

MOST MOMENTOUS CONFLICT IN ANNALS OF MANKIND BEING WAGED BEHIND SCREEN IN BLEEDING BELGIUM

WAR TO PLAY ITS PART IN CONCLAVE

Politics Will Dictate the Election of Pontiff, Is Conclusion

ELIGIBLE LIST OF CARDINALS

After Elimination for Age and Other Causes, Few Are Left

Rome, Aug. 23.—Requiem masses were celebrated in St. Peter's and in all the Catholic churches in Rome today.

The third meeting of the congregation of cardinals was held today and the question of the conclave for the election of a new pope was discussed.

Again these nations are at warfare and it is believed that the present conclave will favor the election of a political pope, as did the conclave of 1878.

The Eligible Men

The elimination of cardinals, so that the most probable candidates for the papacy might be listed, has been under consideration.

Finally, there are five cardinal deacons who, according to tradition, could never be elected.

Conclave Put Off

Paris, Aug. 23.—The correspondent of Rome of the Havas agency quotes the Messagero as saying that, contrary to the assertion in certain newspapers, that the conclave to elect a successor to Pope Pius will meet August 31, the date of the conclave has not yet been fixed.

RUSSIANS CONTROL VISTULA COUNTRY

St. Petersburg Declares Prussians Retreated After a Beating

London, Aug. 23.—The Russian embassy here today made public the following report, sent by Grand Duke Nicholas to St. Petersburg:

"After two days' battle the Russian forces are victorious. We were opposed by three German army corps. We have captured many guns. The Germans lost heavily and were compelled to retreat. Our troops are in pursuit of the enemy.

"This success has been achieved by General Rennenkampf's army. It is a victory of great strategic value."

The correspondent of Reuters Telegram Agency at St. Petersburg sends the following official announcement, made public in the Russian capital today:

"The rights of the last few days have resulted in a wholesale retreat of the Germans, giving the Russians control of that part of East Prussia beyond the Vistula river."

MANCHURIAN ROAD OPEN.

Tokio, Aug. 23.—A dispatch from Harbin, Manchuria, says railway passenger communication is open between Siberia and European Russia.

SUFFRAGE BILL BEATEN

Stockholm, Aug. 23.—The women's suffrage bill was rejected by parliament last night. The bill has been supported by the liberal and socialist parties.

WILL HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?



OF THOUSAND GERMANS WHO CHARGED BELGIANS IN FORTS AT LIEGE ONLY HUNDRED ARE SAID TO HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES

London, Aug. 23, 5:30 p. m.—In a dispatch from Copenhagen the correspondent of the Daily Mail says the sixth list of the German casualties, published Saturday, names 823 killed and wounded.

NICHOLAS CLAIMS A GREAT VICTORY

AFTER DAYS OF FIGHTING, RUSSIAN CHIEF SAYS GERMANS HAVE BEEN DEFEATED ON THEIR OWN FRONTIER WITH HEAVY LOSSES

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief of the Russian army, issued today the following statement:

"On the Russian frontier up to August 20 no serious collisions occurred. The Russians forced an Austrian battalion to evacuate Bargaue and Havrusse."

"On August 20 the Germans near Gumbinnen engaged three army corps and tried to envelop the Russian right wing where the fighting was intensely fierce. The Russians took the offensive in the center and captured many guns. The army demanded an armistice in order to bury their dead, but this was refused. On August 21 victory crowned the efforts of the Russian army. The Germans, having suffered enormous losses, are falling back, pursued by the Russian."

CATHEDRAL CHIMES BLESSED BY BISHOP

Helena, Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Assisted by priests from all parts of the Helena diocese, Bishop J. P. Carroll this afternoon dedicated the set of chimes donated to St. Helena cathedral by Colonel Thomas Cruise.

Each chime was washed in holy water inside and outside, anointed with the oil of the infirm and holy chrism and bathed in the fumes of incense. While this was being done,

DARE-DEVIL HORSE ENTER BELGIAN COMMUNITY

PASS FOR ENGLISH AND FOOL PEOPLE UNTIL OFFICER DETECTS SHAM.

London, Aug. 24, 1:24 p. m.—"A Belgian diplomat who has arrived here," says the Paris correspondent of Reuters Telegram company, "narrates an incident he observed at Charleroi. Twenty Death's Head Hussars entered the town at 7 o'clock in the morning and rode quickly down the street saluting and calling out 'Good day' to those met, saying, 'We are friends of the people.'"

Here Is the Story

The subscription record books in the Missoulian office show that since August 1st, there have been entered "STARTS" as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes City carriers, Mail, News Dealers, Street sales, and Total.

The above covers a period of 22 days.

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CREW THREATENED TO BLOW UP BIG STEAMSHIP

DRUNKEN SAILORS ON VESSEL TAKEN BY BRITISH WERE SCARING PASSENGERS

Philadelphia, Aug. 23.—The American line steamer Dornblum arrived here tonight with 955 refugees from Liverpool.

MUELHAUSEN FIGHT IS STILL RAGING FIERCELY

FOR THREE DAYS, THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO DRIVE FRENCH OUT

London, Aug. 23.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Basel, Switzerland, dated August 22, says the Germans for the past three days have been endeavoring to force the French out of their entrenchments around Muelhausen.

STUPENDOUS ENGAGEMENT IS STILL RAGING DETAILS OF BELGIUM BATTLE WITHHELD

JAPAN HAS DECLARED WAR ON GERMANY—ITALY TO DECLARE ON AUSTRIA—AUSTRIAN EMPEROR REPORTED DYING—AUSTRIAN CAMPAIGN ON DRINA ABANDONED—GERMANS AT TSING TAU WILL RESIST

WAR DECLARED

Tokio, Aug. 23.—The emperor of Japan today declared war upon Germany. This action was taken at the expiration of the time limit of Japan's ultimatum to Germany demanding the surrender of Kiao Chow.

