of Wales. Queen Alexandra and former Queen Marie Amelie, of Portugal, today visited the headquarters of the Prince of Wales' fund, where they were informed it had reached \$2,500,000.

Germans have been forbidden to engage in the banking business, except with the permission of the home secretary. The order includes bank directors. In the directorates of English banks, are many prominent Germans.

The National Foreign Trades Council Holds a Special Meeting at New York.

ARRANGE FOR EXPORTS

Object of Council is to Start Exports to Europe.

Endorse Amendment to Panama Canal Act Now Pending in Congress to Admit Foreign Ships Under American Register.

New York, Aug. 10.—The National Foreign Trades Council at a special meeting here today, took measures for the relief of the congestion of foreign commerce due to the war. James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel Corporation and chairman of the council, in opening the meeting, laid stress on the seriousness of the situation and gave as the object of the relief measures the starting of exports to Europe.

It was agreed that the council, which consists of 35 National representative manufacturers, bankers, merchants, railroad and steamship men, collectively standing for the general interest of all elements engaged in or affected by foreign trade, should work for national unity or action in setting American export and import trade free from the paralysis of transportation. The council decided to keep in daily touch with all its members in all parts of the United States and with the numerous commercial and industrial relations which have telegraphed to it for information regarding shipping. Its object is to co-operate with every effective agency for the extension of American commerce.

Adopted Resolutions.

The council adopted resolutions urging the prompt passage of a bill pending in Congress which would provide immediate means to increase the American merchant marine and recommending that the government at once provide war risks insurance at reasonable rates on both the hulls and cargoes of American vessels engaged in overseas trade.

In order to speed the accomplishment of the proposed relief measures the resolutions were transmitted immediately to President Wilson, Secretary Bryan, Secretary of the Treasury, McAdoo, Secretary of Commerce and not urging any particular method. The general sentiment was that with the shipping registry bill enacted and the insurance question placed upon a reasonable basis the equilibrium of exchange soon would be restored as an incident of renewed movement of exports and imports.

HEAT CAUSES DEATHS.

Three Dead and Dozen Others Aged here by Humidity.
New York, Aug. 10.—Heat today caused the death of three persons in New York. Nearly a dozen others were overcome. The temperature did not exceed 85 degrees, but the humidity was high.

STAKES THEY FIGHT FOR

Austria is fighting to put down agitation for Slavic union among her own subjects and to extend her influence in the Balkans.
Serbia is fighting for her national life against Austrian domination and to free 6,000,000 Serbs from the sway of Austria.
Russia must protect her Slav brothers in Serbia and establish a commanding sphere of influence in the Near East.
Germany, Austria's ally, is sworn to come to her aid when Austria is attacked. More than this, Germany must keep Russia from extending her power.
France is an ally of Russia, and hopes always for the recovery of Alsace-Lorraine from Germany.
Great Britain, to preserve the balance of power in Europe, must see to it that the sea-power of her allies, Russia and France, does not suffer at Germany's hands. Germany is also England's greatest naval rival.

CARBAJAL ALSO WILL ABDICATE

No Resistance Will be Offered Rebel Army.

FEDERALS LEAVE CITY

Will Take Up Position in Some City in Southern Mexico Where Negotiations Will be Opened With the Victors for Peace.

Mexico City, Aug. 10.—Indications today point to a speedy termination of the anomalous situation in which Mexico has found herself since the enforced resignation of Huerta.

The reins of government, it is now believed, will be peacefully transferred to a Constitutional government while the Federal army of some 40,000 men will march out of the capital to a Southern city there to await developments after offering their services to the new government in exchange for guarantees. If these latter are not forthcoming, the Federal army leaders insist they will continue to remain in administration. To carry out the new plan, Provisional President Carbajal will turn over the government to Chief Eduardo Iturbide, governor of the Federal district, and the head of the rurales. The latter will be used as a neutral force to patrol the capital during the interval of the departure of the Federal troops and the entrance of the Constitutionalists.

Carbajal will depart for Vera Cruz before the arrival of the Constitutional army headed by General Obregon, who is now near Tul with a force of 25,000 men.

Members of the foreign diplomatic corps here will go to Obregon's headquarters tomorrow to discuss plans for protection of the city.

Much anxiety has been felt here of late over the proximity of General Zapata and his army, but this was greatly relieved today by announcement that the government at once arranged with Obregon for an armistice.

Preparations for war have been carried forward on a large scale in the past few days, but they now have ceased. Some thousand rurales are ready to supply the Federal army as soon as it vacates the city, though serious disturbances now are not feared.

A manifesto to be issued by Carbajal will call upon the people to maintain law and order and to support the new government. As public opinion is largely with the new regime no trouble is expected.

Secret Cabinet Council.

A two hours secret cabinet council was held today and it is believed detailed the transfer of the provisional government to the Constitutionalists was the chief theme.

A special train was being held at the Buena Vista station tonight, presumably for the departure of Carbajal, the President of the Provisional Government, and a large number of followers of the late President Madero was expected to leave soon to confer with Gen. Obregon regarding the best method for the entry of the Constitutionalists.

Word has reached the capital that the city virtually is surrounded by Constitutionalists and the men of Emeliano Zapata, 45,000 strong.

Gen. Obregon's word that he will guarantee a peaceful entry of the Constitutionalists.

It was unofficially reported today that the first army brigade of the Federalists left this city for Puebla today, thus starting the evacuation of the capital. The city is quiet.

Carranza in Command.

