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## SERVIAN INFANTRY MARCHING TO THE FRONTIER



### FRENCH ARMY HAS INVADED ALSACE

AVENGE DISGRACE OF HALF CENTURY AGO.—FRENCH ARE WELCOME.

### MARTIAL LAW ESTABLISHED

French Losses "Not Excessive" But German Loss Said to Be "Very Serious."

Paris.—The invasion of lower Alsace by a French army under General Joseph Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, has awakened great enthusiasm throughout France.

French military authorities, while recognizing the occupation of Altkirch and Muelhausen by French troops is not of high strategic importance, believe the successful advance of the French army far across the German frontier will have considerable moral effect. It is reported unofficially that Kohler, farther to the north, has fallen into the hands of the French. None of these three places was strongly fortified and all lie outside the line of real German defense, being guarded as outposts of the strong fortified cities. Their German garrisons numerically were fairly strong but it was understood that in case of attack they merely would endeavor to hinder the French advance before falling back.

Neu Briesack, where they are said to have retired is east of Kolmar and is strongly fortified, while Strassburg, some distance to the north, the center of a great aggregation of German troops, is strongly fortified and supposed to be prepared for a long siege.

Official reports of fighting between the French and German troops state that the French losses were "not excessive," while those of the Germans are declared by the French to have been "very serious." The Alsatian inhabitants are said to have been so overjoyed at the appearance of the French Army that they tore up the frontier posts.

Reports of the arrival of an Austrian Army corps on the Swiss frontier near Basel were the object of close attention by French military authorities. It was said that several more Austrian Army corps were being organized in the Tyrol whence they later would be sent toward the French frontier. In view of this the French Government asked the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to France, who remains at his post, to explain the intentions of Austria-Hungary in regard to France.

Before retreating from Mulhausen German troops are said to have set fire to numerous buildings, especially warehouses where food and forage were stored. The forest of Hard, near Kolmar, is said to have been razed.

Martial law has been established in Alsace, where it is said the Germans announced that any person suspected of sympathizing with the French would be executed.

**Confiscate Money.**  
Berlin.—Three motor cars carrying large sums of money were captured by German people and troops as they were trying to cross the Russian frontier.

The empress and princess of the Imperial family personally are participating in supplying food for German reservists passing through Berlin. They were enthusiastically cheered by the troops.

Among those who have entered the German barracks at Doberitz are a superior Russian official.

### AMERICAN VESSELS WILL BE ADMITTED

RELIEF FELT OVER FACT THAT SHIPS MAY ENTER FOREIGN PORTS.

### WAR NEWS IS ONLY PARTIAL

German Side Not Received on Account of Cables Being Cut. Look Toward Mediation.

Washington.—Observation of strict neutrality by the United States in the European war, especially as to the movements of foreign ships in American waters, gave the Washington government concern.

The department of commerce issued special instructions which may have an important effect on the movement of reservists from the United States. What amounts to military expedition from American soil will be prohibited in accordance with President Wilson's neutrality proclamation. State, treasury and commerce department officials were absorbed in deciding the numerous technicalities which have arisen in connection with foreign-owned ships such as the Olympic and Vaterland, so that it may be established definitely whether they are being "converted for war purposes."

Relief measures for Americans in Europe are working smoothly. The state department cabled \$100,000 to Paris and \$25,000 to Rome for immediate use of the American embassies pending the arrival of the Tennessee's gold consignment.

Assurances that the Tennessee and North Carolina as well as vessels to bring Americans out of Europe would be admitted to ports of the countries at war, brought relief to the officials. The two warships are bound. It is understood, for Falmouth, England. One of the vessels then will go to Northern Continental ports and the other to Mediterranean shores.

Diplomatic dispatches contained little information about fighting in Europe beyond what had been published. The French and Russian governments acknowledged receipt of "the tender of good offices" looking toward mediation, but gave no hint as to their attitude. It is not known whether President Wilson's message to Emperor William reached him.

