

15,000 Austrians Annihilated In Battle With Servians Near Sabac

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SERIOUS ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN GERMANS AND ALLIES INDICATED

PEOPLE WARNED BY PRESIDENT

Citizens of United States Advised Against 'Passionately Taking Sides' in European Trouble.

DETERMINED TO TAKE NO PART IN DISPUTE

Reported to Be Resentful of Efforts to Bring Him Into the Japan-German Controversy.

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."

"We must be impartial in thought as well as action," he said, "but put a curb upon our sentiments as well as any transaction that might be construed as a preference for one party to the struggle before another."

MAJOR W. E. BREESE IS UNDER ARREST

Is Brought to Asheville by Court Orders on Stretcher. From Brevard.

Upon an instantar capias issued by Judge James E. Boyd of the United States District court, in special session in Asheville for the trial of the banking cases against John H. Carter, Major William E. Breesse was arrested by deputy marshals at Brevard last night and brought here early this afternoon.

GREAT ENGLISH ARMY IN FRANCE

Expeditionary Forces Have All Safely Landed, According to the British Information Bureau.

TRANSPORTATION HAS LASTED MANY DAYS

Warm Welcome Accorded Commander of British Army—Strength of Expedition Secret.

London, Aug. 18.—(9:55 p. m.)—The official war information bureau announces that the British expeditionary forces have landed safely on the French shore.

Frederick E. Smith, unionist member of parliament who is acting as director of the official press bureau of the army and admiralty, issued this statement:

"The command in chief of the British expeditionary army was welcomed by several distinguished officers of the French general staff, the British ambassador in Paris and a number of French cabinet ministers."

ORDERS VILLA NOT TO GO TO MEXICO CITY

Camarro, Chihuahua, Mexico, Aug. 18.—General Villa has received orders from General Carranza not to come to Mexico City.

PANAMA CANAL TAKES IN \$25,000 IN TOLLS

Panama, Aug. 18.—The sum of \$25,000 was taken in Sunday in tolls by the Panama canal, which was officially opened Saturday, August 15.

ANTWERP EXPECTS GERMAN NONSLAUGHT

Various Reports Coming From Belgium Concerning the Situation Before Brussels--Germans Halted.

RUSSIAN EMPEROR LEAVES FOR FRONT

Tsar's Army Completely Mobilized Serious Wounding of German Crown Prince Credited.

Troops of Germany appear today to be concentrating their activities in Belgium. German cavalry patrols have been seen north of Antwerp and the entire civil guard of Antwerp has been called out to defend the city.

Other reports from Belgium say that trenches are being thrown up in the environs of the city.

An official communication from the Russian general staff at St. Petersburg says the Russian mobilization is now complete and that eleven members of the Russian imperial family are at the front.

President Wilson made it clear that the United States would take no hand in the Japanese-German controversy and issued an appeal to American citizens to abstain from any expression of partisanship for any belligerent.

Reports from St. Petersburg by way of London set forth that the Russian armies began their general advance last Sunday.

It is rumored persistently at The Hague that the German crown prince, Frederick William, has been seriously wounded at the front and that Emperor William has hastened to the side of his son, who is said to be at Aix-la-Chapelle.

The report has also been received in London. Dispatches from London, delayed by British censors, report the landing of British expeditionary forces on French soil.

Field Marshall Sir John French, the British commander in chief, was given a rousing welcome in Paris. The British army in France is believed to number between 110,000 and 120,000.

The Servian premier is authority for the report that Austrian forces suffered a severe defeat on the frontier. He telegraphs London that 1,500 Austrians have been "annihilated" near Labac, whence they fled in disorder.

Two German cruisers, evidently seriously disabled in an encounter with the enemy have been brought into Hongkong. The censorship maintained in this British port in China prevents the sending of the vessels names or any details of the engagement which preceded their capture.

The Japanese cruiser Izumo, is believed to be coming up the Pacific coast to observe the movements of the Leipzig.

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 battle will be told only through official reports.

REPORT CHAOS AMONG GERMANS

War Lord's Troops in Mudde on Meuse; Troops Piling on Each Other, Says Belgian Dispatch.

BRUSSELS AWAITING COMING OF ENEMY

Belgians Have Prepared to Make Last Stand at Antwerp, Long Coveted by the Germans.

