

GREATEST BATTLE OF HISTORY PENDS

BRUSSELS OCCUPIED WITHOUT FIRING SHOT

BELGIANS MAKE NO RESISTANCE TO GERMAN OCCUPANCY OF CAPITAL

ARMY FALLS BACK TO NEW CAPITAL IN ANTWERP

Belgians Prepared to Make Strong Resistance if City is Attacked by Invaders—Brussels Quiet and Only Excitement is Among Peasants Fleeing From Environs.

London, Aug. 21.—The Ghent correspondent of the Chronicle telegraphed: "Brussels is now occupied by the enemy, the city having been surrendered to the Germans without the firing of a single shot."

A dispatch to the General News from Ghent under yesterday's date says the Germans arrived at Brussels Thursday morning.

Telegraphic communication between England and Brussels was entirely interrupted today and no dispatches were accepted for any place in the provinces of Limbourg, Liege, Namur, Luxembourg, Brabant or Antwerp, except for the city of Antwerp.

Main Force Enters City. A telegram from Ostend, Belgium, to the Daily Mail, dated last night, said the main body of the German army around Brussels camped for the night just outside the city, which already had been formally occupied by a small advance guard. The remainder of the troops will enter the Belgian capital today.

QUIET IN BRUSSELS.

Only Excitement Due to Departure of Passengers From Vicinity of City. Ghent, via Paris, Aug. 21.—German hussars and uhlans arrived this morning (Friday) at Brussels in a motorized column. They are bivouacking on the ground at the gates of Brussels, whither the burgo-master went to parley with them.

In the afternoon German officers occupying an auto crossed Grand Place (the market place) going to the city hall while the detachments of the Germans went through various parts of the city. The telegraph office and railway station were closed for the greater part of the day. Many inhabitants are leaving for Ghent and Ostend.

The general opinion is that the Germans will only pass thru the city on the most make a very short stay here. The only signs of animation in the place are caused by the arrival of peasants who are abandoning the surrounding villages. The German troops have established themselves on the shooting grounds. They are understood to have said that they had been cut off from the rest of the army.

No Change at Antwerp.

Antwerp, via Paris, Aug. 21.—An official statement says that the situation is unchanged. The German troops are circulating around Brussels, severing communication between the capital and Antwerp, and between those cities and the central part of the country.

BRUSSELS IS OCCUPIED.

Belgian Army Falls Back to Antwerp Where It Will Be Made.

London, Aug. 21.—The Germans have at last occupied Brussels, but in allance they seem to be making no advance. The latest report is that the French have recaptured Muelhausen and it still seems true that after eighteen days of fighting there are no German troops on French soil.

"In conformity with a pre-arranged plan the field army retreated on the entrenched camp of Antwerp after brilliantly fulfilling its duty as dictated by the strategic staff and delaying for a fortnight the German passage of the Meuse to Antwerp."

"Antwerp has a double role. It is a formidable entrenched place, fortified on modern lines and as the base from which the Belgian army can threaten the German flank and co-operate effectively with the allies. It is also the Antwerp defenses consist of three forts, whose power can be heightened by flooding a large area around all the works. Antwerp is fully equipped with the most powerful appliances. To besiege the fortress the Germans would have to detach a powerful force. This they are not likely to do. If they do not they will be obliged to cover themselves against the operations of the Belgian army, which is intact, thanks to the skillful work of the engineers."

"From this it will seem that advancing German armies are caught between the positions of Namur and Antwerp, a distance from each other of only thirty-five miles as the crow flies."

"The German situation is then a difficult one, since they lack the chief requisite of a plan of march thru Belgium, namely, a free passage of the Meuse, a route by Liege and Namur and inaction on the part of the Belgian army."

German Forecast Unfulfilled. Yesterday was about the date when, according to the forecast of their own and many other military writers in Europe, the German troops were due to appear before the walls of Paris.

According to French official advices

It is the German's intention to pass their main army into France by the Brussels road. The Germans themselves are naturally silent, but there is no reason to doubt that they are quite well aware of the difficulties of this route as are their opponents.

