

GERMANS FAST NEARING PARIS, AUSTRIANS CLAIM BIG VICTORY

LEAVE EUROPE FOR AMERICA

Hundreds of Americans Arrive at New York, Hundreds More are Leaving France.

MANY WERE UNABLE TO PAY FOR PASSAGE

Work of American Consul is Praised—Refugees Tell of the Situation in Switzerland.

New York, Aug. 31.—A White Star liner from Glasgow arrived today with 555 passengers, all but 45 of whom were Americans. The San Giovanni, with 700 passengers, nearly all Americans, also arrived this morning. Many of them owed for their fare across the Atlantic, when the boat docked here. Each passenger was charged \$100 but if he could not pay his promise to pay upon reaching New York was accepted instead of money.

No trans-Atlantic vessels were due to leave New York today.

Havre, Aug. 30.—(Via Paris, Aug. 31.)—The French line steamer Rochambeau left on August 30, repatriating 800 Americans. Few complaints were heard from the passengers regarding the "glorified steerage." Those compelled to take quarters there have the same privileges as other passengers. The Americans coming from Switzerland have interesting accounts of the situation there. Edwin Beach of New York, said: "Great praise must be given to the American consul general, David F. Wilbur and his staff for untiring efforts in behalf of Americans needing help at Zurich." W. F. Bradley said the trip from Geneva had been most tedious. "We did not mind; the greatest feeling of unrest prevailed throughout Switzerland. When we arrived at Lyons we found trains bearing French and English. All sang their national anthem and as a finale a man standing on a packing box waved a French flag and sang the Marseillaise. The situation was a most impressive one."

Rome, Aug. 31.—(Via Paris)—The steamer Ancona has sailed from Naples with 134 Americans aboard including Cyrus Townsend Brady.

At Genoa the steamer Antilles is preparing to sail with a number of Americans, including Phillip Collins of Philadelphia.

Genoa Ship Reached.

Curling, N. F., Aug. 31.—A big tramp steamer, grain laden from Montreal for Liverpool, is reported beached on the New Foundland west coast eleven miles north of here. The steamer struck and ice berg in the straits of Belle Isle Friday night and was compelled to run ashore with her forehold full of water.

Several rescue steamers have gone to the aid of the grain boat.

CARDINALS MEET TO ELECT POPE

Rome, Aug. 31.—(Via Paris, 11:31 a. m.)—The conclave of the cardinal, to elect a successor to Pope Pius X, who died August 20, was inaugurated today with imposing ceremony. Mass was celebrated in the Pauline chapel in the presence of 57 cardinals and their conclavists. There were present also members of the diplomatic corps, the knights of Malta and the aristocracy of the Papal court, which for the first time since August 29, appeared without their mourning dress. The Sixtine choir sang the middle mass and Monsignor Masella delivered in Latin an oration concerning the election of a pontiff.

PRESIDENT MAKING NO PLANS TO SPEAK

Cornish, N. H., Aug. 31.—President Wilson motored to Hanover today for a round of golf with his physician, Dr. Grayson. He planned to take a long automobile ride later. The president is making no plans to go on a speaking tour during the fall campaign, although he has taken under advisement requests of democratic leaders to speak in several states.

PREMIER CENSURES TIMES NEWSPAPER

Publication of Alarming Dispatch Condemned by Asquith in the Commons.

London, Aug. 31.—Premier Asquith publicly reprimanded the London Times in the house of commons this afternoon for having published the dispatch which created such excitement Sunday morning. "The publication of this dispatch," said the premier, "seems to me a regrettable exception to the patriotic reticence which the press as a whole has shown up to the present and I trust it will not recur."

Mr. Asquith opposed the suggestion to allow the correspondents to go to the front, but admitted the people were entitled to prompt and authentic information of what was happening there and said arrangements had been made which he hoped would prove adequate. He then said:

"It may become necessary to ask the house to pass some very drastic rules which I shall be loath to impose unless the emergency comes."

The London Times on Sunday published a dispatch from Amiens, France, in which the correspondent took a very pessimistic view of the situation from the standpoint of the allies.

NEW SCHOOL OFFICIAL IS EXPECTED TOMORROW

C. R. Appleton Will Have Charge of New Manual Training Dept.

C. R. Appleton, who will have charge of the new manual training department of the Asheville High school this year will arrive in the city tomorrow morning and will at once complete arrangements for the beginning of the class of boys who take this training at the local school. The greater part of the plans for the manual training department have been completed although there are several minor details to be worked out and these will not be gone into until Mr. Appleton's arrival here. The department will be located on the third floor of the High school building and already the benches to be used have been installed and much of the heavier work done.

The course in manual training will be selective and if possible it is planned to take in boys from all of the grades of the city schools down to the sixth grade, but this will be regulated by the number of boys attending the High school who decide to take the course. Mr. Appleton is a graduate of the Mechanics Institute of Rochester, N. Y., and has just finished a summer course in the Stout Institute at Menomonee, Wis., from which place he comes to this city.

