

BRITISH AND FRENCH DEFEATED WITH SERIOUS LOSS ALLIES FORCED TO RETREAT ON COVERING POSITIONS

REPRISALS AGAINST CITIZENS ARE PROTESTED BY BELGIANS

INSTANCES OF EXECUTION OF BELGIANS CITED. GERMAN OFFICER SAYS INVADERS ARE FORCED TO DEAL SUMMARY JUSTICE

London, Aug. 24.—The Belgian legation issued a note tonight protesting against alleged acts committed by German soldiers. One was the burning of the village of Lillaneau on August 10 and the beating with the butts of guns of 11 men, all of whom died.

Similar occurrences are cited from the time of the entry of the Germans into Belgian territory. The Belgian government has posted, and the newspaper have repeatedly published, a cautionary notice that civilians abstain from any acts of aggression against the Germans.

A Rotterdam dispatch to the Daily Telegraph quotes a letter written by a German army officer to the Dusseldorf Tageblatt, in which he says: "We are simply compelled to burn villages because civilians, especially women, shoot at our advancing troops. Yesterday civilians from a church tower killed several of my men. We took prisoners all the occupants of the church and shot them and burned several houses to teach the civilians a lesson."

"Whenever we are fortunate enough to capture French snipers, we hang them on the trees along the road." "Attack on Charleroi. "Since yesterday morning the Germans have been attacking Charleroi, which the French are holding," says the Daily Mail's Ostend correspondent, telegraphing Monday. "The Germans invaded the town from the Montigny side and came out by the turning bridges in front of the railway station."

FOOD CONSPIRACIES NOT FOUND BY PROBE

FEDERAL OFFICIAL DOES NOT BELIEVE DEALERS FORCED CURRENT PRICES

New York, Aug. 24.—The federal inquiry into the higher cost of food since the war began in Europe has not developed that the increases were unwarranted, according to Roger B. Wood, United States assistant district attorney, in charge of the investigation.

SUGAR EMBARGO OFF.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 24.—The embargo on the exportation of sugar from Jamaica imposed recently by the local authorities has been removed, except to countries hostile to Great Britain.

VOTERS

Section 34 of the Corrupt Practice Act Provides: It shall be unlawful for any person at any place on the day of any election to ask, solicit, or in any manner try to induce or persuade any voter on such election day to vote for or refrain from voting for any candidate, or the candidates or ticket of any political party or organization, or any measure submitted to the people, and upon conviction thereof he shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for the first offense, and for the second and each subsequent offense occurring on the same or different election days, he shall be punished by fine as aforesaid, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than five nor more than thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

ATTORNEY GENERAL FIXES HOURS OF SALOONS

THEY NEED NOT CLOSE TODAY UNTIL TWELVE O'CLOCK, MR. KELLEY DECIDES

Helena, Aug. 24.—Saloons may remain open tomorrow morning until 12 o'clock when they must close because polling for the primary election begins at that hour. This was the substance of a verbal opinion rendered by the attorney general's office today in response to a telephone query.

THREE OHIO PARTIES TO MEET TOMORROW

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 24.—Three dominant political parties—the democratic, republican and progressive—will hold state conventions here tomorrow for the first time under the new primary law. The work of the convention is restricted by law to writing of platform declarations under which the fall campaign will be made.

FORTS AT CATTARO DESTROYED BY THE ALLIES

Milan, via Paris, Aug. 23, 5:10 a. m.—A news dispatch from Cattaro says that all of the fortifications there have been destroyed by the allied fleet. The Austrians did not have time before the attack to strew the gulf with mines.

MERCHANT MARINE BILLS GO FORWARD

Washington, Aug. 24.—Plans for a permanent American merchant marine built up by the purchase of foreign ships, to be operated by the government, went forward today in congress and at the White House. In the house Representative Alexander introduced the administration bill for the incorporation of a \$10,000,000 company. President Wilson reiterated his determination to urge the ship purchase plan and said he expected it to be in operation within two or three weeks.

STAGNATION STILL PREVAILING IN FINANCES

New York, Aug. 24.—The fourth week of financial stagnation finds little change in the situation. The greatest obstacle continues to be that presented by the paralysis of the foreign exchange market. The latest proposition is an extension of six months, at an increased rate of interest, for payment of New York City warrants and other obligations largely held abroad, which soon are to mature. The British banking community has declared its unalterable opposition to such a plan.

