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## GERMANS HOLD POSITIONS AT LIEGE AGAINST FOES

Occupied by the German Army After Heavy Losses.

## FRENCH AND ENGLISH FIGHT WITH BELGIANS

Fighting was most awful in all the annals of modern warfare.

## KING ALBERT IS IN COMMAND

King Albert and his brilliant charges by the fortifications met by the most terrific slaughter.

## LEADS HIS TROOPS TO WAR



King Albert of Belgium, who went to the front to command his army that bravely opposed the passage of German troops across Belgium to France.

Maastricht. A pontoon bridge, built by the Germans, was shot away so that further troops could not cross it. The 25th and 19th German regiments, which supported the bridge builders, were mowed down by the quick-firing guns. A wounded Belgian was asked how the Germans fared and replied in one word "annihilated."

"The wounded who can be transported by rail are to be brought from the hospitals at Maastricht to Alkmaar."

Rotterdam.—The following account of the fighting at Liege is supplied by the correspondent of the De Telegraf, who returned from Liege Saturday.

"On Tuesday, August 3, a battalion of the 125th German regiment opened an attack on Liege. This body was repulsed and literally cut to pieces. Not more than 30 men remained of the original battalion. I arrived at Liege on Wednesday morning, having been detained on my way as a spy."

"Outside Liege, to the east, I found German troops in a semicircle, within a radius of about four miles, and that General Leman, commander of the Belgian troops, had ordered a general counter-attack. The inhabitants hid in their cellars all Wednesday."

"On Wednesday afternoon we heard a great explosion and knew the bridge over the Meuse had been destroyed."

"The Belgian troops made an onslaught during the night of Wednesday with great success. Occasionally shells hurled by the Germans fell in the town. Lookout men, on seeing the flash of the gun, would ring a warning bell."

"I understand the mayor of the town was prepared to surrender in order to save the beautiful city from bombardment, but General Leman forbade it."

"The German aim is to attack the Belgian army before the arrival of French reinforcements, which are hurrying forward under forced marches. A general engagement between the Germans and the French and Belgians is imminent."

"The French have already effected partial junction with the Belgians and a French army of 200,000 is reported to be approaching from Lille. At the same time it is reported that the German crown prince, Frederick Wilhelm, is leading 300,000 Germans in the forward movement against France."

"The Seventh, Ninth and Tenth German army corps, said to number 125,000 men, engaged in the assault on the Liege forts Saturday, with General von Emmich in personal command."

"The German loss thus far—for the three days of fighting—is reported at 30,000, and the Belgians' at 8,000."

"Soldiers returning from the front report the trenches around Liege are literally filled with the bodies of Germans. In some places the bodies are piled four and five deep."

"The Belgian infantry, cavalry and light artillery surprised and practically annihilated a division of German cavalry that forded the Meuse. Seven entire regiments of Germans were either killed or captured. The Belgian loss was also heavy."

"The renewed assault was made Saturday morning following the refusal of the Belgians to grant the requested armistice of 24 hours. The Belgian commander declared he feared the Germans would use the time to bring up reinforcements."

"King Albert in person commanded a brigade of Belgian cavalry, which attacked the German flank, hemming the invaders in between the advancing Belgian troops and the forts. A flying French cavalry column opportunely reinforced the Belgian defense."

## HALF MILLION MEN INVADE GERMANY

Russia executes surprising maneuver in attack on Teuton.

## PRUSSAINS ENTER FINLAND

Kaiser, planning first to crush the French, then engage Russia, seems to have been outwitted.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. London.—Germany and Russia each launched an army across the border Saturday.

A full army corps of 40,000 of the Kaiser's fighting army invaded Finland, landing at Ekenaes, and is marching toward Helsingfors, 100 miles away.

Helsingfors, on the Gulf of Finland, was reported shelled and captured by the German fleet.

From Helsingfors it is but 250 miles to St. Petersburg, and there is a direct railway line.

Russia's blow at Germany, if the report be true, is one of vastly greater weight. The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Standard cables his paper that 500,000 Russian soldiers with 700 heavy guns crossed the border Friday at some point unnamed, and are now marching into the Kaiser's domains.

To back up this great array, the mobilization orders of Russia include pretty nearly every fighting man in the empire and six million are called to arms. The war is intensely popular with all classes.

If the size of the Russian invading army is correctly reported, it makes the situation grave for the Kaiser.

There is no doubt that he has counted on the proverbial slowness of the Russians in getting under way, and had confidently expected by a brilliant stroke to strike his adversaries one by one.

