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## Three Million Men Are Engaged in Struggle Which May Seal Paris' Fate

### Several Hundred On Burning Steamer

City of Chicago Caught Fire Yesterday Morning with Crowd of Excursionists on Board

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—With several hundred passengers, most of them women and children, on board the City of Chicago, an excursion steamer from Benton Harbor, Mich., caught fire several miles off shore early today. Racing against the flames, the steamer made for the government breakwater just off the harbor and all the passengers were landed safely a moment before the boat sank.

The passengers were huddled on the breakwater and later were taken ashore on tugs and in other excursion boats. One man who was taken from the water said the passengers had been awakened until a few moments before the boat sank. He had been asleep in his berth, he said, and woke up only when the smoke became almost overpowering.

The City of Chicago belonged to the Graham and Morton Transportation Company and had been in use since 1890 as an excursion boat. She left Benton Harbor late last night bound for Chicago.

The fire, which is believed to have started in the galley, was discovered when about three miles off the Illinois shores. Captain Pjork directed the ship and he rushed for the shore as it struck the pier so hard that much of the plating was torn down and the plating was knocked from the dwelling on the structure.

The passengers, all of whom had been ordered off by Captain Pjork were tossed about, many of them being thrown into the water.

Fighting Taking Place Almost on the Same Site Where Marshall McMahon Surrendered his Army and Where Napoleon, the Third Became a Prisoner and Sealed the Doom of the French Monarchy While this Great Struggle Goes on, Russians, Germans and Austrians in North Conflict on Former's Eastern Frontier.

### ITALY LIKELY TO BE DRAWN IN

Dispatch from Rome Says Turkey has Mobilized 200,000 men and Will aid Germany. If This be done Italy has signified her intention of Aiding The Allies

LONDON, Sept. 1.—On the anniversary of the great battle of Sedan where in September, 1870 twenty-five thousand French and Germans lost their lives, it is reported that three million men were today engaged in a gigantic struggle, the result of which is yet unknown but which may determine the fate of Paris. The fighting is taking place almost on the same site where Marshall McMahon surrendered his army and where Napoleon, the third, became a prisoner thereby sealing the doom of the French monarchy.

ALSO IN AN ENCOUNTER. While this great struggle is taking place in northern France, three million Russians, Germans and Austrians are in a desperate conflict on Germany's eastern frontier. The crucial battle in France which may become the decisive conflict of the war of 1914, is about seventy-five miles from Paris on a line extending fifty miles. The German line occupies the curve beginning at Ferone in the west and extending through Guise and Sedan to Lorraine frontier then south to Belfort. The French are in contact all along this line.

THE ALLIES ARE HOLDING THEIR GROUND. The allies' center is holding its ground according to the latest reports from the front. They have been forced to give way through the retrograde movement is orderly and it is claimed that they have stopped the German advance to the North. There is no substantial difference between this report and that from German sources save that the latter claim successes in Lorraine. Late tonight fighting is still in progress with no decisive result.

ITALY LIKELY TO BE DRAWN INTO THE WAR. LONDON, Sept. 1.—Italy is at last likely to be drawn into the war. A dispatch from Rome tonight says that Turkey mobilized two hundred thousand troops during the past few days. Italy has guaranteed a certain territory held by Greece which Turkey seeks and the Rome government has

been forced to protect this. The Rome dispatch came via wireless by Berlin and said that Turkey had mobilized on the advance field. Marshal Von Goltz, a German is in command of the Ottoman forces, as seventy-two high German officers have recently been incorporated into the forces, it is believed she will join Germany. Italy has said that she will join the allies if any other power joins Germany and now has 800,000 men ready. All Reservists in France are to be called out, even those belonging to the territorials according to an official dispatch from Paris.

EXODUS FROM THE FRENCH CAPITAL CONTINUES. PARIS, Sept. 1.—The Exodus from the French capital continued tonight, the city being entrenched and troops pouring into the forts. From Berlin comes a claim of a gigantic victory of the Russians at Allenstein. It is said that seventy thousand were captured but Russian dispatches as well as other unbiased reports say the Russian advance is continuing. The Austrian forces were disastrously defeated on the Vistula river and three big armies are pressing on Berlin.

AEROPLANE DROPS BOMBS ON THE CITY OF PARIS. PARIS, Sept. 1.—Late this afternoon an aeroplane passed over Paris and dropped three bombs, one striking near Place de Opera. No casualties. This is the third day in succession that Paris has been assaulted by Bombs. Authentic advices though unofficial last tonight states that the allies have stopped the German advance in the north.

