

SECRETARY DANIELS INDORSES ATLANTIC WATERWAY PROJECT

Tells 700 Delegates to Convention It Would Develop Commerce and Be a Defense in War.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 25.—An ovation was given the steamboat Berkshire when she arrived here today with more than 700 delegates to the seventh annual convention of the Atlantic Deepwater Waterways Association...

Carrying a big spread of flags and bunting, and with scores of visitors lining the docks, the strangers received enthusiastic greetings until the Berkshire came to a stop here.

Leaving Hudson at 5 o'clock this morning for an inspection of the upper Hudson River improvements undertaken by the United States Government, the steamboat made good time to Albany. Breakfast was served aboard, and at 11 o'clock the regular business session was opened.

Secretary Daniels, in his address approving a waterway stretching along the Atlantic coast, said: "Not only will this waterway lend itself tremendously to the development of the interior, but it also will provide unusual facilities for self-defense in time of war."

In any conflict between nations which have navies, the all-important consideration is to secure immediate control of the waterways. The navy of the weaker Power takes refuge in some well-defended harbor, where it seeks to wear out its enemy.

HONORS TO VISITORS. Beginning at 8 o'clock, tonight will be devoted to a round of social activities. The delegates and their guests will proceed in parade formation to the State Capitol for a reception by the Governor.

NEW RECORD AT ALLENTOWN

This Year's Crowd at Fair Largest in Event's History. ALLENTOWN, Pa., Sept. 25.—After the welcome shower last night the Allentown Fair began get-away day. This morning with renewed zest, despite the cry of hard times, the fair has surpassed those of all former years in attendance and receipts.

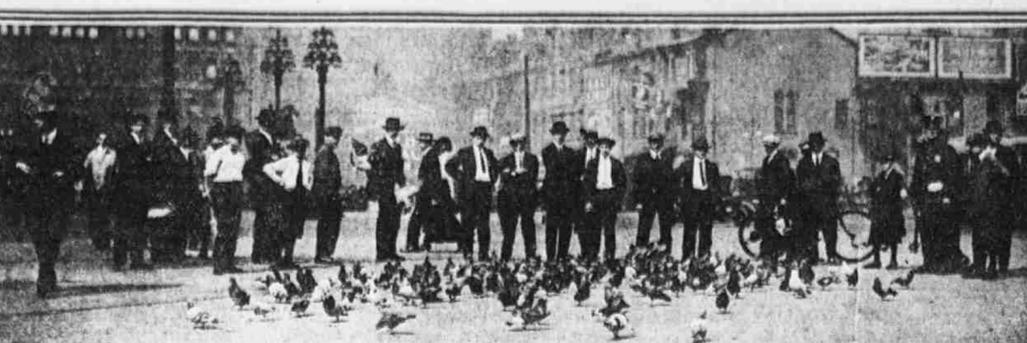
BETHLEHEM BOY KIDNAPPED

Physician's Son, 2 Years Old, and Servant, Strangely Missing. BETHLEHEM, Pa., Sept. 25.—The 2-year-old son of Dr. R. F. Henricks, of this city, is the victim of a sensational kidnapping, and a colored girl, employed as a servant in the doctor's home, is suspected of the crime.

FORMER BELGIAN OFFICER SUICIDE IN EAST RIVER

Loss of Property Deeds in Fleeing War Zone Prompted Act. NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The body of Ernest Wertheim, 50 years old, a retired German merchant and a former lieutenant in the 14th Belgian Infantry, was found floating in the East River at 90th Street and the child disappeared late last night while the physician and his wife were away from home and so far nothing has been heard of either of them.

FLUTTERING WINGS MAY DISAPPEAR FROM CITY HALL



Handful of Determined Women All That Stands Between Birds and Official Decree of Extermination.

BELGIAN INVASION OF ENGLAND A SAD EPISODE OF WAR

Flight From the Scourge That Devastated Their Country Included Persons of High Degree and Low.

By STEPHEN BLACK

The Belgian invasion of England, according to the London Daily Mail, is one of the saddest chapters in history. During the last month nearly 2,000 people from that unhappy country have crossed the English Channel, many of them once well-to-do, now entirely destitute, robbed of their money, their houses and their means of livelihood.

The refugees embrace all classes—Belgian clerical and laymen, assured citizens. The people are essentially active and hard workers at industry or agriculture. At the other end she has in ordinary times few or practically no poor people in Belgium nearly every citizen, either small or large means, owns his own house. There is no rent day for him, as his spare means are invested either in industry or in speculative money ventures, which he decries.

