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### ALLIES TRYING TO CHECK GERMAN BELGIAN ADVANCE

Enormous Losses on Both Sides During Heavy Fight While Kaiser's Men Approach Brussels.

### NAMUR IS HARD PRESSED

German Advance Slowly But Surely Entrenching Positions as They Advance—Infantry and Artillery Moving Through Dinant—Battle Zone Covered With Dead and Wounded.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The Belgian troops and their allies are strongly attacking the Germans entrenched positions near Brussels. For two days the Germans have been advancing slowly but steadily, throwing up temporary breastworks as they came. It is evident the allies are making a desperate effort to stop them before they reach Brussels. Losses on both sides are enormous. The zone of battle is covered with dead and dying.

Namur is hard pressed by the Germans and is said to be in danger. The German infantry and artillery are moving through Dinant.

### WOULD SELL SHIPS TO U.S. GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Offers to sell ships to the United States have been received by government officials. The identity of steamship lines making such offers is not known but it is believed they are the Hamburg-American and the North German Lloyd lines. A bill providing an appropriation of twenty-five million to buy merchantmen will be introduced in the house it is announced, some time this week.

The actual bill is being drafted by McAdoo, assisted by marine experts. The bill will be introduced in the house by Representative Alexander. The passage of the ship purchase and war insurance bills will be expedited by special rule in both houses of congress.

### COAST ARTILLERY AT NEW YORK MAKES RECORD

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Target practice last night by the men of the 123d coast artillery at Fort Hancock demonstrated that New York harbor is well protected from battleship invasions. Out of 12 shots with 12-inch mortar guns fired at an illuminated target four miles away and moving at the rate of eight miles an hour, the artillerymen made 10 hits. This, army and navy officers declared, was a record which they doubted had ever been equaled anywhere.

In spite of the brilliant illumination by several searchlights which warned all craft away, the booming of the big guns led them to inquire about a battle. In order to trace the course of the shells they were so fixed that they gave off particles of light in flight, clearly showing their course.

Once in a great while you hear a man say, "It's a shame to take the money," but he always takes it, just the same.

### NEWS SUMMARY.

General. Brussels probably in hands of Germans, all reports indicating fall of city. Pope Pius died yesterday, news withheld from public several hours. United Press Rome correspondent received the beat on story of death. War may make meeting of sacred college difficult. French claim success in fighting in Alsace-Lorraine. Local. Water bond election set for Sept. 28. City will be rerated by insurance underwriters next week; inspector here. Council would probably entertain formal proposition from O-W, R. & N. to park spot plot. Grading for Coyote cutoff nearly completed. Dove slayer arrested and fined.

### United Press Scores Big News Beat on Death of Pope Pius X Code Messages Gave First Report

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Credit for the world beat scored by the United Press on the death of the Pope belongs to Henry Wood, manager of the United Press bureau at Rome. His telegrams announcing the Pope was dead were received in New York eight hours ahead of any other message. Wood arranged to get the news of the Pope's death as soon as the physicians informed the church officials at the Vatican. He succeeded and sent two code messages to different New York addresses immediately. These were the only newspaper telegrams leaving Italy before a censorship was established. No other correspondent was able to get a line through until eight hours after Wood's telegrams were received here.

The fact that as soon as Wood's telegrams were filed the Italian government refused to allow other telegrams to leave is ample proof the Pope was dead when Wood's telegrams were filed. Wood's two messages were filed simultaneously, one arrived here at two twenty six p. m. yesterday and the other at three fifty-five. Wood is the only American staff correspondent in Rome, and it simply is a case of American methods winning out over European methods.

NOTE—The difference in time between Rome and the Pacific coast is approximately eight hours. The first news of the Pope's death was received by the East Oregonian just before noon yesterday, thus indicating the Pope died late in the forenoon yesterday by our time and about eight o'clock, Rome time.

### DOG OWNERS OFFER LARGE SUM FOR THE PROSECUTION OF DOG POISONERS

As a result of the cowardly operations of another dog poisoner, at least three dogs died this morning and another was saved only by the prompt aid of a veterinary. The news has aroused dog owners in the city again and the fund subscribed two years ago as a reward for the arrest and conviction of any one putting poison out for a dog is increasing. The fund amounted to several hundred dollars before and this morning Councilman D. D. Phelps, whose dog "Skite" had a narrow escape, added \$50 more to the fund. Wesley Matlock has offered a reward of \$100 and Chief Kearney has agreed to give \$20 for the arrest and conviction of the dog poisoner. About 6:30 this morning the Scotch collie belonging to Mrs. James Cox was found dead in front of the residence of Joe Eli on West Webb street and indications were that it had died of strychnine poisoning. A dog belonging to Frank Ulrich was found dead about the same time at the corner of Webb and Market and another, whose owner has not yet been located, was found near the residence of John Dyer. "Skite" probably the best known dog in town by reason of his habit of riding about on the hood of his master's auto, saved himself from the same fate. This morning shortly after 6 when Mr. Phelps got into his auto, the little dog climbed in with him and, by licking his hand and whining, told his master as plainly as he could that he was a sick dog. Shortly afterward he fell over in the car. Mr. Phelps drove at top speed to the home of Dr. D. C. McNabb, who by administering an injection, caused the dog to rid its stomach of the poison. The police have been notified of the poisoning and are working on a pretty strong clew today.

