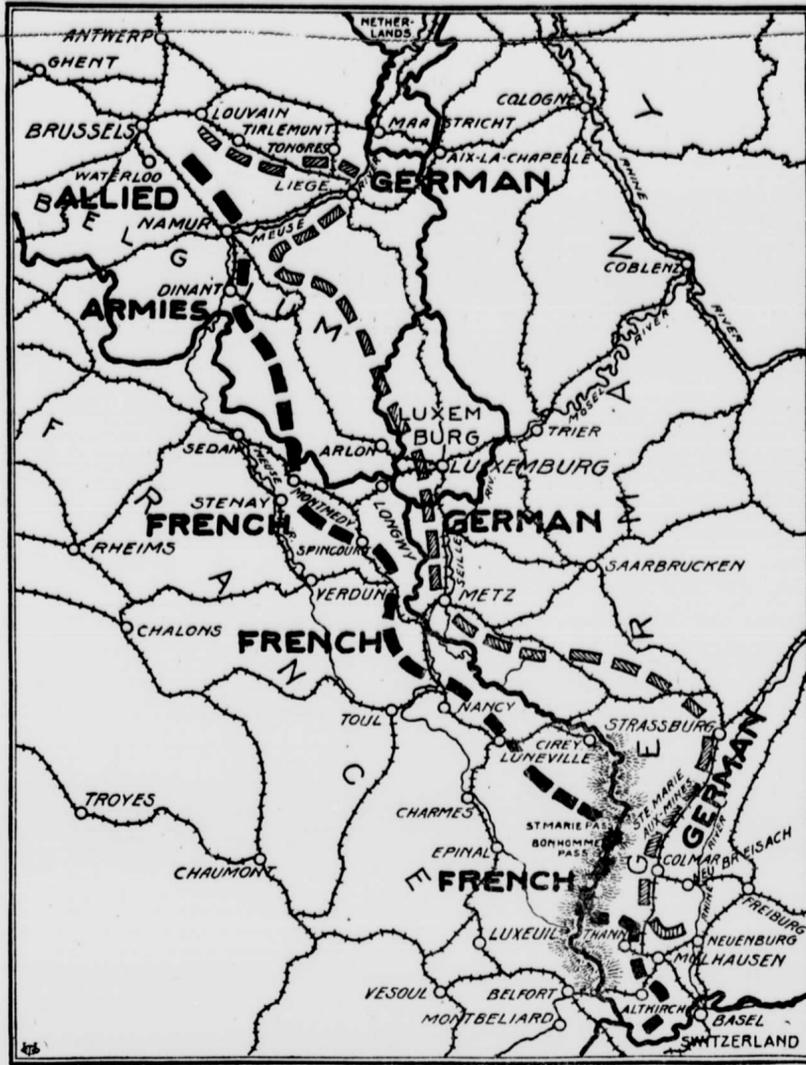


# ARMIES OF KAISER AND ALLIES FACING NEAR NAMUR

### Battle Lines of the Armies in Belgium



The battle lines of the armies of Germany and the allied nations extend from near Brussels, in Belgium, to Aitkirch, near the Swiss border, a distance of almost 250 miles. There were engagements in progress at intervals along the entire line yesterday.

At Tongres, north of Liege, the German army made a fierce artillery attack in an effort to break through the barrier of the allies and advance toward Brussels and Namur. At Tirlemont the Belgians made a strong resistance and blocked the German march to the capital. Namur is said to be invested by a German force of 100,000.

The German army of the Moselle is striking at the gap in the French fortifications north of Verdun. Their

advance was checked yesterday at Longwy, where fierce fighting took place, and at several points on the Belgium-Luxembourg frontier in that neighborhood. This army, which is moving into France by way of Luxembourg, is reported to be operating as far south as Conflans and its strength is said to be screened by cavalry. The Germans attacked Givet, on the extreme northern frontier of Ardennes, but were repulsed by the French.

The Germans are reported to have suffered great loss in their efforts to dislodge the French from Muelhausen, two regiments being annihilated. The French troops still hold the passes of the Vosges mountains, dominating the heights of Alsace, and maintain a line drawn between Thann, west of Muelhausen, and Aitkirch.

from Bassy to Diest and Tirlemont. It is reported that Hasselt, St. Truid and Landen are again in the hands of the allied armies. It is reported that the Germans seized 800,000 francs (\$160,000) in the national bank at Hasselt.