By ignoring the neutrality of Belgium he meant to swing an immense force into unprotected France, crush the troops thrown out to oppose him, march into Paris and dictate the terms of peace before Russia could get under way.

Then, with troops flushed with victory, he could rush them back across Germany and meet the Russians at the border, or, perhaps, even anticipate their slow movements and strike at them on their grounds before they were ready to invade his empire.

The mobilization of the Russians has been a revelation to the world. Enthusiastic for war against the Germans, the men have rushed to their posts and taken trains for the front at a rate not thought possible, and they are ready to strike.

On the other hand, the hornet's nest in Belgium was just as little expected by the Kaiser, and instead of making quick work of France his army sent to the west now has to face the combined French, British and Belgian armies, and will rather need help than be able to give it.

The suggestion that comes from Copenhagen with the dispatch telling of the German invasion of Finland is that the Germans are actually setting out for St. Petersburg.

Unless this force of 40,000 is merely an advance guard of an immense army, the suggestion is not to be taken seriously. In that land of vast distances a single army corps would never dare go so far from its base without a strong force to keep open communications. But if the Kaiser is prepared to back up this advance corps with several more, the invasion might become a serious menace.

A third event along the Russian frontier was the reported invasion of Russia by the Austrian troops. St. Petersburg announces that Austro-Hungarian troops have crossed the border from Galicia, in northeastern Hungary, and are now near Radzville. This is almost equidistant from the Russian city of Kiev and the Russian Poland city of Warsaw, reported evacuated by the Russians. The force may be intended to move on either place.

The Austrian force along the Russian border now consists of 160,000 troops, of which 44,000 are cavalry. Austria is assembling another 250,000 men with which to menace the Podolian frontier, but it is not expected that they will be in position to offer battle for ten days at least. The Austrians have blown up the bridge over the boundary river, Zbrutch, near Volotachsk, which is about seven miles south of the Russian border.

Chief among the minor clashes along the Russo-German border an attack by a Russian cavalry brigade on the Germans at Soluda, in East Prussia. The Russians were repulsed.

Russians Are Enthusiastic. St. Petersburg.—A wave of patriotism has swept Russia, and every effort is being made to meet the demands of the crisis. Families of reservists are being allowed to remain in their homes without paying rent. Private houses have been placed at the disposal of the government for hospitals, and societies have been formed to distribute food to the needy. The daughters of the emperor are supervising the relief work from the Hermitage. Religious demonstrations have been dropped.

English to Have a Press Bureau. London.—Referring to the disconcerting war rumors spread by the newspapers, Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, said they probably are due to the strict censorship prevailing and this caused the papers to fill their columns with reports from irresponsible persons on the coast. Mr. Churchill announced that the British government had decided to establish a press bureau, presided over by Frederick E. Smith, a member of Parliament.

China Working for Peace. Washington.—China, through her legation here, has approved President Wilson's action in extending good offices for mediation of the European war. This approval was expressed to Secretary Bryan by Minister Kai Fu Shah. China is cut off telegraphically from Europe, except Russia, beyond which country no messages can be forwarded, according to information received at the legation. Communication still remains, however, by the Pacific cables with China.

## FRENCH OCCUPY ALSACE-LORRAINE

Ancient province that has long been a bone of national contention.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Paris.—It is officially reported that French troops have entered Muelhausen.

Muelhausen is the second largest town of Alsace-Lorraine and lies 61 miles to the south-southwest of Strassburg, the capital. It became a free city of the German empire in 1273, and in the fifteenth century entered into an alliance with the Swiss, which lasted until 1798, when the city became French. It was taken from the French in September, 1870, and was ceded to Germany with Alsace in 1871.

Muelhausen is garrisoned by a full infantry brigade of about 9,000 men and a full cavalry brigade of about 2,500. It has a population of about 100,000, and is the principal seat of cotton spinning in western Germany.

News of the first French victory of the war—the capture of the village of Altkirch, in Alsace, near the Swiss frontier—which probably was more important than the cautious official announcement indicated—was received here with extraordinary enthusiasm. Observers in Paris were prepared to hear that the French had been obliged, during the first days of the fighting, to give way before the German advance. The rejoicing was all the greater, therefore, because the first important engagement had been fought in German territory and the French had obtained a footing.

The capture of Altkirch appears to have taken place two or three days ago. The French army has penetrated the enemy's country considerably farther.

Military authorities had been convinced that the French army would assume the offensive at the first opportunity because during the last eight years the word "defensive" has disappeared from the French text books on strategy. Instruction in tactics has been always to go forward.

