

Reports Say French Army Of Invasion Is Attacking German Fortifications

Chased the Teutons Out of Their Stronghold at Muelhausen--Defeated the Germans Earlier in the Day at Altkirch--22,000 of The Regulars Landed at Ostend Calais King Albert Leads Sortie Against Germans and Had Them Bottled Up--Austrian Troops Cross The Border into Russia--Several Villages Fired--Russians Cross German Frontier.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—The French army of invasion is attacking fortifications guarding the German stronghold at Muelhausen, sixty-one miles south of Strassburg. This movement followed the victory earlier in the day over the Germans at Altkirch. The town is heavily fortified and defended by a large force and the sanguinary conflict is expected.

THE FRENCH INTEND TO SWEEP AWAY THE GERMANS

News of the capture of Alsace and the attack on Muelhausen indicates that it is the intention of the French to sweep the Germans from the Swiss frontier to Strassburg. Details of the strength of the attacking column are withheld. Should the attack succeed, the French will have broken the first line of the German's defense and be able to put Germany on the defensive in this quarter.

BRITISH FLEET LANDS TROOPS AT OSTEND CALAIS

The British and French fleet transports conveyed by two battleships and three cruisers landed twenty-two thousand regulars at Ostend Calais and Dunkirk. The troops were landed under the direction of the French officers. It is admitted that this is only the advance guard and the London war office has ships prepared to rush a second force across the channel. The announcement that the British troops had landed caused wild enthusiasm here.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—It is officially announced that the forts at Liege continue holding out. The Germans who entered the city yesterday were met before the arrival of the Belgian division which had come to the rescue. The evacuation was without military significance as the forts command the routes and railroads. The withdrawal of the German troops, however, was an unquestioned military defeat.

The operations of the Germans were based on the hypothesis of rapid success. They were organized with little regard for provisioning. The Belgians retarded the advance for 79 hours with the result that their army was increased with troops destined to reinforce Liege. The confidence of the Belgians has been increased by the German request for suspension of hostilities. King Albert in an order to the third division and the fifteenth mixed brigade who assisted in the heroic defense of Liege, took occasion to salute them and the army in the name of the nation, add that France and her soldiers were coming to their help.

ENGLISH TROOPS ARE NOW ON FRENCH SOIL.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—It is officially announced today that English troops under the direction of French officers are disembarking on French soil.

KING ALBERT SENDS AN APPEAL TO FRANCE.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 8.—King Albert had appealed to France for aid in repulsing the Germans, according to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The King in a message to President Poincaré asked him for his promptness in responding to the Belgian appeal.

President Poincaré responded that the French troops were proud to second the brave Belgian army. He also in recognition of its gallant defense conferred the cross of the legion of honor on the city of Liege.

THE ITALIANS SEIZE A GERMAN VESSEL.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The German ships seized by the Italians are the Koenig Albert, which belongs to the North German Lloyd line and sailed from New York July 4 and arrived at Genoa on July 17, and the Moltke, a Hamburg-American liner. She left New York on July 15, arriving in Genoa on the 28th.

THOUSANDS OF THE ASSAULT.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 8.—The war office has issued an official statement saying that 1265,000 Germans participated in the assault on the forts at Liege, but that they completely failed to make any impression on the fortifications. Three army corps engaged in the attack were cut up and rendered useless, it is declared.

ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN FRENCH AND GERMANS.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—According to late dispatches an important engagement between French and Germans occurred in Belgium Luxembourg. Another report states that an armistice of two hours only was granted the Germans in order that they might collect their wounded.

Misses Annie and Bertha Whitehurst, of Beaufort, passed through New Bern yesterday en route to Washington, N. C.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Facing the dilemma of being for or against Germany in the titanic fight which is about to disrupt Europe, Italy this afternoon chose the latter alternative.

The Italian minister here announced this afternoon that Italy had declared war against the Kaiser and would start an aggressive action backing up this declaration.

It was seen several days ago that Italy's neutrality would not stand the test of events. Bulgaria may be the next to declare war and in fact it is said that even now she is mobilizing her troops on the frontier.

