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## FIRST GREAT BATTLE MAY TAKE PLACE THIS MORNING

### Fighting At Liege Yesterday and Last Night Was Stubborn-- Belgian Defenders Show Uncanny Enthusiasm -- French Troops Hastening to Their Aid-- Italy Says That She Will Remain Neutral-- Japan Preparing to Assist Great Britain-- Guns and Bayonets Stretch From Holland to Switzerland-- Servians Move Against the Austrians.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 6.—The battle of Liege is hourly becoming more serious and stubborn. The entire German army with supporting artillery now engaged in attacking Belgium but unbiased reports state that attackers are holding own.

**TWO REGIMENTS ARE OVERWHELMED BY FIRE.**

Two of the forty attacking forces were overwhelmed by the artillery fire and forced to abandon their positions as the Belgium now have the range and their firing is proving extremely effective, though it has failed to check the almost uncanny enthusiasm of the attackers.

**ADDITIONAL BELGIAN TROOPS ON THE SCENE.**

Additional Belgian regiments have been rushed to the scene and the Belgian commander has telegraphed King Albert he will be able to hold out indefinitely or at least until the arrival of the French troops tomorrow. The first great battle will probably take place within the vicinity of Liege.

**HIS MAJESTY'S SHIP THE AMPHION IS SUNK.**

ROME, Aug. 6.—The Italian foreign office this afternoon cabled the English foreign minister a reiteration of Italy's neutrality. This means the breaking up of the tripple alliance and may bring war on Italy from Germany as the Kaiser gave only until midnight for that country to answer to his ultimatum.

The British Admiralty tonight officially stated that H. M. S. Amphion was sunk today after striking a mine. One hundred and eighty were drowned. Eighteen officers and one hundred and thirty-five men were saved.

**DENMARK'S PRINCE WAS ARRESTED AS A SPY.**

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 6.—Prince Aage of Denmark, who was arrested as a spy on the German frontier has been released and is now on his way to England.

**SAY THAT ITALY'S NEUTRALITY WON'T STAND TEST.**

PARIS, Aug. 6.—A thousand miles of big guns and bayonets tonight stretch from Eysden in Holland to Basle in Switzerland, Belgium, a peaceful, neutral State, has borne the brunt of the first assault of Teutons and won the first honors of war by cutting down the Piro crack Upland regiments. High officials declare Italy's neutrality will not stand test events and that a series of victories by triple entente would cause the Italian people to join Britain, France and Russia to regain Italian provinces on the Baltic which were annexed from the Germans.

**LITTLE OLD TURKEY GETTING IN THE GAME.**

From the Balkans comes word that Turkey is mobilizing. If this is true Greece and Roumania would immediately jump into the fray and the Balkans for the third time in as many years would resound with the rattle of arms.

**THE SERVIANS HAVE MARCHED ON AUSTRIA.**

ROME, Aug. 6.—Dispatches from Nish, state that the Servians have begun an aggressive movement against Austria by crossing into the enemy's country at DeLarms and have established a base for further incursions. Belgrade was again bombarded today.

**BIG NAVAL BATTLE IN THE NORTH SEA.**

LONDON, Aug. 6.—The Chronicle's correspondent at Warwick telegraphs that it is believed an action is

progressing in the North Sea, according to wireless. The British destroyer Virago has orders here to prepare to receive two hundred prisoners and wounded, being brought in by torpedo boats. The third torpedo boat flotilla which left harbor yesterday went into action immediately, but returned late last night little damaged.

The batteries of the British flag-ship Amphion are slightly damaged.

Twenty-two German and six English wounded were brought ashore and taken to the naval establishment at Shotley.

**GERMAN AEROPLANE BROUGHT TO EARTH.**

LONDON, Aug. 6.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Brussels reports that a German aeroplane flying at a height of 1,500 feet was brought down by a shot which also wounded the pilot. A Zeppelin airship manned by Germans was struck by the fire from a Belgian fort and fell near Harve.

Hundreds of automobiles left Brussels during the night to pick up the wounded.

**TWELVE THOUSAND MEN SEEKING TRANSPORTATION**

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—In New York today are 12,000 able bodied men seeking transportation to Europe for service in the armies of the warring powers. Another army of 6,000 is registered on the books of the general consulates of the nations involved and still other thousands have signified by telegram and letter their intention to volunteer whenever called on.

The majority of the reservists and volunteers from out of town are without funds; they cannot return to their homes in this country because other men have taken their jobs and they cannot go to war because their governments are unable to provide transportation.

**THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED GERMANS WERE KILLED.**

LONDON, Aug. 6.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Amsterdam says it is reported 3,500 Germans were killed or wounded in the fighting at Vise, Belgium. The postmaster of the town was shot because he refused to send telegrams from the Germans, the correspondent says.

The German Crown Prince with 30,000 fresh troops is hourly expected before Liege.

**THE TRUE FACTS ABOUT THE BATTLE AT LIEGE.**

BRUSSELS, via London, Aug. 6.—The Gazette publishes today what it says are the facts so far as known regarding the repulse of the German forces by the Belgians in the Liege district Wednesday. The German losses are estimated at 8,000. The Belgians suffered far less.

