

## PARIS IS PREPARING FOR AN IMMEDIATE SIEGE

### Germans Take Two More Fortified Towns In France

### Victor Shaft Drowned Out and Rich Ledge In Sight

The Victor shaft was drowned out yesterday and work on development of both Victor and Merger has been suspended until such time as the Victor company succeeds in mastering the water problem, which is well in hand. This morning the Victor reports headway in lowering the flood

and it is expected that within a few days the worst will have passed. The Midway had to close, as it buys air from the Merger compressor. The drowning out of the shaft is not an unmixed blessing, as it implies the discovery of an ore body of some magnitude, which has been confident-

ly looked forward to for the past six months. Grab samples from the drill holes are rich enough to justify the conviction that another valuable producer will be added to the list of Tonopah's dividend payers before a great lapse of time. The water was struck when the drills entered the North Merger vein.

### CALL TO COLORS BRINGS IN FOUR CLASSES OF RESERVES

STRONG INDICATION THAT ROMAN EMPIRE WILL JOIN HOSTILITIES.

(By International News Service.)  
ROME, August 27.—Italy is calling up four more classes of reservists to the colors. This is taken as a strong indication that the government will shortly intervene in the European war. Every day the chances of Italy supporting Germany and Austria become slighter, and it is accepted as an accomplished fact in some quarters that the Triple Alliance, which included Germany, Austria and Italy, is a thing of the past. It is known that Germany and Austria are bringing the strongest pressure to bear upon the Italian government to secure its armed support and alluring promises are made, but so far there is no sign that Italy has weakened.

### GERMAN CRUISER SUNK OFF AFRICA BY ENGLISH SHIP

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN HOUSE OF COMMONS OF ENGAGEMENT.

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, August 27.—The German cruiser Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse has been sunk by the English ship Highflyer off the west coast of Africa. An official announcement to this effect was made in the house of commons this afternoon by Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty. The Grosse carried ten four-inch guns. The Kaiser Wilhelm was the palatial steamer of the North German Lloyd which was converted into a cruiser.

### ZEPPELIN WARFARE IS ASSASSINATION

PROTEST OF AN AMERICAN AGAINST RUTHLESS SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENTS.

(By International News Service.)  
NEW YORK, August 27.—The New York Herald today prints the following from Major Louis Livingston, who is now in Antwerp: "I am with the dead and wounded of the Zeppelin slaughter. The Germans attacked the sleeping city at night, murdering helpless women and children. In the name of civilization let Americans protest. This war is only assassination. I appeal especially to the Peace society."

### Russians Meet With Defeat

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, August 27.—It is estimated that the Russian forces beaten at Krasnik were 200,000. Sanguinary battles on route to Lubin have occurred in the forests along the River Chodol. A swift Austrian movement northward is expected.

TODAY AND A YEAR AGO.  
Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah:

	1914	1913
5 a. m.	59	55
9 a. m.	65	59
12 noon	70	70
2 p. m.	78	67

### BULLION TAX PAID COUNTY

ENRICHMENT OF THE LOCAL TREASURY AFTER WEARY WAITING.

The Tonopah Mining company settled with Nye county for bullion tax in dispute for the last three years by paying Sheriff Malley, ex-officio tax collector, the sum of \$23,406.17. This applies to arrears of taxes for the last quarter of 1911, the whole of 1912 and 1913 and the company wiped out the last vestige of an old grievance that has kept Assessor Malley busy trying to adjust. Yesterday the same company paid \$10,000, making a total of \$33,406 paid into Nye county during the past six days. The question of arrears was brought up by the State Tax Commission in 1913 when it fixed the valuation of production at 60 per cent of the actual value. At the same time it was agreed to abandon the practice of including heavy charges for transportation and milling against the value of the ore. The settlement was effected at a conference of Sheriff Malley and Hugh H. Brown, attorney representing the mining company.

Under the new law the Tonopah schools will receive 25 per cent, which would not have been the case had the settlement been made before.

### AUSTRIAN SHIPS RETIRE ON SIGHT OF ALLIES FLEET

DRIVEN AWAY FROM A BLOCKADE BY FRENCH AND BRITISH.

(By International News Service.)  
ROME, August 27.—A Cetinje dispatch to the Messagero states that an Austrian squadron of four cruisers and eight torpedo destroyers homed Badua, a Dalmatian port recently captured by Montenegrins, but fled on the approach of French and British warships. Officers of the Austrian cruiser Zenta admit their vessel and a torpedo destroyer were sunk in a recent naval battle.

### GERMANS OCCUPY TWO TOWNS IN FRANCE

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, August 27.—A News agency dispatch from Ostend says Germans have occupied the French towns of Ronbaix and Valenciennes.

