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CANADA SENDS HER BEST TO AID OLD COUNTRY



The response to the call for Canadian volunteers for service with the English army was such that the 25,000 men required could be picked from any three of the Dominion's nine military divisions. The illustration shows (below) members of the Halifax Rifles, the first mustered in, and (above) four of their officers, left to right, Captain Logan, Lieutenant Dennis, Captain Clarke and Lieutenant Jones.

JAPAN DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY

YOKOHAMA ISSUES PROCLAMATION CALLING SUBJECTS TO STAND BY COLORS.

APPEAL TO ARMS IS LAST GO

Tokyo.—The Emperor of Japan has declared war on Germany. This act was taken at the expiration of the limit of Japan's ultimatum to Germany demanding the surrender of Manchuria. The Japanese Government ordered the beginning of operations on land and sea.

The Imperial rescript declaring war on Germany was issued in the evening. It officially inaugurates hostilities in the Far East as a result of Germany's failure to reply to the Japanese ultimatum.

The proclamation of the Emperor at a thrill through the country. Japan's entrance upon the fulfillment of her obligations to her ally, Great Britain, responds to the popular will on one end of the land to the other. Meeting crowds assembled before public buildings and at night there were lantern processions through the streets. The popular manifestations, however, do not approach the enthusiasm which preceded the war with Russia.

Count Von Rex, the German Ambassador, has been handed his passports. He probably will leave for America. George W. Guthrie, the American Ambassador, will represent Germany. The Diet has been convened in special session for September 3.

The Austrian cruiser Kaiserin Elizabeth, which latterly was at Tsing Tau, a seaport of Kiao-Chow, is reported to have sailed. She perhaps will go to a neutral port and disarm. It is believed this action will keep Austria out of the war in the Orient, although unforeseen circumstances may force Japan to change this policy. No action has been taken relative to Austria and the Foreign Office has explained that Japan will remain friendly until Austria adopts an attitude which it regards as offensive.

It is reported here that Germany has been trying to transfer the German Railroad in Shan Tung, China, to America. Tokio believes, however, that the United States pursuing the policy of neutrality outlined by President Wilson, will not accept. President Wilson's announcement of neutrality has greatly pleased the Japanese.

THE BIG BATTLE HAS BEGUN.

United Armies Battle With Germans Along Twenty-Mile Line.

London.—After nearly three weeks mobilizing the battle of giants has begun.

Roughly speaking the Germans are trying to work around the allies' flank in Belgium, while the French are attempting to apply the same process to the Germans in Alsace.

Almost all the encounters that have taken place before have been mere reconnaissances. The defeat of a regiment here and there has been proclaimed as a great victory but in this grapple hundreds of thousands most of whose affairs have had no significance.

GERMANS CUT OFF FRIENDLY NATIONS

FRENCH AND BELGIAN ALLIES ARE SEPARATED BY ARMY OF KAISER.

APPARENTLY BIG BATTLE

Brussels Levied For \$40,000,000.—Hold French Checked and Engage 150,000 Belgians.

London.—Little has become known of the operations which put the German army between the Belgian forces and their French allies and enabled the Germans to occupy Brussels.

It is believed the Germans brought up strong forces behind their cavalry screens and that a severe battle must have been fought to compel the Belgians to abandon Brussels and retire to Antwerp.

Whether the French forces were engaged with the Belgians is not known.

No information is available as to whether the Germans intend to devote themselves to reducing Antwerp or to an endeavor to force their way southward into France.

It seems, however, that the determination is to attack the Belgian army of 150,000 men, who still are in or around Antwerp. The Germans already are advancing in the direction of Ghent. They have occupied Aost, 15 miles northwest of Brussels and Wetteren, eight miles southeast of Ghent and apparently intend to overrun the whole of Northern Belgium to the sea.

Cavalry patrols have been as far as Mechlin (Malines), 14 miles southeast of Antwerp and it may be heard before long that the Germans have occupied Ghent and Bruges and possibly even Ostend. If this is their decision, however, a clear invasion of France through Belgium must be much longer delayed.

The German general has imposed a war tax of \$40,000,000 on the city of Brussels.

GERMAN CANNONS CAPTURED.

Summary of Cannon Captured by French up to Present.

London.—In a dispatch from Paris the Exchange Telegraph Company's correspondent sends the following summary of alleged German losses as printed in The Paris Matin:

"Twenty-four cannon taken by the Belgians from the third to the fifth of August, at Liege.

"Three cannon taken by the French at Margennes, August 11.

"Six cannon taken by the French at Othain, near Spincourt, August 12.

"Twelve cannon taken by the French near Schirmeck, Alsace, August 12.

"Twenty-four cannon taken by the Russians at Stallapohenen, East Prussia, August 17.

"Twelve cannon taken at Gumbinnen by the Russians, East Prussia, August 17.

"Besides these pieces of field artillery, rapid-fire guns, aeroplanes and 19 motor wagons were captured."

Sugar Reduced.

San Francisco.—Sugar was quoted at \$7 a hundred weight here, a reduction of 50 cents from the recent price.

GERMANS OCCUPY BRUSSELS AT LAST

ONLY OUTPOST FIGHTING IS OCCURRING ON THE BATTLE LINE.

BELGIUM CAPITAL FALLEN

Reports Do Not Cover Casualties Before City Fell.—Price of Food is Declining Now.

London.—The Germans have at last occupied Brussels but in Alsace they seem to be making no advance. The latest report is that the French have recaptured Muelhausen and it still seems true that after 18 days of fighting there are no German troops on French soil.