London, Aug. 18.—(4:25 p. m.)—The Germans are reported as marching on Brussels, by the Brussels correspondent of the Daily Mail. In a dispatch dated last night, he says:

"Feinting with their right at Diest and diverting to some extent the attention of the Belgian field artillery centered on Louvain, the Germans are now signalled as marching direct on Brussels by way of Huy and Jodogne.

This raiding force is believed to consist mainly of cavalry and artillery, including the much feared motor quick fire.

"These troops are reported as in imminent danger of being cut off from their base at Liege but desperate deeds has dawned for the fatherland and the occupation of the Belgian capital is just the sort of spectacular coup utterly barren from a strategic standpoint, calculated to kindle enthusiasm across the Rhine.

"In this peaceful city it is impossible to realize that the enemy is only a long day's march away. The life of the city goes on as usual, but despite outward calm significant events have been chronicled.

"Trenches have been thrown up feverishly in the environs. Expectations in large black type are a stop placard calling on the inhabitants for their own sakes not to engage in any hostilities in the event of German occupation.

"In the general atmosphere of nerve racking mystery, one fact is abundantly plain. The Germans are in a muddle on the Meuse. Aerial observers paint pictures of chaos in the enemy's ranks consequent on the relentless arrival of the army corps behind a crippled front. The emperor has dispatched his legions by a stop watch but owing to the hitch on the line at Liege, Teuton thoroughness is still both ways. Sixteen days for a 30 mile advance from Aix la Chapelle to Diest can hardly be made the cause for many 'hochs' and the maddened fist would have become a trifle rusty.

"Gallant little Belgium has prepared to make a last stand at Antwerp. There is no place in the sun for which the Germans yearn more acutely than this Liverpool of the Netherlands, but they will have to do that at least a half million men to take such a well defended city."

Continue Silk Industry. Paris, Aug. 18.—9:45 a. m.—Considering that one of the best means of helping France to insure her economic life, the American chamber of commerce has obtained orders from America amounting to 60,000,000 which will enable the silk, textile, dressing and kindred industries employing women to continue operating.

London, Aug. 18.—(2:30 p. m.)—A dispatch to the Central News from Rome says the Austrian torpedo boat number nineteen struck a mine at the entrance of the harbor at Pola, the Austrian naval base in the Adriatic and went down. Only one member of the crew was saved.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—Subpoenaes were placed in the hands of United States marshals requiring the presence of ten Chicago cargo packers before the federal grand jury inquiry into the recent advance in meat prices.

The witnesses will probably appear tomorrow.

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TENTH DISTRICT WANTS PRIMARY

Congressman Gudger Says There Exists Overwhelming Sentiment for the State-Wide Law.

MR. GUDGER SUPPORTS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Gives His Endorsement to Each of the Ten Amendments to the N. C. Constitution.

James M. Gudger, jr., before leaving for Washington yesterday evening stated:

"I am heartily in favor of a real state-wide primary act for all elective offices, all counties, all political parties, compelling each party to select the candidates on the same day and with every possible penal safeguard to assure the enforcement of such a primary law."

"Continuing, Mr. Gudger said that there was an overwhelming sentiment in the Tenth Congressional district for a state-wide primary and the party would not stand for a 'joker.' When asked if he was in favor of the proposed amendments to the constitution of North Carolina, Mr. Gudger said:

"Yes, for every one of the ten. A democratic commission appointed by a democratic legislature, composed of competent men, have given these amendments careful study and we have embodied in these proposed remedial measures the mature study and wisdom of democrats acting conscientiously for the good of the people and the democratic party."

Mr. Gudger is very enthusiastic over these business-like progressive measures, and will make a determined fight for them in the ensuing campaign.

DEVASTATION DONE BY GERMAN TROOPS

Complete Burning of Vise and Destroy Another Town in Belgium.

London, Aug. 18.—(5 a. m.)—A dispatch to the Times from The Hague says the Germans have completed the destruction of Vise by burning what was left from the previous fire. The inhabitants were driven across the line into Holland. Fourteen refugees died on the way from Vise to Manchester. The correspondent at Amsterdam makes the same report. It is said the Germans vowed to destroy the city because several shots which killed Germans were fired from there although the natives insist the shots were by accident, from the Germans themselves. The correspondent claims the Germans drove the people from the town at the point of the bayonet, before setting fire to the town. Most of the able bodied men of the town have been arrested and sent to Aix La Chapelle for trial.