The official report of the French invasion of Alsace Saturday says the French troops crossed into Alsace and delivered a fierce attack on the German forces at Altkirch. The French troops took the village, a place of nearly 4,000 inhabitants.

The German forces retreated, pursued by the French troops in the direction of the great fortress of Muelhausen.

The minister of war announces that the Germans suffered 30,000 casualties and the French 15,000 in the battle at Altkirch, which resulted in the capture of the Alsatian village by the French troops.

The Alsatian inhabitants are overjoyed at the appearance of the French. Reports of the arrival of an Austrian army corps on the Swiss frontier near Basel were the object of close attention by French military authorities. It was said that several more Austrian army corps were being organized in the Tyrol, when they later would be sent toward the French frontier.

Before retiring from Muelhausen, the German troops are said to have set fire to numerous buildings. The forest of Hard, near Kolmar, is said to have been razed.

It was nightfall Friday when the advance guard of the French brigade approached Altkirch, a French official statement says. The city was well defended and occupied by a German brigade. The French began the assault with ardor, a regiment of infantry distinguished itself by a furious charge, shortly after which the Germans retired in disorder.

## PORTUGAL TO AID ENGLAND

Announcement follows German's demand as to her intentions.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. London.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegram from Lisbon says that at a meeting of Parliament Saturday the declaration was made that Portugal would place herself unconditionally on the side of England, according to her ancient treaty. The declaration was received with enthusiastic cheering for France and England.

Premier Machado, in announcing the attitude of the government, said:

"According to our alliance we have duties which we in no way fail to realize."

Portuguese warships have been ordered to prepare for a cruise around the coast. It is reported that the War Office has ordered the mobilization of three military divisions.

Portugal's decision was announced after Germany had demanded information of her intentions.

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First English Troops Landed. Paris.—It was officially announced Saturday afternoon that 20,000 English troops already had landed at Ostend, Calais and Dunkirk. They are now proceeding toward Namur, to the west of Liege, on the main railroad line, to assist the Belgians.

Norfolk, Va.—The naval collier Vulcan sailed for Europe Monday with coal for the cruisers Tennessee and North Carolina, which are carrying gold for Americans in Europe.

Scandinavia Is For Peace. Stockholm, Sweden.—Norway and Sweden have exchanged obligatory assurances with the view of preventing hostile measures being taken by either against the other.

Seek Refuge in Spain. Paris.—Francisco de la Barra, Mexican minister to France, and the ministers of Argentine, Brazil and Chile are arranging railroad accommodations for Latin-Americans desiring to go to Spain.

## ROLAND GARROS, HERO OF THE AIR



One of the first incidents of the European war was the heroic act of Roland Garros, famous French aviator, who hurled his aeroplane against a German dirigible, destroying it and its 25 occupants and losing his own life.

## EMPEROR APPEALS TO GERMANY'S FIGHTING SPIRIT

Berlin.—The emperor has issued an order to the German army and navy, in which he says:

"After 43 years of peace, I call upon all Germans capable of bearing arms. We have to defend our most sacred possessions and fatherland and home against the reckless assault of enemies on all sides of us."

"That means hard fighting. I am still confident that the ancient warlike spirit still lives in the German people—that powerful warlike spirit which attacks the enemy wherever it finds him regardless of cost and which in the past has been the dread and terror of our enemies."

"I have confidence in you, German soldiers—and each and all of you. An ardent, indomitable will for victory is living in each and all of you. I know if needed each and all of you would die like heroes."

"Remember our great and glorious past and that you are Germans. God bless you."

## CZAR PRAISES LOVE AND LOYALTY OF HIS SUBJECTS

St. Petersburg.—On Saturday the Czar received members of the Council of the Empire and the Duma in audience at the winter palace. Addressing them, the emperor said:

"In these days of alarm and anxiety through which Russia is passing, I greet you, Germany, following Austria, has declared war on Russia."

"The enormous enthusiasm, the patriotic sentiments and the love and loyalty to the throne—an enthusiasm which has swept like a hurricane through the country—guarantee for me, as for you I hope, that Russia will bring a happy conclusion to the war which the Almighty has sent it."

"It is because of the unanimous enthusiasm, love and eagerness to make every sacrifice, even of life itself, that I am able to regard the future with calm firmness. It is not only the dignity and honor of our country that we are defending, but we are fighting for brother Slavs, co-religionists, blood brothers."

"I am persuaded that all and each of you will be in your place to assist me to support the testimony and that all, beginning with myself, will do their duty. Great is the God of the Russian fatherland."