That Brussels is the next objective of the German attack is indicated by the fact that a German aviator flew over the city this morning. He was at a height of 2,000 feet and rifle fire directed at him by civic guards fell short.

Communication with Landen has been restored, according to official announcement made today. Several bridges have been blown up by the Germans in the vicinity of Landen and Tirlemont and there have been reports of an artillery engagement near Landen, but no confirmation has been received.

Official communications say that there is no uneasiness regarding Belgium's food supply.

### GERMANS IN FORCE.

British War Office Says Bulk of Army is Near Liege.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Aug. 12.—The mass of the German troops is concentrating between Liege and Luxembourg, according to an official statement issued today by the new official press bureau established by the British War Office. The statement was as follows:

"Of the twenty-six German army corps the bulk has been located, and it is evident that the mass of German troops is concentrated between Liege and Luxembourg.

"The number of German troops known to be on the western side of that country proves that in the eastern theatre of war the Russo-German front, so far as Germany is concerned, is comparatively lightly guarded, unless by reservists."

### GERMANS DENY LOSSES.

But Report by Gen. von Stein Gives No Figures.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Aug. 12.—The first German account of the fighting before Liege was received here today by the Exchange Telegraph Company in a despatch from its Rome correspondent. The despatch purports to quote a Berlin despatch containing an official statement by Gen. von Stein.

In this statement Gen. von Stein denies that the Germans lost 20,000 men, but gives no figures. Only a small number of German troops, he says, were engaged in the attack on the Liege forts, which was undertaken to mask the movements of the main Ger-

man army. The German officer says that the Belgian advance force was completely annihilated. He admits that the forts are still intact, but explains it with the statement that "the Emperor did not wish to sacrifice life unnecessarily, but as soon as the heavy artillery arrives the forts will be taken without the loss of a man."

The capture of the forts, however, is a difficult problem, Gen. von Stein admits, because of the unfavorable ground about them. Further, he says, the assault on the forts is hampered because the population of the city, including the women, shot at the German troops from behind, firing indiscriminately and hitting the surgeons and the wounded as well as the active attacking force.

"It must not be forgotten," Gen. von Stein concludes, "that the Belgian force is numerically superior to ours."

M. Viviani, the French Foreign Minister, explains the military position at Liege, along the Franco-German frontier and in Haute Alsace in the following despatch received in London today:

"Rumors regarding the loss of the forts of Liege by the Belgian troops are entirely false. Only small groups of German soldiers entered the town itself, under cover of the darkness. All the encircling forts, twelve in number, are intact.

"Small, unimportant engagements have occurred along the whole line where the French and German armies are facing each other from Belfort, opposite the southernmost part of Alsace, to Liege, in Belgium. In these encounters the French cavalry has always maintained its superiority over the German mounted troops, while our artillery has been splendidly served.

"Our troops have kept the crests and passes of the Vosges Mountains, and they dominate the heights of Alsace.

"A line between Thann (twenty-two miles southwest of Colmar, Alsace) and Aitkirch (the first position occupied by the French army after its invasion of Alsace) is held by our armies. This line runs slightly to the rear of Muelhausen.

"The French Government indignantly denies that there was any violation of German territory by the French army before the declaration of war."

### WHOLE BRIGADE KILLED.

Rome Hears Russians Slaughtered Austrian Cavalry on Frontier.

ROME, Aug. 12.—The *Corriere d'Italia* has a telegram from the Austro-Russian frontier saying that a brigade of Austrian cavalry has been exterminated by Cossacks on that frontier.

According to the despatch the Austrians had made an attack on the Cossacks, but artillery supporting the latter had forced them back. They attempted to recross the frontier, but a heavy rain had fallen and both men and horses were caught in the marshy ground. There the Cossacks followed up the at-

### GERMANY TO RAISE WAR LOAN.

Fortunes Exceeding \$7,500,000 Will Be Levied on First.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Aug. 12.—It was officially announced here today that Germany's financial difficulties have been overcome, but that a war loan must be raised. People whose savings exceed 20,000,000 marks (\$7,500,000) will be levied on first. A moratorium will not be declared.

RUMANIA NOT TO JOIN ALLIES.

