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ALLIES CONCENTRATING TO TAKE OFFENSIVE AGAINST GERMANS

IMPORTANT BATTLE IS EXPECTED SOON

Austrian Troops Are Hurrying To Aid Of Germans--Lull In Fighting At Leige Has Been Reported.

FREQUENT FRENCH, GERMAN CLASHES

Liege Forts Still Holding Out--Brussels Reports German Cavalry Retiring Before Advance Of The French.

London, Aug. 10.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Brussels says Germany is mobilizing another million men who include those of the Landstrum, for the invasion of France.

Rome, Aug. 10.—(Via Paris)—Eight Austrian regiments are reported to have crossed the border en route to Alsace.

London, Aug. 10.—Detachments of the famous Turcos or native troops from the Moroccan peninsula, penetrated upper Alsace today.

Rome, Aug. 10.—(Via Paris)—An Austrian fleet of thirteen battleships and other vessels is reported steaming full speed toward the straits that connected the Adriatic to the Ionian sea. The probable purpose is to give succor to the German cruisers Breslau and Moskan.

London, Aug. 10.—A telegram from Brussels, Belgium, to the Daily Mail, dispatched on Sunday night says a force of French troops arrived in time to participate in a victory by General Leman's Helibans over the Germans attacking Liege.

The correspondent says the French struck the Germans and cut off their retreat. Many Germans were either killed, wounded or captured.

Official reports from France give no details of the strength of the French movement in Alsace near the Swiss frontier, where General Joffre is believed to be in command. Austrian troops are hurrying to the aid of the Germans and an important battle is believed to be imminent.

Indications are that another forward movement of the main French force is in preparation near Metz as official reports from Paris have it that German troops have inundated the Seille valley between Metz and Nancy to hinder the French advance, but the quantity of water is understood to be insufficient to prevent the French forward movement.

Aside from the flanking movement through Belgium, through which they assume the German army was trying to get to the rear of the great French fortresses in the frontier district, the French have noted no important move. The German reconnoitering patrol penetrated 46 miles into French territory.

The German correspondent says the war minister is calling out 1,000,000 of the Landstrum, or final reserve.

Minor skirmishes are reported along the Franco-German frontier.

The Germans occupy the town of Liege but not the surrounding forts.

WIRELESS SEALED.

New York, Aug. 10.—United States customs officers went out today and sealed up all wireless equipment of vessels in the harbor by tying of wiring powers.

This follows the censorship placed on wireless stations along the coast to enforce the neutrality of the United States.

which were still holding out today, according to Belgian reports. A lull in the fighting was announced from Brussels, which city expects that the next clash will occur when the allied forces have completed plans to take the offensive against the German troops.

Brussels reports the German cavalry retiring before the French advance.

The German cruisers Goeben and Breslau have evaded their British and French pursuers, and have arrived in the Adriatic. An Austrian fleet was reported proceeding from Pola to succor them.

Paris reports the Austrian troops to have fallen back from the Servians on the Isonzo frontier.

The Montenegrin navy bombarded the Austrian fortifications at Cattara yesterday.

Austrian cruisers bombarded Antivari, Montenegro.

A small group of German soldiers who sought refuge on Dutch territory are to be interned at Alkmaar until the close of war.

Reports reaching New York today report hearing wireless messages that the North German Lloyd liner Kron Prinz Wilhelm had been captured by the British cruiser Essex in the north Atlantic.

Brussels, Aug. 10.—(Via Paris)—The Belgian general staff today says the situation in regard to the Germans has modified but little since Saturday. However, the German forces are said to be going backwards before the advance of the French troops, a general effective force of which has not into contact with the German advance guard. It is reported that the entire territory to the south of Meuse has been cleared of German soldiers. The French and Belgian armies will take the offensive simultaneously in conformity with a certified plan of campaign.

After the German troops reached Wargasse in the Province of Liege, according to people who saw them, they assembled all the inhabitants and chose fourteen from among them. Of these eight are said to have been shot and two hanged. The mayor, himself, is reported to have been arrested, but later was released by German officers who had been his guests the day before. Other alleged outrages by the Germans are related in the Belgian governmental press.