Reports say that Greece and Spain are also expected to declare war. LEIGE STILL HOLDING OUT AGAINST GERMANS.

The Belgian embassy officially announced tonight that Liege is still holding out and is making a stubborn resistance after three days of fighting.

The Germans have not yet taken the forts which defend the city. Twenty-five thousand Germans have been killed in this battle and late today the German general asked for a truce of twenty-four hours in order that the dead might be buried.

THE GERMAN FLEET BELIEVED BOTTLED UP.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Except the eastern shore, where the German fleet is bottled up, all the rest of the North Sea is believed to be in the control of the British fleet.

"Twenty German prisoners of war who were confined in the forepart of the ship were killed. The line of mines was probably laid by the Koenig Line before she was sunk. They extend from Aldeburg Ride to latitude 52.10 north longitude 2.25 east."

NINETEEN GERMAN SHIPS SUNK AND CAPTURED.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Whitby says a ship owner is responsible for the statement that nineteen German ships were sunk or captured in the battle in the North Sea and that several British and French vessels were sunk.

Dispatches from various ports confirm reports that heavy firing has been heard in the North Sea for the past twenty-four hours.

A dispatch to the Daily News from New Castle says a wireless message received at South Shields reports that the British fleet engaged the German high seas fleet in a heavy battle off the South Dogger Banks.

After a general engagement along a battle line extending for many miles the German fleet was beaten back and moved in the direction of the coast of Holland.

It is now believed that the German fleet is completely hemmed in the eastern side of the North Sea.

The surgeon in charge of the South Shields hospital received a wireless message last night asking what accommodations he had for the wounded. He replied that he could take care of 10,000 persons.

WHOLE BATTALION OF GERMAN ANNIHILATED.

Not a single fort has fallen into the hands of the Germans. Several German howitzers have been placed in position near Heare and large German forces are lying in wait on the other side of the frontier.

An attack on the village of Vorasse was repulsed by the Belgians. Six Germans pretending to be English made their way to the governor's office this morning. They were killed.

TEMPORARY TRUCE MAY BE GRANTED.

This request for a truce was sent to King Albert and it will probably be granted. During this time a French army of fifty thousand will come up to

aid the Belgians. This afternoon they are on their way and are twenty miles south of Liege.

GERMANS COLUMNS TRY TO CARRY FORTS BY STORM.

The German column again today tried to carry the Belgians forts by assault but were again unsuccessful. Preceding the assault heavy siege guns shell the city of Liege for several hours. The fire was deadly accurate and a part of the city, including a number of historic buildings, was damaged.

ENGLAND'S LOSS HAS BULGARIAN VOLUNTEERS ARE RAPIDLY FORMING.

NISH, Aug. 7.—Bands of Bulgarian volunteers are forming along the Southwest frontier to take the places of Austrian troops who were withdrawn to fight Russians. Prince Alexander today announced that Serbia would be attacked even should the demands of the Austrians be granted.

JAPANESE WARSHIPS OFF GERMAN PORT.

PEKING, Aug. 7.—Japanese warships are gathered off the German port of Tsingtau where British squadron has bottled up the German fleet. This is taken to indicate that Japan had moved in compliance with her treaty with England.

BRITISH SHIP BEACHED NEAR CONSTANTINOPLE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 7.—After striking a sunken mine the British ship Graighforth, eighteen hundred tons, was beached near this city this afternoon.

BIG BRITISH TANKSHIP DESTROYED BY A MINE.

ANTWERP, Aug. 7.—The British tank ship, San Wilfred from Hamburg for New Orleans, was destroyed by a submarine mine off coast of Germany today.

STRATEGISTS SAY FRENCH HAVE MADE THEIR FRONTIER IMPREGNIBLE.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—American Army officers think if the campaign through Belgium lies Germany's only hope of marching her soldiers into France. Even allowing for the necessity of scrubbing the Belgian Army, experts here regard this as the most feasible point of attack.

