



Big French and German Armies Near Together

GENERAL ENGAGEMENT IS COMING SOON—FRENCH WAR OFFICE CLAIMS FRENCH TROOPS SUCCESSFUL IN ALL FIGHTING—ALLIED FORCES RUSHING TO AID OF BELGIANS—RUSSIAN FLEET CAPTURES GERMAN MERCHANT VESSELS.

Belgians Are Still Holding Liege Forts

GERMANS MAKING GAP IN FRENCH FORTIFICATION

(By United Press.)
PARIS, Aug. 12.—The German army of the Moselle is striking a gap in French fortifications north of Verdun. Fighting is in progress at Mulhausen.

GENERAL BATTLE FRENCH AND GERMANS EXPECTED

PARIS, Aug. 12.—It is reported that Germans checked Longwy after severe fighting. Germans in great strength are operating south as far as Contains. The entire front is screened by cavalry, who are raiding the front line. The whereabouts of the French army is a secret, but the war office says fighting near Stenay is momentarily expected.

The war office insists Germans were finally checked at Mulhausen.

GERMANS ARE GOING FOR CENTER OF BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, Aug. 12.—The German army is being detached from Liege and is advancing through the heart of Belgium. The main cavalry is engaged in a forward movement along the whole front of the allied army.

NEUTRAL SHIPS BRING AMERICANS BACK HOME

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 12.—Secretary Garrison has arranged to charter neutral ships in foreign waters to bring Americans home.

Secretary Bryan doesn't believe the English order to prevent foreigners from landing will apply to Americans.

5,500 AMERICANS HAVE BEEN AIDED AT PARIS

PARIS, Aug. 12.—The American embassy has aided 5,500 Americans to date.

GERMANS ARE GIVING PRISONERS FAIR PLAY

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BRUSSELS, Aug. 12.—The war office admits: "Official advices say the prisoners taken by Germans around Liege are being shown every consideration."

DENY FRENCH TROOPS INVADDED GERMANY FIRST

PARIS, Aug. 12.—The Foreign office denied that French troops violated German territory near Alsace prior to declaration of war.

GERMAN AND FRENCH ARMIES NEAR TOGETHER

The war office announced that German and French armies were facing each other all the way from Alsace to Liege.

SERIOUS FIGHTING AT TIRLEMONT, BELGIUM

PARIS, Aug. 12.—It was announced that a general engagement is progressing at Tirlemont, Belgium. The German army assaulted the Belgian position at dawn and are still fighting.

The war office announced that the engagement is serious, and that the allied army was being pushed to aid the Belgians.

U. S. ARMY OFFICERS TO ACCOMPANY ENGLISH

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 12.—The English war office has agreed that two United States army officers can accompany the English forces to the front as observers.

No other of the European nations involved have replied to requests for such permission from this government.

BRITISH CRUISER OFF PORT OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The British cruiser Suffolk is reported still prowling about the entrance to this port, according to quarantine observers.

GERMANS SAY WHY THEY DIDN'T CAPTURE LIEGE

BERLIN, Aug. 12.—German General Von Stein officially reports as the reason the Germans did not take Liege the Kaiser doesn't want unnecessary loss of life. He says the Belgians were numerically stronger.

BELGIAN OFFICE SAYS SITUATION SATISFACTORY

BRUSSELS, Aug. 12.—The allied army is slowly forcing back the German cavalry patrols which have pushed far into Belgium. The war office declares the situation at the front is "extremely favorable."

GERMAN SIEGE GUNS ARE FRONTING LIEGE

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 12.—Censored dispatches today indicate that German siege guns are nearing Liege with concentration of German forces for final assault.

GERMAN AND FRENCH OUTPOSTS ARE FIGHTING

PARIS, Aug. 12.—French and German outposts are fighting on the entire line of Alsace. The war office says French arms everywhere are successful.

RUSSIAN FLEET TAKES GERMAN MERCHANT-MEN

LONDON, Aug. 12.—It is reported that Italy has granted Switzerland permission to gather reinforcements in Italy. St. Petersburg dispatches report that the Russian fleet in the Baltic Sea captured 25 German merchant men.

AMERICANS MAY NOT BE ALLOWED ENTER ENGLAND

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 11.—Reports that Great Britain has forbidden the landing of all foreigners on her shores caused Secretary Bryan last night to cable Ambassador Page instructions to investigate and if he finds the report true, to lodge an urgent protest with the British foreign office.

