

Belgium Is Swarming With Germans.

Sweeping Along Valley of Meuse

French Claim to Have Defeated Advance Guard.

London, Aug. 17.—Despite the repeated repulses which they have suffered the German battalions continue to move forward for a decisive encounter, which cannot be delayed much longer.

While there has been a lull in the fighting in Northern Belgium the invaders are sweeping along the valley of the Meuse, south of Namur, and have reached Dinant, where part of a strong French force, which is established behind that town, took the offensive and defeated them.

The incident shows that the French crossed the Belgian frontier to join hands with their allies not a moment too soon. All along the Alsace-Lorraine frontier the advance guards of the two opposing armies have come into contact, according to French official reports, the Germans have been driven back everywhere with loss.

Strong French forces are now in possession of all the passes of the Vosges mountains, from the west as far as those leading down to Colmar. Further south French forces are ready to proceed over the flat country toward Muelhausen.

The French have taken the offensive along the line from Lunéville to Sarrebourg, on the German frontier, but here, as in the other theaters of war, the main armies have not come into contact in any important way.

On the Austro-Serbian and Austro-Russian frontiers both sides report victories in encounters. But these can have little effect on the general result unless the Serbians compel the Austrians to send stronger forces in an attempt to subdue them.

Austria is preparing to resist an attack on her shores of the Adriatic, which possibly will be undertaken by the joint Anglo-French fleet.

It is explained that the state of siege which has been proclaimed in Bulgaria is simply a precautionary measure so that the country will be prepared in case of emergency.

American Cruisers Arrive at Falmouth

Falmouth, Eng., Aug. 17.—The United States cruisers Tennessee and North Carolina dropped anchor in Falmouth harbor. The North Carolina reached port about half an hour before her sister ship.

Scores of boats quickly swarmed around the cruiser, their occupants cheering and waving handkerchiefs. When some of the Americans landed the people greeted them warmly and told them that had due notice been given of their coming they would have received a formal and most cordial welcome.

The Tennessee has on board more than \$5,000,000 in gold, a small amount of which will be distributed in London. The remainder is destined for the continent to help stranded Americans there to return home.

Both Sides Lost Heavily

Six Thousand Casualties in Battle Around Haalen.

Brussels, Aug. 16.—The war office officially announced that the loss of the Germans in their operations around Haalen were 3,000 men. The Belgians lost about the same number.

Arrangements are being made to burn the bodies of the dead.



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ANALYSIS OF EUROPEAN WAR SITUATION.

The result of recent fighting in the north has been the gradual advance of large German scouting parties west of Liege and almost half way to Brussels, while in the south the French have fought their way to the top of the Vosges mountains to peer down into the promised land of Alsace.

In the center both sides have proceeded more cautiously, as required by the immense fortifications on both sides of the boundary below Luxembourg. The reconnaissances by Germany in Belgium cannot have given the Kaiser's commanders adequate information on the enemy's plans. Nowhere have there been reports of large forces encountering the Germans.

Instead, the allies have been able to halt the skirmishing at least some distance in front of their main positions.

BRITAIN DECLARES WAR ON AUSTRIA

London, Aug. 14.—The British foreign office has handed the Austrian ambassador, Count Mensdorff, his passports.

The action follows a declaration of war and is effective against Austria from midnight.

Thronging of panic-stricken Austrians besieged the embassy, pleading for protection, although the English crowds took the announcement of war calmly and there were no demonstrations.

Orders were flashed to the British fleet in the Mediterranean to strike at the Austrians.

The orders as sent out from the admiralty announced that a state of war with Austria has existed since midnight. The British admiral commanding in the Mediterranean was therefore ordered to proceed against the Austrians at once.

The Austrian fleet is believed to be lying off its naval base in the Adriatic.

CELTIC REACHES NEW YORK

Trip of Big Ocean Liner Is Without Incident.

New York, Aug. 16.—Another baggageless lot, 1,466 Americans who fled Europe to avoid the war, reached New York on the Celtic. The cabins were jammed and the stewards had a hard time feeding the throng.

