

Europe Anxiously Awaiting Outcome of Two Great Battles

VILLES OF BAYONETS CONFRONT GERMANS

From Eysden, Holland, to Basel, Switzerland, Armies Await Onslaught of Germans.

FIRST HONORS TO BELGIUM

By Acting as Cover for French Troops, Little Kingdom Is Proving of Great Service to Enemies of Kaiser.

PARIS, August 6.—Thousands of miles of bayonets and big guns to-day stretch from Eysden, in Holland, to Basel, in Switzerland.

Belgium, a peaceful, neutral state, is the first country to bear the brunt of German attack, and every indication points to a big battle being fought near Liege.

This gallant little nation already has won the first honors of the war by putting up the regiments of Ulmans at Spa, near Liege.

High-placed personages to-day were of the opinion that Italy's neutrality will not stand the strain, and that victories on the part of the triple entente would cause the Italian people to rise and join hands with France, Russia and England. In this case, the first move would be to take possession of the Italian provinces annexed by Austria on the Adriatic.

At the same time, from the Balkans comes to-day an unconfirmed report of Turkey's mobilization. Should this prove true, Greece and Roumania would immediately jump into the fray and the whole of the Balkans would again add their fighting forces to the frightful clash of arms, such a move on the part of Turkey would mean base ingratitude to France, who at the time of the latest Turkish war was beaten in Paris, received from the Ottoman government the most formal assurances of its peaceful intentions.

Intense indignation was caused in France to-day by the publication of a brief telegram telling of the cold-blooded shooting by Germans of a French village priest. The same feeling, only more intense, was caused by his news among the Irish Catholics.

HOUSTONS ARE LAID TO GERMAN

In fact, the advance of the German army is everywhere characterized by monstrous outrages.

Not only are the Alsations being massacred on the slightest suspicion of being friendly to France, but in Belgium even the peasants who protest against German invasion of their neutral territory are being executed summarily.

Meanwhile, France has reached her fifth day of mobilization, and the systematic work of calling the troops to the colors is carried out with the admiration of all observers. The total absence of excitement and the remarkable efficiency of each department augur well for France's success in the field.

The magnificent stand made by the Belgians helps France enormously, as Belgium is acting as a covering army for the French forces. Keeping the enemy from entering the zone of concentration while the work of mobilization of the French army is being completed.

It is apparent that the German general staff plan, which Prince Liebowsky recalled as German ambassador to London, feared to disclose to Sir Edward Grey, is to rush several army corps across Belgium before that country could rise to defend her neutrality.

The Liege forts, however, are giving to the government to use of themselves that the German regiments are now suffering their first check.

WIRELESS STATION IS SEIZED BY NAVY

First Drastic Step Is Taken to Prevent Sending of Messages to Foreign Warships.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, August 6.—The Atlantic Communication Company's powerful wireless station at Seville, Long Island, was seized by the United States Navy authorities to-night to prevent the sending of code messages to vessels at sea. This is the first drastic step taken by the government to uphold the neutrality proclamation issued Wednesday evening by President Wilson.

The Seville station is now in the charge of Eastern Signal B. Grow, of the Fishship Utah, assisted by Electrician D. M. Cousins and H. L. Butler, of the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

They are under orders from Washington to maintain a strict censorship over all messages sent to sea, with special instructions to allow no code messages or instructions to foreign warships to be transmitted. This step was taken by the Navy Department in reports that the Telefunken station was sending wireless messages from its plant to foreign warships.

Early in the day managers of the Atlantic Communication and Marconi companies announced that they would send no more code messages, following the issuance of the President's proclamation.

Mr. Braekman, of the Telefunken company, stated that his company had been erroneously described as a German company. He said it was an American company, and that all of the operators were Americans.

CONSULATES STONED BY WINNIPEG MOBS

Winnipeg, Man., August 6.—Coursed by the parading of troops and warlike speeches of street orators, a mob composed principally of young men to-night stoned the German and Austrian consulates and the German club here, shattering windows and damaging interior furnishings. Police guards were placed about the Austrian consulate, but the German consulate and German Club were closed indefinitely.

FORBIDDEN TO MENTION MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS

SEATTLE, August 6.—The United States cruiser Milwaukee to-day sailed from the Puget Sound Navy Yard. It is supposed to form part of the coast patrol to enforce neutrality regulations. Information concerning the cruiser's destination was withheld.

The commandant of the navy yard to-day issued an order to newspaper correspondents forbidding them to mention movements of naval vessels.