## Flashes From the Moving Picture Drama of War

France broke diplomatic relations with Austria Monday.

The British have captured the Hamburg-American liner Cap Ortel, from Buenos Ayres, July 16, with \$5,000,000 in specie aboard.

Alberta Province, Canada, has presented England 500,000 bushels of oats as a war gift.

Late reports are that the French lost at Altkirch do not exceed 100 killed.

The Kron Prinz Wilhelm is reported to have been captured by the British cruiser Essex.

French forces, supported by an English battleship, occupied the German colony of Togoland in Africa.

The Dutch captured a detachment of 50 Germans at Maastricht, capital of Limburg.

A British cruiser squadron was attacked by a flotilla of German submarines, but escaped injury, while one German boat was destroyed.

Cholera has broken out among the Austrians and Servians.

Russian troops have invaded Austria at the river Styra.

A Berlin report says the Germans captured 4,000 Belgians at and around Liege.

## FRENCH TROOPS ARE THE VICTORS

"Blue Alsatian Mountains" rescued to the crash of cannonading.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Paris.—The invasion of Lower Alsace by a French army under Gen. Joseph Joffre, the French commander in chief, has awakened great enthusiasm throughout France.

French military authorities, while recognizing that the occupation of Altkirch and Muelhausen by French troops is not of high strategical importance, believe the successful advance of the French army so far across the German frontier will have considerable moral effect.

It is reported unofficially that Kolmar, further to the north, has fallen into the hands of the French. None of these three places was strongly fortified and all lie outside the line of real German defense, being regarded as outposts of the strongly fortified cities. Their German garrisons, numerically, were fairly strong, but it was understood that in case of attack they merely would endeavor to hinder the French advance before falling back.

Neu Breisach, where they are said to have retired, is east of Kolmar and is strongly fortified, while Strassburg, some distance to the north, the center of a great aggregation of the German troops, is strongly fortified and supposed to be prepared for a long siege.

Official reports of fighting between the French and German troops state that French losses were "not excessive," while those of the Germans are declared by the French to have been "very serious."

Martial law has been established in Alsace, where it is said the Germans announced that any person suspected of sympathizing with the French would be executed.

A regiment of French cavalry followed the enemy, pursuing them toward Walheim and Tugolschen, inflicting serious losses. A French colonel and several of his men were wounded.

Darkness permitted the Germans to conceal themselves and the French entered the city amid cheers of the people.

At dawn the advance guard resumed its march. The cavalry failed to find German patrols and the march of the entire brigade on Muelhausen was begun. Saturday afternoon the scouts found many important defenses protecting the city abandoned and in less than half an hour the French occupied Muelhausen. Later it was learned the Germans retired in the direction of Neu Breisach. The spirit of the troops was excellent.

General Joffre, who has received the congratulations of the War Department, addressed a proclamation to Alsace, saying the French soldiers were the first workers in a great task of revenge.

Says Conditions Were too Severe. New York.—Prior to Germany's attack on Liege, Sir Edward Grey tried to impose on Germany conditions which Great Britain could have obtained only after a successful war, according to a statement issued by Haniel von Haimhausen, head of the German embassy in Washington in the absence of Count von Bernstorff, the ambassador. These conditions, if accepted would have led to absolute inactivity by the German fleet.

Why Americans are Detained. Washington.—Haniel von Haimhausen, charge of the German embassy, told Secretary Bryan he did not believe the detention of Americans in Germany was due to any governmental order, but because all means of transportation have been requisitioned for the mobilization of troops. The German embassy here has been out of communication with the home government since the cable was cut.

English Press Appeals to Italy. London.—The Standard Daily Mail and other papers appeal to Italy to abandon her neutrality and come to the assistance of England and France against "the common enemy of Europe."

Press Censorship Condemned. London.—T. P. O'Connell, the Irish Nationalist, Monday in the House of Commons again opened fire on the press censorship established by the British government. He said that thousands of dollars spent by American newspapers had been wasted because of the censorship, and suggested that trained newspaper men should be added to the staff of the censorship bureau. Charles Hobhouse, in behalf of the British postoffice authorities, disclaimed the censorship.

American Girl Too Curious. Paris.—Some Americans have suffered arrest because not in possession of official permission to remain in Paris. Among them was Miss Edith Peabody, believed to be from Boston, Mass., who was taken into custody while she was casually roaming around the fortifications. As she had no documents on her person to prove her identity, she was kept in a cell for a short time, but was then released upon promising to go to the commissary of police and obtain a permit.

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