For nearly 40 years French engineers have labored in concentrating fortifications, including great revolving turrets like those of a dreadnought, that virtually cover every mile of the frontier between France and Germany and South of Belgium. Army engineers believe these defenses are invulnerable except as against an army vastly outnumbering the French forces.

The American axiom is that one soldier behind such defenses as the French have erected is equal to four in the attacking army. This ratio of effective defensive and offensive power might be greatly reduced by systematic siege operations but this would involve much time and would interfere with the supposed German plans for a dash into Paris.

Therefore the beginning of the campaign in Belgium has been expected here. The belief is that the Belgians for the present will confine themselves to obstrusive tactics, losing no opportunity to harass the advancing German Army and if possible to cut its lines of communication.

While this is going on American strategists believe the French forces numerous in the neighborhood of Rheims, will come to the aid of the Belgians.

Thus, it was suggested tonight within one year of a century after the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo, the Germans and French and Belgians again may come together in a desperate and decisive battle in almost the same theater of war.

Today's reports of naval engagements were regarded as precursors of many similar events. Naval strategists point the lesson of dangers of a division of the fleet. Germany has weakened her position by dispersing naval vessels far and wide in time of peace, failing to guard against the outbreak of a sudden war.

BRITON AND TEUTON IN CLASH AT ASHEVILLE.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Aug. 8.—The war between England and Germany was felt here last night when J. E. Schwartz and L. M. Bradford engaged in a miniature battle on the street. The men used their fists, but the conflict assumed serious proportions before interrupted by the police.

The belligerents said conditions in Europe were responsible for the fight and that prior to the present state of affairs they had been the best of friends.

MONEY OUTLOOK IS MORE PROMISING DESPITE THE WAR

Bankers Inclined Toward a More Hopeful View of Situation.

MODERATE SALES OF STOCKS. Money Markets Retain Their Nominal Tones of Past Few Days.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Developments in the financial district today were mostly re-assuring. Bankers inclined to a more cheerful view, despite the greater scope of the conflict abroad. Cables from London suggested a hopeful outlook in the financial sense with prospects favoring an early reduction in the British bank rate.

Wall street's greatest problem—the disposition of the large amount of American securities brought over by the Olympic—found early solution in the willingness of banks to facilitate deliveries of these stocks, most of which were sold here for future delivery immediately preceding the closing of the exchange.

Sales Moderate.

There was some inquiry for the better known stocks at prices a point or more over last Thursday's quotations, but sales were moderate and trading limited to outside brokers.

Money markets maintained their nominal tone of recent days. Some banks advanced loans from 6 to 8 per cent, but the former rate prevailed in most cases. Banks were loath to renew expiring loans on the ground that the absence of trading made it unnecessary and that it was deemed best to strengthen reserves.

Nevertheless, arrangements were under way for the completion of large loans, possibly up to \$50,000,000 in cotton planters, whose affairs are confused by reason of the war.

Loans made will probably stand until the staple can be shipped to foreign ports without danger.

Foreign exchange was nominal with transactions at a minimum.

Sound Condition.

Financial advices from all parts of the country shows inherently sound conditions. Balances at the local clearing houses again were paid largely in certificates together with emergency currency.

Application at the sub-treasury today absorbed about two-thirds of the \$45,000,000 currency on hand there. Savings banks mostly were free from anything in the nature of runs.

Steel and iron quotations were withdrawn by leading manufacturers today.

BADLY WANTED NEGRO CAUGHT IN NEW BERN

PAUL BROOKS NOW SOJOURNING IN CRAVEN COUNTY JAIL.

Paul Brooks, colored, who id waivered in Greenville for skipping his bond, was arrested in New Bern Friday night by Chief Lupton and Officers Whitford and Rowe and placed in the county jail.

Brooks got into some trouble, the nature of which would not be learned, in Pitt county and was bound over to court under a rather heavy bond which his friends raised for him. Later becoming alarmed over what might be the result of the trial, he skipped and came to be on the look-out for him, and they succeeded in locating him near the colored baseball park.