Namur Not Yet Attacked. The Namur forts have not yet been attacked, or rather had not been at the time of the latest advices.

On the German left, where three Austrian army corps are said to have been reinforced, the battle is said to be developing a front of nearly forty miles, and according to French statements nothing is heard from the German side.

An impenetrable curtain has been drawn over the operation in the center of the battle line, where the main French army is co-operating in the fighting.

Russians Advancing. The Russian advance in East Prussia apparently stretches over a front of sixty miles, between Stalluponen and Lyck, but the Russian invaders have not yet gained much German ground. Little is heard of the Austrian operations at present, but it is known that Austrian contingents are moving along the Rhine to meet the French advance in Alsace.

Belgians Retire in Good Order. According to dispatches received at the Belgian legation here the Belgian army retired on Antwerp in good order and is "now ready to co-operate with the allies."

KAISER'S NAVY SEEKS REFUGE.

All Warships Outside Baltic Sea Forced to Seek Safety.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The British embassy at Washington was informed by the foreign office that all German warships outside the Baltic have been forced to seek safety in different ports. This was contained in a statement summarizing the naval situation and sent to the British embassy here by the British foreign office.

Colville Barclay, the charge, sent to Secretary Bryan a full copy of the statement, as follows: "Since the declaration of war the fleet has been responsible for the safety of the expeditionary force which completed its disembarkation in France on Aug. 18, which was effected in perfect order and without a casualty."

"The work of the navy in the Atlantic and elsewhere in safeguarding the trade routes is best exemplified by the fact that at Lloyd's yesterday the war risk rate fell to 40 shillings per cent for insurances on British vessels, whereas the rate to insure freight of goods paid by shippers from the United States to a British port is 30 shillings per cent."

"The German fleet outside the Baltic is confined to harbors. English commerce is almost normal. German sea-board commerce is paralyzed. "The only casualty is the loss of the light cruiser Amphion, blown up by a mine after having sunk the German mine layer Koenigin Louise. One German submarine has been sunk in the North sea."

ENGLAND NOT OPPOSED.

Will Not Object to Purchase of German Merchant Ships by Americans.

London, Aug. 21.—Oscar S. Straus, member of the prominent court of arbitration at The Hague, and chairman of the diplomatic committee of the American citizens' relief committee, said today:

"It has been my privilege to meet many prominent British officials, and so far as I know there is no opposition in England to the plan of the United States to have Americans buy the German liners now in American ports. In fact I think the idea has been well received, as the British feel that the restoration of such liners to the service would make it possible to bring larger quantities of wheat and other food-stuffs to England."

PROSPERITY RETURNS—MORGAN.

Decided Improvement Seen in New York Financial Situation.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Reports of decided improvement in the general condition of the country and the financial situation in New York were brought to the treasury department by J. P. Morgan and William Porter, a member of the Morgan firm, who conferred with Secretary McAdoo and members of the federal reserve board.

There was some talk at the conference about the present status of international exchange and the desire of American bankers and administration officials to keep American gold here and not export it to Europe.

There is hope in administration circles that it will be only a short time until American shippers will be able to find vessels to transport grain and other commodities to Europe, to offset the balance American bankers owe there.

MRS. CORDELIA FOLLETT DEAD.

Pioneer Resident of Hardin County Lived Nearly Eighty-Six Years.

Special to Times-Republican. Eldora, Aug. 21.—Mrs. Cordelia A. Follett, aged nearly 86 years, died last evening after an extended illness, death being due to the infirmities of age. Mrs. Follett was born Cordelia Minor in Lyme, Conn., and spent her younger days in Ohio and Wisconsin, having been married to Mr. Follett, with whom she came to Hardin county in an early day. Eighteen years ago Mrs. Follett came to Eldora, following the death of her husband. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home of a son, Hobart Follett.

CARDINALS MAY SPLIT OVER CHOICE OF POPE

EUROPEAN WAR THREATENS TO INVOLVE CONCLAVE IN IRREPARABLE DIVISION.