THE SITUATION SAID TO BE STATIONARY. LONDON, Sept. 1.—A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram Company from Antwerp, gives the latest official communication issued there. It says "The situation throughout the country is stationary. The Germans have evacuated Aerschot and railway communication has been restored over the greater part of the Campine country."

"Malines was bombarded for an hour although the town was not occupied by the Belgian troops. This was a fresh crime against the civil population."

A dispatch to the Post from Antwerp, says the Germans have evacuated the Province of Antwerp, presumably as part of their scheme for the withdrawal of unnecessary troops, who will be used to replace those for service against Russia. Part of the forces in the Province of Lemburg have also been withdrawn.

THE RUSSIANS HAVE TAKEN RAILWAY CENTER. LONDON, Sept. 1.—A dispatch to the Times from St. Petersburg, gives the following comment on the Russian operations against the Austrians. "The Russian operations against the Austrians are considered by recognized military writers to have reached the stage when decisive victories may be within reach. The capture of the railroad center 40 miles south of Lemberg involves the rupture of railway communication with the Austrian fortresses on the Dinester and in Bukovina. Thus the Southern part of Galicia, as well as Bukonvia, is severed from the remaining portions of Galicia, except by circuitous route across the Carpathians. As a result the iron ring is closing around Lemberg."

"According to the Reussko Slovo, the losses suffered by the Austrians in their desperate attempt to strike at the vitals of the Russians position in Poland, aggregate tens of thousands of men, including the Sixth Austrian corps, which, on its retreat between the Western Bug and the Wieprz rivers, was almost annihilated."

REPORTS OF BOMBARDMENT OF ANTWERP EXAGGERATED. LONDON, Sept. 1.—The Chronicle Antwerp correspondent, who has just visited Malines, says "Recent reports of the disastrous effect of the German bombardment of that city were greatly exaggerated. About 80 houses were destroyed, but the towers of the Cathedral of St. Rombaut and others famous landmarks

"The cellars and underground passages are still filled with refugees, who are unwilling to come out, although the bombardment ceased long ago."

GREAT ALARM IN BERLIN OVER GERMAN ADVANCE. LONDON, Sept. 1.—The correspondent of the Express, telegraphing from The Hague, says "There is the greatest alarm in Berlin over the advance of the Russian troops. The news that the Emperor has left the Western headquarters and moved to the Russian front has shown the residents of the capital where the immediate peril to their safety lies. "A story has been circulated that the Russians are preparing to avenge Louvain by treating Berlin as the Germans treated that city. Many who can get away are going to Norway, Denmark and Switzerland."

"In connection with the siege of Liege, it is told here that the German artillery experts, after vainly trying every type of field gun at their command against the forts, sent to the Krupp factory for a new 14 inch gun, which was set down four miles from the nearest Liege fort. The first shot from it hit the officers' messhouse inside the Belgian fortifications, killing 125 men."

THE JAPANESE HAVE TAKEN TWO ISLANDS. PEKING, Sept. 1.—The Japanese according to reports here, have occupied two other islands in the German sphere at Kiao Chow. They are Taliakao and Tekung Tao. These islands had not been occupied by the Germans.

Information received yesterday was to the effect that the Japanese had occupied Ta Chien, a small island outside of Kiao Chow Bay. BELGIAN COMMISSION SAILS FOR THE U. S. LONDON, Sept. 1.—The Belgian Commission, on its way to the United States to protest against alleged German atrocities, was received by King George today. The commissioners expect to leave for Washington in a few days.

### LOCAL SHOPS IN OPERATION

MAN RETURN TO WORK AFTER A VACATION OF SEVERAL DAYS.