CZAR'S MEN MARCH TO BATTLE

Most Important Fight on German Frontier Said to Be Very Near

London, Aug. 25.—A dispatch to the Morning Post from St. Petersburg reviewing the operations of the Russians says: "Russia's two great armies are now marching over a front extending 200 miles to a great pitched battle, success in which even the austere commander-in-chief, Grand Duke Nicholas, probably will deign to call a victory—a word hitherto scrupulously avoided."

AMERICANS SERVING WITH FRENCH ARMY

Paris, Aug. 24.—American recruits for the French army will leave here tomorrow morning for Rouen, where they will be supplied with uniforms and drilled. Of the 100 or more Americans who underwent a physical examination preparatory to enlistment, only one was rejected. This is said to be a record.

ENGLISH REALIZE FOR FIRST TIME THEIR CRISIS

London, Aug. 24, 11 p. m.—Today brought home the war to the British. Not before has the whole nation been so deeply moved. Most of the best regiments are fighting a battle on which the future of the empire may depend. Many have friends and relatives in the army. They know the death roll will be longer than in the case of any British force since the Crimean war.

NEUTRALITY LAWS BEING FORMULATED

Washington, Aug. 24.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador conferred today with Secretary Bryan and Counselor Lansing on American neutrality. Regarding contraband, blockade, the rights of belligerent shipping and the rights of neutrals to maintain strict impartiality in their treatment of the belligerents, the British government and other belligerents request such neutral powers as the United States to deal with each question as a distinct legal proposition. This would eliminate diplomatic treatment and would result in a standard and uniform method.

OPENING OF BATTLE DESCRIBED BY WITNESS

ENGLISH AND GERMANS CLASH IN THE FIRST PHASE OF FIGHT IN BELGIUM

London, Aug. 25.—The Daily Telegraph's Paris correspondent, telegraphing Sunday, sends a letter dated 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon in Jeumont, department of Nord, France, which says: "I left Charleroi last night for Jeumont on the French frontier and not a moment too soon. This very morning the engineers of the Northern railway line witnessed an attack on Charleroi."

SWORD RETURNED TO BELGIUM HERO

London, Aug. 24, 8 p. m.—A correspondent at Amsterdam sends a story telling of the courteous treatment General Leman, commander of the Liege forts, received at the hands of General von Emmich of the German forces.

ANOTHER MEASURE TO STEADY FINANCE

Washington, Aug. 24.—The senate late today without roll call passed the so-called warehouse license bill proposed by Senator Hoke Smith originally to add value to cotton warehouse certificates by means of governmental inspection and certification of the grades of cotton stored in licensed warehouses. On the floor of the senate the bill was amended to extend its provisions to tobacco, naval stores, canned salmon, grain and flax-seed.

OFFICIAL FRENCH STATEMENT ADMITS A CRUSHING REVERSE

OFFENSIVE MOVEMENT ABANDONED BY ALLIES. LOSSES "EXTREMELY HEAVY"—SCENE OF WAR SHIFTS TO FRENCH SOIL

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EVENTS OF DAY IN WORLD-WIDE WAR

The French and British troops opposing the invasion of the German army in Belgium have suffered a serious reverse. In the battle line, which extends from Mons to the Luxembourg frontier, several army corps composed of both British and French, took the offensive on Sunday against the Germans, but their plan of attack failed, owing to "unforeseen difficulties," as described by the official statement, and the troops retired on the covering positions.

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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. City carriers 134, Mail 161, News Dealers, outside city 181, Street sales, average daily increase 48, Total 524.

The above covers a period of 22 days. The Missoulian Publishing Co.

TEXAS GETS 'EM

Salem, Ore., Aug. 24.—Governor West today honored a requisition from Texas for Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Jones, wanted at San Antonio on charges of having murdered Mrs. Elois Nelson Dennis and Miss Beatrice Nelms.

AT TAING TAN.

At Tsing Tan, the capital of Kiao Chow, the German protectorate in China, the German forces have prepared for a bombardment by the Japanese fleet by dynamiting all the tall structures there which might be of assistance to the attacking forces as sighting points. They also have taken all possible measures to oppose the advance of a Japanese field army.