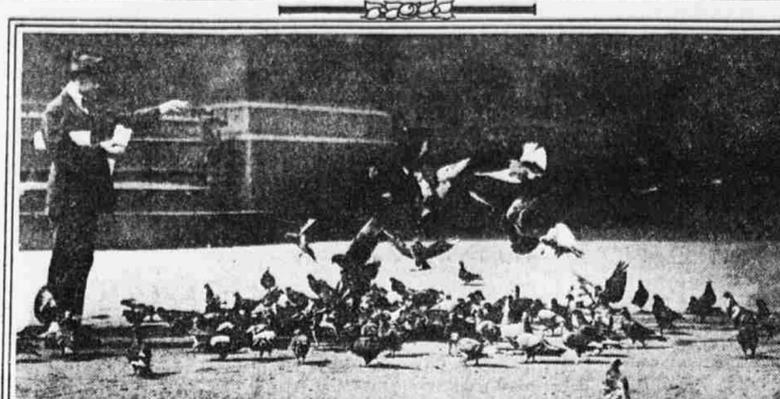
THE BELGIAN TREK. The great Belgian trek began shortly after the war started. After the first flush of success, when the Belgians held back the advance guard of Germans, a few of the wealthy classes made a precipitate flight, taking with them what they could carry without bringing with them plenty of money, their jewels and other portable property. They were well-to-do merchants, whose supply of goods was negotiable at that time. They put up at the better class hotels at Folkestone and remain there to this day.

FLEEING FROM SCOURGE. The flight of Brussels accentuated the rush. Ostend was threatened, all Belgium was at the mercy of the Huns. Then the rush to Folkestone reached a climax. All sorts and conditions of people, all sorts of nationalities fled the country. The fall of Namur, and the tragedy of Malines, the rush became a rout. Three steamers a day bringing as many as 200 refugees arrived at Folkestone from Ostend.

THE FIRE ROSE AGAIN. Director Hartis is contemplating aiming a high-pressure fire hose at the eaves and gutters of the pigeons. That was tried once before during the Reburn administration. When "constant readers" wrote to the newspapers protesting against the project and anger flew upon the train Street Station and lighted upon the train shed. There they dried, and they dried themselves and returned to the City Hall as soon as the hose ceased to be a menace.

WEALTHY 'EMIGRES'. One also came across among the refugees agricultural laborers from Ghent, where there is a great horticultural and arboricultural industry in pairs and similar plants, which were exported largely to America and Germany; and there also arrived hotel and lodging house keepers and storekeepers from Ostend. Add to this miscellaneous list wealthy diamond merchants from Antwerp, who have brought with them their precious stones, and spent 100,000 francs in gold—and you get some idea, necessarily only a cursory one—of the pot-pourri of peoples who have sought refuge in England.

WILLIAM OF WIEN TO FIGHT. A dispatch received today from Lugano states that Prince William of Wied has joined the German army volunteers.



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CITY HALL PIGEONS COO HAPPILY WHILE DESTRUCTION PENDS

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When Director Hartis, of the Department of Health and Charities, begins his crusade against the pigeons of City Hall Square, if he does shoot one, he will find he must contend with Mrs. M. M. Halvey, office manager of the Women's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Some people say that the City Hall pigeons are a nuisance. Others say the pigeons lend atmosphere to City Hall Square. They liken them to pigeons of St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice. Who would ever hear of St. Mark's if it were not for the pigeons, it is argued, who would ever hear of Venice. A few people, perhaps, might remember it because of its wet highways and because a certain Bill Shakespeare wrote a drama concerning a merchant of the place.

THE BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE OF St. Petersburg marks a continuous struggle and conquest of nature. The soil is so soft and deep and spongy that a solid foundation for any building can only be attained by a subterranean scaffolding of piles. The highest spot of the city is not more than 15 feet above the sea level.

PETER'S MARVELOUS ACHIEVEMENT. Peter the Great, with whose reign the spirit of western Europe was introduced in Russia, had a definite object in the construction of St. Petersburg. His travels through the western world, and his lack of culture in his own country, Russia, was still under the influence of the barbaric Mongols. It had no navy, it had no public newspapers. In fact, it lacked everything pertaining to culture. Not only the peasants, but even the noblemen were nothing more than barbarians.

CZAR'S CAPITAL ROSE ON NEVA'S WASTES BY PETER'S ORDERS

Autocrat's Aladdin Spell Crowned Unfavorable Site With Mighty and Beautiful City Named in His Honor.

