

GERMANS PRESS ON TO THE ATTACK

Capture Namur and Some of the Forts at That Point Today

ZEPPELIN AIRSHIP DROPS BOMBS

But Finally Brought Down by Belgian Fire-- Russians Begin to Hammer Away Successful- ly on Germany's Eastern Frontier--Servians Routing the Austrians.

Berlin, Aug. 25.—A wireless to the Associated Press, via Nauen and Sayville, says an official announcement made public here, declares the city of Namur and five of its forts have been captured by the Germans. The bombardment of the other four forts continues and their fall seems imminent.

Germans Capture Namur.

London, Monday afternoon (delayed).—The official war information bureau says: "It is announced that Namur has fallen."

The French correspondent of The Express says the British troops came into action for the first time Friday and Saturday. It was only the outpost and scouting of fights, but interesting because of the light it threw on the exhausted condition of the German advance guard.

Detachments were scouting in the country westward of Brussels and south as far as Charleroi. Exhausted though the German cavalry was, it was shown to be as a whole their success in continued rapid advance and it was obvious they would push on at the first possible moment.

So while the Belgians were sullenly falling back towards the north, the English cavalry were busily engaged in the inevitable German advance, while French horses and artillery came up from the southwest and south.

Shoots Down a Zeppelin

Antwerp, Aug. 25.—A Zeppelin airship, which flew over Antwerp last night, was brought down by Belgian artillery fire at Hemiksem, six miles outside of Antwerp. The crew of fifteen were taken prisoners.

The Zeppelin before it was brought down succeeded in dropping seven, or eight bombs into Antwerp. One of these, exploded by the mists, was directed near King Albert's palace. Seven persons were killed and six seriously injured by this explosion. Some other houses were half demolished by falling bombs. One bomb partly wrecked a hospital.

The bombs exploded with terrific force and threw the inhabitants of Antwerp into a state of panic. There is intense indignation in Antwerp at the capture of the hospital, which was being a Red Cross flag.

Cattaro Fortifications Destroyed.

Milan, Aug. 25.—A news dispatch from Cattaro says all fortifications there have been destroyed by the Austrians. The Austrians did not have time before the attack to strew the walls of Cattaro with mines.

Servians After Austrians

Nish, Aug. 25.—After a great victory the Servian forces are vigorously pursuing the Austrians along the whole of their front. The Austrians made no resistance, but fled in great haste. Four Austrian regiments were completely wiped out.

Austrian Capital Ready For Defense.

Vienne, Aug. 25.—Emperor Francis Joseph has signed a decree putting the capital in a state of defense. The Austrians are concentrating for defense of the Albat, at Pola, and Sebenico. The Austrian fleet is assembled at Pola.

Fighting at Ostend

Ostend, Aug. 25.—Fierce fighting between the out-riders of Ostend is going on. The Germans are being brought in. The Germans were driven back with a loss of several men and officers wounded, while the gendarmes lost three killed and several wounded.

The encounter was between a detachment of German cavalry and two hundred gendarmes.

Starts Attack Again

Paris, France August 25.—An official announcement today says, "the German offensive movement in the north, stopped yesterday, but appears today to have been resumed."

"The enemy is, however, being held back by the French armies, acting in conjunction with an English army and a Belgian army."

"The armies of the allies have gone beyond Malines. The Belgian army came from Antwerp."

An official communication says the German cavalry, belonging to an independent division, are operating in the extreme right and extreme left of the allies positions.

Russians Continue Their Advance.

A St. Petersburg dispatch sets forth that the Russian troops, following up their advantages in Galicia, have captured several passes south of Tarnopol, on the Sereth River. Tarnopol is eighty miles east of Lemberg.

A division of Austrian cavalry has been routed in Galicia, at a point close to the frontier. The Russians captured two batteries of artillery and two hundred prisoners.

The Russians' Task.

St. Petersburg, Russia, Aug. 25.—The German defense in east Prussia is based on four parallel and strongly fortified lines, running north and south. Each is supported by natural obstacles. Outside of these the Germans have, on the northeast, the strong fortress of Konigsberg, with fortified advance positions at Libau and Tapiau. This situation is on the flank of the Russian line and must be invested, necessitating a detachment of considerable force. The country is full of lakes and fortifications, most of which are armed with heavy guns. A frontal attack would be very difficult.

The defeat of three German army corps in northeastern Prussia was converted into a rout by the timely arrival of another army from Warsaw, in rear of the German's position.

Massacred the Inhabitants.

Nish, Aug. 25.—The Servian troops re-occupied Sabac Monday, according to official announcement. The Austrians have been thrown back on the other bank of the river Save and every bit of Servian territory has been cleared of Austrian troops. The announcement adds that the Austrians devastated the Servian villages and massacred the inhabitants in their retreat. Sabac, twenty-seven miles west of Belgrade, was taken by Austrians August 15th, after heavy fighting.