### 25,000 GERMANS KILLED.

### Official Statement.—First Story From Berlin.

London.—The siege of Liege is the outstanding feature of the European war. Latest advices, received by way of London in official dispatches, say Liege still holds out against the attacks of the German Army of the Meuse.

On the authority of the Belgian War Ministry the German casualties in the battle around Liege number 25,000, according to their own admission. An official statement issued from Berlin described the attempt on the Liege fortress as unsuccessful and the assault of the Germans as "a unique act of heroism" and added that it will not have the slightest influence on the larger operations of the German Army.

German diplomats have been using their utmost efforts to win Italy to the German side, by negotiations and a direct appeal to King Victor Emmanuel, but without success. The Italian Ambassador at London, thanking a great assembly, including several peers and members of Parliament, which gathered in front of the Emperor's palace, said Italy had declared her neutrality and would adhere to it.

### ENGLAND CALLS HALF-MILLION MEN

REALIZING FIGHT IS TO DEATH BRITAIN ISSUES CALL TO SERVICE.

### KITCHENER WAR MINISTER

\$500,000,000 Appropriated By Parliament.—British Fleet Has Engaged Germans.—Sank British Cruiser.

London.—The passage of a war budget for \$500,000,000 in the House of Commons without a dissenting voice and the granting of an Army increase of 500,000 men in accordance with plans of Lord Kitchener, the new War Minister, shows that Great Britain is in deadly earnest.

Call to arms issued by the War Office says an addition of 100,000 men to the regular Army is needed immediately and that Lord Kitchener is confident this appeal will at once be responded to "by all who have the safety of our Empire at heart."

The term of service for the new men is to be three years, or until the war is ended. The age of enlistment will be between 19 and 30.

The naval estimates provided for 67,000 additional officers and men, which will make the navy's strength 218,000 men.

There are no illusions in England that the war is certain to be a swift and decisive one. The people are steered for a long and exhaustive struggle.

The Admiralty notified the public that the first news from the Navy might not be good news. Swift upon the heels of this intimation came the tidings that the cruiser Amphion had been sunk by a mine with the loss of an officer and 130 men—Great Britain's first sacrifice to the war.

It is considered that British ships in the North Sea are running greater risks during the first days of the war than the Germans. The Royal family shares with the homes of its many subjects the suspense of waiting for news of the fate of the different units of the fleet. Prince Albert, the second son of the King, aboard the battleship Collingwood, is one of the many boy midshipmen afloat sharing the perils of their elders.

There was a dramatic incident in the House of Commons when the feud between Lord Charles Beresford and Winston S. Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, was buried. Admiral Beresford shook hands with the First Lord and said: "Well done."

The torpedo-boat destroyer Lance, which sent the Hamburg-American Line steamer Koenigin Luise to the bottom with four shots, only come out of the shipyards only a few days before hardly dry.

**French Capture German Steamer.**  
Paris.—A French mine ship captured and towed into Cherbourg a 5,000-ton German steamer.

### China Is Neutral.

Peking, China.—China proclaimed her neutrality in connection with the European conflict. The work of fortifying the German possession of Tsing Tau continued and the authorities there added to their accumulation of provisions. Foreign enterprise in China being paralyzed, many Chinese have been affected already and are withdrawing their money from the banks controlled by financiers representing Russia, France, England, Germany and Japan which hitherto had commanded every confidence.

### FRENCH RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA END

ORDERS HER AMBASSADOR TO RETURN AND AUSTRIAN LEAVES PARIS.

### FRENCH POSSESS ALSACE

Censorship Prevents Publication of Casualties of the Tri-Color—Status of Affairs Pleasing to Belgium

Paris.—via London.—It was officially announced that France had broken off diplomatic relations with Austria-Hungary. The French Ambassador at Vienna has left the Austrian Capital and the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador at Paris has asked for his passports.