OFFER OF CANADA ACCEPTED BY ENGLAND

OTTAWA, August 6.—England to-night accepted Canada's offer to raise an expeditionary force. Orders were issued to-day to commanders of militia regiments to call for volunteers. A division of 21,000 men will be raised.

Every effort is being made to provide strong defenses for Sydney, Nova Scotia, the centre of great coal mines, the terminus of Atlantic cables and the site of a powerful wireless station.

Great Britain's Modern Warriors of the Air



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This armed sky-briar of King George's aeronautic forces is the most modern and best equipped fighter of the air. The aero carries a pilot (upper carriage) and a gunner (lower carriage). The gun is so mounted that it can be directed at all points of the compass. Eleven bullets enter at a ten-foot square target was the record made out of a possible thirty-five.

NO RESPONSES MADE TO OFFER OF WILSON

Believed, However, This Country Will Be Called On to Act as Peacemaker.

ADMINISTRATION IS HOPEFUL

United States Now Acting for Practically All Nations at War, and Will Have First Chance as Mediator.

WASHINGTON, August 6.—Although no responses have been reported to-night to the tender of good offices made by the United States to warring powers in Europe, administration officials thought that within a short time the American government probably would be called on to play the role of mediator.

By placing itself on record, the United States, now acting incidentally for diplomatic interests of most of the nations at war, will have the first opportunity to compose the situation if a ray of hope for peace arises.

War developments for the most part were overshadowed by the death at the White House of Mrs. Wilson.

Dispatches to the State Department from Belgium told of the repulse of

German forces. Administration officials considered the situation in China and the Far East, but no action was taken. The Chinese government had suggested informally that the United States might help at this moment to maintain the integrity of China.

The feeling in administration circles was that none of the countries at war would be inclined to aggravate the situation in the Far East and that a status quo would be maintained. Should revolutionaries become active in China, however, and the moral support of the American government be required, there is little doubt that it will be given because general disturbances in China at this time would menace the lives of missionaries and foreigners generally.

UNITED STATES OFFERS TOLD TO BE SILENT

WASHINGTON, August 6.—President Wilson to-day sent the following letter to Secretary Garrison and Secretary Daniels: "I write to suggest that you request and advise all officers of the service, whether active or retired, to refrain from public comment of any kind upon the military or political situation on the other side of the water. I would be obliged if you would let them know that the request and advice comes from me. It seems highly unwise and improper that officers of the army and navy of the United States should make any public utterances to which any color of political or military criticism can be given where other nations are involved."

German Steamer Captured.

PARIS, August 6.—A French mine ship to-day captured and towed into Cherbourg a 3,000-ton German steamer.

English Royal Fusiliers Ready for Action



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England's crack regiment, known as the Royal Fusiliers, in formation ready to repulse an attack.

ALL SERBIA IS AFLAME WITH SPIRIT OF WAR

Aspect Has Changed, and Country Now Is Ready for Campaign of Aggression.

NO LONGER FEARS AUSTRIA

In Morava Valley Now Are Concentrated 300,000 of the Finest Fighting Men in Europe Ready for Call to Fight.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] SALONIKA, August 6.—Unprecedented enthusiasm has been caused throughout Serbia by the news of the declaration of war of England and Belgium against Germany.

The whole aspect of the war in the Balkans has been changed. As if by a miracle, from plans for the defense against Austria, the entire Serbian general staff has turned to plans for aggression; the spirit of determination, tempered with fear, in the army has been changed in an instant to high elation and confidence.

On receipt of news every soldier placed a flower in the muzzle of his rifle. Guns were likewise decorated, and immense crowds of soldiers and civilians, women and children, paraded the streets as if celebrating a great national fête.

None now believes that an Austrian soldier will cross the Danube. The Serbians are talking now of the triumphant march on Bosnia and Herzegovina to arouse the Slavs and reclaim them to the Serbian nation.

If Bulgaria keeps quiet, and there are no signs now that she will intervene, the Serbian army can play a decisive role, because Germany cannot allow Austria to invade Serbia when their combined forces are required to meet Russia and France.

To cope with the menace of invasion of Bosnia and Herzegovina at least five of the sixteen Austrian army corps would be required in these provinces.

Every Serbian reservist has now been called to arms for the third time in three years. These noble peasants are leaving their ripening crops without a murmur, and they are answering the call to the streets with even greater enthusiasm than ever.

Three hundred thousand of the finest fighting men in Europe, inured to war, and having the experience of two great campaigns, are now concentrating in the Morava Valley, ready and anxious to assist their allies.

GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN MAIDS ABIE WITHHELD

WASHINGTON, August 6.—Mails for Germany and Austria will be withheld from the American liner St. Paul when she sails to-morrow from New York. The Post-office Department announced to-night that she will carry mails for all the remainder of Europe, including 2,500 sacks taken off the Kronprinzessin Cecilie.

German and Austrian maids will be sent on the Martha Washington, flying the Austrian flag, which sails Saturday. An Italian liner, which will sail August 11, would be available to carry the mails to Germany and Austria if the Martha Washington should be held up.

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LIEGE WOULD PROVE VALUABLE WAR PRIZE

Belgian City Where Battle Now Is Raging Is Very Rich Industrial Centre.

PITTSBURGH OF THE KINGDOM

With Its Vast Firearms Factories It Would Be of Great Value to Germans, Who Are Battering at Its Forts.

NEW YORK, August 6.—The strategic importance of Liege, the Belgian city before which the German advance is reported to have been checked, and where, according to European dispatches, the first great battle of the war may be fought, is many sided. Principally, it is the most strongly fortified obstacle to the supposed plan of the Germans to cut across the lower half of Belgium into French territory, but in addition to this, the city is of itself a prize in many ways.

Liege is the Pittsburgh of Belgium. For miles to the southwest along the River Meuse there are scores of blast furnaces, puddling furnaces, rolling mills and forges. It is the site of the famous Cockerill works, said to be the largest manufacturing of machinery in the world.

Liege proper, with a population of 125,000, lies at the juncture of the Meuse and the Ourthe in a basin margined by hills.

All around the city is a wealth of coal and iron ore. The mines extend over under the city and river. These natural riches, in connection with the favorable situation of the city at the junction of two navigable rivers, have given rise to the extensive manufacturing industry in the city itself.

The products are varied, but the principal ones, and that which would make Liege a valuable prize of war, is that of firearms. More than 20,000 persons are employed in the manufacture of guns, ranging from small arms to the largest of modern weapons. There is a royal cannon factory and a small arms factory also in the suburb of St. Leonard.

In wars of the last century, Liege has played only a small part, but to-day the city is well defended with modern fortifications. Its strength, it is said, is far greater than generally has been appreciated by strategists. In 1855 the Belgian authorities decided adequately to fortify both Liege and Namur, the two important points on the Meuse. At each place a number of detached fortifications were constructed along a perimeter, drawn a distance varying from within four to six miles of the city.

At Liege twelve of these forts were constructed, six on the right bank and six on the left side of the river. All of the forts have been kept fairly well up to date. The heavy guns in their concrete encasements are raised and lowered automatically. The average distance between them is four miles, but two which defend the main line of the railway from Germany are little over a mile apart.

It has been estimated that 25,000 men would be necessary for an adequate defense of these fortifications.

The railway lines through Liege are the direct routes from Cologne to Paris and from Luxembourg to Brussels, the possession of either of which would be valuable prizes to the German army.



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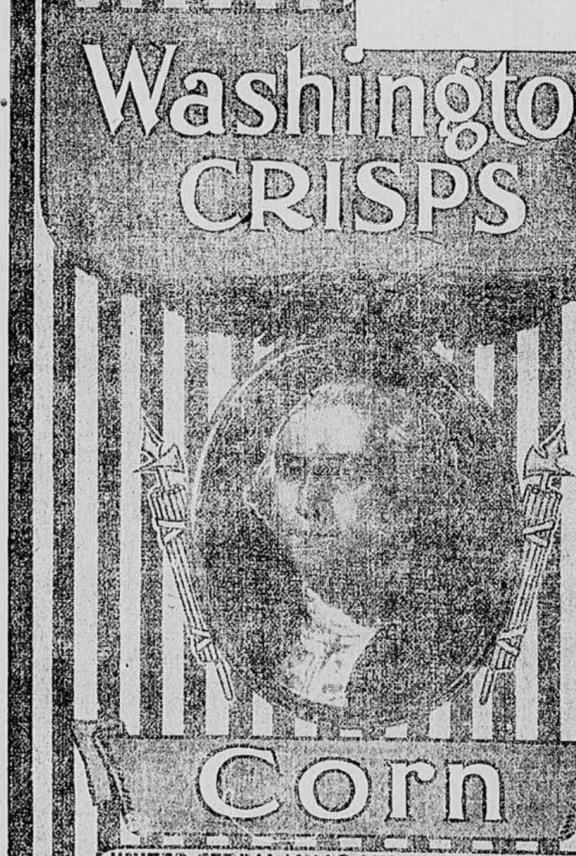
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