### HUERTA'S NEW HOME.

(By Associated Press.)  
SANTANDER, Spain, August 27.—Huerta arrived from London en route to Asturias.

Special features accompanied the final act in the Victor shaft, where the crew fled before the oncoming flood that spouted forth like a geyser or an underground fresnet with such force that the men were knocked right and left, and massive drills scattered like dust on the street before a gale. There was not much time to consider a plan of action, as most of the men had to swim out to the drift after the water topped their shoulders, threatening to overwhelm them before they could reach the shaft. The flood broke through in the southwest drift on Merger ground and poured through at the rate of over two million gallons a day. As one of the drill tenders said, "It looked as if we had bored a hole right into the Pacific ocean and we got the full benefit." Sure enough, it was more water than has been seen on the desert since the cloudburst buried Goldfield and the puzzle of all experienced miners is to determine where it came from. It may have been that the Victor drills entered a subterranean reservoir and tapped the contents. If this should prove to be true Tonopah can make money by embarking in the farming business, as there has been enough water pumped already to supply a government section of desert land for over a year with all the water that could be used for irrigation and domestic purposes.

Tuesday night both pumps and the balers were working with a joint capacity of about 400,000 gallons a day, the pumps alone being guaranteed to handle 300,000 gallons without crowding them. When these pumps were installed it was never supposed the company would have occasion to use them all the time and, experts agreed that they could handle all the water from the Merger, Midway and Cash Boy. The first intimation of trouble came with the change of shifts yesterday morning, when a machine drill was blown out of a hole and the attendant knocked a distance of six feet by the force of the discharge. The hole was plugged and every effort was centered on keeping the water down. When it was thought the situation was well in hand the balers were taken off and the cages substituted to resume working, but they never got back to development as about this time the full force of the drift was blown in by the tremendous pressure of water and the men had to fly or swim for their lives. Candles were extinguished and in the unky darkness of the drift 1550 feet below the blessed sunlight the boys struggled their way to safety as the flood threatened to encompass them every second.

The water rose to a height of 380 feet in the shaft before it found its level and until then Master Mechanic Reed could not do anything. This morning the balers gained a little and the column of water began to subside. Pumps will be installed and the management hopes to have the flow in complete subjection by Monday.

### BURIAL OF AN AUSTRIAN MINER FROM THE CHURCH

George Koznovich, who died at the hospital yesterday, will be buried by the Austrian society this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock from the Catholic church. Deceased leaves a wife and two children in the old country. He was employed on the Mispah for the past three months.

### THREE OF A KIND AT THE McDONALD HOME

Early this morning the third boy was added to the family circle at the home of Roy McDonald, the electrician, Dr. McLeod officiating. The mother is doing well.

### THE TEMPERATURE.

Highest temperature yesterday, 80; a year ago, 81. Lowest temperature last night, 69; a year ago, 65.

## BERLIN ALLEGES ALLIES ARE BEATEN CONSTERNATION REIGNS IN LONDON OVER INVINCIBLE STRENGTH OF GERMANY

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, August 27.—Reports that the left wing of the allied army has been rolled back and that Germans have captured the fortified city of Lille, 120 miles northeast of Paris, gave England the greatest shock today sustained since the war with Germany began.

The fall of Lille was not officially announced here, but dispatches from Ostend said the Germans secured possession of the city Thursday without firing a shot. According to reports from the same source the French defenders withdrew upon the approach of Germans to save the city from bombardment and destruction by heavy guns.

Lille is a strategic point and its capture will open the way to the English channel through the department of Pas de Calais, thus preventing a junction of English reinforcements with the French army. Although the German loss is said to have been much heavier than that of the allies, telegrams from Paris indicate fighting on Belgian frontier favored the invaders. This fact, coupled with announcement of the resignation of the French cabinet, tended to intensify the pessimistic feeling.

The announcement from the French war office gave small encouragement to the Britons, as it admitted the "Franco-British lines have moved back" before the smashing assaults of Germans. The French war office also admitted disaster to its left wing in the vicinity of St. Die, France, and the center supported by the English in the vicinity of Maubeuge, seems to be making its present stand on French soil, having been driven westward across the Belgian frontier.

(By International News Service.)  
BERLIN, August 27.—A complete victory over the allies is officially announced.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, August 27.—An Ostend dispatch says the Germans have occupied Lille, Roubaix and Valenciennes, in France. Lille is fortified. Valenciennes is a military station of less importance. Roubaix is a manufacturing center. Earlier dispatches quoted the Belgian allies as having decided not to defend Lille. Evacuation by French troops was announced by the mayor Tuesday. The three cities are within a few miles of the Belgian frontier.