IF SUCCESSOR TO PIUS IS CHOSEN, HE WILL BE ITALIAN

Forty-Two Votes in Conclave Necessary to Choice and Thirty-Three Are Italian—Plans Being Made For Meeting of Cardinals—May Not Confine themselves Within Walls of Vatican.

Rome, Aug. 21.—It is asserted that the cardinals have discussed the advisability of holding the conclave for the election of a successor to Pope Pius X. without sitting themselves in the Vatican through their deliberations, as has been their practice. Heretofore cardinals have had an apartment in the palace with accommodations also for their secretaries and servants, and on the occasion of the last conclave the three days' session entailed an expense of \$120,000.

It has been suggested that the cardinals meet at the Vatican twice daily for a ballot until a choice has been made, and at the close of each session return to their homes or wherever they may be stopping. These sittings would, of course, be under the seal of absolute secrecy, while permitting greater freedom on the part of the members of the college.

May Ask For Truce in War.

Among the so-called political cardinals, headed by Cardinal Agliardi, a movement is under way to have the sacred college of cardinals address the emperors, kings and president of the countries engaged in war, asking them to declare a truce. It is concluded by the whole machinery of the Catholic church, giving him at the same time a detailed report of all business.

With Cardinal Merry del Val retiring all the other high officials and heads of departments of the holy see, whom the next pope may reappoint if he so desires.

POPE'S SISTER NOT DEAD.

Erroneous Report Circulated Regarding Anna Sarto.

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INDICTMENTS ASSURED

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Mr. McReynolds has been in frequent communication with the White House since the investigation was started and expects to make his formal report soon. The president has directed that prosecutions be pressed vigorously.

EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY.

Shake at Como Causes Great Alarm Among People.

Rome, Aug. 21, (delayed in transmission).—A strong earthquake was felt at Como today and caused great alarm. The people of the city rushed into the street. The inmates of the San Domino prison had a bad scare, as they believed the ancient building might collapse. The prisoners include Porter Charlton, the American who is awaiting trial for the murder of his wife at Lake Como in 1910.

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ed longer had he not been subject to this mental suffering.

A telegram has been received here from Cardinal Farley, archbishop of New York, who is in Switzerland. He says he was awestruck by the sudden and overwhelming news which he could hardly believe, and that his duty as a cardinal would impel him to come to Rome as quickly as possible, no matter at what risks. Cardinal Bella

Volpe has received telegrams of condolence from sovereigns and heads of states through the world.

Rome in Deep Mourning.

Rome today is in deep mourning. Stores remain shut and the churches are crowded with the faithful at prayer.

The city's flags are at half mast, the municipality has expressed the condolence of the population to the Vatican authorities. The municipal council has been convoked, and will decide on some befitting way to commemorate the memory of Pius X.

The quinal is especially interested in the election of a new pope, particularly Pius X. had been more friendly disposed to the new order of things in Italy than any other pope since the fall of temporal power.

When the doctor insisted that his health was precarious to the world, and that he should be calm, the pope replied: "How can I be tranquil when millions of men are about to die? I should have averted this war, but I could not. If I, who have the highest ministry of peace, do not protect the safety of so many young lives, who will do so?"

To the continued urging of his doctors that he be tranquil the pontiff answered: "I can not help it. I suffer for all those who will die on the field of battle."

Merry del Val Retires.

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FRENCH ARMY READY TO MEET ASSAULT

MOST FORMIDABLE ARMED CLASH IN HISTORY BELIEVED TO BE IMPENDING.

BRUSSELS TO BE THEATER OF WORLD'S GREATEST CONFLICT

France Reported to Be Prepared to Meet Tactics of Strong Army of German Invaders—Important Concentration of Troops Being Carried on in Vicinity of Huy, Belgium.

Paris, Aug. 21.—The Petit Parisien's review of the war situation today says: "A great battle is preparing. Belgium is to be the theater of the most formidable shock in history, the duration of which escapes prophecy."

"Repulsed in the south of Dinant by the French, the Germans have been making since Tuesday a vigorous offensive movement towards the north, which on Wednesday forced the Belgians, after a fine resistance, to fall back on Antwerp. The German government will claim a triumph, whereas from a strategic point of view the movement was of mediocre importance."