GERMANY'S SIDE OF THE WAR SITUATION

FROM LENDING GERMAN-AMERICAN OF NEW YORK

Hubert Cillius, President of the German-American Chamber of Commerce, Writes in New York Sun as Follows:

"In America the people are making the mistake of assuming that Germany had an autocratic rule. That is not so. Germany is as democratic as England or the United States. We have there the same play of free public opinion, a free press, political parties, government by party and by parliament. When Americans condemn the Kaiser they really condemn the German people. The Kaiser cannot make war all by himself. He has to have the support of the Bundesrath. Parliament must vote the money.

"It is the German people who are waging this war; public opinion in that country is unanimous; there are no criticisms; there is no grumbling; the nation feels that its existence is at stake. How idle, then, for Americans to hold the Kaiser alone responsible. It is the Kaiser in this country to single out one man and put the blame on him. But in this case, as in many cases, it is a mistake.

"Consider for a moment the conditions before the war. For forty-four years Germany had been at peace. Nearly every other country in the world has been at war in that time, even the United States. Germany has developed such a vast commercial interest all over the world it could not afford to seek a war. In war Germany has everything to lose, nothing to gain. Why should our people seek to stamp out competition, and now history is repeating itself.

"Russia has feared always the Austrian alliance, thinks Germany backs up Austria in barring her progress to Constantinople. Russia has for years intrigued to rouse the Balkan states and seized the pretext of Austria's demand upon Serbia for mobilization. That was the real declaration of war.

"Russian troops were massing on the eastern frontier. On the west Russia's allies were active. Germany was hemmed in on both sides. The enemies of Germany had created a situation in which peace or war must be quickly decided upon. If Germany were to delay and delay, her adversaries, already preparing, would gain enormous advantage. But before mobilizing the Kaiser personally begged the czar to desist from mobilization. The czar refused. To France and England Germany made all sorts of offers; they were treated with coldness.

"Thus the die was cast; thus Germany was forced into war. And war being inevitable surely it is not for energetic, quick-moving Americans to condemn the Kaiser for seeking to do that as he had to strike he struck fast and hard.

"It seems strange to us that Americans do not see that the only power able to checkmate Russia is Germany, and that therefore Germany is fighting the battle of civilization and of progress against reaction.

"If Germany is crushed in this war Russia becomes the supreme world power, controlling half of Europe and half of Asia. England and France are fighting now to build up the Cossack hegemony; if they succeed it will not be many years before they are looking everywhere for aid in striking it down again.

"Make the czar the arbitrator of the affairs of Europe, as the democratic, progressive people of England and now trying to do, and it will be generations before the bond can be broken and the lost ground can be recovered. There will be only one great continental army, and that will be the army of Russia. Strike down German military power and German prestige, and nothing but the Cossack remains in Europe. France and England will not be strong enough to cope with the Frankenstein they have set up.

"If Russia wins, England and Germany lose together. But if Germany should triumph, it is still a crushing defeat for Britain. Our sympathies are strongest of course, for Fatherland; but we cannot help giving a little pity to unfortunate England, risking everything in a hopeless war out of which it is impossible for her to gain anything.

"If Germany wins, that will be the end of armament on the European continent. This is Russia's last chance to master the world. If she fails now revolution breaks out and the czar ceases to be a world figure of the first class. If Germany beats France the second time in half a century the French will give up all hope of recovery of the eastern provinces and will be willing to join universal disarmament. So, also, with England. Once Germany has driven back the Cossack menace to Europe, the German people will ask for disarmament. That will be the end of modern militarism.

"If anyone supposes the German people are infatuated with the war game and the army toy he is mistaken. The only justification for Germany's recent military activity and burden of recent years is the events of today—the dire need of waging a

war of self-preservation. Remove that danger in future by destruction of Russian ambition, and Germany's ways and hopes will be all of peace. "Throughout forty years the German people have been making steady progress toward democratic government. The people of Germany now have more political liberty than ever before. Even the most radical socialists admit that. And during twenty-six of these years the present Kaiser has been on the throne.

"In all these twenty-six years, the Kaiser has never been in war. More than once he has preserved the peace of Europe and would have succeeded in maintaining it now had it not been for the determination of the czar to seize the opportunity to use his ally catspaw of the west to stop revolution at home and immeasurably strengthen Russia abroad.