Announcement is also made by Superintendent Harry Howell of the city schools that the domestic science course, attendance to which was compulsory last year to all the girls in the High school will this year be elective, which means that only those girl students who desire to take the course will do so. This step was taken in view of the fact that it was found that a great per cent of the girl students did desire to take the course and many others have signified their intentions of doing so when the schools of the city open on Tuesday September 8. Everything is in readiness for the opening of all the city schools on the date mentioned and it is expected that the opening attendance will be the largest in the history of the schools.

WORKING BASIS FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT

Nogales, Sonora, Aug. 13.—After conferences between Generals Villa and Obregon and Governor Maytorena, of Sonora recently, it was announced a working basis had been reached for a peaceful settlement of the trouble between Sonora factions. Several officers arrested by Maytorena were released. The conferences continue today.

Germans Leave Japan.

Tokio, Aug. 31.—Count Bernes and forty Austrians and Germans have sailed for San Francisco on the Maryland today. The destination is Washington. The birthday of the emperor of Japan was celebrated today. A large procession of lantern bearers visited the British and Russian embassies in Tokio and the ovation was acknowledged by the ambassadors. The crowds were orderly.

KAISER IS STRIVING TO CHECK RUSSIANS

Fresh Troops Are Hurried From Western Front to Prussia to Halt Advance On Berlin by Russian Host.

NON-COMBATANTS FLEEING PARIS, FORTS GARRISONED

St. Petersburg Denies Reverses on Austrian Frontier Or in Poland—Firing Heard Off French Coast ---Fresh Reserves For France.

London, Aug. 31.—(3 a. m.)

The Post today calls attention to a statement by the French embassy as indicating that the allied forces have again been compelled to fall back before the German advance in the neighborhood of LaFere, which is over twenty miles nearer to Paris than the Cambrai Lecateau line, where the allies reorganized after the Germans crossed the French border.

Fighting is also reported in the vicinity of Amiens.

La Fere is only a little more than sixty miles from Paris as the crow flies. The Post says:

"A statement issued by the French embassy discloses a situation of much gravity. A German army on Sunday was attacking on a line between Lanoise-Signy-l'Abbaye, while another German army was attacking from the west the line between La Fere to Guise and although unsuccessful at Guise was making progress at La Fere.

"These two German armies, therefore, were only 40 miles apart.

"The German army attacking the front at Guise and at La Fere has a clear country behind them and a severe attack on the flank will see them on their way to Paris."

London, Aug. 31.—(3:10 a. m.)—A Havas agency dispatch from Ghent reports that that district is now clear of Germans and that railway and telegraphic communication has been resumed with Gramont. The officials have ordered the railroad to limit the issue of tickets to Antwerp to the strictest minimum. The object is to prevent provisions being taken from Ghent to friends in the fortress and to prevent spies taking advantage of a crowd to obtain the strength of the forts at different places.

Paris, Aug. 31.—(12:08 p. m.)—All night long troops from the south and west of France have been arriving at the capital and passing by rail around the city to the locations of the encircling fortifications to which they have been assigned.

WAR NEWS SUMMARIZED.

Fierce fighting continues on the Austrian frontier. Both the Austrians and Russian army claims advantage.

From Austrian sources it is stated that the Russians are being pursued in the direction of Lublin, in Russian Poland.

Early dispatches from St. Petersburg state Russians are active chiefly in the vicinity of Lublin.

Dispatches from St. Petersburg say the Russian advance in Prussia is progressing rapidly and repeats a former claim of successes in Galicia.

Fresh forces of Germans have appeared on the Prussian frontier, according to a British official report. This bears out recent statements from Belgium that Germans were withdrawing troops from their western front to reinforce the Austro-German lines on the east.

Up to noon today no official announcement had been made at London or Paris. News dispatches indicate that Germans are pressing toward Paris and that one army is within sixty miles of the French capital.

Paris is preparing for a siege. Outgoing trains are filled with non-combatants while troops from the south and west are arriving to reinforce the garrisons already in the ring of the city's defenses.

Dover reports that firing, seemingly from vessels along the French coast, was heard there this morning.

There is great activity on the part of the municipal military administration in completing the details of the plans for the defense of Paris.

No official information regarding the military situation on the frontier has been made public.

The unusual animation noticed in the streets today was caused chiefly by the thousands of persons seeking news. Many families are departing as a matter of prudence. It is felt here the fewer the non-combatants in the city the better.

Trains leaving to the west or south were crowded.

Berlin, Aug. 28.—(Via Copenhagen and London, August 31. (12:48 p. m.)—The following:

Washington, Aug. 31.—Without division today the senate agreed to house adjustments in the war risk bill. The bill now goes to the president.

It establishes a bureau for war risk insurance in the treasury department and appropriates \$5,000,000 to pay losses on ships of American registry, sustained through hazards of war.

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FINE RESIDENCE WAS DESTROYED BY FLAMES

Sunset Mountain Home Burned on Sunday—Loss Will Be Big.

The beautiful residence of Mrs. R. S. Howland located on Sunset mountain, was completely destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock. The fire started in the roof and is believed to have been caused by a defective flue. The flames soon spread to the entire roof of the house and the handsome ceilings were taken off and carried out. The residence was elaborately furnished and the ceiling in the dining room was composed of native woods, no less than five varieties being used in it.