Only Guarding Her Frontiers, Say Officials in London.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Aug. 12.—The Rumanian Legation here denied today the report that Rumania was about to join the Triple Alliance.

It is declared that Rumania will take only sufficient steps to guard her frontiers.

### GERMAN ARMY BEATEN BEFORE EYDTKUHNEH.

Russians Report Victory in Battle Over Border Town.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 12.—The Russian troops have defeated the Germans, who were attempting to recapture Eydtkuhnen in Russia, just across the German frontier.

The latest advices from the Austrian frontier indicate that the actions there are still merely skirmishes. The Austrians have occupied several villages in the Government of Kliese unopposed. The Germans, unopposed, have occupied land. They are mounting heavy guns at several points.

According to the newspapers Germany's main force on her eastern border consists of reserves, of which there are twenty-five divisions, each of 20,000 men. In addition there are six batteries of artillery and thirty-one cavalry regiments.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—Advices received here from Helsinki, Finland, say that the commander of the Russian fortress at Sveaborg has ordered all the civilian inhabitants of Sveaborg and Helsinki to leave. A battle or bombardment of the fortress and Helsinki is believed imminent.

### MONTENEGRO OPPOSES KAISER.

Minister to Germany Serves Notice of War Declaration.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. VIENNA, Aug. 12.—A despatch from Berlin says that the Montenegrin Minister to Germany called at the German Foreign Office today and served a formal declaration of war by his country on Germany. At the same time he demanded his passport. Montenegro declared war on Austria August 7.

Austria is blockading the coast of Montenegro. Shipping of neutral nations will have twenty-four hours to leave port.

Cooperates With Servia.

NISH, Aug. 12.—The Servian and Montenegrin armies have effected a junction on the Herzegovinian frontier and are now cooperating. Servian artillery is bombarding Gorazda on the Drina, 29 miles southeast of Sarajevo.

Unimportant skirmishes between outposts are reported at different points on the Danube and Save. The bombardment of Belgrade continues, with heavy damage to property.

Advices from Sofia report that the Bulgarian Government is preparing for eventualities. The advices give no hint of the Bulgarian intentions.

### PRINCE GEORGE OF SERBIA WOUNDED.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—Prince George of Serbia was wounded by a fragment of a shell while standing on the walls of a fortress at Belgrade watching the movements of the Austrians, according to news agency despatches from Nish today. The piece of the bursting shell struck the Prince on the head and he was rendered unconscious. The wound is reported not to be dangerous.

The Times publishes a Paris despatch confirming the reported occupation of Mount Taraboch, dominating Scutari, by the Montenegrins.

### TROOPS MARCH THROUGH PARIS.

African Veterans on Way to Front Thellis Capital.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. PARIS, Aug. 12.—Up to today Paris had not an opportunity of seeing regiments of French troops leaving for the front with military pomp. The mobilization was carried out with almost an entire lack of excitement. Not a hand or a trumpet was heard in the city.

A detachment of North African troops marched through the capital today. They are magnificent men six feet tall. Many of them fought as youngsters in the war of 1870 and others were medallion winners in campaigns in the Orient.

Several of the African soldiers wore the medallion militaire, the highest honor that a French soldier can win. It is given for extraordinary heroism on the field of battle.

### SAYS ITALY STANDS FIRM.

She Will Remain Neutral, Ambassador in Paris Asserts.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. PARIS, Aug. 12.—Ambassador Tittoni has posted a signed notice at the Italian Embassy and in the Italian quarters of the city saying:

"Italy has proclaimed and will maintain the strictest neutrality. Therefore, there is no need for Italians to be alarmed. They may continue to reside in France in full security."

### WAR STOPS GROUSE SHOOTING.

Sportsmen in Army or Navy and Moors Are Deserted.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Aug. 12.—The grouse shooting season opened today, but in presence of real war the birds will be spared on many moors. Most of the Scottish moors are deserted.

Many of those who were wont to indulge in grouse shooting are in the army or in the reserves. There is also a feeling prevalent that sport at this time would be incongruous in view of the peril to the nation.

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### PERRY TIFFANY'S IN LONDON.