"If the Kaiser had been the war lord so many Americans are fond of picturing him, only awaiting convenient opportunity to start a campaign of aggression and acquisition, it is strange that he took no advantage of the Boer war or the Russo-Japanese war, but steadily stood for peace.

"Emperor William's ambition has been to leave behind him a greater, richer, more prosperous, happier Germany. Hence he has opposed war. He has been accused of vanity—it is easy to say such things about any great, strong man. But we Germans know that the Kaiser has always considered his greatness was the greatness of Germany. It is also easy to say Germany seeks territorial conquest, wants to rule the world and set up Teutonic empires overseas. But after the war of 1866, in which Germany defeated Austria in a few days, Germany could have taken all the territory she wanted, but took nothing, and Austria has been her friend ever since.

"After the French war Germany, of

DR. LENKER WRITES FOR THE WILLMAR TRIBUNE

Well Known Publicist of Northwest Writes Interesting Review of Situation.

War Facts Against War Sentiments. Europe Teuton or Slavic?

By J. N. Lenker.

The only hope for maintaining the peace of Europe is in a United Germany, has been the claim of great statesmen. But this, after 43 years of peace, some claim has failed and the cry now seems to be, "All together, down with Germany." All-Teutonism has been too weak; give a chance to all-Slavism, led by religion of the Greeks, without a neutral Slavic state, like the Teuton neutral states. Bring Serbia and all the Slavs under Russia. That may be better, but we fear not. Give the Teutons the same chances of a union of all the Germanic nations in Europe (which is a different thing from a United Germany) as the Slavs are pressing, and see if all the Teutons will not do better than all the Slavs can possibly promise. The Teuton nations on the continent of Europe have a population of 155,000,000 people while the Germany empire contains nearly 70,000,000 or less than half of them and Austria-Hungary 54,000,000. This war will unite the Teutons or give them a second place in Europe. Why must the Teuton states of Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway be neutral when all are threatened by being over-run by a union of all the Slavs. That these

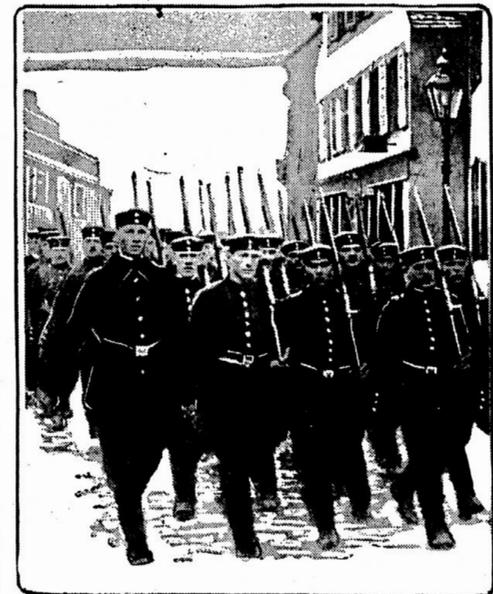


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German Troops Near French Frontier

The above was taken at Strassburg, near the French frontier. It was figured that this city would play a big part in a war between Germany and France. When this picture was taken, however, the present big war was not dreamed of.

course, was able to dictate terms, but took only Alsace, formerly German, and a part of Lorraine, simply for protection as buffer provinces. In victory Germany has been so moderate that it is idle to accuse her of landlust.

"The German people saw this war afar off; they are not surprised that it has come. They have known that sooner or later they would be compelled to fight for their existence. Now they are unanimously behind the government. They realize the seriousness of the crisis and are prepared to make every sacrifice necessary."

HAS NATURAL ADVANTAGES.

In this country the majority of non-professional observers look upon Germany, hemmed in by a wall of enemies, as doomed to almost certain defeat. Figures in last week's Literary Digest place the combined land forces of Germany and Austria-Hungary at 6,400,000 men, and those of France, England, and Russia at 10,600,000. In naval units the Triple Entente outnumber the Dual Alliance 1,039 to 401. Against Germany's numerical inferiority, some authorities remind us, may be balanced her greater preparedness for the conflict and her more efficient military organization. And Professor Roland G. Usher, author of a volume entitled "Pan-Germany," writes that while Germany's central position would be weak for a nation on the defensive, it possesses enormous advantages for a Power taking the aggressive. He says:

"She holds the great strategic points of northern Europe—Alsace-Lorraine, the door to France; the Kiel Canal, giving her access to the Baltic without exposing herself to the necessity of utilizing the Sund. Her allies hold the Swiss passes and the vital points affording passage into Russia and the Balkans.