In the center of the Admiralty Square, within the shadow of the Kazan Cathedral, stands the equestrian statue of Peter the Great, founder of St. Petersburg, "the City of Czar." Perched upon a huge granite rock weighing 15,000 tons stands the gorgeous monument to Peter, surveying the dream he conceived, and whose name "Czar Nicholas has changed from "Sankt Petersburg," as the Russians call it, to Petrograd, in his effort to purge the city from its Teutonic appellation.

At that time there was no thought of having the road of the Meuse to the field army's action was limited to the northern part of the country, taking Antwerp as the base of its operations. After the first reverse it would have sought refuge in the stronghold, which was considered impregnable.

ANTWERP, Sept. 25. A month ago, or even less, a siege of this city seemed not improbable, but things have fared so badly with the German army since its retreat from Paris that this contingency is no longer considered. The mere preliminary investment of Antwerp would last one month and require at least 200,000 men, and these the Kaiser cannot spare just now, much less be inclined to get even with Belgium for daring to dispute the passage of his troops through her territory.

ANTWERP PRACTICALLY SAFE. It would be difficult to say exactly if every particular of the new program has been carried out to the satisfaction of military experts. After the Agadir coup very strong criticism of the War Office was made because the first line of defense was still far from being complete. The general, Van Sprang, who commanded the place, admitted that, in case of an attack, he would have had to abandon the first line. But since then very great efforts have been made, and if we may judge by the results at Liege, the position of Antwerp must be very strong indeed.

COLUMBIA STILL CELEBRATING. NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The Columbia crew, which carried off the laurels at the intercollegiate regatta on the Hudson last June, received another ovation last night when the undergraduates and officers of the university gathered at the house of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity for a celebration of the event.

GERMAN REVERSES ANTWERP INVASION

Investment of Belgian City Would Take One Month and at Least 200,000 Men. Food Supply Always Available.

ANTWERP, Sept. 25. A noncommissioned officer who commanded a burial at Liege told me there was not time to take much pains in burying. The fallen of the enemy are not buried in the same trenches, but are placed together in a separate trench. Even in death there shall be no brotherhood between those who fought and took each other's lives.

BRITISH CAPTURE LINER. German Reservists Seized Aboard Dutch Ship Amsteddyk. QUEENSTOWN, Sept. 25. The Dutch liner Amsteddyk has been captured by a British cruiser. The liner has a number of German reservists aboard.

TAGGED BY NUMBER, IDENTITY IS SURE OF GERMAN DEAD

"Clean-up" Squads Bury Slain So That Battlefields Shall Tell No Tales to the Enemy.

By KARL H. VON WIEGAND

Here where the tide of German advance for a time dashed on the rock and steel of Belgian forts, I saw something which affected me far more than any of the sorrows of war I have yet encountered. It was a good sized basketful of metal tags, under careful guard at military headquarters.

"They are all that is left of 'unsere braven jungs' (our brave boys) who fell in and around Liege—their identification mark," said the officer.

I asked permission to examine one. It was a small tin tag with two holes for the string or ribbon. A large number was stamped on it, and, below, the number of the regiment.

This little metal tag then that I held in my hand represented a human life. It was the "remains"—all that was left of that life—of that husband, father or brother. It was the monument and at the same time the metallic tag and number of a human life in the indexed catalogue of an army of human lives. Just a metal tag with a number!

This afternoon I saw the "rest" of that tag and many others like it—rather, the place where that "rest" or remainder of that tag was. Between the forts Barcou and Evignes it was in the trenches where the Belgians received the Germans with a murderous fire when they stormed those two forts—the first that fell there by getting an entrance into the city. It was here that these men went down like grass before the scythe.

Here is where the metal tags were gathered. Each man and officer wears one around his neck. That of the private is usually a tag with a number corresponding with the number opposite his name on his company and regimental rolls. Many also have the number of the regiment on the tag. The tags of the officers usually are of aluminum and besides the number have the name and rank, sometimes also the home address.

After the battle, when the Germans find their dead, the collar on each shirt is opened, the string cut and the tag taken and sent to headquarters for identification. At Liege, probably for the first time in German wars, death obliterated distinctions in a separate trench. So far as I can learn, German officers and common soldiers were buried in the same trench.