Dispatches from consular representatives at Christiania, Norway, and Havre, France, said it was understood at those places that Great Britain was excluding all non-British subjects, regardless of their nationality.

Secretary Bryan, in his cablegram to Ambassador Page, emphasized the opinion that nationals of friendly powers should not be denied permission to land in England. Such a prohibition would seriously complicate the plans of the Washington government for relief of Americans stranded abroad. Thousands of tourists on the continent are making their way to England, expecting there to

CARRANZA TO TAKE MEXICAN CAPITAL PEACEFULLY TODAY

State Department Receives Messages to This Effect From Mexico.

U. S. BATTLESHIPS TO BE WITHDRAWN SOON

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 12.—State Department dispatches report that General Carranza will take peaceful possession of Mexico City today. All the United States battleships will be withdrawn from Vera Cruz within two weeks.

FEDERALS LEAVING MEXICAN CAPITAL

Carranza To Enter The Capital Soon—Speculation as to Whether This Will End Revolution.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The peaceful transfer of the Mexican City government from the Carranza administration to the constitutionalists actually began yesterday, according to official advices to the state department. Federal troops evacuated the capital, leaving the city in charge of municipal police, who by agreement were to be regarded as neutral. The federals withdrew to a nearby point, there to await an announcement of amnesty from General Carranza. Should guarantees be refused, officials here do not doubt that an immediate counter-revolution will be set in motion.

The Brazilian minister to Mexico, who is caring for American interests, Governor Iturbide, of the Mexico federal district, and a commission of two others, left yesterday for Tula, north of Mexico City where General Obregon, commander of one of the three big constitutionalist army divisions has headquarters. General Carranza is expected to go there immediately. The commission is endeavoring to arrange details of the constitutionalist entry. No definite word had been received here up to late yesterday as to Provisional President Carranza, but was understood he would leave the capital for Vera Cruz within 24 hours.

With the constitutionalist entry into Mexico City the question of recognition for the new government will confront Washington. There is every reason to believe it will be withheld until there is an election, or political convention at which there is some expression of the attitude of the people toward the new government. Disquieting advices again are coming from reliable sources that General Villa will not obey Carranza's orders to march south.

WAR IS INCREASING PRICE FOODSTUFFS

Commodities Which We Get From Europe Cause Rise in Prices in This Country.

New York, Aug. 12.—America today faces an unparalleled advance in foodstuffs and other commodities as the result of the European war. Prices on many of the necessary articles already have jumped from 10 to 100 per cent, and it is predicted that these boosts will be doubled and tripled within the next month if there is no immediate prospect of the ending of the war.

In America today there is a smaller supply of tea than at any time within the past five years. The visible supply of coffee will last only about two months and there will be a big shortage if shipments from South American ports are not made soon.

Raw sugar advanced in a week from 3 1/2 to 5 cents a pound, with little stock on hand. Beef and butter have gone up, but these advances cannot be blamed on the war. The dealers claim that even if war had not been declared these advances would have been made. America depends upon Europe for

HARVESTER CO. IS DECLARED A TRUST IN RESTRAINT TRADE

U. S. Circuit Court at St. Paul Orders The Combination Dissolved.

JUDGE SANBURN GIVES A DISSENTING OPINION

(By United Press.)
ST. PAUL, Aug. 12.—The International Harvester Company is declared to be a trust in restraint of trade and is ordered dissolved into at least three parts within ninety days by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Sanburn rendered a dissenting opinion.

LYNCHBURG MAN ON CHASED STEAMER

Lynchburg, Va., Aug. 12.—Captain James Gerow, president of the United Loan and Trust Company, and of the United Cigarette Machine Company of this city, arrived in New York yesterday afternoon on the Minnetonka from London. He telegraphed that the vessel was chased two hours Sunday by a German cruiser, but managed to elude capture.

WRECKAGE ON THE CALIFORNIA COAST

British Warship May Have Been Blown to Pieces by Enemy's Battleship.

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—Flotsam cast up yesterday on the shore south of the Golden Gate and the presence outside of a German cruiser proved that a British warship had cleared in haste for action or that she had been torn by an explosion.

There was evidence to support either theory, but the definitely established fact that the British protected cruiser Rainbow, now in the service of Canada, did clear for action when she left here Saturday, seemed to outweigh the belief that there had been an explosion.