"Everything vital to Germany—indeed, everything she owns—forms a compact territorial unit, which can be defended with the minimum force and the maximum ease. She has no long chain of forts or islands to guard, no great stretches of land in Africa or Asia to protect, no subject races to pacify like the Hindus or Moroccans."—Literary Digest.

050,000 Magyars, of the same race as the Finns, are in danger of being over-run by the Russians in helping Serbia. There are 3,250,000 people in Finland and 133,000 Finns in and near St. Petersburg on the northern coast of the Gulf of Finland and 1,000,000 Estonians of the Finnish family on the southern coast—in all 4,383,000 Finns on the Baltic coast of Russia. Sweden and Germany gave the Baltic Provinces of Russia their culture. There are Greek Catholics in the Balkan states, but there are also 8,000,000 Lutherans in Russia, half of whom are Finns. It seems Europe and Germany may soon need another Gustavus Adolphus. If Italy, the peninsula of the south, should prove untrue to the Triple Alliance, Scandinavia, the peninsula of the north should take its place rather than permit Europe to be Russianized.

Knowledge is Power.

"The race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong. A poor wise man delivered a city by his wisdom. Wisdom is better than strength. Wisdom is better than weapons of war."—Solomon, Eccles. 9:13-15.

Concentrated People and Scattered Territory.

France, Great Britain and Russia have far more land than people, while Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy are each over-crowded with people and have no colonial land fit for white colonies to settle. Is that right? The one alliance has more than enough land, but lack of people; the other has land, but not enough people. Is this right? Can there be any world war European or world peace under such conditions?

Think of the 155,000,000 of your fellowmen in Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy living happy lives on 500,482 square miles, an area not as large as Alaska, not as large as Texas, Montana and North Dakota, to be crushed by a newly organized triple entente that has grabbed all the rest of the land of the world.

Aliens as Allies.

This war is not confined to neighbor nations on the Continent of Europe. All the British Isles and all Northern Asia under Russia, joining Alaska of the United States, are taking an active part in it. German colonies in Africa have been reported seized. Hence it is an old world war. Aliens in culture and blood become Allies. England and France, pioneers of liberty, unite with despotic Russia. The four greatest Teuton nations are enemies, England and Belgium against Germany and Austria-Hungary. The greatest Romance nations are opponents—France against Italy. The two Slavic nations, Russia and Serbia, are on the same side which is a great advantage for Russia, as it will doubtless dominate Europe and Asia in case the Triple Alliance is defeated. Russia at present controls the northern way to the eight million people of Asia, and Serbia may be the key for Russia to occupy Constantinople and control the southern route also. Napoleon said: "Eventually Russia will rule the world." Ever since the days of Peter the Great Russia has been eager to get its clutches on Constantinople. Shall Europe be Russianized? Bismarck once remarked to a Swedish statesman from Stockholm: "You go home and unite the Scandinavians and I will unite the Germans. Bismarck united only two-thirds of the Germans of Europe. If this terrible war must go on, may it unite the Teutons for world peace and not divide them worse than they are and thus build the peace of the world on a Pan-Slavic foundation permeated by their spirit!"

BRITISH CENSOR SUPPRESSES FACTS—PERMITS FALSEHOODS

Cruel Lies are Circulated to Influence Public Opinion of Neutral Lands.

By Karl H. von Wiegand. (In Minneapolis Journal.)

The Hague, Holland, Aug. 17.—Cut off entirely from communication with the world, Germany is meeting the problems of the war quietly and with determination. Because of the interruption of telegraphic and cable service, the lines having been cut by the enemy, many utterly false reports have been circulated. As an evidence of how complete is the isolation, the death of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson was not known at the German capital when I left there Thursday night. And many of the stories solemnly circulated broadcast regarding happenings within Germany are absolutely false.