### GERMANS IN BRUSSELS ALREADY

LONDON, Aug. 20.—Reports that the allies in northern Belgium were forced to retire before an overwhelming onslaught of German infantry is confirmed by the official war information bureau this afternoon. Communication with Brussels has been "most difficult" since morning, it is stated. The indications are said to be the Germans are about to occupy the city, if they had not already done so. A news agency dispatch from Amsterdam said the Belgians were forced to evacuate Halines, about midway between Brussels and Antwerp.

### SWISS WOMAN SHOT AFTER COURT MARTIAL

GENEVA, Aug. 20.—Mme. Favre Swartz of Basle, a young and beautiful Swiss, married to one of the richest men in Alsace-Lorraine, was shot today after a court martial. She was accused of attempting to blow up an important tunnel on the railway line near Leopoldsdach.

Mme. Schwarz made no secret of her intense French sympathies. Having been found guilty and sentenced to death, she shouted "Vive la France," and she died with this cry upon her lips.

She was well known in the best cosmopolitan society, not only of Basle, but of Berlin, Switzerland, although not actually engaged, is suffering from the terrors of war. Italy has mobilized more than 200,000 troops on the Swiss and Austrian frontiers. In the high mountain passes above Zermatt the Swiss and Italian patrols meet and fraternize, discussing the war.

Of the 5000 Americans in Switzerland, several hundred have automobiles. The Swiss refuse to allow any of these cars to go out and the soldiers will not allow any Americans along the German frontier.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 20.—The Russians' general movement against Austria-Hungary is progressing, the war office announced. The Cossacks it is stated, have crushed the Austrian cavalry guarding the frontier.

While the easy going individual is trying to figure out which is the best foot to put forward the strenuous man proceeds to get there with both feet.

President Wilson takes one effective way of shortening the big war by disapproving of American loans to the belligerents.

### FRENCH CLAIM TO HAVE MULHAUSEN GERMAN'S VILLE

PARIS, Aug. 20.—The French have reoccupied Mulhausen in southern Alsace, the government has announced. The Germans evacuated after the positions had been heavily shelled and some of their fortifications carried by the French at the point of the bayonet. It is admitted the German cavalry and artillery have captured Thiermont, Belgium. Terrific fighting is reported near Namur. It is admitted the Germans have retaken Ville, which the French captured earlier in the campaign. This is regarded as a minor incident of a series of encounters which have generally resulted in the Gallic troops' favor. The war office stated the French resisted repeated charges of overwhelming numbers of Germans for five hours.

### BRUSSELS SAID TO HAVE FALLEN BEFORE ASSAULT

PARIS, Aug. 20.—That the Germans entered Brussels this morning is persistently rumored but the war office said the report is unconfirmed. The war office announced the entire French position is excellent and that the advance in Alsace-Lorraine is continued.

The war office stated the Belgians are showing "excellent strategy" hinting at the belief the Germans have fallen into a trap. The French troops in Lorraine are reported to be approaching Metz. It is expected the Germans will make a stand there.

### HEAD OF JESUITS IS LIKELY DEAD

ROME, Aug. 20.—Right Rev. Father Francisco Wense, general head of the order of Jesuits died Wednesday night. Shortly before the pope's death he asked, and received the Apostolic benediction.

### WAR MAY INFLUENCE SUCCESSOR TO POPE ITALIANS ARE IN LINE

Appointed to Supreme Court



Attorney General McReynolds.

### WAR BULLETINS

#### Will Escape Through Canal.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—It is reported that if war between Germany and Japan comes the German cruisers in the orient will probably flee across the Pacific and attempt to reach the Panama canal and pass through.

#### Wont Surrender Kiau Chau.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 20.—The rejection by Germany of Japan's demand for the surrender of Kiau Chau to the milkado is forecasted in messages received from Berlin. It is not made clear, however, that the kaiser would not cede the territory back to China. Whether or not this will satisfy the Japanese is not known.

#### Where is the British Army?

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The official British military information bureau denied any British troops are engaged along the fighting line in Belgium. The mystery as to their whereabouts is increasing.