Massing Austrian Troops.

Rome, Aug. 25.—The Secolo says that notwithstanding denials of the Austrian Government, certain Austrian troops are massing on the Italian frontier. The movements were discreet at first, but orders from Vienna in the last 48 hours compelled precipitate action, effects of which were visible at the Trent, where there is an incessant movement of troops. The paper adds there are also eighty thousand Austrian troops at Innsbruck.

Destroys German Villages.

Basel, Aug. 25.—News reaches here that French forces of Turios, Zouaves and Senegaleze during fighting in upper Alsace, entered and almost destroyed the German towns of Fieschland, Jagsdorf, Landser, Brunstadt, Helweiler and Morschweiler.

Wounded French soldiers have crossed the Swiss frontier and are interned here. They speak highly of the bravery of the German troops. They say the Germans evidently think nothing of their lives in their efforts to gain victory over great odds. Their one desire, they say, appears to be to do the most foolhardy things to serve their cause and when captured, or overwhelmed accept their fate stoically.

* UNITED STATES NEUTRAL. *
* Washington, Aug. 25.—President Wilson today issued a proclamation declaring the United States neutral in the war between Germany and Japan. *

Attacking Malines.
Ostend, Aug. 25.—Thirty thousand Germans are attacking Malgium, thirteen miles southeast of Antwerp. Skirmishing is general northwest of Flanders.

LACKS HOSPITALS FOR AVERAGE FOLKS

London, Aug. 25.—England's lack of hospitals for people in moderate circumstances is the thing that most impressed the members of the Clinical Congress of Surgeons of North America who just met in London. All of London's wonderful hospitals, where the visitors have been watching operations by the great British Surgeons, are charity hospitals. People who can afford to pay are barred, and must either go to the inadequately equipped private nursing homes or be operated upon in their residences.

Dr. Franklin H. Martin, of Chicago, general secretary of the congress, felt this condition keenly, and as he had a touch of appendicitis during his visit to London and then learned that the hospitals he had been admiring would not have received him if he had been forced to go under the knife.

"This method of conducting hospitals amazes us from North America," said Dr. Martin. "Palatial buildings, occupying acres of the most valuable land in the capital of the world, are devoted solely to non-paying patients, excluding from their advantages the patient of moderate means and made prohibitive to patients of wealth. This works injustice both ways with their endowments, these hospitals can afford the most elaborate equipment of operating rooms and laboratory diagnostic facilities. Yet patients of means are forced to go to the imperfectly equipped private hospitals or to nursing homes with their makeshift arrangements. This must in turn have a pauperizing effect on people of small means who enter the hospitals as charity patients when they would gladly pay a small sum."

"The injustice worked on the paying patient may be serious, as nursing and private homes cannot afford expensive apparatus such as the latest X-ray machines and the like."

Dr. Martin has only praise for the British surgeons. He believes them to be fundamentally better equipped for their profession than the American. By this he means preliminary training and the necessity of such English surgeon being a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, which standardizes requirements.

"The average English surgeon is more deliberate in the technical performance of his work than the average American or Frenchman," said Dr. Martin.

Elks Meet at Hazleton

Hazleton, Pa., Aug. 25.—Hazleton was in gala attire today in honor of hundreds of visiting Elks who gathered here from far and near for the annual convention of their State association. The gathering will last three days. An unusually large attendance and an attractive program of entertainment combine to give to the convention of the order in Pennsylvania.

If you want to see a little Politics and love all mixed up together see the "Political Boas" at the Grand Theatre today.—Advertisement.

Tonight at Lumina

Souvenir dance. Exhibition dancing. Moving pictures.—Advertisement.

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KING AND QUEEN OF BELGIUM FLEE



PLENTY OF MONEY TO MOVE CROPS

Secretary McAdoo Assures Cotton Conference Such Will be Forth Coming

CRITICISES SHARPLY PLANS PROPOSED

Thinks Idea of Valorization is a Wild One—Representative Sisson Would Remove Tax on State Bank Circulation.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Assuring the cotton conference here today that plenty of currency to finance cotton and all other staple crops would be forthcoming, Secretary of Treasurer McAdoo urged representatives of the cotton industry to "get down to a practical basis". The Secretary vigorously criticized the proposals for valorization, which he characterized as wild and ridiculous.

Suggestions of plans for meeting the situation and confronting the cotton industry were advanced and discussed at today's session. Representative Sisson demanded repeal of the ten percent tax on State bank circulation, in order that the State banks might issue circulating notes on cotton warehouse receipts.