In announcing the breaking off of relations with Austria the French Foreign Office made the following statement:

"Contrary to assurance given by Austria to the French Minister of Foreign Affairs that no Austrian troops were taking part in the Franco-German War, the French Government has ascertained beyond any possible doubt that certain Austrian troops are present in Germany, outside the Austrian frontier. These troops which have set free certain German troops destined to be employed in fighting the French, ought indubitably de facto and de jure, to be considered as acting against France. In these circumstances the French Ambassador was ordered to leave Vienna."

### NO STARTLING BATTLES YET.

War of Seven Nations Are Devoid of Big Battle.

London.—No great battle has yet been fought on land or sea in the war of seven Nations, unless the German assaults upon the fortresses at Liege eventually assume the proportions of a battle in history. Both combatants claim victory, there with the Belgians still holding the forts and the Germans occupying the city.

The situation is unique. There is no confirmation of The Daily Mail's report that the French have retreated, inflicting a loss of 8,000 men. The Belgians claim that they have taken 8,000 prisoners on Belgian soil, but military men regard all the estimates of the belligerents as great exaggerations.

Apart from Liege the fighting of the first week, when resolved to the proper perspective eventually doubtless will be considered insignificant.

One of the most important developments in the eyes of experts is the general testimony that the German infantry formation is obsolete and ineffective against the weapons of today and means an enormous slaughter if retained.

France and Austria finally are officially at war, the Ambassadors having left the respective Capitals. The French Government broke off diplomatic relations with Austria on the grounds that Austrian troops were reinforcing the Germans.

Austria appears to have abandoned the advance on Serbia for a time and apparently is co-operating with Germany in the supposed strategy of attempting to crush France before Russia can mobilize.

Financial conditions in England are returning to normal. Although there is a great disorder in many trades the prices of foodstuffs have risen only slightly.

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### Caring For Tourists.

London.—The London resident committee paid out \$10,000 to tourists on cable orders from their home banks in needy cases hotel bills were paid. The various committees formed to help Americans, having found they were being victimized, established a common investigation headquarters to eliminate imposters. A society of college women has been formed by Mrs. Walter H. Page, Mrs. David Starr Jordan and others to guard the interests of stranded American school teachers.

## Polk County Hotel Directory

In the Land of the Sky—Charming and Captivating Scenery—Life Giving Ozone.

Perched on the edge of the SALUDA Appalachian plateau, with altitude of 2,250 feet, and approached from the south by a steep grade that calls for double locomotive service from Melrose, a few miles distant, is Saluda, the second point of interest on the southern approach of "The Land of the Sky." The ascent is made amid scenes of absorbing interest, dark and repelling forest, being replaced in quick succession by sunlit openings where passing glimpses can be caught of the flora of this most exquisite section. Rocks rise suddenly to alarming heights above the railroad bed, almost within reach of the startled traveler, to give place with just as startling rapidity to gorges through which dash some bold mountain stream on its way to join the silvery Facolet River winding its way along the valley below.

Here and there can be caught glimpses of the recently constructed and splendid automobile road connecting the South—through a scenic landscape of wonderful loveliness with the older thoroughfares through Flat Rock, Hendersonville and Asheville, to the Tennessee line, and there is not one inch of this steep ascent that is not filled with promise of beauty, amply fulfilled when the traveler reaches his destination on the summit.

The accomplishment of the ascent brings not only fulfillment of promise of yearnings after the beautiful, but with it comes a sense of relief from the depression brought on by the heated spell in the lowlands. The rarified air from the surrounding heights plays in constant currents, laden with a wealth of life-giving ozone, and the incense of flowers, and there never occurs a night during the hottest season of any year when warm covering can be dispensed with. The scenery is replete with never-fading charm and variety, and the visitor to Saluda need never be at a loss for points of delightful interest, in quest of which to utilize the rapidly stored energies evolved from existence in this tower of joy and health.

Saluda is an up-to-date and progressive town, with possibilities that are apparent at a glance to one who cares to look. It is making rapid strides, and keeping pace with the startling development apparent throughout this entire beautiful and favored section, but to the thousands who visit its hospitable hotels and boarding houses with unflinching constancy year after year, its quaint and quiet allurements grow with each returning season.