### ANTWERP SIEGE BY GERMANY IN FULL SWING

KAISER'S HOSTS HAVE BEGUN THE REDUCTION OF BELGIAN CENTER.

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, August 27.—That Antwerp is besieged by Germans is indicated by the following dispatch from Rosendaal, Holland: "There is no railroad communication between Antwerp and the Dutch frontier. There have been no arrivals from Antwerp since Sunday. All entrances to the town are closed."

### HANDFULL OF MEN CHECK WHOLE ARMY

BELGIAN BRAVERY THAT WILL GO DOWN IN THE ANNALS OF WAR.

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, August 27.—A refugee from Merbes le Chateau, near Mons, says 360 Belgian riflemen kept several thousand Germans at bay three days, until a German spy, disguised as a Belgian, discovered a path that enabled the Germans to attack from the rear. All the Belgians were killed excepting twelve.

### POSITION SATISFACTORY.

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, August 27.—Lord Asquith announces the position of the British troops is satisfactory.

### Preparation for Stern Resistance Being Rushed by Defence Expert

(By International News Service.)  
PARIS, August 27.—Preparation for a siege of Paris is being rushed today. General Callieni, expert in defensive operations, has taken command of the troops that garrison the forts about the capital. He succeeded General Michelas, military governor of Paris. The latter will go to the front. These steps are officially stated to be "only a necessary precaution in conjunction with military operations. But this announcement is not sufficient to calm the fear aroused by the sudden formation of a new cabinet. It is expected that within twenty-four hours passenger train service will be practically suspended by the flood of freight traffic in bringing to the capital supplies to stock the government storehouses. Freight trains are already being made up in towns in the center of the agricultural districts.

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, August 27.—All nine Namur forts have fallen before the Germans. Longwy, near the Luxemburg border, was captured after a resolute defense. The French forces which attacked the German crown prince's army have been repulsed. Upper Alsace is free of the enemy except westward of Kolmar.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, August 27.—Belgians contend that the forts near Namur, excepting two destroyed by bombardment, are still holding out, and Belgian operations are reported successful. Four divisions from Namur are said to have stopped the southern movement of the German fourth division.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, August 27.—A St. Petersburg dispatch says the Russian advance is proceeding in Prussia. The Germans have retreated to Ostode in east Prussia. It is believed the Russians' objective point is Berlin.

### "IRRESISTIBLE" IS DESCRIPTION OF RUSSIAN CENSORS

STEADILY ENCRACING ON PRUSSIA AND DRIVING OUT GERMANS.

(By International News Service.)  
ST. PETERSBURG, August 27.—The general staff issued this official announcement today: "The Russian advance into Prussia is irresistible." The large force of Germans that were cut off from Koenigsburg by rapid advance of the Vilna army have concentrated at Ostardeon, Lake Drewenz. There they have thrown up fortifications which the Russians are moving to attack. It is announced today that Russian infantry is advancing rapidly past Lake Mauer and Lake Spirding and occupied the towns of Bischofsburg, Senzburg, Nordenburg and Rothliens.

### AUSTRIA INVOLVED IN WAR WITH JAPANESE

(By Associated Press.)  
TOKIO, August 27.—The Austrian ambassador has been recalled. News of the declaration of war by Austria on Japan, following announcement of the disarming of the Austrian cruiser Kaiserin Elisabeth at Tsing Tau, caused surprise.

### SIX FEET OF DEAD AFTER THE BATTLE

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, August 27.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Chronicle reads: "A terrible battle is raging at Malines. Dead bodies are piled to a height of six feet. The greater part of Malines was destroyed by the Belgians themselves. They blew up a part of the town on purpose, using the forts' guns effectively. The population fled to Antwerp, where a fierce onslaught is expected."

Spain yearly imports chemical fertilizers worth \$10,000,000.

### WOMEN CAPTURE AVIATORS ON RUSSIAN BORDER

AUSTRIAN SCOUTS OVERPOWERED BY SCOUTS IN PROVINCE OF GALICIA.

(By International News Service.)  
ST. PETERSBURG, August 27.—Several Austrian army aviators who crossed the Galician frontier to reconnoiter the positions of Russian troops were captured by women. According to news reaching here today the aviators landed near a village. A number of women surrounded them. The latter drew revolvers and defended themselves, but were overpowered.

### Thrilling Word War Painting

(By International News Service.)  
PARIS, August 27.—French wounded arriving here describe German army "moving fortresses" surrounded by fire forming mass that seems to be moved by powerful machinery.