

GERMANS GAIN ON BOTH BANKS OF MEUSE, IN CONTACT WITH ALLIES

ENTIRE CHANGE IN CAMPAIGN LIKELY

As Germans Find New Opening In Belgium -- Persistent Rumors That Brussels Has Fallen to Germans.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS FILL 4 HOSPITALS

Loss of 6000 Germans Reported In Battle at Charleroi--Russian-German Battle Fought.

An entire change in the plan of campaign may be brought about by the finding of an opening to the north by the German armies in Belgium. This was admitted in an official communication from Brussels today which said the Germans "had gained ground on both banks of the Meuse and are in contact with the allies." It adds that the Belgians having done all that could be expected by holding the invaders in check for 15 days "their strategy will now be merged into the general plan of the allied armies."

Rumors that Brussels has fallen into German hands were persistently in circulation in Paris, but no information could be obtained. The Belgian capital was known certainly to be threatened by daring German cavalry, who had reached the forest of Sergnies, flanking the city. All the approaching roads had been barricaded and entrenched. Four of the Brussels hospitals are filled with wounded soldiers.

Antwerp apparently is the temporary goal of the German troops in Belgium. They are reported moving slowly but steadily in the direction of the great fortified port on the river Scheldt.

The German soldiers have occupied the town of Tirlemont and their masses pushing in from the frontier, are believed to have come into contact with the allies' front.

Reports in Brussels assert a battle had occurred near Charleroi in which the Germans were supposed to have suffered a loss of 6000 killed. This was not confirmed.

Reports were current in many European quarters that Germany had decided not to comply with Japan's ultimatum calling for the German evacuation of Kiao Chow and the abandonment of Eastern seas by German war vessels. Holland is said to feel uneasiness for her East Indian colonies, in view of Japan's attitude.

Gumbinnen, a German town 20 miles from the Russian frontier, has been occupied by the Russians, who, according to Russian official advices, captured 12 German field guns and took many prisoners.

News of military developments issued by the official bureaus becomes more brief as the great masses of the Germans and Austrians approach the opposing forces of the Belgians, French and British and indications of the positions occupied are entirely suppressed.

The French column is reported invading Lorraine in the direction of Metz.

Amazons are being enlisted in Berlin. Montenegrin troops have reached Servian territory and are being incorporated into an army division.

A small German party entered British East African territory and carried out small depredations.

La Croix, of Paris, alleges the blind bishop Kannengieser, an Alsatian, was shot by Germans who believed he possessed plans of the strong fortress of Istein-Glots in Baden.

Paris, August 20.—(1:20 p. m.)—The reoccupation of Muelhausen, Alsace, by French troops, is announced here today.

Paris, Aug. 20.—The recapture of Muelhausen was preceded by a very severe battle. The French troops took a suburb at the point of the bayonette. They secured six cannon and six ammunition wagons. The official note says conditions in the Vosges mountains are unchanged.

In upper Alsace the French have occupied Guebwiller, fourteen miles southwest of Colmar.

In Lorraine it is stated the French line extends from the north of Saarburg passing by Morhange to Delme.

London, Aug. 20.—(5:30 a. m.)—A dispatch to the Express from The Hague, says:

"Japan's ultimatum to Germany has been the cause of some grave thinking on the part of many Dutchmen, who wonder whether there is likely to be any danger to the Dutch."

WAR SITUATION AS SEEN BY BRITISH

Accounts of Developments Received by British Embassy at Washington.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The British embassy here today received from its foreign office this summary of the military and naval situation:

"Since the declaration of war the fleet has been responsible for the safety of the expeditionary force, which completed its embarkation in French territory which continued in order and without a casualty. The work of the navy of the North sea and elsewhere in guarding interests is best illustrated by the fact that at Lloyds yesterday the war risk rate fell to 40 shillings per cent for almost any voyage of British vessels, whereas the rate to insure freight of corn paid by steamers from the United States to a British port, is 30 shillings per cent."

"The German fleet outside the Baltic is confined to harbors. English commerce is almost normal. German sea borne commerce is paralyzed. The only casualty is the loss of the light cruiser Amphion, blown up by a mine after having sunk the German mine layer Koening Luise. One German submarine has been sunk in the North sea."