Chief of Police Smith of Greenville was at once notified of the arrest, and he came here after the prisoner yesterday.

GARDNER YACHT TO BRING STATESMEN.

Massachusetts Congressman, Senator and Ex-Secretary to Be in party.

BOSTON, Aug. 8.—A yacht is to be sent to England to bring back Congressman A. P. Gardner and other Bostonians there, including Senator Lodge, the Congressman's father-in-law, George Von L. Meyer, former Secretary of the Navy, and Mrs. Meyer, according to plans of W. Amory Gardner, the Congressman's brother.

Mr. Gardner is now in London with his wife and daughter.

Amory Gardner has a large steam yacht and would have sailed today but for delay in provisioning and also because he hoped for news that the party could get home sooner than the yacht can bring them.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL LAW.

An Act to Make School Attendance Compulsory.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That from and after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, every parent, guardian, or other person in the State of North Carolina having charge or control of a child or children between the ages of eight and twelve years, shall cause such child or children to attend the local public school in the district, town or city in which he resides, continuously for four months of the school term of each year, except as hereinafter provided. This period of compulsory attendance shall commence at the beginning of the compulsory period of the school term nearest to the eighth birthday of such child or children, and shall cover the compulsory period of four consecutive school years thereafter. This period of compulsory attendance for each public school shall commence at the beginning of the school term of said school unless otherwise ordered by the county board of education or, in case of towns or cities of two thousand or more inhabitants, by the board of trustees of the public schools of said towns or cities. Continuous attendance upon some other public school or upon any private or church school taught by competent teachers may be accepted in lieu of attendance upon the local public schools. Provided, that said period of continuous attendance upon such other school shall be for at least four months of each year. Provided further, that any private or church school receiving for instruction pupils between the ages of eight and twelve years shall be required to keep such records of attendance of said children and to render such reports of same as are hereinafter required of public schools. And attendance upon such schools refusing or neglecting to keep such records and to render such reports shall not be accepted in lieu of attendance upon the local public school of the district, town or city, which the child shall be entitled to attend. Provided, the period of compulsory attendance shall be in force and apply between the ages of eight and fifteen years in Mitchell County.

Section 2. This act shall not apply in any case in which the child's physical or mental condition, as attested by any legally qualified physician before any court having jurisdiction under this act, renders his attendance impracticable or inexpedient; or in any case in which the child resides two and one-half miles or more by the nearest traveled route from the schoolhouse; or in any case in which because of extreme poverty the services of such child are necessary for his own support or the support of his parents, as attested by the affidavit of said parents and of such witnesses as the attendance officer may require; or in any case in which said parent, guardian or other person having charge or control of the child shall show before any magistrate by affidavit of himself, and of such witnesses as the attendance officer may require, that the child is without necessary books and clothing for attending school, and that he is unable to provide the necessary books and clothes. Provided, that when books and clothing shall have been provided, through charity or by other means, the child shall no longer be exempt from attendance under this provision.

Section 3. Every parent, guardian, or other person in the State of North Carolina having charge or control of a child or children between the ages of eight and twelve years shall cause said child to attend school as aforesaid. Provided, that occasional absence from such attendance by such child amounting to not more than two unexcused absences in four consecutive weeks shall not be unlawful. Provided, further, that the superintendent, principal or teacher in charge of any school may excuse any child for a temporary absence because of unusual storm or bad weather, sickness or death in the child's family, unforeseen or unavoidable accidents, and such excuse and reason therefor shall be recorded by said superintendent, principal or teacher in charge of school and reported to the attendance officer as hereinafter provided. Provided further, that in case of protracted illness of any child whose attendance is required under this act, or in case of quarantine of the home in which the child resides, upon report of the health officer or upon satisfactory evidence to this effect, the attendance officer shall excuse from attendance such child until he is fully restored to health or until the time required by law that he shall stay out of school after quarantine has been raised.