#### Advancing on Antwerp.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—German cavalry are advancing on Antwerp, according to a message from there. The Belgians attacked and repulsed the Uhlans, who penetrated the outer lines of the city's defense. Antwerp is quiet. Military experts declare the city's fortifications are almost impregnable.

#### Huntington Was in Bad.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 20.—Archer Huntington, son of the late Collis P. Huntington, and Mrs. Huntington have arrived here. Huntington said he was arrested as a spy in Germany, confiscated his belongings, and even refused to permit him to appeal to Ambassador Gerard. He thinks the maps of Europe carried by his party were responsible for his arrest.

#### Louvain Evacuated.

PARIS, Aug. 20.—That the Germans have taken the Belgian advanced position at Louvain is admitted by the war office. The Belgian general staff is quoted as explaining Louvain was evacuated to save the city from destruction by the German artillery, which it said was proving very effective. Whether or not Brussels has fallen is not known.

#### Killed Socialist Leader.

PARIS, Aug. 20.—Raoul Villain, who assassinated Jean Jaures, a French socialist leader, had preliminary hearing today. Jaures betrayed France by anti-military utterances, he declared. He denied he had an accomplice. It is expected his mental condition will be investigated.

#### Fight Off Jamaica.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Aug. 20.—Though hit several times by the British cruiser Bristol during an exchange of shots Wednesday, it is believed the German cruiser Karlsruhe is not seriously damaged. The Bristol was conveying a supply ship at the time of the engagement. It is known at least three of its shots reached the Karlsruhe.

### DEATH OCCURED WED NOON, PACIFIC TIME HELD FROM PEOPLE

Sacred College Called to Select Successor; Disruption May Keep Some Cardinals Away.

### PIUS DIED FROM GRIEF

Rome Forgets War to Mourn Tragic Death—Newspapers Bordered in Black—Buildings Decked in Crepe—Brother of Pope Unable to Reach Bedside in Time—Sisters Were There.

ROME, Aug. 20.—Rome has thought of little but the death of the pope. For the time the war is forgotten. The general public was not informed of the death until one-twenty this morning but in clerical and government circles it was known early last evening. For no particular reason but custom it has long been usual to withhold the formal announcement of a pope's death for some time after it has occurred. It was done in this case. Cardinal Merry del Val hurriedly summoning sixty members of the sacred college who in conclave are to choose a successor. Rome is in mourning. Bells have tolled. Buildings are draped with crepe. The newspapers appeared black bordered. Cardinals Maffi and Ferrat are regarded as the likeliest candidates to succeed Pius X. Both are Italians.

There is some talk of the possibility of the selection of a foreigner but the war seems certain to so seriously delay the foreign cardinals on their way to attend the conclave that it is deemed improbable enough of them will be present to prevent the Italians from having the necessary majority of two thirds and one in the sacred college. Affecting stories are told of the dying pontiff's last hours. Before he lapsed into unconsciousness he bade a loving farewell to his sisters, Maria and Anna, gently protesting to those about him they should not weep. Besides his two sisters, there were at the bedside at the end Doctors Amici and Marchisava, Cardinals Del Val and Bisleti, Monsigners Bressa and Pescini. When told his brother, Angelo Sarto would arrive Thursday the pope murmured, "Too late." Those were his last words. He fell into a comatose condition immediately and never regained consciousness. That the pope died of a broken heart due to the European war rather than to physical ailments is generally agreed about the vatican.

### PRESIDENT SENDS MESSAGE TO ROME

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—At the president's request, Bryan sent the following cablegram to the vatican at Rome: "The president of the United States desires me to express his sense of great loss to the Christian world sustained by the death of His Holiness, Pope Pius X. By his pure, gentle character, unaffected piety and broad, thoughtful sympathy for his fellowmen, he adorned his exalted station and attached to himself the affectionate regard of all feeling his worldwide influence."

### Austrians Revolt Shout For Russia

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 20.—Reports of mutiny in the Austrian army are confirmed by dispatches to the Novoe Vremya. Czechs in Kieff also received letters telling of the execution of a Czech soldier for refusing to obey orders. Thereupon his entire battalion broke into revolt, shouting "long live the Russians; down with William and Francis Joseph."

### Tennessee to Holland.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Secretary Garrison has announced the American cruiser Tennessee is proceeding to Rotterdam and would remain in the Holland port for further orders.

### FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF WAR IN SERVA



This is the first photograph of action in the conflict between Austria and Serbia, the war which involved all Europe in the greatest struggle of history. The Servian soldiers here shown are half buried in a trench. Through a field of growing wheat they are firing on a body of Austrians a half mile off. Reports from Serbia are to the effect that they have driven the Austrians from their country and that they will take the offensive. This fact may be due to the assault of Russia on the Austrian frontier. The Austrians may have withdrawn their troops to fight the stronger enemy.