Say France is Prepared.

"The French armies also have taken up their respective positions and it is certain the general staff is far from being taken unprepared by our enemy's tactics. The staff had long foreseen them and is prepared to deal with them on the best of terms."

Official news made public in Paris today says that the German forces continued to pass the Meuse in the vicinity of Huy, and that an important concentration is being carried out in Belgium this (Friday) morning.

Airships Attack Germans.

A French dirigible last night threw a number of projectiles on two German cavalry camps in Belgium, causing great excitement. Despite the fire of the enemy the air craft returned safely to the French lines."

German Cavalry Defeated.

London, Aug. 21.—The Central News has received a dispatch from Paris saying that French forces defeated a detachment of German cavalry coming from Leopoldshoehe and Hueningen in an engagement near Basel.

German Airships Numerous.

Amsterdam, via London, Aug. 21.—Notable activity is evident among the German aircraft, which fly frequently over Holland.

A Zeppelin following the course of the Rhine passed over Zevenaar today. Dutch soldiers shot at it, and the dirigible disappeared over the German frontier.

Another Zeppelin flew over Maastricht last night, and following the road to Merent afterward disappearing.

German aeroplanes also have been seen in several directions, scouting over Holland.

Prayers For Britain's Success.

London, Aug. 21.—Introspective services were held in practically every church in England today on behalf of the nations engaged in the war, with a special prayer for the success of the British arms.

King George and Queen Mary, with

GERMANY WILL FIGHT FOR CHINA PORT.

London, Aug. 20.—According to information from official circles Emperor William has ordered that resistance be made to the last to Japanese attempts to oust Germany from Kiaochow.

ST. PETERSBURG CLAIMS VICTORIES.

London, Aug. 20.—A dispatch to Reuter's from St. Petersburg gives communication covering army operations up to Aug. 19 in which successes are claimed for Russian arms on both the Austrian and German frontiers.

"Austrian cavalry which entered Poland at Kielce, Rijnoliza, and other points," says the communication, "was driven back with great casualties while Austrian infantry, which attacked Krasnik, was defeated and lost heavily. The Russians took 250 prisoners. On the Prussian border the Russians took the offensive near Windballen and captured Lyk and took eight German guns and two quick-frasers."

GERMAN CRUISER NEAR VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 20.—A dispatch received from Prince Rupert, B. C., late today said, "All banks have been notified by Hazen, Canadian minister of marine, of near approach of a German warship wanting coal. Authorities have been notified not to give aid to the enemy even under threat of bombardment of the city."

T-R BULLETIN NEWS OF THE DAY

The Weather. Sun rises Aug. 22 at 5:15, sets at 6:49. Iowa—Fair tonight and Saturday.

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Telegraphic News From Europe. French Prepared to Meet German Assault. Greatest Battle of History Imminent. Brussels Occupied Without a Shot. German Army May Not Tarry There. U. S. May Reaffirm Open-Door Policy.

Cardinals Plan Papal Election.

War May Cause Split in Conclave. PAGES TWO, THREE AND FOUR.

Iowa News:

Pythian Grand Lodge Next Week. Flour Price Boost Not Justified. Road Law Endorsed by Supervisors. Two-Cent Fare Laws in Danger. Webster City Mayor Bars Carnivals. PAGE FIVE.

Story:

Willingford in His Prime. PAGE SIX.

Editorial:

The Expense Account. Forcing Factories Upon Us. The Government and Food Prices. Topics of the Times. Iowa Opinion and Notes. PAGE SEVEN.

General News:

Carranza Now Mexico's President. Greeted With Cheers and Flowers. PAGES EIGHT, NINE, TEN, ELEVEN.

City News:

Children With Matches, Cause Bad Fire. Two Horses Burned. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., Holds Special Session Here. Anson's Divide Honors With Bunnies. Begin Second Street Paving Monday. General and Brief City News. PAGE TWELVE.

Markets and General:

Wheat Prices Fluctuate. Fair Demand For Corn. Dulness Prevails Cattle Trade. Hogs Slow and 10 to 15 Cents Lower. Embargo on Grain to End Soon.