"The military position is as follows:

"The German forces at present extend from north of the neighborhood of Basle, through Liege to a point in Belgium to the east of Antwerp and near the Dutch frontier. Outstanding features of the operations up to the present has been defence caused by the contemplated German offensive across the Meuse, by the defense of Liege where the forts are still standing. It has permitted orderly mobilization and concentration of the French army and the British expeditionary force. German troops have now crossed the Meuse both above and below Liege and are gaining some ground slowly westward but their advance cavalry has been continually checked by the Belgians."

"In the south, where the German armies are apparently on the defensive, the French are advancing on a long line into Alsace and Lorraine, a great extent of which they now occupy after driving back in several engagements the troops opposed to them."

POSSIBLE ATTEMPT TO COAL CRUISER AT SEA

Believed German Steamer Maszlin Had Fuel for the Nuerberg.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 20.—Fire in the hold of the German steamer Maszlin yesterday revealed to Collector of Port Davis what he believes is a plan to coal at sea the German cruiser Nuerburg with the remainder of the 19,000 tons of coal purchased by the German government for the cruiser Leipzig. Part of the coal was put aboard the Leipzig a few days ago and the remainder was put aboard the Maszlin which was ready to sail yesterday for Mexico ports with a general cargo of merchandise. The fire, which was easily put out, was discovered while the Maszlin was lying at her dock and the fact that the coal was stowed on top of the general cargo, in closed bags, led authorities to suspect an attempt to replenish the supply of the Nuerburg. That warship is reported cruising near the coast.

Director Davis ordered the Maszlin held until a complete examination can be made.

HOKE SMITH IS RE-NOMINATED

Wins Over Joe Brown for Long Term in United States Senate With Large Majority.

CONTEST TO SUCCEED WAS NOT DECIDED

Three Cornered Fight for Gubernatorial Nomination Is Unsettled—Judge Harris Claims Success.

Atlanta, Aug. 20.—Complete returns from all Georgia counties except Dawson, Lincoln, Liberty and Towns early today indicated conclusively that Senator Hoke Smith was nominated for re-election in the long term in the United States senate today in the state-wide democratic primary. His majority over Former Governor Joseph M. Brown, was overwhelming. Not including the four counties mentioned, Senator Smith will command 348 votes in the state convention, and Brown sixteen. It was around this race that interest was chiefly centered.

Governor John M. Slaton, Congressman T. W. Hardwick, and former Attorney General Thomas S. Felner made a spectacular race for nomination to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator A. O. Bacon. Late returns this morning gave Governor Slaton 60 convention votes; Hardwick 106 and Felner 66.

The other two candidates, G. R. Hutchins and G. R. Cooper will command less than ten votes between them. This contest probably will be decided by the convention, as 180 votes are necessary for nomination.

The three cornered fight for gubernatorial nomination is unsettled, but Judge Harris has 204 votes against 184 for Hardman and 150 for J. Randolph Walker. It is said Judge Harris would have enough votes in the contention to win.

There were only six congressional districts in which aspirants had opposition. The returns from these were somewhat delayed.

The other candidates for state offices who apparently have been successful are:

Clifford Walker for attorney general; W. H. Speer, for state treasurer; Judge Harris for Broyles, for the court of appeals; J. D. Price, for commissioner of agriculture; E. A. Rainey for prison commissioner; A. R. Walters, for railroad commissioner; A. R. Britton for state superintendent of education and W. A. Wright for comptroller general.

INSURANCE OF WAR RISKS BILL URGED

Favorably Reported to Senate --Expert Opinions Given on the Measure.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The administration bill for war risks was favorably reported for action to both the house and senate today after brief hearings in committees.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The administration bill for government insurance of American registered ships and their cargoes against risks of the European war was reported favorably today by a delegation of banking and shipping men, after a conference with Secretary McAdoo, gave expert opinion on business conditions, resulting in European war. The delegation was headed by Beth Low, of New York.

Hearings on the bill were taken by the house commerce committee Chairman Underwood told the committee that the government was not to enter into the marine insurance business as a permanent venture and the present bill was urgently necessary as an emergency measure.

WILL PROBABLY FAVOR PRIMARY

State Convention of Republicans Also Expected to Endorse Taxation Change, Six Months Schools.

LINNEY IS LIKELY TO SUCCEED MOREHEAD

Republicans of Fifth District Will Nominate A. E. Holton to Make the Race for Congress.