The residence was erected several years ago at a cost of between \$50,000 and \$60,000 and it is understood that it was partially covered with insurance. No statement was given out as to whether or not the residence would be rebuilt.

APPLE CROP PROMISES TO SMASH ALL RECORDS

Bumper Fruit Crop is Now Looked for in This Section.

Indications point toward a record-breaking apple crop in Western North Carolina this year, according to those who are in a position to know. Already the fruit crop is being harvested on a small scale but the big fruit business does not open up until some weeks later. As a result of the excellent outlook fruit men in this section are well pleased. They expect to get a good price for their output.

According to land dealers and real estate men of Asheville there is now a healthy demand on for orchards and land suitable for fruit growing, with but little being offered for sale in the Land of the Sky. Several big deals have been made in this time.

During the past few months and in each instance a good price was brought for the land in question.

CONFIRMATION MADE OF NOMINATIONS OF M'REYNOLDS, GREGORY

Washington, Aug. 31.—The senate has confirmed the nomination of Attorney General James C. McReynolds as associate justice of the Supreme court. Senators said the vote was "very decidedly" in favor of confirmation.

The senate also confirmed without a roll call the nomination of Thomas W. Gregory to be attorney general.

The vote on the McReynolds nomination was 44 to 6. Cummings, Clapp and Jones, Republicans; Poindexter, progressive, and Vardaman, democrat, voted against Mr. McReynolds. The principal speech in opposition was made by Senator Norris of Nebraska.

TALK IN SWITZERLAND OF ITALY'S JOINING HANDS WITH ALLIES

Geneva, Switzerland, Sunday, Aug. 23.—(Via Paris, Aug. 23. 4:30 p. m. Delayed in transmission)—There is much talk on the Swiss side of the border of Italy joining the allies against Germany and Austria. The Swiss have been called to the colors and it is reported here that the Italian fleet have been concentrated at a certain point on the Adriatic to join the British and French squadrons before Trieste.

Golf Tournament Opens.

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GERMANS SEEM IRRESISTIBLE

Journalist Says Armed Auto Trucks are Greatly Facilitating Their Advance on Paris.

ARMED WITH SCYTHES WHICH CLEAR PATH

Traveler in Belgium Believes Stories of Atrocities are Exaggerated.—Louvain Destroyed.

London, Aug. 31.—A correspondent of the London Daily News who has been traveling through Dutch Limburg has sent a dispatch to his paper declaring the belief in that section that the family of the German Crown Prince Frederick William has taken refuge at The Hague. This story has not been confirmed from any other quarter.

Arno Dosch, correspondent of the magazine World's Work, arrived in London today from Brussels and reported John T. McCutcheon of Chicago, Irvin Cobb, of New York and Mr. Hanson of the Chicago News, safe in Brussels when he left last Thursday. Referring to the military situation in Belgium, Mr. Dosch said: "German auto trucks are a marvel. Equipped with scythes they mow right through hedges and wire fences if the roads no suit drivers. These trucks are heavily armored and they are able to resist anything except artillery fire. They enable the German forces to make forty miles a day. The number of these trucks seems unlimited."

"About 300,000 German troops have made their way through Brussels and 400,000 moved south of Brussels. The troops which passed through Brussels were later engaged with the British forces. Only a small detachment of Germans were left in the Belgian capital."

"I have no personal knowledge of the German atrocities reported from Belgium and I am inclined to discredit most of these stories. The Germans also tell many stories of Belgian atrocities, most of which I believe. In some cases Belgian boys and old men undoubtedly fired on German soldiers from inside buildings. This was the case in Brussels and elsewhere and men in buildings from which shots were fired were in some cases executed. I know of no women or children being killed because of their being found in buildings from which shots were fired."

"From what I have heard I believe Germans have won over the allies and that they are not keeping a straight front to the enemy."

"The line of fight from Namur south has been a zigzag. Louvain is a pitiful ruin. I came through that place on my way out of Belgium and saw the smoking ruins. Only the big cathedral was standing above the smoke."

"I had no opportunity to learn of the events preceding the destruction of Louvain."

CHANGES ANNOUNCED AT THE POST OFFICE

J. D. Isom, who for the past several years has been registry clerk at the Asheville postoffice, has exchanged places with Ira W. Bouton, who holds a similar position in the Brownsville, Texas, office. The change will become effective on September 1. Mr. Isom came here several years ago from Texas, having exchanged at that time with a member of the Asheville office who desired to go to Texas. These changes are made with the approval of the postmasters at each office and the postmaster general.

CHAIR MAKERS TO HOLD MEETING HERE

Asheville has been selected as the place for holding the 1914 annual meeting of the National Association of Chair Manufacturers. About fifty members of the association and many other visitors will come here sometime in November. The exact date has not yet been decided. The officers include A. H. Highfield, of Superior, Wis., president of the association, and J. L. Maulby, of Chicago, secretary.

Steamer Arrives.

New York, Aug. 29.—Arrived steamer Olympic, London.