"There is more ozone in the atmosphere in and around Saluda than at other points in the range of the Blue Ridge Mountains owing to the conditions created by the currents of air from the higher altitudes in passing into the Tryon Valley below Saluda." —From Engineers' reports to U. S. Geological Dept.

**TRYON**  
Tucked away among the foothills of the Southern Appalachians, 1,350 feet above sea level, on a gently undulating plateau of exceptional beauty and fertility, is the charming village of Tryon, one of the most delightful all-year-round resorts in America.

The plateau is pierced by the gorge of the Facolet River, the waters of which, turbulent at times as they tumble down the mountains in their tortuous course to the valley, shimmer in the brilliant sunlight like a giant rope of silver.

This lovely hamlet, which looks for all the world as if it were a bit of English landscape transferred to the heart of heroic American mountains, forms the lower gateway to the "Land of the Sky" and the "Sapphire Country." It is the first station in North Carolina on the Spartanburg Division of the Southern Railway, twenty-eight miles northwest from Spartanburg, S. C., and forty-two miles southeast from Asheville, N. C., the route of which follows almost without deviation from Charleston, S. C., to Asheville, N. C., the historic Wilderness Trail over which the pioneer of early days trekked from the sea to the valley of the Ohio.

Times, not alone, but methods, have changed since those days of the early pioneers. Now a score of wonderful railroad trains speed every day along the old Wilderness Trail, bearing eager and busy passengers and the products of rich mines and fertile lands. Through that great gorge of the Facolet River, in Tryon Township, the enterprising citizens of Polk County have constructed an automobile boulevard of great scenic beauty, connecting the great Southeast with Hendersonville, Asheville, and the upper mountain section.

The Tryon plateau is situated within a great topographical horseshoe, formed by the mountains which nearly surround it. The opening of the shoe is toward the Southeast.

You will make no mistake in selecting one of these excellent places to spend your vacation, in "The Land of the Sky."

### The Carolina Home

Mrs. W. C. Robertson, Proprietress. Central location. Baths. Commercial rate \$2 per day. Weekly rate \$7 to \$8.

SALUDA, N. C.

### The Charles

MRS. J. W. LAMOTT  
Rates: Commercial \$2 per day. Weekly \$7 to \$10. Special Family Rates. No consumptives taken.

SALUDA, N. C.

### Melrose Inn

A quiet and delightful family hotel. Modern. Rates upon application.

SALUDA, N. C.

### Poplar Glenn

J. L. RENTZ, Proprietor. SALUDA, N. C.  
Large outside rooms. Hot and cold baths. Delightful breeze. Mountain spring water. Rates: \$1 to \$2. Special to families.

### The Esseola

MRS. J. K. CAMPBELL  
Fine view. Lithia Water. Conveniently located. Rates: \$8.50 to \$10 per week.

SALUDA, N. C.

### Pace House

MRS. H. H. FUDGE, Proprietress.  
Rates: \$8 per week and upward. Beautiful grounds. Tennis courts.

SALUDA, N. C.

### Iona Lodge

MRS. S. G. OEHLER, Proprietress.  
Located in Saluda, near Piney Mountain. Fine water and scenery. Modern house. Rates: \$7 and up. Special rates to families.

### The Pines

MRS. M. E. LEONARD, Proprietress.  
Hot and cold bath. Central location. Rates: \$7 and up. Special rates by the month and to families.

SALUDA, N. C.

### Fairview House

MRS. H. B. LOCKE, SALUDA, N. C.  
Modern conveniences. Fine location. Good table, fine water, near postoffice and library. No tubercular patients received. Terms: \$3 to \$10 per week. Special rates to parties.

### The Mimosa

TRYON, N. C.  
A Most Delightful Summer Resort in The Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina  
Where you can get the very best fare with all the comforts and conveniences of a MODERN HOTEL At Reasonable Rates An Ideal Place to Spend the Summer JOHN A. MACRAE