Arrive After an Adventurous Journey From Russia.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Aug. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Perry Tiffany of New York, after an adventurous voyage from Russia, have reached here. Several Americans are with them. After reaching Copenhagen they went to Bergen, hoping to get a ship there. They found a crowd of Americans at Bergen, but no boat and little food.

After three days a British tramp steamer arrived for coal and took them to Stockholm, where the captain wished to land them. Pecuniary persuasion induced him to take them to Newcastle. From there they got to London by cattle train.

They found London absolutely normal, with theatres, dinners and so on continuing as in time of peace.

### AMERICANS IN CARLSBAD SAFE.

They Are Comfortable, but Can't Get Aways.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. PARIS, Aug. 12.—H. P. Williams of New Orleans received a telegram today from Madrid saying that the sender was in telegraphic communication with Americans in Carlsbad who said they were comfortable, but that it was impossible for them to leave the city.

The information contained in the foregoing despatch is the first received from Carlsbad since the first days of this month, when hundreds of Americans were making desperate and in scores of cases unsuccessful efforts to leave the city. The regular trains to Vienna and elsewhere could accommodate only a comparatively few of those who tried to board them. Meanwhile the telegraph offices refused to accept messages without the production of the sender's identification papers.

### AUSTRIAN HOSPITALS CROWDED.

Wounded Soldiers at Vienna, Zara and Trieste, Says Despatch.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. VIENNA, Aug. 12.—The military hospitals in Vienna are crowded with soldiers, according to a despatch received here. The soldiers are said to be suffering from typhoid, but it is believed that most of them are wounded men.

Field hospitals have been erected at Zara and Trieste to relieve other wounded soldiers.

### AUSTRIAN ENVOY QUITS ROME.

Ambassador, in Resigning, Pleads Ill Health.

VIENNA, Aug. 12.—(via London).—Kajetan Mery de Kapos-Mere, Austrian Ambassador in Italy, has resigned because of ill health. The post at Rome will be filled temporarily by Baron Karl von Mauchio, departmental chief in the Austrian Foreign Office.

### GERMAN TERMS TO BELGIUM.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. PARIS, Aug. 12.—The Temps quotes the Belgian Premier as saying that Germany has made another effort to persuade Belgium to cease her resistance, promising to respect the integrity of her territory and even its agrarianization after the war if she will consent.

### AMERICAN GIRLS LOSE THEIR CLUB IN PARIS.

Great Indignation in Latin Quarter Over Closing Just When It Is Most Needed.

PARIS, Aug. 12, 1914.—There is great indignation in the Latin quarter at the news that the American Girls' Club is closing just at the moment when there is the greatest need for such an organization. The young women agents are convinced that Mrs. Whelan Reid of New York, the founder and yearly benefactor of the club, is unwary of present conditions.

The number of lodgers has increased from fifty to four, although the staff of five assistant superintendents and fourteen maids is retained. Some girls were advised to leave for London a week ago last Friday, receiving no money but not taking their baggage. A commutation was reserved for each in London by telegram in advance.

The position of those remaining was made so uncomfortable that all left with the exception of four girls arriving on Sunday from Switzerland and on their way to obtain a room or bath. Another girl from London was persuaded to return to London the same day.

It is impossible to advance the difficulties about provisioning as an excuse. Paris remains normal in that respect with out a sign of difficulty arising.

1,700 Americans at Havre.

Seventeen hundred Americans at Havre have been added to the list of those awaiting transportation home. Many of these had intended to be passengers on the French liners France and Océan. They are returning to Paris. The ownership company felt the France's passengers for a week without charge.

Americans staying at places in Havre have found a method of assisting the country which is more practical than vague promises to undertake sowing. Hundreds have volunteered to the Ministry of Agriculture to join in the work of harvesting. The Ministry of Agriculture is organizing the work. Cecil Howard, the originator of the plan.

### NO NAVAL FIGHT NEAR HERE.

Rumors Reach Portsmouth, N. H., but Are Discredited.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 12.—The commandant of the navy yard here heard today that residents on the Isle of Shoals, about ten miles off the coast, had reported seeing two warships engaged about six miles to the east. Their identity was not learned nor the outcome of the battle.

The commandant said that the news was brought to the mainland by the proprietor of one of the hotels on the island. Investigation led to the belief that the reports of a naval engagement were caused by sounds of cannon firing at Fort McKinley, where the naval reserves were practising with the coast defence guns.



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