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dreds of thousands of other socialists. Says Socialists Are at Front. Eleven of the socialist members of the reichstag are at the front. The attitude of the party in the present crisis is best shown by the action of one of their most noted leaders, who has been released after serving a sentence of one year for making an anti-militarist speech. He has issued an appeal to all members of the party to rush to the colors and to aid in saving the fatherland.

Faith to Aid of Fatherland. There has not been an anti-war socialist demonstration in any part of Berlin since three days before the first declarations of war. It was not until then that the socialists realized that war was inevitable. Since then they have accepted the outcome and have loyally rallied to the aid of their country.

Gerard Diligently Aiding Americans. Another story given circulation was that Ambassador Gerard had attended meetings held to celebrate German victories. This is without foundation. The American ambassador has taken absolutely no part in any happening of a political nature. He and Mrs. Gerard have been working eighteen hours a day caring for the Americans who are in Germany and who so far have been unable to get out of the country.

Gerard's cablegrams to Washington, which he sent by way of Stockholm, have been interfered with after crossing the German frontier and he has made vigorous representations to Secretary Bryan because of this. The ambassador is not only taking care of his own nation, but also of those of Great Britain, France and Russia. He has received perfect co-operation from the German government and from the municipality of Berlin. So well has Chief Burgomaster Warmuth co-operated with the ambassador, and personally aided him in securing quarters, for those in distress, that Gerard visited him in person last Thursday and officially thanked him on behalf of the United States government.

Swedes Must Finally Line Up With Germans. Hemlandet, one of the most influential newspapers circulating among Swedish Americans in the United States, says editorially: "Sweden firmly intends to preserve her neutrality in this European strife. But in the last extremity she will certainly become the ally of Germany in a war of defense against their arch enemy, Russia. It is tragically sad that England, civilized, progressive, freedom-loving England, should join in arms with the old enemy of liberty. In the present war Germany is fighting for all that civilized people hold holy."

FRENCH SHIPS SINK AUSTRIAN IRONCLADS

London, Aug. 17.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company from Nish, Serbia, under date of Sunday, says: "Naval battle between French and Austrian warships began off Budua, Austria, in the Adriatic, at 9 a. m. The French squadron, coming from the southwest, attacked the Austrian warships. Two ironclads were sunk, one was set on fire and a fourth fled northwest toward Cattaro. The fight lasted over an hour."

Canvassing. "What is Jiggs' line? He told me he was canvassing the city." "He's an awning dealer."—Exchange.

OLD NEWSPAPERS—A big bundle for 5c at Tribune office.

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Japan Sends Ultimatum to Germany.

ASKS EVACUATION OF CHINESE TERRITORY

Insists Upon Answer to Her Proposal by Next Sunday.

Tokio, Aug. 17.—Japan sent an ultimatum to Germany at 8 p. m. Saturday demanding the withdrawal of German warships from the Orient and the evacuation of Kiau-Chau, and giving Germany until Sunday, Aug. 23, to comply with the demand. Otherwise the ultimatum states Japan will take action.

The general expectation here is that the ultimatum will be followed by war.

Takaaki Kato, the Japanese foreign minister, simultaneously with the dispatch of the ultimatum, conferred with George W. Guthrie, the American ambassador, and made him a broad statement calculated to assure the United States that American interests in the Far East will be safeguarded and the integrity of China upheld.

Owing to doubts whether communications with Berlin were assured Japan, in order to insure the arrival of the ultimatum, forwarded it to Berlin by six channels, including Washington and Stockholm. The government also notified Count von Reed, German ambassador to Japan, and likewise retarded the time limit for a reply until Aug. 23.

SERVIANS BATTLE 400,000 AUSTRIANS

London, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram company from Nish, Aug. 13, sent by way of Athens, gives the Serbian official account of the recent fighting on the frontier.

"Four hundred thousand Austrians," says the war office, "attacked the Serbians. A fierce battle extended all along the line. Finally the Austrians were repulsed with heavy casualties toward Tekia, on the Romanian frontier, and also repulsed from Belgrade, where they had attempted to cross the Danube, but through numerical superiority the enemy succeeded in crossing the Save."

The Serbians are concentrating for a big engagement.

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