Blow up Factories. London, Aug. 18. (10 a. m.)—The correspondent of the Times at Berna Switzerland, says:

"The Germans have burned the town of Bruswell and blown up all its factories, the reason alleged being that the inhabitants fired on a German patrol. All the people of the town were required to register. Notwithstanding the statement that Germany is provided with plenty of coal it is known here that women are being employed in the collieries in the provinces of Rhine and Westphalia."

London, Aug. 18.—(2 p. m.)—An official communication made in Paris according to a Havas dispatch from the French capital, states credence to the report that the crown prince of Germany has been seriously wounded and that he is now at Aix-la-Chapelle.

AUSTRIANS DEFEATED.

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 Lomiza and Lesniza pursued by Servians, who cut up three regiments and captured fourteen guns.

London, Aug. 18.—(10:50 a. m.)—The Servian legation has received this telegram from the Servian premier:

"The Austrians were completely routed in the mountains near Sabac and fifteen thousand annihilated. Fourteen guns were captured. The Austrians were fleeing in great disorder toward the rivers Save and Drina, hotly pursued by our troops."

POPE'S CONDITION.

Rome, Aug. 17.—(9:30 p. m., Via Paris, Aug. 18; 11:30 a. m.)—The condition of the pope tonight was about the same. The bronchial affection continued. There was no sign of aggravation, but it was said it would be difficult for the patient to free himself of this condition owing to his mental depression because of the war.

URGED TO OPPOSE SPREADING OF WAR

Appeal Made to President in Regard to Threatening Crisis in East.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Administration officials today awaited with interest some indication of Germany's viewpoint in connection with Japan's ultimatum. The White House and the state department were silent as was the German ambassador, who as yet had received no official word of Japan's action, but in well informed circles, it was said Germany likely would regard the move as inspired by England to embarrass her enemy at a time when all its energies were concentrated on the European struggle and that the United States would definitely refuse to be drawn into the controversy by any representations that China threatened with dismemberment.

Throughout the efforts of various powers to secure territory in China, the attitude of the United States has been to encourage and protect China against dismemberment. While this had led the United States to favor the "territorial integrity" of China as a general principle of fairness, this country has never gone to the extent of guaranteeing to China the protection of her territory or objecting to the large foreign colonies now established there.

President Wilson was appealed to today by the German-American alliance, to use his influence with Japan to prevent the spread of the war to the far east.

"Instead of throwing the firebrand of war into the far east," says the appeal, Japan should be fair and submit any grievances she has against Germany or against any other nation to The Hague peace tribunal, where, no doubt, other questions of the present conflict will be submitted.

The petition and other appeals are receiving attention in official quarters but no announcement has been made as to the government's course.

General Advance. London, Aug. 18.—(4:50 a. m.)—The general advance of the Russian army began Sunday, according to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times. He says:

"I am permitted to state that the Russian armies began their general advance on Sunday, the seventeenth day of the mobilization. The exertion of strong pressure on the Austro-Hungarian and German bodies from this side at least a week earlier than was supposed possible will undoubtedly discourage the enemy in their attack on France."

GERMANS NEAR ANTWERP

London, Aug. 18.—(1:30 p. m.)—German cavalry patrols have been sighted to the northwest of Antwerp, according to the Antwerp correspondent of Reuters.

The military governor, the correspondent continues, has ordered the entire civil guard of Antwerp to be mobilized on a war footing and to take their positions in the forts around Antwerp.

An official announcement assures the people of Antwerp that they have no need to be frightened. Similar bands of German Uhlans and Hussars have traversed other parts of the country without doing much damage.

Monterey, Cal., Aug. 18.—Reports of heavy firing at sea last night were received here from several sources. Captain MacDonald of the schooner Frank H. Buck, which arrived last night said he heard cannonading when off Pigeon Point, north of Santa Cruz, last night.

Tokio, Aug. 18.—(9:45 p. m.)—The foreign minister Baron Takaaki Kato, in a speech today, said that if diplomatic relations between Japan and Germany were broken off German subjects choosing to reside in Japan would continue to receive protection to their lives and property so long as they obeyed the law.