The alleged riot of the German seventh army corps is not confirmed in its entirety, says the Gazette, which adds:

"These are the facts. The Belgians eleventh brigade, after successfully resisting the German attack, pursued the fleeing Prussians with such energy that the general commanding the Belgians was obliged to order our troops to turn back as they were getting outside the range of the guns of the Belgian forts. The enthusiasm of our troops was magnificent. A number of wounded Germans fled to Dutch territory and this gave rise to the belief that the enemy had

been completely routed. "At 4 o'clock in the morning the German tenth army corps attacked the Chaudfontaine and Boucelles forts from the southeast, while after their artillery bombarded the fort at Flemlle, on the opposite bank of the river Meuse, five miles southwest of Liege. The Belgians captured seven guns and several prisoners.

"Proposals for the surrender of Liege have been again firmly refused."

**GERMAN STEAMER PUTS INTO PORT OF SOUTHPORT.**

WILMINGTON, Aug. 6.—To escape possible capture on the high seas, the German steamer Nicaria, owned by the Hamburg-American Line, put into Southport today with a cargo of coffee from South America, via Barbadoes, to New York. The Nicaria will remain there until orders have been received from the owners as to when to proceed. It is entirely probable that the ship will remain there until the war in Europe is over.

Capt. Hollasch, of the boat, is conferring with German Vice Consul J. G. L. Gelschen this afternoon. The Nicaria is of 2,885 tonnage. The German steamer Kiel, is still in port and will probably remain here indefinitely. The British steamer Cayo Manznillo has received orders to wait here for further orders, says acting British Vice Consul R. James. The British steamer Norfolk is still in port. Orders will probably be received for its detention here before it is ready to leave.

**ELEVEN REMAINS AT NORFOLK.**

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**Objects to Foreign Ships Entering Coastwise Trade.**

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**Dozen Vessels are Detained in Baltimore.**

BALTIMORE, Aug. 6.—A dozen vessels, most of them flying the British flag, are detained here by the war. Thus far there has been no talk of taking out American registry.

The North German Lloyd liner Rhein and the Hamburg-American steamship Bulgaria have stopped loading. The Danish motorship California loaded with grain for Christianna, is held, while the British steamship Forestmoor continues loading, but will await orders before sailing. This is also true of the Johnson Line steamship Swanmore and the Atlantic transport steamship Maryland, the latter for Antwerp and the former for Liverpool. The British steamship Umbria arrived in ballast for New York to load coal for Alexandria, Egypt.

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WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 6.—There is an absence of foreign vessels in this port. The only foreign craft now here is the convict ship Success that is on exhibition. She is of British registry and entered here coastwise from Washington.

**THE BERUFORT WIRELESS STATION GETS MESSAGE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SENT BY FERNCH BATTLE-SHIP.**

While nothing has been given out from that place it is understood that the operators at the wireless station located at Beaufort and owned by the government has for the past few days been picking up aerograms which are believed too have been passing between French warships and this leads to the belief that one or more of these have been lurking off the North Carolina coast during the week. Yesterday so it is said, the regular work of the operator was continuously broken by code messages which were signed by some foreign vessels. While the international code is used by all boats, the construction of the messages is such that it would be impossible for the layman to decipher them even after they had been written out. The general belief is that the French man's war is laying off the coast either for the purpose of going into Norfolk or some other port after coal or is lying in wait for some merchant vessel.

**JACKSONVILLE CITIZENS STRICT PROHIBITISNISTS**

**DON'T WANT WINE AND CIDER SOLD IN THAT TOWN.**

The citizens of the little town of Jacksonville over in Onslow county are strictly against the sale of any liquid which contains the least iota of intoxicant in it and thereby hangs an interesting story. It seems that several of the wine and cider makers of that place have in the past few years been doing a rushing business in the sale of this particular brand of spiritus frumenti.

Whether the juice of the grapes or the apples have had the effect of giving the imbibers that "Oh! be joyful" feeling is a matter of speculation. Many of the more pious brethren declare that they have seen a number of the young blades in close proximity to the lamp posts late at night and they are desirous of putting a stop to any such condition and are therefore circulating a petition in which the signers, and it is said there are many, are asking the Board of Aldermen to put a stop to the sale of cider or wine. This petition will be presented to the town fathers at their next meeting and immediate results are expected.

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Made Brave Fight For Life But Lost. Death Occurred Yesterday Afternoon Shortly After five o'clock. Washington In Mourning

WASHINGTON, D. C.—After four months of almost unbroken illness, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, died this afternoon at 5 o'clock. At her bedside when the end came were president Wilson and the three daughters of the deceased. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made at this hour.

For several days it has been known to those in closets touch at the White House that Mrs. Wilson was gravely ill, and that hope for her recovery was slight. The President, himself, has clung desperately to the hope that she might survive the crisis, but her frail constitution, drained by months of never-ending illness, has been unable to withstand the battle.

One day last March Mrs. Wilson slipped on a rug at the White House, injuring her spine. An operation was necessary. After weeks of convalescence, she finally rose from her bed, but the burden of a Winter's activity at the White House, together with charity work in the slums of the city, brought on nervous prostration. She was well enough to attend the wedding of her second daughter, now Mrs. William G. McAdoo, but her recuperative powers were not lasting. Stomach trouble added to her nervous ailment and Bright's disease developed.

Three weeks ago she seemed to rally and was well enough to walk, supported by a nurse, in the White House grounds. She watched with satisfaction as gardeners laid out the last of the Italian gardens which she had planned for the South front of the executive mansion. A marble statue of a boy playing a flute was placed, at her direction, in the gardens near the offices.

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