French German Clashes.

Paris, Aug. 10.—A statement issued by the war department late last night says numerous skirmishes are taking place along the entire front of the French army. One clash with the Germans was violent and the losses on both sides were serious.

The official communication adds that the German troops are receiving reinforcements and that the French are being strengthened.

A battle began Saturday evening on the ridges of the Vosges mountains. Aeroplanes took part. The French troops, after a desperate encounter, obtained possession of the mountain passes of Bonhomme and Sainte Marie. Yesterday morning when the fighting was resumed they took a position dominating Sainte Marie Aux mines.

The French losses in the taking of Sainte Marie are not specifically given in the official reports which confine almost to declaring they were serious. The wounded French and German soldiers were taken to the

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FALL OF LIEGE NOT IMPORTANT

Occupation by Germans Has Not Slightest Strategic Influence While the Forts Are Intact.

ALL AVAILABLE ROADS ARE FULLY COVERED

Railroads to Frontier Destroyed; Impossible for Germans to Get Supplies.

Tennessee and Maine to Distribute Gold Among the Stranded Americans.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The battleship Maine with midshipmen is being held at Gibraltar for possible rescue work among Americans. The battleship Tennessee with her cargo of gold is due at English ports next Saturday and their cruiser North Carolina will arrive at about the same time. The Maine may be used to distribute gold among the refugees.

Officials learned the British tank steamer Narragansett, in today from Rotterdam, that the North German Lloyd liner Kron Prinz Wilhelm had been captured by the British cruiser Essex and that the Essex was taking her to Hamilton, Bermuda.

The sailor said a wireless message last Saturday from the Essex to the station in Bermuda, intercepted by the Narragansett, told of the capture.

The North German Lloyd officials doubt the story. No word, they said had been received from the liner which left New York last Tuesday, heavily laden with coal, ostensibly for Bremen. It was reported but not confirmed that she intended to meet the German cruiser Dresden at sea and replenish her coal supply.

The Brazilian steamship company announced today that its fleet of seven vessels had been withdrawn from the coasting trade and will ply between Brazil and New York until further notice. These vessels fly the Brazilian flag. Arrangements for the lease of several other vessels bearing neutral flags is being made. These vessels will also run between Brazil and New York, carrying freight and passengers.

The steamship Bermudian, due here from Hamilton, Bermuda, has been ordered to remain in that port indefinitely according to announcement by the Halifax steamship company. Six hundred Americans were expected on the ship.

TREASURE FROM SHIP ARRIVES AT NEW YORK

New York, Aug. 10.—Guarded by 40 express messengers and detectives \$10,000,000 in gold and \$3,000,000 in silver bars, the treasure with which the steamer Kron Prinzessin Cecelie put into Bar Harbor, Maine, to avoid capture by English or French warships, arrived in New York today by train. The money now goes to the sub-treasury to be held for New York bankers by whom it was to have been sent to Paris and London.

HOT SPRINGS HAS A BIG SENSATION

Hot Springs, N. C., Aug. 10.—Investigation is to be made of the drowning of Mrs. Ethel Woody in the French Broad river near Hot Springs. The woman is said to have been drowned while running away from Mrs. Margaret Graham, who is alleged to have attacked her with a pistol. Marshall county officials arrested Mrs. Graham. The affair caused considerable excitement in the vicinity of Hot Springs.

"Hospital Sunday" Committee.

Judge J. C. Pritchard, chairman in charge of the "Hospital Sunday" movement has appointed the following committee to assist in the work of making the movement a success: Press committee, James H. Caine and W. A. Hildebrand; committee on hotels, F. L. Seely, J. L. Alexander, Thomas Wadley Raoul, J. Baylis, H. Branch, Frank Loughran and P. H. Branch.

GERMANS SHOOT 7 YOUNG ALIENS

Graphic Description Given of Killing of Five Frenchmen and Two Italians on German Train.

VICTIMS HAD GIVEN LITTLE PROVOCATION

Travellers from Berlin Tell of Agitation Against Emperor or William in the German Capital.