On Germany's Eastern frontier there has been considerable outpost fighting which would indicate that the Russians are completing their work of concentration. There have been no serious collisions in this region as yet, however. Austria is too much engaged with Russia and with need of helping Germany to make much progress in her campaign against Serbia.

No news whatever has been received of any naval movements, either in the North Sea or the Mediterranean.

The death of Pope Pius will be made the occasion for another effort to bring about peace. It is stated that when the conclave meets in Rome to elect a new pope it will send an appeal to the warring nations for peace and will ask the United States to aid in bringing about tranquility.

According to the few bits of news allowed to come in from Berlin something like normal conditions prevail in the German capital. The price of food is declining and now that troop movements have been completed a resumption of general work on railways is beginning.

Confirmation has been received on the report that Emperor William has ordered resistance to any effort that Japan may make to seize Kiao-Chow.

CARRANZA ENTERS CAPITAL.

Mexico City.—Gen. Venustiano Carranza, supreme chief of the Mexican revolution and now Provisional President of the Republic, entered the Capital.

It is estimated that more than 150,000 persons crowded the line of march of the new President and his followers, which extended from the village of Atzacotalco to the National Palace, six miles. There was no disorder as General Carranza and his staff passed through the cheering crowds, which showered them with flowers and confetti and from which came cries of "long live Carranza; long live the Constitutionalist Government."

Japan Explains Stand.

Washington.—Interference by German cruisers with the shipping of Japan's ally, Great Britain, the seizure of Japanese goods in German bottoms and the consequent grave dislocation of Japanese trade are the principal reasons set forth by Japan in explaining the ultimatum delivered to Germany recently. Cable dispatches have contained a brief outline of the Japanese grievances, but the full text of the Japanese foreign office's statement on this subject was not available until today.

GERMANS REPULSE THE ALLIED ARMIES

FRANCE ADMITS THAT FORCES HAVE MET STUBBORN OBSTACLES.

LOSS OF ALLIES WAS HEAVY

Statement Officially Made Claims For Army's Moral and Physical Well-being—Change Fighting Plans.

Paris.—The French War Office issued the following announcement.

"The French and English, the plan of attack having failed, owing to unforeseen difficulties, have retired on the covering positions.

"West of the Meuse the English Army on our left was attacked by the Germans, but behaved admirably, holding its ground with traditional steadfastness.

"The French assumed the offensive with two army corps. An African brigade in the front line, carried away by their eagerness, were received by a murderous fire. They did not give an inch, but, counter-attacked by the Prussian guard, they were obliged to retire, only, however, after inflicting enormous losses. The Prussian guard especially suffered heavily.

"East of the Meuse our troops advanced across an extremely difficult country and made vigorous attack when they emerged from the woods, but were obliged to fall back after a stiff fight south of the River Semois.

"On order of General Joffre our troops and the British troops withdrew to the covering positions. Our troops are intact; our cavalry has in no way suffered and our artillery has affirmed its superiority. Our officers and soldiers are in the best of condition, morally and physically.

"As a result of the orders which have been issued the aspect of the struggle will change for a few days. The French army will remain for a time on the defensive but at the right moment, to be decided on by the commander-in-chief, it will resume a vigorous offensive.

"Our losses are heavy; it would be premature to enumerate them. It would be equally so to enumerate those of the Germans, who suffered so heavily that they were obliged to abandon their counter-attacks and establish themselves in fresh positions in Lorraine.

"We delivered four attacks from our positions north of Nancy, inflicting very heavy loss on the enemy.

"In regard to the general situation we have the full use of our railroads, and retain command of the seas. Our operations have enabled the Russians to come into action, and penetrate the heart of West Prussia. It is to be regretted that the offensive operations planned failed to achieve their purpose as a result of difficulties impossible to foresee. It would have shortened the war, but our defenses remain intact in the presence of an already weakened enemy."

WIRELESS FROM BERLIN.

Recounts Victory Over French and the Pursuit.

Berlin.—(By wireless to Associated Press from Nauen, Germany to Sayville, L. I.)—Official announcement was made here that the German army commanded by Grand Duke Albrecht of Wuertemberg has defeated a French army at Neufchatelau.

It captured many guns, flags and prisoners, including several generals.

German armies under Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm and Grand Duke Albrecht are vigorously pursuing the French.

The army under Rupprecht captured 150 guns at Luneyville, Belmont and Cirey (in the French department of Muérthe-et-Moselle).

The army commanded by the crown prince pursued the French beyond Longway.

The Germans are west of the Meuse and are advancing against Muerbuege. They have defeated an English brigade of cavalry.

Austrian Fleet Massed.

London.—A dispatch to the Central News from Rome says fishermen in the Adriatic report that the entire Austrian fleet of about 40 units is proceeding Southward from Pola, the Austrian naval base. Their objective is thought to be the Catarro in Delmatia.

Germans in Nancy.

Paris.—A rumor is in circulation in Paris that the Germans have occupied the fortified town of Nancy. This report however, lacks confirmation.

Polk County

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 Pacolet 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 unfailing 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 Pacolet 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 Pacolet 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 horse-shoe, formed by the mountains which nearly surround it. The opening of the shoe is toward the Southeast.

Hotel Directory

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: \$3 per week and upward. Beautiful grounds. Tennis courts. SALUDA, N. C.

Iona Lodge

MRS. S. S. 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