Section 4. Any parent, guardian or other person violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine of not less than five dollars nor more

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THE FRENCH TROOPS HAVE ENTERED MUELHAUSEN

PARIS, Aug. 8.—The French troops, according to an official report, have entered Muelhausen. This is the second city of importance in Alsace that the French have captured.

THE GERMANS ABANDON ATTEMPT TO TAKE LIEGE

BRUSSELS, Aug. 8.—Germany, it is believed, has abandoned the attempt to capture Liege after their entire army was hurled back today in a terrific assault on the front. A movement of the German troops across the Meuse was begun tonight. The plan of the Germans is apparently to pass around the forts between Liege and Huy.

KING ALBERT IN COMMAND LEADS AGAINST INVADERS

BRUSSELS, Aug. 8.—King Albert in personal command of the cavalry division this afternoon led the sortie against the invaders which was successful that the Germans now find themselves between the forts and the calvary. This condition gives the Belgians an inestimable advantage. At the same time the forts continued their bombardment, finally compelling the wing of the German lines to give way and retire on the main column near the river.

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than twenty-five dollars, and upon failure or refusal to pay such fine said parent, guardian, or other person shall be imprisoned not to exceed thirty days in the county jail. Provided, that the fine for any first offense may upon the payment of costs be suspended, and not collected until the same party is convicted of a second offense. Provided, further, that after the expiration of three days from the service of the notice by the attendance officer each and every day a parent, guardian, or other person shall willfully and unlawfully keep such child or children from school, or allow him to remain out of school, shall constitute a separate offense and shall subject said person to penalties herein prescribed.

Section 5. The county board of education in each county shall appoint and remove at will an attendance officer for each township to enforce the provisions of this act who shall serve also as taker of the school census, performing all the duties heretofore required of the school committee as to the census under section four thousand one hundred and forty-eight of The Revisal of one thousand nine hundred and five of North Carolina, and as keeper of the attendance records, for which service he shall be allowed three cents per child of school age each school year. It shall be his duty to take an annual census, and to furnish each superintendent, principal, or teacher in charge of school with an accurate school census of the district at the opening of the school each year, and also to furnish a copy of the school census of each district to the county superintendent of public instruction.

The attendance officer shall serve written or printed, or partly written and partly printed notices upon every parent, guardian, or other person violating the provisions of this act, and prompt compliance on the part of such parent, guardian, or other person shall be required. For serving such notice the attendance officer shall be allowed a fee of twenty-five cents in case of conviction, same to be taxed in bill of costs; and if any parent, guardian, or other person upon whom such notice is served fails to comply with the law within three days, then it shall be the duty of said attendance officer to prosecute such person. Prosecution under this act shall be brought in the name of the State of North Carolina before any justice of the peace, or police justice, or

THE SERBIANS HAVE CAPTURED FOGA

PARIS, Aug. 8.—Nich dispatches say that the Serbians today captured Foga in Bosnia. The Austrians are still unable to get across the river Danube.

NEPHEW OF THE KAISER HAS BEEN TAKEN PRISONER

BRUSSELS, Aug. 8.—It is declared that among the number of prisoners and wounded brought here today is a nephew of the Kaiser who was in command of a division of the German calvary.

GUARDS ARE WATCHING ENGLISH WATER WORKS

LONDON, Aug. 8.—Guards are closely watching the English water works in consequence of threats which have been made against the country's supply of water. Three trawlers this afternoon brought in eighty-two Germans who are being detained.

THE AUSTRIAN TROOPS CROSS RUSSIAN BORDER

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 8.—It is admitted here tonight that the Austrian troops have crossed the Russian border near the Romanian border and have fired several Russian villages.

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WHAT WOULD IT MEAN.

(From the Durham Herald.)

If that West Durham man was hit by a train while drunk and asleep on the track that perhaps means another suit against the company.

SUPERINTENDENT AT KANNAPO-LIS.

(From the Concord Tribune.)

Mr. A. Luther Brown has been chosen superintendent of the mills of the Cannon Manufacturing Company at Kannapolis, and has accepted the position.