Paris, Aug. 10.—How five young Frenchmen were shot to death in Germany is graphically described in the affidavit of Jean Demony, a returned student, who declares also that two Italians travelling in the same train met the same fate. The first Frenchman to be killed had shouted: "Long live France," at Lorrach, a town of Baden, where he was awaiting a train. According to the affidavit, he was immediately arrested, placed against the wall of the station and shot.

Three other French youths, who were among the small crowd detained at Lorrach by the Germans, protested at the killing and were led to the place where the first Frenchman was shot, a group of officers fired at them and they fell.

Another Frenchman who shouted, "Assassin," was likewise shot, the affidavit says. The two Italians were killed on the road between Waldshut and Immendingen. One was killed in an argument over the closing of a train window and the other because he objected to a German sitting on him.

Against Emperor.

A dispatch to the Figaro from Brussels says two strangers who arrived from Berlin, which city they had left with some difficulty, declared they had been witnesses to an agitation against the Emperor in the German capital. They said that in the avenue of Tilleuls they heard cries of "down with the emperor and down with the crown prince!"

The Belgian government has printed and distributed among its soldiers descriptions of the designs of all uniforms worn by French and English troops.

CAPTURE OF STEAMSHIP LLOYD LINE REPORTED

Kron Prinz Wilhelm Taken by British Cruiser Essex It Is Believed.

New York, Aug. 10.—From two sources today reports came to New York that the North German Lloyd liner Kron Prinz Wilhelm had been captured by the British cruiser Essex and taken her to Nassau as a prize. The Narragansett is said to have intercepted a wireless to this effect and the manager of the Royal Steam Mail packet, whose ships run to Bermuda reported a like dispatch from Bermuda. Its source was not named.

It is known the Essex has been cruising between Bermuda and Halifax, and was at Halifax late last week. The manager of the Royal Mail steamship packet said he had every reason to believe the reports true. He would say where he heard it but it was believed the British consul was his authority.

OLD WAR VETERANS HOLD THEIR REUNION

J. J. Mackey, registrar of deeds for Buncombe county, Judge J. D. Murphy and others spoke at the annual reunion of the members of Company I, Twenty-fifth North Carolina Infantry, Confederate States' army, held near Hominy Saturday. It was an all day affair, was attended by a large crowd and everybody had a good time. There was a picnic dinner served to veterans, visitors and others.

MEXICAN PEACE NEAR?

Mexico City, Aug. 10.—A high official of the Mexican government who asked that he be not quoted, said today that the transfer of power in Mexico from President Carrizal to the constitutionalists would be made peacefully within the next sixty hours.

FINAL TRIBUTE TO MRS. WILSON

Arrangements for Funeral Service in White House Marked by Simplicity That Mrs. Wilson Loved.

COMPARATIVELY FEW ASKED TO BE PRESENT

Profusion of Beautiful Flowers Sent From all Parts of the Country Surround the Casket.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The nation today is paying its final tribute to Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. Arrangements for the funeral service in the East room of the White House at 2 o'clock were marked by simplicity as Mrs. Wilson desired. Only members of the Wilson family and a very few intimates, members of the cabinet and their wives, committees from the senate and house and employes from the White House were asked to be present. Those invited made a group of less than 200 people.

A mahogany casket covered with gray broadcloth was taken from the room in which Mrs. Wilson died, to the East room and there surrounded with a profusion of beautiful flowers, sent from all parts of the country.

The president and his daughters, Miss Margaret Wilson, Mrs. McAdoo and Mrs. Sayre, with Secretary McAdoo, Francis B. Sayre and Prof. Stockton Axson, the brother of Mrs. Wilson, arrived here today after a race across the continent from Oregon to be present before Mrs. Wilson died.

The employees of the White House, all of whom Mrs. Wilson had befriended by simple acts of kindness and thoughtfulness, had special parts of the room assigned to them.

No music was arranged for and the Rev. Sylvester Beach of Princeton, N. J., the Wilson family pastor for many years, and the Rev. J. H. Taylor, of Washington, whose church the president has attended since coming to Washington held the simplest of services. They selected the fourteenth chapter of First Corinthians and the fourteenth chapter of St. John, for the scriptural reading and short prayers and a benediction completed the services.

"Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me," was the opening verse from the scriptures.

"In my father's house are many mansions; if I were not so I would have told you, if I go to prepare a place for you, I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you."

The members of the senate committee, headed by Vice President Marshall gathered in the marble room of the capitol to drive to the White House. Speaker Clark and other members of the congressional committees which included the senator member of each state delegation, also met at the capitol to attend the funeral in a body.

There were no honorary pall bearers. A group of White House attendants who have been on duty there for many years were honored with the task of bearing the casket.

Orders had been issued that all government offices should be closed at 1 o'clock today and tomorrow. All flags on buildings in Washington, private homes and stores, were at half mast.

The trip to Rome, Ga., where Mrs. Wilson will be buried tomorrow afternoon, beside her mother and father in Myrtle cemetery, will be made on a special train. The party will include the president, Miss Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Sayre, Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo, Prof. Axson, Joseph R. Wilson, Joseph Howe, Dr. Carey T. Grayson and Secretary Tamm.

James Woodrow, a cousin of the president, will join the party at Spartanburg, S. C., and Miss Alethea, Saxon and Mrs. Carrie Belle Axson at Atlanta, Ga.

The south has planned to pay tribute to Mrs. Wilson's life as the train passes toward Rome. In Alexandria, Va., and many other cities and towns the church bells will be tolled, a special car on the train will take the thousands of wreaths and floral tributes which have come to the White House since Mrs. Wilson died.

GERMANS ORDERED TO QUIT BELGIUM

German Residents Reported to Have Been Mistreated—Martial Law Decreed.

Berlin, Aug. 10.—(Via London)—The Belgian representative of the official news agency here today telegraphs from Goch that martial law was declared in Belgium Saturday and that all Germans have been ordered to leave the country as soon as possible. The correspondent says that what has happened in Belgium during the last few days surpasses the imaginable after war was declared mobs demolished all business places which either belonged to Germans or handled German goods. Every execution bearing relation to Germany was removed and anyone looking like a German was attacked in the streets or made the object of espionage.

The most improbable anti-German reports were spread, says the correspondent, one being that the German soldiers had tried to murder General Leman, the governor of Liege. Thousands of Germans have left Belgium since Thursday under protection of the American consul for Holland.

WAR BULLETINS.

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London, Aug. 10.—It is officially reported that the French losses at Alkhirch did not exceed 100 killed and wounded.

Paris, Aug. 10.—President Poincare is reported to be taking steps to take care of the Italians in France who are destitute because of the war.

Brussels, Aug. 10.—Feeling over the war is running high. The minister of war estimates that 40,000 men volunteered without being called upon.

Paris, Aug. 10.—The Austrian ambassador is awaiting the response of his government to the complaint made by France that Austrian troops were being sent to the French frontier.

London, Aug. 10.—A dispatch from Rome to the Daily Chronicle says the Austrian steamer Bayern, laden with dynamite and live projectiles is reported trying to penetrate the Adriatic sea. It is suspected her mission is to replenish the munitions of the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau.

Liverpool, Aug. 10.—Directors of the cotton exchange decided today that as the financial situation improved cotton may be sold with the usual ten days allowance for payment, but if any buyer is already overdue with payment he must provide a bank guarantee for the new exchange.

London, Aug. 10.—The Prince of Wales left Buckingham palace today to join the battalion of the Grenadier guards, to which he has been assigned. He will be stationed at the Warley barracks.

The Hague, Aug. 10.—The American minister Henry Van Dyke, denies a report published in Berlin that his son has enlisted in the German army. Young Van Dyke is helping his father here.

Paris, Aug. 10.—Dowager Empress Eugenie of France today sent the queen another a large subscription for the use of the Red Cross officers.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Austria Hungary, France, Great Britain and Russia have acknowledged the receipt of President Wilson's offer of good offices, according to Secretary Bryan today. No statement of the probable acceptance or rejection of the offer was made.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Charge Hubbsche, minister to Switzerland, notified the state department today that Swiss government had declared martial law. He is busy moving his nationals into the American legation.

Steamer Arrives.

New York, Aug. 10.—Arrived: Minnesota, London.