Owing to the fact that the appropriation for the continuing the work in their local machine shops during the month of August was exhausted before the end of the month, the Norfolk Southern Railway Company a week ago gave all of the men employed in the shops a short vacation and closed down the plant. A large number of men were thrown out of employment for the time being but these yesterday returned to the shops and resumed their former employment. There is a rumor current in this city that the Norfolk Southern is contemplating changing hands and that at no late date the road will be taken over and operated by the Virginia and South Western Railway Company. Local railway officials, however, have nothing to say about this rumored change. However, during the past few weeks several officials of the road have visited this section and made an inspection of the company's line and holdings here. Some time ago it was rumored that the Pennsylvania Railway Company would take over the road and extend it to

Cape Lookout. Nothing came of this rumor and many are of the opinion that such will be the end of the one now going around. The officials of the Norfolk Southern are very optimistic over existing conditions in spite of the fact that both passenger and freight traffic are very light just at this time. S. H. Leard, General Passenger Agent, was in New Bern a few days ago making arrangements to operate trains to the Eastern Carolina Fair grounds next month and while here he talked very interestingly of the plans which the company have in view for the next few months. In Mr. Leard's opinion business conditions will be in much better shape by the end of the present month and his company is making arrangements to handle a large amount of traffic at that time.

HOISERY MILL MAY LOCATE IN THIS CITY. A meeting of the New Enterprise Committee of the Chamber of Commerce was held last night for the purpose of discussing a proposition made by the owner of a hoisery mill to remove his plant to this city.

The committee thought favorably of this proposition and the secretary was ordered to invite the mill man to come to New Bern and look over the field and to discuss the matter with the Chamber of Commerce.

AT THE BOTTOM OF IT ALL



### THE JAMES HOTEL TO OPEN TODAY

IS UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF DR. B. B. SMITH.

The James Hotel, which has been closed for several weeks will open today under new management. Dr. B. B. Smith, of Whiteville, N. C., has leased this popular hotel, and has made many improvements which add both to the appearance of the interior of the building and to the comfort of the guests. Dr. Smith is well known to the traveling public, having been connected with hotels in different parts of the State for a number of years, and at the present is operating the Columbus Hotel at Whiteville, N. C. C. H. Jones, who will act in the capacity as steward, has had a number of years experience in the hotel business, in both this country and Europe, and there is every reason to believe that the business will prosper under his management. During the summer months the hotel has been connected with the Ocean Hotel at Wrightsville.

### WEDDING OF INTETEST TAKES PLACE THIS A. M.

MISS NANCY WATSON TO BECOME BRIDE OF FRED H. ABERLY.

A wedding of much interest to the host of friends of the contracting parties, will take place at 7 45 this morning when Miss Nancy E. Watson, the attractive and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Watson, will become the bride of Fred H. Aberly, a well known young business man of this city. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. W. A. Cade, junior pastor of Centenary Methodist church at the home of the bride on Pollock street. The young couple will leave on the morning train for a visit in New York after which they will go to Boston, Mass., to visit Bessie Watson, an uncle of the bride to be. From that city they go to Philadelphia and other points in Pennsylvania for a visit with Mr. Aberly's relatives and returning will stop in Columbia, N. C., and then through to New Bern, returning about October 1, 1914.

### GERMAN CUTS OFF HANDS OF HOSTESS

HAD RECEIVED FOOD AND SHELTER FROM AGED WOMAN.

LONDON, Sept. 1.—The Chronicle correspondent at Ostend telegraphs as follows: "I heard by chance this morning one of the worst stories of German ferocity that so far has been authenticated. "In a tobacconist's shop I found a girl behind the counter crying bitterly. She told me she and her sister had just arrived from Liege. A party of German soldiers had been billeted at the house of the girl's mother just outside the town. "The gray-haired woman had done her best for the soldiers, and when they were leaving they pretended to be grateful. One of them extended his hand as if to shake hands with her, but as she put forth her hand, the girl relates, another German standing by, he raised his sword and hacked off the woman's hand at the wrist. "The story is to be officially reported with other authenticated reports of the atrocities of the invaders. "Before leaving Brussels the German soldiers ordered M. Madaux, ed-

itor of Etoile Belge, to fill his journal with news. Madaux refused, whereupon the Germans demolished his machinery, then issued from another press false issues of La Metropole of Antwerp."

A special correspondent of The Standard, writing from Ostend says "An authentic case of barbarism has come to my notice, and I have seen the people involved, who arrived last evening at one of the hotels here. The party consisted of two women, and the husband of one of them.

"The Germans entered their house near the seat of war yesterday morning and forced the wife to strip herself naked and parade for nearly an hour before the troops. She was then allowed to return to her house.

"The party then fled for their lives, with only a small hand bag, arriving here in a state of collapse. Their house and factory were burned to the ground, and the jewels and everything of value were stolen."

The gas freight boat Hans May arrived in port yesterday from North Harlow with a cargo of country produce.