One of the features of the German side of a battlefield in this war is the thorough manner in which the Germans "clean up" the field after a battle. It is usually a rule for the "ordnungsleute," which is so characteristic of the German character, but there is method and purpose. That is, the battlefield shall reveal no tales. It shall give nothing from which a conclusion can be drawn as to losses or any other information. There is little trace of graves from the size of which conclusion might be drawn as to the number of men who fell. In contrast to this are the sections of the battlefields over which the French fought.

At the last analysis it is the "metal tag" which is the symbol of a human life—of a soul sent out in carnage. It represents the "ashes" of the battlefield. It is the reverse side of the glory medal of war.

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BELGIANS KILLED FOR REFUSING TO GIVE UP WEAPONS

German Novelist Hoecker, Now a Landwehr Captain, Describes the Horrowing Scene and Says There's Much Sniping.

A letter written from the field by Paul Oskar Hoecker, one of the leading German novelists, who is serving as a captain of the Landwehr in Belgium, gives a vivid description of the searching and shooting of Belgian civilians at Hoecker's own order, when they were found to be in possession of weapons. The letter, which appears in the Berlin Lokal-Anzeiger of August 27, reads, in part, as follows:

"Our assignment is heavy and arduous. We are not yet to get into the first line—we do not even know where the first line is—we are not yet to fight with honorable foes in the field. But we are to clear the territory of the Meuse of snipers. Each day shots are fired from cover upon our troops as they pass, especially upon small groups, couriers, especially officers and the military motor. So at last it is a question of dealing sharply. A clear and energetic proclamation has warned the inhabitants of all Belgian territory so far occupied by us to deliver over to us all weapons, ammunition and explosives in the next few hours.

SOLDIERS GIVE CHASE. "No house in these parts is without a German flag. Just as we open the gate a search fellow makes a break for the rear—woods. I give chase, but the white thorn bushes, high as a man's shoulders, make pursuit impossible.

"A woman appears in answer to our shout. Is she alone in the house? Alone? No! She has a daughter of 15 years with her. No one else! Hesitatingly she adds, yes, her husband is at home, too. We must search the house from top to bottom.

"A last word of warning: 'You know, Monsieur, that every civilian who is still found in possession of weapons must be shot forthwith.' They answered: 'We have no weapons!'

"My men divide into groups and search cellar, living rooms, barn and stable, and ransack the garden for hidden weapons. 'Who was a fellow who escaped just as we came in, Monsieur?' I ask. 'Have you, in this last moment, a confession to make to me?'

"The man claims his hands: 'No, Monsieur Officer, as a man of 72 years I swear to you—'

THEY FIND A SNIPER. "And then the horrible happens. A guardman and a sergeant drag a young fellow out of the house. They have found him hiding in the straw on the ground floor. He had a Belgian gun in his hands, loaded with five cartridges.

"From the attic window he may have aimed that gun at many a honest German's head or chest. The young fellow had been forced to raise his hands. He stands there trembling, pale as cheese. 'Who is this young fellow?' I ask the old man.

"All three have fallen upon their knees, as a thunderbolt might have struck them, and are raising loud lamentations. The woman screams: 'For God's sake, you do not m... to take his life!'

"And the 15-year-old girl is howling so that our hearts almost break with pity for her. The delinquent tries to break away, but is caught by our men. 'I am obliged, please to bring up into my mind the picture of the poor Germans on patrol, riding out, true to duty, in the night, around whose heads the bullets of treacherous snipers whizzed; must perforce confide up in my mind the bright eyes and handsome figures of our good German boys—in order to keep my nerve in the face of all this misery and lamentation and to obey strict orders.'

"He will be shot. Three men forward!

Typical Soldiers of Warring Nations In Sunday's Intaglio

Soldier types of the warring nations, with a page of Great Britain's famous Indian commands, are shown at close range in Sunday's Intaglio. There are page-wide panoramas of the Knights Templars' recent peace exercises on Belmont Plateau, and photos of Germany's war lords and American treaty advocates. Pages, too, of gay county fair scenes, beautiful studio poses, artistic bed-room settings and prominent women contributors to the season's social entertainment.

Because of its wealth of authentic gridiron information, the Sports Magazine has been converted into a special football number without slighting other sporting activities. Among its articles on the possibilities of new football are special contributions by Parke H. Davis, Glenn Warner, R. W. Maxwell and Geo. E. McLinn. Wm. H. Ropac discusses "Who Was America's Greatest Lightweight," and Paul W. Gibbon tells of Philadelphia's new star in the tennis firmament. "Ty" Cobb discloses the object of his personal interview with Connie Mack.

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