Princess Mary, were present at the services in Westminster abbey. Many Americans and French joined in the various services, which were attended by representatives of all classes.

Germans Abandon Samoa.

Pago Pago, American Samoa, Aug. 6, via San Francisco, Aug. 21.—News of the declaration of war between Germany and Great Britain caused the greatest excitement when it reached Pago Pago, Samoa. Evidently the German commandant felt that the port is not defensible against naval attacks or serviceable as a naval base, for the merchantman Sok-Soff, which arrived here today, brought with her full complement a bulletin and private funds on deposit there.

The German wireless station at Apia was opened Aug. 2 and immediately justified its existence by carrying the declaration of war.

WATCHFUL WAITING WINS

Bryan Declares Administration Policy Has Brought Peace in Mexico—No Time Fixed For Withdrawal of American Forces at Vera Cruz.

Washington, Aug. 21.—"The situation in Mexico is very favorable, and you can quote me as saying 'watchful waiting' wins," said Secretary Bryan today, his face wreathed in smiles.

"The peaceful transfer of authority has taken place, and we are hoping for an era of peace, progress and prosperity."

Mr. Bryan said recognition of the Carranza government and the withdrawal of the American forces at Vera Cruz had not yet been considered.

Granulated glass is being tried as a preservative of the surface of wood in England with much success.

FRISCO FAIR TO BE HELD.

War Not to Be Permitted to Delay Exposition.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Answering inquiries received from foreigners in European countries Secretary Bryan has officially stated that the Panama Pacific exposition at San Francisco, 1915, will be placed as announced. So far none of the European countries which declared their intentions to exhibit at the fair has withdrawn.

TRUST COMPANY INVOLVED.

Suit to Compel Appointment of Receiver For St. Louis Co-Operative Trust Company, a St. Louis concern that owns stocks in many small-town banks in the southwest, was filed in the circuit court here today.

Iowans Imperiled by Storms.

Special to Times-Republican. Boone, Aug. 21.—Word reached Boone this afternoon that Editor and Mrs. S. G. Goldthwaite, and daughter, Mary, of Boone, narrowly escaped drowning in Lake Pepin, Minnesota, during a terrific storm. The Morning Star barely was able to weather the gale. The passengers the night thru had life preservers strapped to them. All were finally landed. The boat was damaged but no one was injured. It was the worst storm in thirty-five years.

"OPEN DOOR" POLICY WILL BE REAFFIRMED

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE AIMED AT JAPAN'S ATTITUDE IN FAR EAST.

CHANCE IN STATUS QUO WOULD MENACE PHILIPPINES

Other Island Possessions of United States as Well as Warring Nations Would Be Jeopardized by Dismemberment of China or Other Pacific Nation.

Washington, Aug. 21.—A resolution reaffirming adherence of the United States to the "open door" policy of China, and proclaiming that this government, in view of the apparent extension of the war in Europe to the far east, could not view with indifference any alteration of the status quo of the islands of the Pacific and Oceania, was introduced in the senate today by Senator Gallinger. It was referred to the foreign relations committee.

Accompanying his resolution Senator Gallinger submitted a memorandum pointing that in the waters lying between the Philippines and Hawaii, and south and southeast of the latter, are islands owned by France, Germany and Great Britain. Also in that region lie Guam and other islands owned by the United States, and the Samoan islands, in which France, Great Britain, Germany and the United States have interests. These, he points out, are in easy striking distance of the Philippines, to say nothing of Panama and San Francisco.

Senate Passes Risk Bill. The senate passed today, after two hours' debate, the emergency war risk insurance bill, which appropriates \$5,000,000 for the purpose of insuring American vessels and cargoes against the hazards of war.

HOLLAND NEARING HUNGER.

Wheat and Bread Supply to Last Only Sixteen Days.

The Hague, Aug. 21.—Holland now has a flour and bread supply of only sixteen days.

This was the startling announcement made yesterday by the minister of agriculture in an interview published in the papers in which he calls on the public to practice the strictest economy in the use of flour. The minister urges the people to