Brass door plates stamped "gunner" and "navigating officer" showed the debris had come from a British warship. The badly splintered condition of the woodwork and the twisted and tangled metal fittings attached to it, together with the fact that no where could be found any marks of hammer, chisel or crowbar, made those who viewed it believe it had been blown loose by an explosive.

On the other hand word came from the Canadian naval station at Esquimaux that the Rainbow was known to have cleared for action. She might have been stripped of inflammable woodwork.

If there was an explosion it could not have been on board the Rainbow, for last night she was sighted off Cape Mendocino, 195 miles north of here. Those who clung to the explosion theory argued the sloop of war Shearwater had been in trouble. The only other British vessel on the Pacific coast is the sloop of war Albatross.

The German cruiser standing off this harbor was identified yesterday by the American bark R. P. Rithet as the Leipzig. The captain of the bark also reported he had passed a mass of wreckage several miles off the harbor.

The basic materials for its dyes. The European markets have been cut off and the price has already jumped 100 per cent.

Men's hats in which these dyes are used have been boosted. Millions of yards of shirtings were ordered from Europe, but they cannot be shipped. America must depend upon its own output, which is insufficient.

With the Hamburg and Liverpool ports closed, but little crude rubber will come here. This means a general boost all around in rubber goods. Automobile tires have advanced from 40 to 60 per cent.

The supply of rubber in this country is sufficient to last only about a month.

Far quotations will be more than 100 per cent above those of last year as Leipzig, the world's principal far market, now is a closed port. All grades of pitch were advanced from 2 to 4 cents a pound, pressing a boost in shoe prices.

JUSTICE ACT RATES ARE OVERRULED BY THE COMMISSION

Intrastate Freight Rates Cut 18 Per Cent Instead of 33 Per Cent.

REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR TODAY

(By United Press.)
RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 12.—The Intrastate Freight Rate Commission report was submitted to Governor Locke Craig this morning. It makes an average reduction from present rates with southern main lines on a basis of 18 per cent, compared with 33 per cent cut by the Justice act, the schedule of which the commission overrules. Mountain divisions of an extra 25 per cent was abolished.

WAS AN ACT OF GOD.

Olympia, Wash., Aug. 12.—The snow slide at Wellington, March 11, 1910, when two Great Northern trains were wrecked and 92 persons killed, was caused by an act of God, according to a ruling yesterday of the State Supreme Court in the case of William Topping, of Ashland, O., against the Great Northern Railway Company. The lower court allowed the boy \$20,000 damages for the death of his father, killed in the wreck, but the Supreme Court says the railroad cannot be held responsible.

ASKS ARREST FOR BAILEY MURDER

Buffalo, Aug. 12.—A woman who says she is Mary Cohen, a trained nurse, walked into police headquarters at Niagara Falls last night and asked to be arrested. She declared that she was the woman who shot and killed Mrs. Louisa Bailey in the office of Dr. Carman at Freeport, Long Island, on the night of June 30. She made a detailed statement to Inspector Callahan.

J. B. DUKE IS NOW IN LONDON

Uneasiness Felt for The Tobacco Magnate—Appeal to State Department.

Washington, Aug. 12.—State and War Department officials are puzzled over the significance of a request made yesterday by Cameron Morrison and Z. V. Taylor, of Charlotte, that J. B. Duke, former president of the American Tobacco Company, with headquarters in North Carolina, be gotten out of London as speedily as possible. Mr. Duke is exceedingly anxious that he be landed in New York on the first boat leaving for this country.

In view of the fact that Mr. Duke has more than the average supply of American gold dollars, the department officials here are wondering what is behind this hasty retreat of Mr. Duke. Duke knows Ambassador Page personally and there can be no doubt that he is being well taken care of in London.

Duke's friends, however, say that the "American farmers" need his aid and assistance here, and hence he is more than anxious to gaze upon "little old New York" once more. In addition to Messrs. Morrison and Taylor, Attorney Perkins, of New York, also requested that Duke be allowed to leave London.

Among the Americans reported safe in London appears the name of Thomas Bost, a Raleigh newspaper man.

PRESIDENT RETURNS FROM THE FUNERAL

Slept Until Nine O'clock This Morning—He Appears to Be Exhausted.

(By United Press.)
Greensboro, Aug. 12.—Returning from the funeral of Mrs. Wilson, the President slept until nine o'clock this morning. He appears exhausted. Sedative was administered.

Dignity is a poor thing to stand on when you find yourself in the rear of a crowd and want to see the procession.