Raleigh, Aug. 20.—The republican state convention scheduled to meet at noon, was expected to endorse two proposed constitutional amendments providing for a change in the taxation system and a six months school term; to favor a direct legalized primary applicable to all parties on the same day, accompanied by a corrupt practices act, and to favor working of state convicts in lime deposits so as to furnish lime to farmers at cost. Prior to the assembling of the convention at noon, the delegates were silent as to their candidates, but intimated that Frank Linney of Boone, would succeed John M. Moorehead of Spray as state chairman. The republicans of the fifth district will hold an adjourned meeting at Greensboro tomorrow and nominate E. A. Holton, formerly United States attorney for the western district to oppose Representative Charles Steadman. Leaders said there was no doubt of Mr. Holton's nomination.

CORPS OF AMAZONS FORMING IN BERLIN

Chinese Medical Men Tell of Boys Guarding Bridges—No Able Bodied Men.

London, Aug. 20.—6:50 a. m.—The Times correspondent at Rotterdam telegraphs a statement which he says was made to him by a party of Chinese medical men who have arrived in Rotterdam from Berlin:

"When we left Berlin Saturday night," says the statement, "the city was in the hands of old men and boys. Not an able-bodied man was to be seen. All the bridges were guarded by boys of about fourteen years of age who stood with fixed bayonets."

A fortnight ago the Friedrichstrasse bridge was damaged by a Russian bomb. We, ourselves saw the damage done.

"A corps of Amazons is being raised in Berlin leaflets having been distributed, calling women to arms."

"A week ago an attempt was made to blow up the bridge of Zoologische-Mahnhof without success, a Russian spy being sabred by an officer."

"The German soldiers look very fit and are splendidly equipped."

The correspondent also says that Anthony J. Drexell who motored through from Baden-Baden, was emphatic in declaring that extraordinary civility was shown to all foreigners, English included, at Baden-Baden.

ASHEVILLE IS "LOST" TO WIRELESS TOWER

Although expert wireless operators are still at work, the lofty tower on Mt. Mitchell has not yet been able to reach Asheville with messages. The operator on Mt. Mitchell can catch messages from Norfolk, New Bern, Tampa, New York and other sections but has not yet been able to "find" Asheville.

TEACHER SERIOUSLY STABBED BY PUPIL

Roanoke, Aug. 20.—Miss Vaude Kleer, teacher of Dickens county school, is seriously ill today from knife wounds, inflicted yesterday by Charles Lowe, a thirteen year old pupil, when she attempted to punish him for violation of rules. The boy is under arrest.

POPE PIUS' END WAS PEACEFUL

JUDGE SPEER IS A LOCAL VISITOR

Famous Federal Jurist Spending His Vacation at the Grove Park Inn.

Hon. Emery Speer, United States Judge for the Southern district of Georgia and one of the most distinguished members of the Federal judiciary, has arrived in Asheville and, with Mrs. Speer is at Grove Park Inn. Judge Speer came to Asheville from Mt. Airy, Ga., where he has a summer home and will remain here for several weeks resting and riding with Mrs. Speer over the mountain trails.

The court over which Judge Speer presides is one of the best known in the country because of the many noted cases which have been decided there and many decisions he has made and opinions he has delivered have become famous the country over.

Judge Speer has been referred to many times because of the manner in which he handles cases in his court of illicit distilling and because of his method and his thorough knowledge of the people who come before him charged with moonshining, this practice has almost disappeared in his jurisdiction.

It is seldom that Judge Speer has ever sentenced a man convicted of moonshining to the federal penitentiary but many times he has sent a convicted man home to make and gather his crops with instructions to report back to the United States marshal upon a certain date. And never has the confidence which he has placed in such people been violated. On the contrary there are incidents where men have actually walked back to Macon to give themselves up.

And invariably Judge Speer has given the offender a jail sentence and then suspended the sentence during the good behavior of the defendant.

Judge Speer is noted as a master of English and for his wit. But a reply on one occasion to a question asked of an old negro defendant, the length and breadth of the land.

This old defendant was charged with illicit distilling and his name happened to be Joshua. As the clerk called his name and he stood up Judge Speer smilingly said:

"Joshua, are you the man who made the sun stand still?"

And there was a murmur of laughter in the court room.

But this murmur became almost a roar when the old darkey replied innocently:

"Nawwir, Judge, I se de nigger what made de moonshine."