Laredo, Texas, Aug. 10.—Gen. Carranza left San Luis Potosi today for Queretaro to take command of the entire Constitutional army there, according to information received here from San Luis Potosi today.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 10.—Advices received today from Gen. Alvaro Obregon, commander of the Western division of the Constitutional army, stated that his advance guard was at El Salto, 50 miles southwest of the Mexican capital. Obregon declared his troops would push on to the capital.

Gen. Villa, commanding the Northern division, remained in Chihuahua today, according to reliable reports.

URGE BRYAN TO AID.

In Search For Prominent Americans Who Are Lost in Europe.
New York, Aug. 10.—The Aero Club of America today requested Secretary Bryan to use his offices to learn the whereabouts of Prof. David Todd, of Amherst College, in Russia on a scientific mission.

Prof. Todd, who is a member of the aeronautical map committee of the Aero Club, went to Russia to photograph an eclipse of the sun intending to use an aeroplane in the work. He was last heard from the Libau on July 16th.

FOREIGN CRUISER CHASES LINER TO NEUTRALITY LINE

British Minnetonka Reaches New York After Several Hours' Race Before Armored Cruiser of Unknown Nationality.

Flight Ended When She Crossed the Three-Mile Neutrality Line Off Coast of United States.

KRONPRINZ WILHELM IS REPORTED CAPTURED

German Steamer Which Left New York Under Darkness on Unknown Mission Last Week—Americans in Europe Are Faring Better, and Clamor to Return Home Subsidies—Thirty Thousand Need Aid.

New York, Aug. 10.—While incoming liners today brought confirmation that foreign warships are cruising off the American coast, strict censorship over the cables from Bermuda perhaps kept hidden from public knowledge the fate of North German-Lloyd steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm, which took 6,000 tons of coal out of this port under cover of darkness last week before the battleship Florida began its enforcement of the neutrality laws.

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

The Associated Press correspondent at Bermuda indicated in a cryptic dispatch that he had information which he had not been allowed to communicate by cable. This message came in response to one informing the correspondent of the reported capture of the Kronprinz Wilhelm.

Port authorities put into effect more rigid enforcement of the neutrality laws today almost simultaneously with the arrival of the Atlantic transport liner Minnetonka with the story that a warship, nationality not learned, had pursued her during the closing hours of her voyage to American waters. An embargo was placed on the wireless apparatus of every foreign ship in New York harbor. This step was taken after the authorities began to suspect foreign cruisers at sea might be communicating with ships of their nationality in port.

The chase of the Minnetonka ended early today only after the ship steamed into the three mile neutrality zone in the vicinity of Nantucket. Three days out from Liverpool the Minnetonka flying a British flag, was informed by wireless by the White Star Steamship Company that the British liner was not to be allowed to proceed, that a state of war existed.

Last night the Minnetonka refused to disclose her wireless identity to a warship which asked it. With her port holes blanked and electric lights to every stateroom cut, the Minnetonka sped through the fog and a few hours later lost sight of her pursuer's searchlights.

Thousands of German and Austrian reservists remain stranded here, unable to find means of transportation homeward. The Holland-American Line steamship Rotterdam, carrying 1,500 Dutch reservists, sailed today for Amsterdam.

The Lloyd-Italiano Steamship Company announced that its ship Caserta, would sail Thursday for Italian ports carrying reservists of any nationality who seek passage. The Lamport and Holt Line announced resumption of sailings of its ships to Brazil and Argentine ports beginning Thursday.

Use Sympathetic Judgment.
Collector of the Port Malone, before starting for Philadelphia today to confer with the port authorities there regarding the neutrality laws, issued an order to the customs inspectors urging the exercise of sympathetic judgment in enforcing the revenue statutes in the examination of Americans and others returning from Europe.

While 60 miles off Sandy Hook late yesterday the British tank steamer Wapello, which arrived here today, sighted the Olympic of the White Star Line, which left New York yesterday without passengers, apparently headed for England. From the course the Olympic was following the captain of the Wapello reported, she seemed to be steaming along a course which would take her toward Halifax, where several of the White Star fleet have put in recently. Officers of the line denied the Olympic was going to Halifax.

There is now in this harbor one of the largest oil tank fleets ever assembled here. The tankers stretch from Tompkinsville out to quarantine, apparently afraid to put to sea while foreign cruisers lurk in the Atlantic. They are British and German ships for the most part, each carrying thousands of tons of oil. Several tankers which left here before war was declared are said to have been requisitioned by the British government as fuel carriers in the North Sea.

The number of applicants at the municipal employment exchange for jobs has increased considerably since

Hotel Bills Paid.
For Those Who Want to Come Home, Impeders Are Numerous.
London, Aug. 10.—The London residents committee today paid out \$10,000 to tourists on cable orders from their home banks. In needy cases hotel bills were paid until the transportation companies agreed to refund.

The various committees formed to help Americans, having found they were being victimized, today established a common investigation headquarters to eliminate impostors.

A society of college women has been formed by Mrs. Walter H. Page, Mrs. David Starr Jordan, and others to guard the interests of stranded American school teachers.

Exchange Rates Lower.
Action of American Government in Sending Gold Has Effect.
London, Aug. 10.—The action of American bankers in shipping gold to England has brought down the exchange rate on American paper to nearly normal.

The distress of Americans stranded in London has been so far relieved that the American committee now is directing its energies and the resources it has in hand to rescuing stranded compatriots on the continent. The committee is making arrangements with the continental railways to provide distressed Americans with transportation.

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