LEYLAND STEAMER GETS IN COLLISION

London, Aug. 23.—The Leyland line steamer Canadian from Boston August 14 for Liverpool, has been in collision off the northwest coast of Ireland.

Boston, Aug. 23.—The steamer Canadian, reported in collision off the Irish coast, carried no passengers but was well loaded with foodstuffs.

THE COLONEL'S SON DID NOT COME BACK

Paris, Aug. 23.—Colonel Folcois, commander of a division of artillery at the front, recently needed a few men for a perilous mission and called for volunteers.

PARIS, AUG. 23, 11 P. M.

The following official announcement was issued tonight:

"A great battle is now in progress along a vast line extending from Mons to the frontier of Luxemburg. Our troops are in conjunction with the British and have assumed everywhere the offensive. We are faced by almost the whole German army, both active and reserve."

"The ground, especially on our right, is thickly wooded and difficult. The battle is likely to last several days."

The enormous extent of the front and the great number of forces involved make it impossible to follow step by step the movements of each of our armies.

"In Vosges the general situation determined us to withdraw our troops from Douai and the Sambre pass. These points were no longer of any importance since we occupied the fortified line beginning at Grand Couronné de Nancy, Lunéville is occupied by the Germans and at Nancy the Germans are making great efforts."

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NAVAL BATTLE

Rome, Aug. 23, via London.—The Avanti says today that there has been another naval engagement in the Adriatic in which some Austrian ships were sunk. The same paper says Greece has dispatched troops to aid Serbia in her fight against Austria.

DEVELOPMENTS OF DAY IN WAR IN NUTSHELL

The French and British troops are facing the greater part of the German army along a battle line which extends from Mons to the Luxembourg frontier. The allied armies, which have been concentrating at strategic points for the last two weeks, are believed to be strongly entrenched with power, and to lend their support in holding back the invaders.

An official announcement issued at Paris warns the people that the tide of battle may ebb and flow; that there will be actions along this great line which are bound to be responded to by just as stirring counteractions by the Germans and that the people must wait for the outcome of the first phase of this great battle which will probably last several days before it can be determined upon which side victory rests.

Japan Enters War

The emperor of Japan has declared war on Germany. Dispatches from Tsing Tau say the territory will be defended. Several German warships are lying in the harbor and the waters have been mined.

The Austro-Hungarian government has ordered the Austrian cruiser Kaiserin Elizabeth now at Tsing Tau to disarm and has further instructed the crew to proceed to Tien Tsin. This apparently eliminates Austria from the conflict in the far east. Reports are current that Emperor Francis Joseph is seriously ill. These reports have been denied, but they are being reiterated.

Fort Blown Up

While the Liege forts are said to be holding out an official statement from the French government tells of the blowing up of Fort Chaudfontaine by the Belgian commander, after it had been razed by the German guns. Official Russian dispatches claim victory for the Russian forces over three German corps.

The Servians are apparently driving out the Austrians and a late dispatch by way of Italy says it is announced at Vienna that the operations against Serbia on the Drina river have been abandoned.

It is reported that the Italian army will be mobilized August 27.

RAILWAY PRESIDENT EXPIRES IN PARK

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Darling Miller, president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway, died today at Glacier park, Montana, after an operation for appendicitis.

Various officials of the railroad besides his wife were with Mr. Miller. The body is to arrive in Chicago on Tuesday, when funeral arrangements will be announced.

Mr. Miller was born in Princeton, Ill., in 1859. Beginning his career as a stenographer in a railroad office, he served as an executive on several railroads. He became president of the C. B. & Q. in 1902.

SERVIAN ACCOUNTS OF BATTLE OF AUGUST 20

AUSTRIANS DEFEATED AND LOSS IS HEAVY, SAYS DISPATCH SENT FROM NISH

Nish, Serbia, Aug. 23.—Via London.—The following official communication was made public here today:

"After the great Serbian victory, the Austrians fled in complete disorder before the Serbian pursuit. The Ninety-first, the One Hundred and Second, the One Hundred and Tenth and the Twenty-eighth Austrian regiments have been completely routed. The commander-in-chief of the Twenty-first division of Austrian infantry was killed, as was also the commander of the Twenty-eighth regiment."

Seventeen Austrian craft have been sunk by the Serbian artillery.

Battle of August 20.

The details of the great battle of August 20 are only now becoming known. The Austrian forces were composed of nine divisions and numbered nearly 200,000 men. The Servians were much inferior in numbers, but showed greater heroism. Their handling of their artillery, their superior marching and endurance, their discipline and the necessity of their fire insured them the victory.

"During their flight the enemy committed atrocities in the villages of Bobitch, Bogosavitz and Arasbatz, seizing women and children."

UNSIGNED DISPATCH BEATS THE FRENCH

New York, Aug. 23.—The following unsigned dispatch has been received by the Associated Press:

"Berlin, no date: Wireless to Sayville, L. I. August 23.

"The Third French army has been defeated. This is highly important strategically as well as because of its moral effect. The campaign seemed to be the product of the much discussed French policy to anticipate an advance into Belgium by attempting to crush the center of the German positions in Lorraine, which they were led to believe was weak.

"As a result of the French failure, it is held probable that they will renew their defensive position. German experts are confident that the frontier forts, like those at Liege, will speedily succumb to the heavy artillery."