Millionaires with armies of brilliant counsel have been convicted in his court and have served sentences in the federal penitentiary and the poor and ignorant, unjustly accused and without counsel have been acquitted.

Judge Speer is very fond of horseback riding and as soon as his horses arrive from Mt. Airy, he will spend a large part of his time in exploring the mountains.

PERMANENT RESIDENTS BEING BROUGHT HERE

Quite a large number of visitors, several of whom contemplate making their permanent homes here, have arrived in Asheville during the past few days and registered at the board of trade. One party came from St. Petersburg, Fla., another from St. Louis, while a third family came here to reside from Detroit. All had received literature with reference to Asheville and the Land of the Sky from the board of trade. Inquiries continue to come in every mail for Asheville advertising matter. These requests are from all section of the United States.

You are one of 25,000 visitors in Asheville and nearby resorts. Each of you has friends back home who would like to read about the city you are visiting. You are too busy to write because you are seeing things. Slip us or tell the story for you. Slip 25 or 50 cents in an envelope and mail to The Gazette-News and we will do the rest.

Name Street City Amount

"Together in One, All Things in Christ," on Lips of Pontiff as He Entered the Valley of Death.

WHILE LONG EXPECTED, HIS DEATH WAS SHOCK

Touching Scenes at Death Bed --Pope Will Rest in St. Peter's--Candidates to Succeed.

Rome, Aug. 20.—"Together in one, all things in Christ."

These words, which Pope Pius X. adopted as his motto in an encyclical six days after he had been elevated to the pontificate were on his lips as he entered the valley of death.

The end, which came at 1:20 o'clock, was peaceful. A few moments before he had been roused from a state of semi-consciousness and he attempted to bestow a blessing upon those gathered in the chamber, but his strength failed him. After a pause he murmured the scriptural text and did not speak again.

IN EIGHTIETH YEAR.

The Pontiff was in the eightieth year of his life and the twelfth year of his pontificate. His death while long expected because of ailments of advance life, came as a shock to those near him. For several days he had been suffering from gouty catarrh, but on Tuesday his physicians announced that the trouble was of no great importance and yesterday morning reassured the populace. The change came during the forenoon yesterday and in the afternoon those present announced that death was imminent. Similar attacks had been resisted by aid of the Pope's will powerful but sorrow over the clash of arms in Europe, militated against another recovery. Late last night the Pontiff experienced an attack of coughing that greatly distressed him. He could not move in bed without assistance and the struggle made to breathe was painful to witness.

A supreme moment approached as the coughing ceased and the restlessness which the doctors had been unable to relieve disappeared. The features of the patient, which had given evidence of his pain, resumed a normal expression except for the increasing pallor.

RELATIVES PRESENT.

The papal secretary of state, Cardinal Merry Del Val, Cardinals Ferrata, Cagiano and Biscetti, the Pope's two sisters and physicians who were at the bedside, recognized the calm preceding eternal rest.

Dr. Marchisava, his hand on the Pontiff's pulse, turned toward the papal secretary who was kneeling and shook his head, Cardinal Merry Del Val understood and covered his face with his hands. Monsignor Vannutelli, the Pope's niece, Gilda Parolini; his majordomo, Monsignor Bianchi, Monsignor Miscalenti, and his secretaries, Monsignor Bressan and Monsignor Pescini, had joined the group in the chamber.

Two sisters and the Pope's secretaries could not restrain their sobs and their voices seemed to bring back the Pontiff from the state of coma into which he had lapsed. His eyes opened, his lips moved and it was plain he was making an effort to impart a final blessing. For a moment it seemed that dissolution had taken place, and then the lips moved again:

HIS LAST WORDS.

"Together in one, all things in Christ," he whispered.

Dr. Marchisava, released the Pontiff, which dropped pulseless on the Pontiff's breast and bent over the bed, listening for a heart that was stilled.

"It is all over," he said, and reverently kissed the Pope's hand. In turn the others did the same, after which they intoned prayers for the dead.

Immediately after candle lights flickered in all the windows of the Vatican and the whole personnel of the apostolic palace, with the permission of the apostolic secretary, filed by the dead and kissed the hand of the Pope as they passed.

Many Messages.

Throughout the night messages had been received from the heads of many states inquiring the condition of his holiness. All were informed of his death by Cardinal Merry Del Val. The Italian premier Signor Salandra, at once ordered that the necessary measures be taken to guarantee the complete liberty of the press.

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