WOMEN FORESTERS IN SESSION

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 25.—More than one thousand delegates, representing 70,000 members of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters in thirty-two States, were present here today at the opening of the annual national convention of the order. This morning the delegates attended a pontifical high mass at the Holy Name Cathedral. The first of the regular business sessions was held this afternoon in the assembly room of the Hotel LaSalle. Mrs. Rose D. Rittman, of Chicago, high chief ranger of the order, presided and Archbishop Quigley was one of the speakers. The convention will continue through the remainder of the week.

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"DAY OF BAD NEWS"

Admits The London Times, But Says Ultimate Success is Certain—Time Will Help the Allies While Germany Can't Wait—Fall of Namur Causes a Shock But British Press Says Allies Have Not Staked All on the First Encounter—Worse News May Yet Come.

London, Aug. 25.—"Yesterday was a day of bad news and we fear more to follow", says the London Times editorially today, commenting on the fall of Namur.

"In the first phase of the great battle, the Germans appear to have won ground all along the line, save in the area held by the British. We were prepared for the ebb and flow of conflict, but not for the fall of Namur. We have to face this situation with unshaken confidence. We have to remember the battle is not yet over. The Germans have not yet burst their way through to France. We have to remember this is only the first great encounter of the war, which plainly is destined to be a long one. For the allies it is a phase; for the Germans it is vital. They are dealing their blows with tremendous vigor, but the issue in Belgium still hangs in the balance in spite of the unfortunate events at Namur."

JAP. CRUISER CONVOYS A BIG STEAMER

San Francisco, Aug. 25.—Convoyed by the Japanese cruiser, Idzumo, the Japanese steamship Chinyomaru with many passengers and with two million dollar cargo, is today steaming for Honolulu and Yokohama. The German steamers Leipzig and Nurnberg are known to be in the Eastern Pacific.

ILLINOIS FRUIT GROWERS

Flora, Ill., Aug. 25.—The annual summer meeting of the Illinois State Horticultural Society began here today with a large and representative attendance of fruit growers from all sections of the State. The meeting was addressed by several professors of the college of agriculture of the University of Illinois. The society will adjourn to Olney tomorrow for its concluding sessions.

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MARCH ON PARIS MAY BE MADE BY GERMAN ARMIES

According to Wireless Received From German Foreign Office.

VICTORIES CLAIMED

Declared That French Army Has Been Completely Routed and Demoralized. Thousands of Prisoners Taken.

Washington, Aug. 25.—A concentric advance of all German armies toward Paris is probable, the Samoisi River, Longwy and the greater part of the Belgian French frontier being in German possession, according to a wireless dispatch to the German Embassy from its foreign office received here today, via Sayville.

The German troops, facing the French troops, it says, defeated them in battle from August seventeenth to twenty-first. Numerous flags, more than one hundred and fifty guns and ten thousand prisoners have been captured. Luneville, France, has been taken and the army of General Joffre broken up is no more capable of action.

The German Prince's army has caused the French west of Longwy, the army of the Duke of Wurtemberg, marching through Belgium, has crossed the river Samoisi, completely crushing the advancing French army. Numerous guns, flags and prisoners and several generals were captured.

The German troops, advancing west of the river Muese, towards Maubegue, defeated the English cavalry brigade. The river Samoisi, Longwy and the greater part of the Belgian French frontier, and in German hands. A concentric advance of all German armies toward Paris is probable.

LIGHTNING KILLS TWO IN A BARN

Special to The Dispatch.
Raleigh, Aug. 25.—Aif Hubbard, a white man, and a negro by the name of Mial, were killed by lightning late Tuesday, when a bolt struck a tobacco barn in which they were working. Seven other persons were injured and two dogs also were killed.

The National Negro Medical Association convened here today with about three hundred delegates in attendance. Addresses of welcome will be made tonight by Governor Craig and city officers.

Governor Craig today gave a welcome to the Farmers' convention at the A. and M. College. A large number were present.

TO SOUND "BREAD AND BUTTER" SLOGAN

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 25.—The Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania is scheduled to meet in this city tomorrow to adopt a platform. The meeting will be made the occasion for a gathering of the candidates and other party leaders and in reality will mark the formal opening of the Republican State campaign. Senator Penrose and other candidates, will, it is expected, deliver addresses which will sound the campaign keynote. It is believed that the declaration of the State platform and the addresses of the speakers will put particular emphasis on the issue of prosperity and the effects of the Democratic tariff. As in the celebrated national campaign of 1896, the slogan of the Republicans in Pennsylvania this fall will be the "full dinner pail."

Old Mississippi in Grecian Waters.

Athens, Aug. 25.—The battleship Kilkis, formerly the American Mississippi, has arrived in Grecian waters from Newport News.

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